



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Straight to the Point February 11th, 2020

Reflection for the Week:

Today is one of those days Jesus promised to be with me,
a companion on my journey,
And my life today, if I trust him,
has consequences unseen.
My life has a purpose.

I have a mission...
I am a link in a chain,
a bond of connection between persons.
God has not created me for naught...
Therefore I will trust him.
Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away.
God does nothing in vain.
He knows what he is about.

- J. H. Newman

This week consider: How did you know God was with you today?

We are grateful for those who served us last Sunday morning:

Worship Leader: Barb Knepper
Ushers: Jack and Mary Elder
Scripture Reader: Ruth Holder
Youth Sunday School: Michele Schwerin
Adult Sunday School: Todd Siefker

Prayer Concerns

Marly Van Berkum's sister
Bob and Leone Eidsmoe
Mike and Deb Timblin
John Dilenschneider
Tia Iddings

Larry Shaver
Katherine Trautman
Chris Schwerin
Mark Schmedinghoff
Rebecca Watson-Miller

Bible Study @ Pierce Street Coffee Works **Fridays, 1:30 to 3:00 pm**

From 1:30 to 3:00 pm we will meet to reflect on the week's Scriptures. This season art is our springboard into the text.

This week's Scripture is: Matthew 6:7-15

The art pieces for each week's discussion are attached to this newsletter and available on our website at: www.1stcongregationalucc.org

This Week at FCUCC

Tuesday, 2/11	9:00 am – Stretch and Flex
Wednesday, 2/12	10:00 am – Prayer and Reflection Group 5:30 pm – Search Committee Meeting 6:00 pm – Women's AA Group Meeting
Thursday, 2/13	9:00 am – Stretch and Flex 9:30 am – Church Book Club
Friday, 2/14	1:30 pm – Study at Pierce Street Coffee Works
Saturday, 2/15	7:00 pm – AA Group Meeting
Sunday, 2/16	9:00 am – Admiration Series Adult Class 9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am – Missions Committee Meeting 10:30 am – Worship Service 12:00 pm – All Committees Meeting and Potluck 1:00 pm – Church Council Meeting 4:00 pm – Beer & Theology @ Jackson Street Brewing
Monday, 2/17	12:00 pm – Straight to the Point deadline 6:30 pm – Zen Meditation Group

ALL CHURCH RETREAT at FCUCC

Saturday – Feb 22nd – 9 am to 5 pm

All Congregation & Council Members

Pre-Session on Friday evening – Feb 21st – 6 pm to 8 pm

All Council Members & Interested Others

An all-church retreat will be held on Saturday, February 22nd from 9 am – 5 pm at FCUCC.

A leadership session will be held on the evening of February 21st from 6 - 8 pm for all Council members ("old" and new).

This retreat is designed to help us learn about our unique community of faith, identify our strengths, and discern our growth edge. Our work together will help the Pastoral Search Committee in reaching out to the right pastor for our church who can lead us where we need to grow.

Pastor Anne will be leading this retreat. She has led this type of retreat with many churches to help them move forward. On Friday evening, she will provide training for Council members (and interested others) on how leadership works in organizations. This will allow us to better help with the retreat on Saturday, and support our Search Committee.

Please attend! We need everyone's input to help us see where God is leading us. For questions, check with Lois Darrow and Pastor Anne.

Lois Darrow – lkd1027@gmail.com

Pastor Anne – leadwithsoul@mac.com

Church Book Club Meeting – Thursday, February 13th

The Church Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, 2/13 at 9:30 am. We will be discussing “Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson. Please come and join in the discussion!

New Moving-On Box Needs

Bath Towels/Hand Towels
Children’s plastic drinking glasses
Pot Holders
Toilet Bowl cleaner/brushes
Can Openers

Sermons are Available on the FCUCC Website

www.1stcongregationalucc.org

HyVee grocery receipts and General Mills box tops

There’s a collection box for these items in the narthex (the church entry) –
The box is wrapped in balloon paper.
We will donate these to a local school!

We’re Making Plarn with Mayflower on Sunday, March 1st Helping Youth Help the Homeless

Please donate your plastic bags and plan to attend!

On Sunday, March 1st, after worship our congregation will meet at Mayflower UCC for a special service event. Rev. Jean Morrow will teach us how to make “plarn” — a type of yarn that is made from strips of plastic grocery bags.

Plarn is crocheted into sleeping mats for homeless persons. All UCC youth going to the National Youth Event will need plarn because they will be crocheting plarn into mats for their service project.

Emergency & Hospital Visits

When you or a family member are sick, in the hospital, or recovering -- or if you have an emergency -- here’s who to call for care:

Jan Nowlen – 712-490-5328

Rev. Anne Dilenschneider is available on Friday and Sunday – 605-906-5404

Rev. Elaine Miller is available on Wednesday and Thursday – 712-258-8278

Donna Popp is available on Monday, Tuesday, & Saturday – 712-251-5535

Christian Education Opportunities for All Ages

CHILDREN (3 years – 3rd Grade)

NURSERY:

Sundays, 10:00 to 11:30 am

A well-appointed, happy space is staffed and available for young ones as an alternative to the staying in the sanctuary on Sundays, if that’s helpful. Care is also available at other times, as needed.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ACTIVITY BOXES

Pick one up on the way into the sanctuary for some quiet, in-the-pew activities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STORY-TIME

Offered during worship.

Children are welcome for Bible-based stories and guided play and crafts in the Nursery.

YOUTH (Ages 8th Grade – College)

THE ADULTING SERIES

Meeting monthly after worship on Sundays.

Monthly sessions will include meal and social time, and education, with topics ranging from: "Basic Car Care" (changing a tire, filling low tires, wiper replacement, using a map), "Sewing and Hemming," "Understanding Finances," "Preparing a Fine Meal," "What to Do When You Feel Sick," and "Traveling." Youth will also be working to plan a mission trip.

Date to be Set: Our focus will be on simple repairs (sewing buttons, etc.)

ADULTS

ADMIRATION SERIES

Meeting before worship at 9:00 am on Sundays in the Parlor.

This is an interactive series for adults and older youth led by our Intergenerational Education Coordinator, Todd Seifker. Each week we will be introduced to ancient and modern examples of Christ-like, faithful living.

PIERCE STREET SERMON STUDY

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BEER & THEOLOGY

Sundays, 4:00 pm to 6:00ish pm at Jackson Street Brewing

Gather for a discussion of current theology, philosophy, and life. Led by Chris Schwerin.

JOY (Just Older Youth) CLUB – Aging Gracefully for Everyone

Meeting in the early evening, every 1-2 months

Social time, education on topics relevant to aging-up gracefully, healthily, and happily. Each session will include dinner, social time, entertainment/education and devotion.

Although the topics are focused on some age groups, everyone is invited! Bring friends and neighbors! If it interests you, or you have some expertise, please join us in providing lessons and learning. Contact the CE Crew if you have questions, suggestions or time to help!

On Those Sunday Snow Days



If you're unable to come (or worship is canceled) our bills continue to come in. You can help us by mailing in your check, dropping off a payment during the week, or set up an automatic payment from your bank. **You can also contribute through a simple app called [Tithe.ly](http://get.tithe.ly).**

Tithe.ly is our online, app and web-based giving system. Tithe.ly is convenient because it:

- Accepts debit, credit or bank account info
- Can be set up for a one-time payment, or automatic regular payments
- Can be changed at any time (there are no contracts or commitments)

Go to <http://get.tithe.ly> to sign up online, or download the app on any iPhone/Apple or Android device.

Church Office Hours

Mon, Tues & Thurs 4pm-8:30pm

Weds and Friday 10am-1:00pm

Church Contact Information

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Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. Anne Dilenschneider, Interim Pastor

605-906-5404 (cell)

leadwithsoul@mac.com

Pastor Anne will return calls, texts, and emails as soon as she can. She is available in the office on Friday mornings (10:00 am -12:30 pm); she leads Bible Study and visits Friday & Sunday afternoons.

Maddie Schwerin, Church Administrator

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Todd Siefker, Intergenerational Coordinator

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Rick Darrow, Organist

darrowpipe@aol.com

Nate Hettinger, Choir Director

hettingern@morningside.edu

Offering a Warm Welcome

A message on behalf of the FCUCC Communication Team

Remember to welcome our visitors – before and after worship.

The warm welcome and care we give our visitors is a sign
of our own belief that we are loved by God.

The “Straight to the Point” Deadline is Monday at Noon!