

## Upcoming Events ([www.fccstjoseph.org/events/](http://www.fccstjoseph.org/events/))

<i>Sunday, May 29</i>	10:30 a.m.	Worship (Ascension Sunday)
<i>Monday, May 30</i>	All Day	Office Closed (Happy Memorial Day) Renovation begins on downstairs flooring
<i>Wednesday, June 1</i>	6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir (meet in Chapel)
<i>Sunday, June 5</i>	10:30 a.m.	Worship (Pentecost Sunday / Communion)
<i>Monday, June 6</i>	7:00 p.m.	Monday Musical Presents
<i>Tuesday, June 7</i>	6:00 p.m.	Missions Board
<i>Wednesday, June 8</i>	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Dairy Korner Walk
<i>Thursday, June 9</i>	5:00 p.m.	Taproom Hours
<i>Sunday, June 12</i>	10:30 a.m.	Worship (Trinity Sunday)
	11:30 a.m.	Blood Pressure Clinic / Diaconate Board
	6:30 p.m.	Summer Study

**“We welcome people to faith in Jesus Christ to Discover God, Equip One Another for Life, and Reach Inward and Outward to Serve”**

### First Congregational Church

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Senior Minister	Jeffrey Hubers
Director of Music Ministry	Brenton Offenback
Children’s Min. Director	Alison Achramowicz
Youth Ministry Director	Carly Hubers
Director of Chancel Choir	Stephen Zork
Parish Nurse	Jan Trapani
Office Manager	Judy Hoffman
Bookkeeper	Nanci Fenrick
Maintenance	Jim Dansfield
Housekeeper	Julie Ruple

# First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Ascension Sunday

May 29, 2022 10:30 a.m.

## Gathering

Welcome/Announcements

Sharing the Peace [screen]

*You are invited to listen for God's Spirit as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

Prelude

“Prelude in E Minor” J. S. Bach

*All stand if able*

Call to Worship [screen]

Bob Cultice, liturgist

Gathering Hymn [screen]

#320 “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!”

## Discovering

Children’s Message

*Children PreK–5th grade are invited to come forward. The nursery is open during worship.*

Ministry of Music

“Steal Away” Gwyneth Walker  
Chancel Choir

Prayer for Discovery [screen]

Scripture Acts 1:1-11, NRSV [screen]

Message “Is Anybody Up There?”

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

*All stand if able*

Message Hymn [screen]

#447 “Because He Lives”

## Thanking

Morning Prayer  
Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!” Paul Manz

## Serving

Doxology [screen]      *All stand if able*

Benediction

Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude

“Fugue in E Minor” J. S. Bach

*You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection; otherwise, please depart quietly.*

*Peace be with you!*

Join us for a time of coffee and cookies fellowship after worship.

**Ushers:** Debbie Wood, Jean Bloomquist, Ruth Beach, Patty and Steve Nordberg

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are new or a guest and would like more info on FCC, please contact the church office - 269.983.5519 or [office@fccstjoseph.org](mailto:office@fccstjoseph.org) - we'd love to get to know you!

The Memorial Garden is now open for reflection—thanks to Jim, Lalo, and the Committee for preparing its summer use.

The **downstairs hallway and classrooms** will be receiving new flooring starting **Monday, May 30**—access to that part of the building will be limited until completion.

The church office will be **closed** on **Monday, May 30** for the holiday.

**Youth Group** will be having a **Dairy Korner Walk** on **Wednesday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m.** For details or for the summer calendar, contact Carly ([carly@fccstjoseph.org](mailto:carly@fccstjoseph.org))

**SWM Community Read** will meet for discussion on May's book on June 7 at 5:30 p.m. at Benton Harbor Public Library; June 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Township Public Library; and June 15 at 6:00 p.m. at St Joseph Public Library. Contact Nancy Fette ([nancyfette@gmail.com](mailto:nancyfette@gmail.com)) for details.

Join Pastor Jeffrey and friends at Sister Lakes Brewing Co. (92500 Co Rd 690, Dowagiac) on **Thursday, June 9** anytime from **5-7 p.m.** for **Taproom Hours**.

**Host Volunteers Needed** for the 60th Annual Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff. If you are willing to host an Artist (July 8th and 9th), please send your name and phone number to Don and JoAnn ([stayaf@krasl.org](mailto:stayaf@krasl.org) 269-921-1659)

Pastor Jeffrey will be leading a book study this summer on *The Book of Creation: An Introduction to Celtic Spirituality* by J. Philip Newell. Class begins on **Sunday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.** Meetings will take place behind the church on the back patio. Contact the office for a book or Pastor Jeffrey for questions.

An informational session of Pastor Jeffrey's Spiritual Pilgrimage (planned for September 2023) to Ireland/Scotland will be held on **Wednesday, June 15 at 7 p.m.** in fellowship hall. Contact Pastor Jeffrey for questions.

Diaconate is looking for **Sunday ushers**. You can **sign-up** on the main bulletin board.

**Morning walking group**—Tuesday's and Thursday's at **7:00 a.m.**—corner of Hutchison and Forres (contact Patty Nordberg -269.369.0629 for info).

To help with **Soup Kitchen** at our **monthly spot (third Tuesday)**, contact Lori Hellenga - 269.921.7919

Please **sign the fellowship pads** in the pews with updated contact info or comments.

