



**First Congregational
Church**
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCH UPDATES

(Because sometimes a bulletin or newsletter just doesn't cut it!)

November 6-23, 2023

Mary Preston Meeting

Mary Preston Guild will meet this Wednesday, November 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the church library to hear a presentation from some of the Ireland/Scotland travelers. Please contact Barb Durflinger (bcdurflinger@gmail.com) if you have any questions. All women are welcome to attend!

Rake-a-Difference

Missions Board is joining with United Way's Rake-a-Difference Day of Action for Seniors and helping with fall cleanup! Contact Ryan Cheevers (ryanwilliamcheevers@gmail.com) for more information. We'll meet at church at 8 a.m. to head out to our work sites! Bring your own rakes and gear!

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry will meet on Saturday, November 11 & 25 at 8 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Breakfast first, then discussion! Contact John Bock (269.313.1093) for more info.

Church Lunch

On Sunday, November 12, we'll be serving an all-church lunch after worship. The Kitchen Ministry Committee will be serving Thanksgiving classics with all the fixings! Please RSVP either through the online invitation: <http://evite.me/huP5MTKG8H>

Or, call the office (269.983.5519) by Thursday, November 9 to get signed up! We hope to see you there! Can't wait!

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, November 15 at 1:00 p.m. in the church library. Contact Kathryn Anderson (zerler@sbcglobal.net) or Diana Seaman (diana9311@gmail.com) for more info.

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New Members Welcome

On Sunday, November 19 we'll be recognizing new members during our morning worship. If you've been attending and would like to join officially or are interested in more information, please contact Pastor Jeffrey (pastorjeffrey@fccstoseph.org). We look forward to celebrating all the new faces among our growing family of faith!

Nominating Meeting

Following worship on Sunday, November 19 we'll hold our Annual Nominating Meeting. This is one of two, regularly-scheduled congregational meetings throughout the year, per our bylaws. This meeting allows the congregation to approve the coming slate of church officers, board and committee members. This also presents the opportunity for any church member to bring forth business before the congregation if so desiring.

Copies of the proposed slate will be available the Sunday prior the meeting and an email with absentee voting information will be shared the week prior. If you have any questions, please contact Moderator Jean Bloomquist (bloomquist.jean@gmail.com) or Moderator-Elect Gordy Schreiber (gscrheib3@comcast.net)

Youth Group Dinner

Youth Group students (grades 6-12th), please join us for a pizza night at Nardo's Pizza on Sunday, November 19 from 5pm-7pm (see flyer on next page)! Meet outside Nardo's (right next to Schu's in downtown St. Joe) and come hungry for some of the BEST pizza! This is a casual hangout and a good chance to meet some other FCC students!

Also, for the month of November, each Sunday after Pastor Jeffrey's message, we'll meet in the Greeting Room and talk through the message together. It gives us a chance to review the reading and think about Scripture from a student perspective! We will wrap it up by 11:45 so you can head home with your families after they grab some cookies and coffee!

Email carly@fccstjoseph.org or text 313-550-5550 for any questions or more info!

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, November 22-23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you and enjoy your holiday celebrations!

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
6th-12th GRADE YOUTH GROUP**

**Sunday,
NOV.
19
5p-7p**

It's time for



YOUTH GROUP NIGHT

PIZZA

**Meet outside NARDO'S PIZZA at 5pm
(right next to Schu's in downtown St. Joe)**

PIZZA IS ON US! JUST COME HUNGRY!

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
Carly Hubers, Youth
Alison Achramowicz, Children
Stephen Zork, Choir
Jan Trapani, Parish Nurse
Judy Hoffman, Office
Nanci Fenrick, Bookkeeper
Jim Dansfield, Maintenance
Julie Ruple, Housekeeping

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

10:00 a.m. - Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

6:30 p.m. - Pastor Jeffrey's Bible Study

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m. - Soup Kitchen (third Tuesday of every month)

9:30 a.m. - Book Group (last Tuesday of every month)

Wednesdays

1:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (first and third Wednesday of every month)

5:30 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers (Sept-May)

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir (Sept-May)

Thursdays

5:00 p.m. - Taproom Hours (twice a month, March-October)

5:15 p.m. - Alleluia Ringers (Sept-May)

Saturdays

8:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry (second and fourth Saturday's, Sept-May)

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