

WHO WE ARE

Our Vision

As believers in Jesus Christ, we will be a church of vibrant Christians.

Our Mission

We welcome people to faith in Jesus Christ to: *Discover God*

Equip one another for life

Reach inward/outward to serve

Our Welcome

Because we believe each person is made in God's Image, we welcome all persons into the life and worship of this congregation. Regardless of age, ability, gender identity or sexual orientation, racial or ethnic background – you are welcome here!

CONTACT

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STAFF

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers, Minister

Brenton Offenback, Music

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Stephen Zork, Choir

Jan Trapani, Parish Nurse

Judy Hoffman, Church Office

Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper

Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 17

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - BP Clinic

Tuesday, Sept. 19

7:00 a.m. - Walking Group

9:30 a.m. - Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, Sept. 20

1:00 p.m. - WBS

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, Sept. 21

7:00 a.m. - Walking Group

3:15 p.m. - Pack Blessing


5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

Saturday, Sept. 23

8:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry

3:00 p.m. - Yard Games

For full listing, check Events or Newsletter on website. You can also contact the church office for up-to-date activities or more info.



First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST


Sunday, September 17, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome / Announcements ***indicates invitation to stand if able*
Sharing the Peace [screen]

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

Prelude "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" arr. Jon Spong

****Call to Worship [screen]** Kathryn Anderson, Liturgist

Gathering Hymn [screen] #545 "How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely"

Children's Message *Children PreK—5th grade may come forward. Students are then invited to the chapel for Sunday School. Nursery open during worship.*

Ministry of Music "If My People Will Pray" arr. Keith Christopher
Chancel Choir

Prayer for Discovery [screen]
Scripture [screen] Matthew 18:21-35; Romans 14:1-12, NRSV

Message Rev. Dr. Sid Mohn, guest preacher

Message Hymn [screen] #600 "In Christ There is No East or West"

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" arr. Dale Wood

****Doxology [screen]**

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" arr. Jon Spong
You are invited to be seated for the postlude as a final musical reflection; otherwise, please depart quietly. Peace be with you!

Ushers: Cynthia Schlipp, Patty Nordberg, Bruce Molineaux,
Barb Durflinger, Wes Brazel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to FCC! Contact the church office if you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more. Sign the fellowship pads located in the pews with updated contact info or comments.

To receive text updates, send a text to **81010** with the message **@fccstj**

Nurse Jan is available after worship for Blood Pressure Clinic and health screenings. Please see her in her office at the end of the hall.

Women's Bible Study meets Wednesday, September 20 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathryn Anderson (zerler@sbcglobal.net) for more info.

Men's Ministry will meet on Saturday, September 23 at 8:00 a.m. Contact John Bock (269.313.1093) for more info. Breakfast then discussion!

We're hosting "Games on the Grass" on Saturday, September 23. Come on by the church anytime from 3-5 p.m. for some yard games and snacks. Bring your favorite outdoor game, a snack, and a friend!

Contact Beth Kenagy (bak73wm@aol.com) to volunteer for Bear Packs (weekend food ministry for elementary students). Thursday at 3:15 p.m. we "bless" the packs—join us in the Youth Room to pray or offer your own!

Missions Board is collecting donations with Interfaith Action to support migrant families: Donation bin and full list of requests located in entryway. Contact Cathie Schalk (schalkcathleen@gmail.com) for more info.

Pastor Jeffrey & Carly will host Taproom Hours on the parsonage deck on Thursday, September 28. Stop by anytime from 5-7 p.m.

Fall Rummage Sale set for October 5 & 6. See September newsletter for full set-up and volunteer schedule.

United Way's Rake-a-Difference will be November 9. Contact Ryan Cheevers (ryanwilliamcheevers@gmail.com) to sign-up or for more info.

Schedule your photography session for the new pictorial directory! Review sign-up dates in hallway or September newsletter.

To help Soup Kitchen on the third Tuesday of every month, contact Lori Hellenga (269.921.7919) to volunteer or to learn more!

Sign-up on main bulletin board to help usher Sunday mornings. All hands needed—the more smiles, the better!