

# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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## *It Seems to Me*

The actor, Sally Field, and I have a lot in common. Well, not really a lot, but we were both born in 1946 and we both want people to like us.

In 1985, she won the Academy Award as best actress for her role in Places in the Heart. She noted in her acceptance speech that her career didn't always follow the usual path (think Gidget) and she wasn't always sure people respected her. Holding the Oscar high she ended by saying, "Now I know you like me. You like me!"

Isn't that what we all want? Some assurance, some sign, that we are liked?

Which reminds me of another story...

One evening, a young child, frightened by a thunderstorm, climbed into bed with his parents. "What's the matter, dear?" his mother asked. "I'm scared," he answered. "But," she said, "haven't we taught you that God's spirit is always with you and will protect you?" "Yeh, but sometimes I need someone with flesh on," he replied, snuggling in closer.

Like Sally, I want people to like me, and like that young boy, sometimes I just need something I can hear, or see, or touch in order to give me that assurance. This is why I am so incredibly grateful for all the kind words spoken to me and notes given to me as I prepare to leave as your called Interim Minister. Thank you. Thank you so much. They mean more to me than you will ever know.

Of course, this goes both ways. I hope you know how much I like, admire, and appreciate you. I could not have asked for a better place in which to conclude my over 50 years of ministry. I will always cherish my warm memories of you.

It seems to me that the Apostle Paul said it best, "I thank my God every time I remember you...and I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ"

(Philippians 1:3, 6).

Be the church.

*Kendell*

## *Events*

- 10/1 World Communion Day
- 10/8 JAMS Fundraiser
- 1/9 Church Council Meeting, 7 PM

## *Liturgists*

- 10/1 - George Lynts
- 10/8 - Norma Thompson
- 10/15 - Tammy Campbell
- 10/22 - Holly Gould
- 10/29 - Tracy Tronnes

## *Birthdays* 🎉

- 10/3 - Norma Thompson
- 10/14 - Dave Nelson

Your Church Council is here for you! We encourage the congregation to reach out to leadership with any feedback, questions, joys or concerns.

- Moderator - Connie Wiersma**
- Treasurer - Tracy Tronnes**
- Finance - Bruce Morris**
- Trustees - Todd Campbell**
- Diaconate - Mary Lou Behring**
- Education - Jill Sanderson**

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## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

- We have two candidates for an interim pastor. The Search & Call Team has interviewed one potential candidate for a permanent position. We are meeting with our Association Pastor, Rachel Baumann, next week to determine our next steps.
- As we work to install our next minister, we will be welcoming special guest pastors to lead our worship services. During that time, we will be pausing our live-streaming efforts. Stay tuned to your announcements for updates!
- There is an usher sign up sheet and revised usher guideline line list in the sanctuary. Folks are encouraged to sign up as they are able.
- The stewardship committee is also looking for volunteers. Please contact the office if you are willing to donate your time to this year's stewardship campaign!

## MINISTRY

We will be collecting a special offering for our Jane Adeny Memorial School for Girls sponsorship on October 8. Each year of school for her is \$800.

We have received a new letter from Joyvilla!

To Edgerton Church,  
How are you? I hope that you are fine and okay. I too am doing well. I still thank you for supporting my education in the examination I sat for. I had a grade of A -.

You asked me about the greenhouse. I sometimes go to the greenhouse on weekends. I help in watering, planting and also filling the tomato and kale bags with soil for easy planting. I have two best friends who I walk and study together with. I love my classroom more than any other class. I joined hand painting my classroom. Just imagine how beautiful it looks.

In the dairy, together with my fellow students, we help in feeding the chicks. There are many cows in the dairy. Some are milked while others are not being milked. In the labs, we do various experiments which improves our observing, understanding and analyzing skills. I can also say the labs are well built.

I would like to tell you about the moments I have had at JAMS. I would like to tell you about the ball games. Not all students participate in the game balls. I myself always enjoy playing soccer. It is always fun that I have even attended some friendly matches with our neighboring schools.

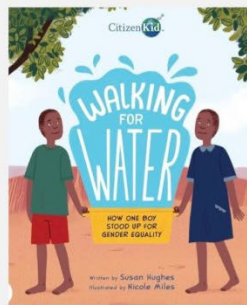
As a class we had a project. I have ten small bags of coffee planted. In my free time, I always ensure to water them regularly. As you know, we do all this in the greenhouse. I still thank you and God should continue blessing you. I would like to know how you are and also how life is in the USA.

I am eagerly waiting your reply.

Yours faithfully,  
Joyvilla Achieng

*If you would be willing to make a contribution to her scholarship for the upcoming year, please write a check to the church with the memo line reading JAMS scholarship.*

## EDUCATION CORNER



This month, we will be hosting a fundraiser for our JAMS student. On that Sunday, the children will be participating in a Water Walk, a simulation of the walk that so many (particularly girls and women) make every single day to distant water sources for their daily water supply. We will also be reading "Walking for Water" as part of this lesson.

Our other activities will continue our focus on the beautiful world God has created for us. We look forward to creating art, baking, and learning more about each other and the love of God throughout the fall!

*Special thanks to Jill Sanderson and Tammy Campbell for facilitating and helping with our Sunday school lessons! Please contact the office if you're interested in supporting children's education at ECUCC.*

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