

## 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

**Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

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## STAFF

Rev. Jeffrey Hubers, Minister

Brenton Offenback, Music

Carly Hubers, Youth

Alison Achramowicz, Children

Stephen Zork, Choir

Jan Trapani, Parish Nurse

Judy Hoffman, Church Office

Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper

Jim Dansfield, Maintenance

Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

## SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 24

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Monday, Sept. 25

9:00 a.m. - Church Council

9:00 a.m. - Rummage Set-Up

(see full schedule)

Tuesday, Sept. 26

7:00 a.m. - Walking Group

9:30 a.m. - Book Group

Wednesday, Sept. 27

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, Sept. 28

7:00 a.m. - Walking Group

5:00 p.m. - Taproom Hours

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers

**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 24, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome / Announcements  
Sharing the Peace [screen]

*\*\*indicates invitation to stand if able*

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

Prelude "We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit" Dietrich Buxtehude

\*\*Call to Worship [screen] Bob Cultice, Liturgist

Gathering Hymn [screen] #459 "Come All Christians, Be Committed"

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 "Homeward Bound" Marta Keen  
Chancel Choir

Prayer for Discovery [screen]  
Scripture [screen] Exodus 16:2-15, MSG

Message "What's All the Fuss?" Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

Message Hymn [screen] #381 "Restore in Us, O God"

Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer [screen]

Offertory "Allegro" Henry Heron

\*\*Doxology [screen]

Benediction Parting Blessing [screen]

Postlude "In Thee Is Gladness" 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!*

**Ushers:** Fran Chickering, Debbie Wood, Cindi Collum,  
Bruce and Kathy Anderson

*Welcome to our new members today, Judy Draper and Cindy Langer!  
We're glad to have you with us! If you're interested in joining FCC, please contact Pastor Jeffrey to learn how!*

## 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**

Women's Book Group will meet Tuesday, September 26 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Contact Donna Dumke [dfdumke@gmail.com](mailto:dfdumke@gmail.com) for questions.

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

Contact Beth Kenagy ([bak73wm@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:schalkcathleen@gmail.com)) for more info.

October 1 will be Celebration of the Harvest at 3 p.m. at Tabor Hill where our donations for migrant families will be shared at an Interfaith service.

Women's Bible Study meets Wednesday, October 4 at 1 p.m. Contact Kathryn Anderson ([zerler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zerler@sbcglobal.net)) for more info.

Fall Rummage Sale October 5 & 6. See September newsletter for full set-up and volunteer schedule. Set-up begins on Monday, September 25!

United Way's Rake-a-Difference will be November 9. Contact Ryan Cheevers ([ryanwilliamcheevers@gmail.com](mailto: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!

Would you like to serve as liturgist? Pastor Jeffrey is looking for more volunteers! Contact him if you'd like to know more!

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