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Sunday after Labor Day
until Sunday before
Memorial Day
[Worship Schedule](#)
Learning Community 9 a.m.
Confirmation 1 & 2 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

Sunday after Memorial Day
until Sunday before Labor
Day

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**November
2011**

The JoyLine

First Congregational Church Founded 1855 Incorporated 1903

*Our Mission Statement: "To be a visible witness and an active presence of
God's radical and all-inclusive welcome"*

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, November 23

We will celebrate our Thanksgiving Eve
worship service together with the
members of Salem UCC on
Wednesday, November 23 at 7 p.m. in
the Meeting Hall at First Congregational
Church.

The combined choirs of the
congregations will sing. After the worship
service, refreshments, including pumpkin
pie will be served.



thanksgiving

Our Thanksgiving Offering

Our church's Thanksgiving offering will
be designated for the Plymouth Food
Pantry. Thanksgiving envelopes will be
mailed to you during the first week in
November. Envelopes will also be
available at church.

Mission: 1

11.1.11 - 11.11.11
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ONE UNITED CHURCH on a shared
mission for 11 days (November 1 -11) to
feed the hungry and confront food-
related injustices.

The UCC's goal is to:

- collect 1 MILLION ITEMS OF
HEALTHY FOOD for local food pantries,

- gather contributions of more than
\$111,111 that will support hunger-
action purposes,
- offer more than 11,111 LETTERS
TO CONGRESS asking our
government to reform U.S. foreign
assistance, helping the final push for
Bread for the World's 2011 "Offering of
Letters" campaign

As of October 23, First Congregational
has:

- Collected 159 food items
- Offered 11 letters to Congress

Thank you to all who have contributed.

**Notice of Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 4, 2011
Immediately following the 10:15 a.m. worship service**

For the purpose of:

1. Approving the 2012 Budget
2. Electing Church Officers for 2012

**Congregational
Life**

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Lora Jacoby



All prayer requests should be directed to the church office, 893-3411, during office hours or Rev. Bill, 627-1976, at other times.

**UCC Equal Exchange
Coffee Cart**

More Tea Varieties Available

Check out the expanded selection of teas plus our usual variety of coffees available on the Coffee Cart in the foyer. We now stock: Organic Rooibos, Organic Vanilla Rooibos, and Organic Chai

Please fill out an order form if you would like teas that we do not stock such as: Darjeeling, Jasmine Green, Mint Green Chamomile, Peppermint, Green, English Breakfast, and Earl Grey. We hope you'll find old and new favorites in our expanded tea line.

Equal Exchange is a democratically organized worker-owned cooperative founded in 1986. Purchases of fairly traded products develop more environmentally sound business practices, provide high quality food products, and support sustainable farming practices for farmers in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Women's Nite Out

All women are invited to attend the next event:

- **Monday, November 8, at 6 p.m.** at Antoinette's Restaurant, 18 W. Mill Street in Plymouth.

Please sign up at the kiosk to let us know if you are planning to come or call the church office at 893-3411.

**Plymouth Care
Center Cookie Cart**

Thanks to **Kathy Arbuckle** and **Barbara Gahagan** for baking cookies for the Plymouth Care Center Cookie Cart.

The next date to serve cookies is Friday, December 30, 2011.

Please let Peg Stahlman or Betty Nicodemus know if you can help.

November Birthdays

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| Gary Haucke | November 3 |
| Barbara Gahagan | November 4 |
| Amy Capelle | November 5 |
| Delaney Scudella | November 6 |
| Jamie Farnum | November 7 |
| Stephanie Zimmerman | November 13 |
| Cindy Munson | November 15 |
| Nicholas Erickson | November 20 |
| Skyler Gosse | November 21 |
| Ayden Fleisner | November 24 |
| Sarah Erickson | November 27 |
| Jim Horneck | November 28 |
| Les Karnitz | November 30 |

**November Wedding
Anniversaries**

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| Josh & Stephanie Walter | November 4 |
| Matt & Rhonda Schaub | November 6 |
| Shirley & David Reichardt | November 14 |
| Denise & Ron Mohr | November 22 |
| Pam & Bredt Wilhelmsen | November 26 |

Note: If your birthday or anniversary has not been included in the *Joyline* or is incorrect, please notify the church office at 893-3411.

Learning Community Classes

Children's Learning Community

Children from Kindergarten through Sixth Grade meet in the Learning Community Room (Hubbard Classroom). Pre-school children (three and four year-olds) will meet in the Nursery with Deb Zimmerman.

Confirmation Class

Our Confirmation students, **Evan Klemme** and **Erin Bartenstein**, will meet with Rev. Bill on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

On Sunday mornings, Adult classes meet in the Fireside Room at 9 a.m.

No Classes on November 27

Classes for children, adults, and Confirmands will not meet on Sunday, November 27. Classes resume on December 4.

Bible Study Groups

Bible Study groups meet every Wednesday in the Fireside Room. The groups, led by Rev. Bill, are exploring the "Lesser Prophets" – Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

The Early Risers Bible Study group meets at 9 a.m. and the Evening Bible Study group meets at 6 p.m.

All are welcome to join the class.

Our Faith Practices In Action

Being Stewards: Living Stewardship

Our implementation of Faith Practices on Sunday, November 6 and Sunday, November 13 continues the focus on Being Stewards: Living Stewardship. Our focus for worship, meeting, and fellowship activities will help us learn to better live stewardship.

Living Stewardship is about how we live our lives and how our lives express our values. It affects all of our decisions. As faithful stewards, we recognize that each of us has a responsibility to care for each other as we honor the holy in creation and ourselves.

Centering Life: Keeping Sabbath,

On Sunday, November 20 and Sunday November 27 we will begin to focus on Centering Life: Keeping Sabbath.

Sabbath is intentional time taken by individuals and faith communities to integrate the Divine with humanity and creation. Jesus models how to keep Sabbath both inwardly (through prayer, solitude, silence, and medication) and outwardly (through communal ritual and acts of justice).

Our inward movement toward a life centered in the Spirit indicates the reign of God within us. Jesus embodies the depth of Sabbath-keeping experiences

through outward action to followers and to those he encounters who have specific needs.

Our practice of Sabbath is informed by God resting on the seventh day after laboring for six days to create the world, establishing a day of Sabbath. Building on this biblical tradition, some faith communities dedicate a specific day of the week to rest, worship, and work for justice, peace, and the integrity of creation.

Mission

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Diane Knoener

The Welcome Table Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Join the Food and Fellowship

The Welcome Table will host a Thanksgiving Day Dinner on **Thursday, November 24 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.**

The dinner will be held in the cafeteria at St. John's Lutheran Church, 222 N. Stafford Street in Plymouth, Seating is limited. **Make your reservations by November 10 by calling Russ Groblewski at 892-6886.**

The cafeteria is handicap accessible. No take-out orders.

The Welcome Table was created in 2008 to fulfill a need voiced by community members. Several area

churches and organizations pay for and prepare the meals.

The groups involved at this time are:

- St. John's Lutheran
- Redeemer Lutheran
- St. Paul's Episcopal
- Christian Life Assembly of God
- New Life Community Church
- Salem UCC
- First Congregational UCC
- St. John the Baptist
- St. Paul's Christian Church
- Sargento Foods
- Clover Crusader's 4-H Club
- Plymouth Rotary
- Girl Scouts



The Welcome Table Meal

A free meal is served every Tuesday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the basement Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Plymouth (next to the Post Office).

First Church will be responsible for preparing and delivering the meal on:

Tuesday, November 8

If you want to learn more or would be willing to help with food donations, preparing food, transporting the meal, greeting guests, or serving in the kitchen or dining room, please contact Diane Knoener, at

knoenerdl@lakeland.edu.

Eggert Room Volunteers

For the month of November our volunteers are:

Kay Magnus
Betty Nicodemus

The Eggert Room was established to provide temporary emergency shelter to individuals in need. Our on-call volunteers check to see that the Eggert Room is clean and ready for occupancy, wash the linens, and re-stock the food and supplies after the room is used.

If you would like to help with this ministry of the church, please contact the church office.

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

SCIO Volunteer Needs

- Drivers for our Transportation Program.

Working Women's Wear

is now located at 633 North 8th Street in Sheboygan.

Needed this month for Bridgeway and Beyond:

- Laundry supplies (detergents, all-fabric bleach, fabric softener, dryer sheets, stain-treaters, etc.)
- Bus tokens

SCIO Programs are in need of the following items:

- Pillows, pillow protectors
- Twin sheets, pillowcases
- Bath & hand towels
- Wash cloths
- Dish towels
- Dish rags
- Bathroom cleaner

- Dishwasher soap
- Applesauce
- Canned fruits - peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, pineapple
- Canned ham, chicken, tuna
- Garbage bags – 30 gallon
- Tampons, super
- Floor lamps
- Window cleaner
- Ziploc freezer bags –quart & gallon size
- Ziploc baggies
- Laundry soap
- New gas lawn trimmer/weed wacker
- Dryer sheets
- Kleenex
- Paper toweling
- Toilet paper
- Copy paper
- New vacuum
- Pledge/furniture polish
- Postage

Job Seekers Networking Group

Free weekly meetings are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the United Way Building in Sheboygan. The focus of the group is to help underemployed and unemployed people achieve the next step in their career. Meetings consist of idea sharing, group presentations, open discussions, and group activities, all geared toward equipping people with the tools to meet their new challenges.

Check our kiosk in the foyer for a listing of meeting dates.

Worship Team Training

For Liturgists, Ushers, Greeters, Communion Servers, & Liturgy Team

Monday, November 7
6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Hall

Notify the Church Office of Changes

Let the church office know if your contact information has changed:

- You have changed your address
- Discontinued a phone line
- Added or changed your cell phone number
- Your college student/s has moved.

Call the church office at 893-3411 or e-mail: congoucc@excel.net so that we can update our membership records.

From the Church Office

Church Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Closed on Fridays.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

Notify the church when hospitalized

Please contact the church office at 920-893-3411 or Rev. Rishel at 920-627-1976 if you want the church to be informed that you or a family member is hospitalized.

To Contact Rev. Bill

Phone:
920-627-1976

E-mail:
brishel@excel.net

News From the Pews

Elaine Jung has returned home after a short stay at the Sheboygan Senior Center. She can be reached by phone and visits are appreciated.

Rory Beebe's mother passed away in Fort Atkinson. Her funeral was held on October 22. Our prayers are with *Rory and RaeAnn* and their family.

Don Suemnicht's test results have shown that he is cancer-free after his recent chemotherapy treatments. We rejoice with **Don** and his wife **Linda** after receiving this report from his doctors.

Pam Wilhelmsen will be starting her next round of chemotherapy on November 4. She says, "Your prayers have sustained us and we are so grateful for your support. God is still listening, please continue to pray for us, our family, and our medical team."

Also keep in your daily prayers:

Shar Karnitz
Elaine Jung
Pam Wilhelmsen
Glenda Ames
Evelyn Hofschield
Peg Stahlman
Glendale DeBruine
Tyler Bein
Ruth Haucke
Linda Suemnicht
Don Suemnicht
Stanley Thayer
John Holbrook
Christine Harvey
Ann Brown
Carl Cihlar
Jerry Kraus
Meg Porter
Rev. Kathryn Kuhn
JoAnn Kraus
Robert Schellhaass
Lila Scott

Our members out of town:

Rosie Miller
Helen Gilboy

November Worship Notes

November 6

Pew Communion

Blessing of the non-perishable food collected from your neighborhood for Mission 1. Our goal is to collect 1,000 food items for the Plymouth Food Pantry.

November 20

Reign of Christ Sunday, Pew Communion

Blessing of the Animals

On the last day of the Church's year, we will invite our members to bring their animals to be blest. In keeping with our "Living Stewardship" theme, the service will focus on the stewardship of all creation.

November 23

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

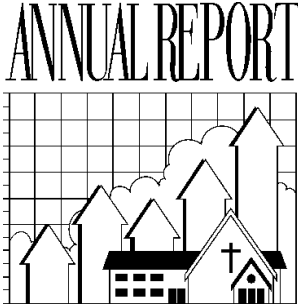
Joint worship service with Salem UCC at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Hall.

November 27

First Sunday in Advent

Letter writing campaign begins to the President, Senators Kohl and Johnson, and Representative Petri asking that we end our wars abroad and bring the troops home for Christmas. The letter writing campaign will continue through December 18.

Annual Reports Due December 19



The Annual Meeting of First Congregational UCC is scheduled for **January 29, 2012**. Reports from church officers, teams, and committees are compiled into the 2011 Annual Report to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Persons responsible for submitting reports will be notified in November. The deadline for submitting Annual Reports to the church office will be **Monday, December 19, 2011**.

Reports may be submitted by:

- e-mail: conougcc@excel.net
- FAX 920-893-5045
- hand-written or typed form

The 2011 Annual Church Report will be available to all church members before the Annual Meeting on January 29, so that members can review the report before the meeting.

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of the Philip Zemke Scholarship at Lakeland. I am honored to be the 2011 recipient of this award.

I am currently a senior majoring in Resort Management with a minor in Sports Management, and my GPA is 3.0. After graduation my goal is to work at a camp as a Camp Director or Assistant Camp Director or another job in the outdoors. Another career aspiration that I have is to work as a general manager at a small hotel.

While attending school I have been involved with working at Howard's Grove Boys and Girls Club. I also work at Lakeland at our Campus Information Desk. During the summer when I am not in school I work at a local Girl Scout camp called Camp Evelyn. I also enjoy volunteering. I have volunteered at Camp Evelyn and Christmas at Lakeland as well as other places.

Thank you again for your support. Receiving this scholarship motivates me to maintain my focus on my education to complete my degree.

Sincerely,
Abby Weber



Weather Cancellation Information

Soon we will enter the season when weather begins to factor into our scheduling and safe travel plans. In case of inclement winter weather on Sunday mornings or at other times church activities are scheduled, please listen to News radio 620 WTMJ, 94.5 WKTI, or TODAY'S TMJ4 (Channel 4 TV) for cancellation notices. You can also check the following websites:

www.todaystmj4.com

www.945lakefm.com

www.620wtmj.com

The Learning Community and Sunday worship cancellation decision will be made by 6 a.m. and will be called in to the radio and TV stations before 7 a.m.

Always use your best judgment when deciding to venture to worship during snow/ice conditions.

**Community
Events**

**Bryan Sirchio Concert
to Benefit Haiti**

**Saturday, November 5
Silent Auction & Fellowship
at 5:30 p.m.
Concert at 7 p.m.
Saron United Church of Christ
W3830 County Road J
Sheboygan Falls**

Saron UCC invites you to a concert and silent auction to benefit Haiti Allies through the music of Bryan Sirchio and the art of Haitian students at SPARE (Sponsorship Program Aiding Relationships and Education).

In addition to the silent auction, a free-will offering will be taken during the concert. Please bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the local food pantry.

The Mission of Haiti Allies is to help empower Haitians to better their lives and country through education, meal programs, adult literacy, and reforestation. Saron also leads group trips to Haiti to foster relationships with our Haitian partners and to learn from the wisdom and spirit of the Haitian people.

**48th Annual Venison
Dinner**

**Sponsored by
Winooski Bowmen Archery Club**

**Sunday, November 13, 2011
Winooski Bowmen Clubhouse
N6744 Sportsman Lane
Plymouth, WI**

Serving: 11 a.m. to ??????

All you can eat.
Carry-outs available at \$10 each
Adults - - \$10
Children, age 6 thru 11 - - \$5
Under 6 - - Free

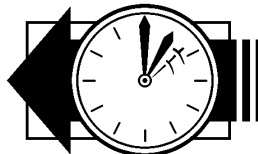
Wheel-chair accessible.
Smoke-free.
Handicapped parking.
We accept non-perishable items for the Food Pantry.

**Meeting Minutes
Available in the
Church Office**

The full report of all Church Council or Administration Team meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the church office.

**Daylight Savings
Time ends
November 6**

SET YOUR CLOCKS



BACK

**Rev. Bill's Weekly
"FYI"**

Rev. Bill sends out a weekly e-mail letter, the "FYI", to members and friends of the congregation. If you wish to receive the FYI, please provide your e-mail address to Rev. Bill or the church office.

The FYI is also available in the narthex for those who wish to have a printed copy.

**Scrip
Coordinator**

Pam Wilhelmsen

SCRIP NOTES:

Scrip Specials

- **Restaurant.com** – \$20 for a \$50 gift card (50% discount to church). Good at local restaurants including: Osthoff's, Dutch's, several restaurants in Sheboygan and Fond du Lac. NOTE: *Cards may not be usable on Friday or Saturday nights.*
- **GAP** - to 14%

New Retailers

- Burlington Coat Factory, \$25 (8%)
- Einstein Bagels, \$10 (10%)
- Papa Murphy's, \$10 (8%)
- Whole Foods, \$25 and \$100 (3%)

On-line Shoppers

- New to reload cards: Bath & Body Works, Jiffy Lube, Whole Foods.
NOTE: *See Pam to get set up.*

- New to Scrip Now! (Purchase & Print immediately): Bass Pro, Dell Computer, Overstock.com, Regal Entertainment.

Shop the Scrip Desk on Sunday

The Scrip desk is open prior to and after Sunday worship. Scrip is also available in the church office during regular office hours (Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

Our Scrip Desk volunteers, Pam Wilhelmsen, or Renee Panzer (Administrative Assistant) will be happy to answer your questions and get you started.

Thank you for your support.

Summary of the Minutes of the Church Council Meeting, October 18, 2011

Motion to use \$600-\$700 from Long Range Maintenance funds to remove the planter from the drop off area and have the space patched with blacktop. **Passed.**

Motion to approve Pastor's request for vacation on October 27-28 and December 26-31, 2011. **Passed.**

Motion to approve Pastor's request for added vacation in 2012. Two Sundays not taken in 2011 to carry over into 2012. **Passed.**

Council designated the Thanksgiving Offering to the Plymouth Food Pantry.

Motion to schedule a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 4, 2011 following worship to vote on the 2012 Budget and hold elections. Council will meet after the October 30, 2011 worship service. **Passed.**

Motion to set the Annual Meeting date on January 29, 2012. **Passed.**

Church Calendar

- December 24, 2011 – 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service with Pew Communion.
- December 25, 2011 – 10:15 a.m. Christmas Day service with Pew Communion.
- January 1, 2011 – 10:15 a.m. New Year's Day service with communion

Next Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation
7 p.m. Council Meeting

Moderator

Letha Haucke

Vice-Moderator

Gary Hueppchen

Church Council

Term expires

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| January 2012 | Laurie Volkomener |
| January 2012 | Steve Klock |
| January 2013 | Darren Munson |
| January 2013 | Mason Rishel |
| January 2014 | Dennis Doebert |
| January 2014 | Gerald Arndt |

Finance Committee

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| Chair | Alan Ambrosius |
| Trusts | Kay Magnus |
| Financial Secretary | Sue Hellmer |
| Assistant Financial | Julie Luedtke |
| Secretary Treasurer | Sarah Erickson |
| Assistant Treasurer | Kathy Arbuckle |

Building & Grounds Committee

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|---------------|---------------|
| Chair | Jim Richter |
| Cheryl Reilly | Diane Gahagan |
| Van DeZwarte | Ed Eilert |
| Mike Haucke | |

Worship

Ministry Area
Coordinator:
Connie Wittkopp

November Time Stewardship

Sunday, November 6

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Daylight Savings Time Ends**

Worship10:15 a.m.

- Pew Communion
- Chancel Choir sings
- Plymouth Food Pantry Collection

Faith Practices

Being Stewards: Living Stewardship

Scripture Reading – Mark 14:3-9

Ushers: Team 3 – Penny Gosse, Waitman,
Nancy & Lane Slaughter

Communion Servers: Team 7 –
* Kay Magnus, * Mary Richter
Jenny Klemme, (sub)

Greeters:
Tellers: Diane Knoener & Sue Hellmer
SCRIP Desk: Connie Wittkopp
Fellowship Hour:

Sunday, November 13

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship10:15 a.m.

Faith Practices

Being Stewards: Living Stewardship

Scripture Reading - Revelation 21:10-22:5

Ushers: Team 4 – Dennis & Sandy Doebert,
Nick Erickson, Steve Klock

Greeters: Ed & Kay Eilert
Tellers: Peg Stahlman & Barbara Grier
SCRIP Desk: Tammy Michaels
Fellowship Hour: Ames & Volkomener Families

Sunday, November 20

Reign of Christ – Thanksgiving Sunday

Worship10:15 a.m.

- Pew Communion

Faith Practices

Centering Life: Keeping Sabbath

Scripture Reading – Matthew 25:31-46

Ushers: Team 5 – Diane Gahagan Family

Communion Servers -

Greeters:

Tellers: Mary Richter & Diane Knoener

SCRIP Desk: Deb Klock

Fellowship Hour:

Wednesday, November 23

Thanksgiving Eve

Worship7 p.m.

- Joint Worship Service with Salem UCC
- Joint Choirs sing
- Refreshments after worship

Ushers: Team 1 – Gary Hueppchen, Scott Haefs,
Julie & Kyle Luedtke

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Worship10:15 a.m.

- Chancel Choir sings

Faith Practices

Centering Life: Keeping Sabbath

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Ushers: Team 2 – Gary, Michael, & Jim Haucke,
Terry Schram

Greeters:

Tellers: Glenda Ames & Steve Klock

SCRIP Desk: Diane Knoener

Fellowship Hour:

* Indicates you are responsible for Communion set-up and clean-up, and getting the Communion bread.

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Rev. Bill Rishel, pastor
 Renee Panzer, administrative assistant
 Keith Falk, director of music
 Gordon Wieck, custodian
 Linda Suemnicht, housekeeper

The deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter is the second Sunday of each month.

Events in November

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| November 6 | Daylight Savings Time Ends |
| November 8 | First Church prepares The Welcome Table meal |
| November 8 | LaLeche League, 6:30 p.m. |
| November 14 | Women's Nite Out, 6 p.m. |
| November 19 | Greek Orthodox Chapel, 5 p.m. |
| November 23 | Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Meeting Hall |
| November 24 | Thanksgiving Day – Church Office closed. |
| November 25 | Church Office closed. |

Meetings in November

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| November 7 | Worship Team Training, 6:30 p.m. |
| November 10 | Finance Committee, 6:30 |
| November 15 | Church Council Faith Formation, 6:30 p.m. |
| November 15 | Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m. |

Joyline deadline

Sunday, November 13

Please submit your articles for the newsletter to the church office or e-mail: congoucc@excel.net.