

Upcoming Events (www.fccstjoseph.org/events/)

Sunday, September 18	10:00 a.m. Coffee Break
	10:30 a.m. Worship
	11:30 a.m. Diaconate Board Meeting
Monday, September 19	7:00 p.m. CE Board
Tuesday, September 20	9:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen
Wednesday, September 21	5:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers
	6:30 p.m. Youth Group
	6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thursday, September 22	5:00 p.m. Taproom Hours
	5:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
Saturday, September 24	8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry
Sunday, September 25	10:30 a.m. Worship (First Bibles Presentation)

"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
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Youth Ministry Director	Carly Hubers
Director of Chancel Choir	Stephen Zork
Parish Nurse	Jan Trapani
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First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

September 18, 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

"My Heart Ever Faithful" J S Bach

All stand if able

Call to Worship [screen]

Patty Nordberg, liturgist

Gathering Hymn [screen]

#342 "Rejoice! The Lord is King"

Discovering

Children's Message

Children PreK-5th grade may come forward. Following the message, students can go to the chapel for Sunday School. Pick-up is at 11:40 a.m. The nursery is open during worship.

Ministry of Music

"They'll Know We Are Christians" arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

Prayer for Discovery [screen]

Scripture Psalm 113, MSG [screen]

Message "Greatness Through Love"

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

All stand if able

Message Hymn [screen]

"Lord, I Need You"

Thanking

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory

Serving

Doxology [screen] *All stand if able*

Benediction

Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude

"Allegro" Jean Baptiste Loeillet

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

Peace be with you!

Thanks to Susan Dietrich-Reed, Deanna Popielarz, and Stephen Zork for leading worship today.

The altar flowers are in loving memory of Bea Starke from Gary and Pat Sprunger.

If you missed coffee with us this morning, join us after worship for fellowship, too.

Ushers: Debbie Wood, Mary Wilder, Cynthia Schlipp, Jane Oelke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sign the fellowship pads in the pews with updated contact info or comments.

CE is starting “**adopt a grandparent**” in which a senior is paired with an elementary child to build and grow a relationship. The children will do various projects and share with their church “grandparent,” and they can sit together during worship on days there is no Sunday School. **Sign-up today or email Alison** at alison@fccstjoseph.org.

Missions Board is collecting items for migrant families in partnership with Interfaith

Action's **Celebration of the Harvest**. The full list of items is located in the September newsletter and front entryway.

Olivia and Will Muller would like to host a **Young Adult Scripture night** at their home on **Sunday, Sept. 25 at 6:00 p.m.** at 598 Manorwood Circle, Benton Harbor. If you're 20ish-40ish, join us in engaging the scriptures; children welcome! Contact Will at will.muller15@gmail.com or 402.889.5917 with inquiries.

Rummage Sale setup will begin **Monday, September 26**. Contact Roger, Gordy, Patty, or Nancy B. for more info or to volunteer.

Interested in helping for the **Fall Rummage (Oct. 6 & 7)**? There will be a “training” on **Wednesday, September 28 at 1 p.m.** Patty will walk through the different areas of the sale. Contact 269.369.0629 or pnordberg@comcast.net for more info

Pastor Jeffrey will begin a new book study on **Sunday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m.** His book, *Sermon on the Mount* by Amy-Jill Levine, features an in-depth look at Matthew 5-7 and its historical context. Contact the church office for a copy.

Please join us after worship on **October 9th** for a **shower** to prepare for the welcome of our newest church family member - Baby Boy Hubers! Please contact the church office to **RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 5th**. Don't feel like you need to bring a gift; Pastor Jeffrey & Carly just want to celebrate with us. If you want to participate in a group gift, contact Judy by September 22nd

Help is needed in the **nursery** and **Sunday School!** Contact Alison (alison@fccstjoseph.org)

Sign-up for Sunday ushers on the main bulletin board.

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

“Rising Sun”

