

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

Sunday, November 20	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
	10:30 a.m.	Worship & New Members
	11:30 a.m.	Nominating Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Group/CE Bowling
Monday, November 21	9:00 a.m.	Church Decorating
	7:00 p.m.	CE Board
Wednesday, November 23		Office Closed
Thursday, November 24		Happy Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 27	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
	10:30 a.m.	Worship - First Sunday of Advent
	6:30 p.m.	Pastor Jeffrey's Book Study
Monday, November 28	9:00 a.m.	Council

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

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Director of Chancel Choir	Stephen Zork
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First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

New Member Sunday

November 20, 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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Kevin McChesney

Alleluia Ringers

All stand if able

Call to Worship [screen]

Bob Ehrenberg, liturgist

Gathering Hymn [screen]

#721 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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

"Hymn of Abundance" arr. Eugene Butler

Chancel Choir

Prayer for Discovery [screen]

Scripture Psalm 46, NRSV

Message

"Practicing Gratitude, Discovering Grace"

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

All stand if able

Message Hymn [screen]

#81 "We Gather Together"

Thanking

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory

“Like a River Glorious” arr. Douglas Wagner

Jubilate Ringers

Serving

Doxology [screen]

All stand if able

Benediction

Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God” Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

Peace be with you!

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

Ushers: Cindi Collum, Nancy Fette, Cynthia Schlipp, Chris Norland, Bruce Molineaux

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual **Nominating Meeting** will be held today after worship to elect a new slate of officers and board members.

Following the nominating meeting your **help** is needed in **bringing up the Christmas decorations** from fellowship hall. Also, join us **tomorrow at 9 a.m.** to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent.

Youth Group will be having a **bowling event** at Strikers today from **1-3 p.m.** CE families welcome, too!

The Missions Board has **names for Christmas gifts for DHS foster children.** Stop by their table after worship to sponsor a child.

If you are new and would like more info on FCC, please contact the office! **Sign the fellowship pads** in the pews with updated contact info or comments.

“**Welcome to our new members today:** Harold Bragg, Karla Donnell-Bragg, Rick Lentz, Wes Brazel, Jeffrey Cisyk, Keralyn Totten. FCC is blessed because of you!”

The church office will be closed **Wednesday, November 23 and Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving.** Have a blessed holiday!

Pastor Jeffrey's book study will meet on **Sunday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m.** for its final class.

Book group meets **Tuesday, November 29 at 9:30 a.m.** at church to discuss *Garlic and Sapphires* by Ruth Reichl. Contact Faith at festiv@comcast.net for more information.

He Came...Festival of Nativities: An Interfaith Exhibit on **December 2, 5:30-8:00 p.m.** and **December 3rd 1:00-7:00 p.m.** 3653 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

The **Mary Preston Christmas luncheon** will be held on **December 7** at noon in the Gathering Room. If you will be attending, please contact Helen Sinn at 429-0295 or helensinn@sbcglobal.net by December 1 for a reservation.

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

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

Sign-up for Sunday ushers on the main bulletin board. Anyone can do it!

