

Tidings

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Following Christ, We Connect a Diversity of People with each other and with God!

*Happy New
Year!!!!*

Worship Ministry

January 3

Worship with St. John UCC/Communion

Service of Worship 9:30a – www.fccdp.org
Virtual Coffee Hour 11a – 12:00p www.fccdp.org
Lay Reader
Scripture Reading

January 10

Service of Worship 9:00a – www.fccdp.org
Virtual Coffee Hour 9:50a – 11:00a www.fccdp.org
Lay Reader Dave Horwitz
Scripture Reading Mark 1:4-11

January 17

Service of Worship 9:00a – www.fccdp.org
Virtual Coffee Hour 9:50a – 11:00a www.fccdp.org
Lay Reader Sharon Urry
Scripture Reading John 1:43-51

January 24

Service of Worship 9:00a - www.fccdp.org
Virtual Coffee Hour 9:50a – 11:00a www.fccdp.org
Lay Reader Larry Schimka
Scripture Reading Mark 1:14-20

January 31

Youth Sunday

Service of Worship 9:00a – www.fccdp.org
Coffee Hour 9:50a – 11:00a www.fccdp.org
Lay Reader Youth
Scripture Reading Mark 1:21-28

Diaconate Ministry



Joanne Kimball and others from our church's Diaconate Ministry delivered colorful poinsettia plants in December to some of our homebound church members and friends and others with special concerns.

Membership & Communications Ministry

Evening Circle Thanks All for Record-Breaking Year

With the wonderful support of the congregation at our virtual Bake and Craft fundraisers in July (including Lou Malnati's pizza coupons & Flo's strawberry/rhubarb jam) and November 2020, Evening Circle made a record \$4,500 in benevolence giving this year: \$3,000 to FCCDP's General Fund; \$250 to Outdoor Ministries-Tower Hill; \$200 to North School Family (Walmart gift cards) and Self-Help Closet of DP; \$150 to Miracle House, The Harbour and WINGS; \$100 to Church Women United, American Cancer Society (Relay for Life), Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation and The Salvation Army. Once again, THANK YOU!

Evening Circle's next meeting (zoom) will be on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7:00pm. The link will be will be emailed to all members and will be available in Notes from Co. All women of the church are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship. Everyone is responsible for bringing her own refreshments!

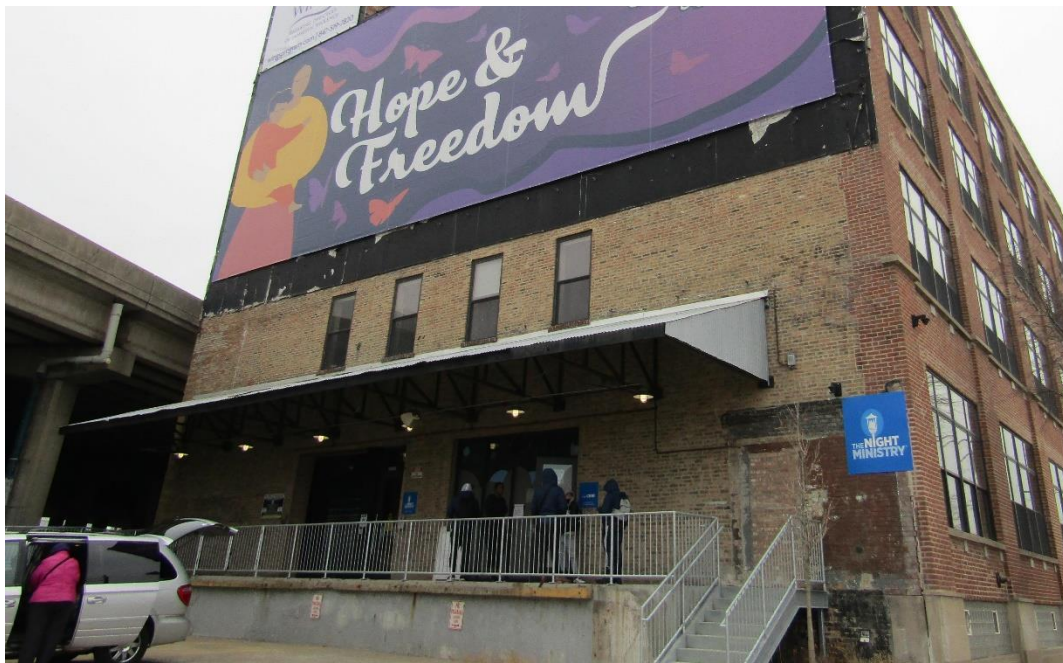


Staying Connected: Thanks to Rev. Co and Ellie for initiating our church's first "Secret Santa" gift exchange. Pictured (l to r) are Wendy Wallace with her gifts and Debbie Walusiak, dropping off a gift for Rev. Co.

Mission Ministry



Church members and friends filled 48 stockings with donated personal care items for clients of The Night Ministry in Chicago. Church members Nancy Brink & John Foster made the delivery.



Youth Ministry

News from Pilgrim Fellowship

In preparation for our Youth Ministry's canoe camping trip to the Boundary Waters this summer, the PF will be conducting a re-imagined cookie walk fundraiser just in time for Valentine's Day. We will be home baking and pre-packaging the following items just for you: Gourmet Chocolate Pretzel Rods, Peanut Butter Chocolate Kisses, Chocolate Chip Cookies and Oatmeal Raisin Bars. Or, if you would like to have some fun at home decorating your own heart shaped cookies, we will be selling Cookie Kits with fresh baked heart shaped sugar cookies and bags of red, pink and white frosting. Our order form will be on the FCCDP website on January 4, with all orders due by January 31. Cookies will be ready for pick up the morning of Saturday, February 13. Cash or check at pick up. Please spread the word and help support our PF!



In place of the traditional holiday cookie walk fundraiser, our PF youth held an abbreviated “special order” version in December and sold 23 boxes to drive-ups outside our West Entrance. Special thanks to bakers Mary Cameron, Michele Weber and others. Mark your calendar now for the 2021 Valentine’s Day version of this popular fundraising event!

Finance Committee

Talent & Gift Auction

Our 2021 Talent & Gift Auction is set to begin at the end of January and we need your help to make it successful. This year's Auction will be "virtual." All bidding will be done on-line or by telephone.

In past years, some of our most popular items in the Auction were theatre tickets, sporting events, and vacation packages. With COVID still raging, we'd like to take a little different approach this year, and feature items that can be enjoyed by the individual, family, or close friends. Low contact and "enjoy at home" focused.

What can you donate? Baked goods or a home cooked specialty? A craft project or artistic creation? A service or lessons you can provide?

Some ideas include:

- A Themed Gift Basket (Wine, Chocolate, Picnic, Reading, Chicago Cubs or White Sox)
- Gardening or Landscaping Work
- Carpet Cleaning or Housework
- Outdoor activities (golfing foursome, horseback riding, admission to the Arboretum)
- Or maybe you have an idea of your own!

If you can donate an item for FCCDP's Talent & Gift Auction, please contact Sharon Urry, at surry1024@comcast.net, no later than January 15.

Gift Card Sales Results

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent Holiday Gift Card Sale. Because of your purchases, we were able to raise \$1,237 for our church's general budget. Special thanks to Rod Beets for all his hard work in organizing and overseeing this important church fundraiser!

The Tree of Life

If you're considering making a large contribution to our church, above and beyond your regular pledge, remember that contributions of \$2,500 or more will be recognized with a leaf on our Tree of Life. Four different donation levels are recognized: a green leaf for a donation of \$2,500 to \$4,999; a bronze leaf for a donation of \$5,000 to \$9,999; a silver leaf for a donation of \$10,000 to \$24,999; a gold leaf for a donation of \$25,000 or more. Donations to the Church Foundation, a specific Church Ministry, or general gifts (outside of regular pledges) will be recognized. Personal property, securities, and real estate will be recognized at market value when received by the church. For more information, contact the church office.



Happy Birthday to You!!

Congratulations to the following church members/friends on their birthdays!!

Alex Masciopinto	01-Jan	Ava Olsen	19-Jan
Francois DuToit	01-Jan	Christine O'Brien	21-Jan
Dave DeHart	03-Jan	Will Grice	22-Jan
Heather Larson	03-Jan	Jeannie Johnson	22-Jan
Ann Grice	08-Jan	Vito Pelletiere, Jr.	24-Jan
Andy Olsen	09-Jan	Dan Meincke	27-Jan
Rev. Co DuToit	10-Jan	Melanie Schimka	28-Jan
Ken Santos	11-Jan	Matt Cameron	28-Jan
Jana Haas	12-Jan	Rod Beets	29-Jan
Connor Tomsic	12-Jan	Michael Liston	30-Jan
Jennifer Nutley	15-Jan	Patti Fink	31-Jan
Sean Nutley	16-Jan		

A New Address

Bob & Barb McCullough
905 Center Street, #305
Des Plaines, IL 60016
847/296-3949 (same)

With Appreciation

From Debbie Walusiak: I am so thankful to all those who sent cards, messages, prayers and more in sympathy and support over these past several weeks. I always believed we have a caring congregation but your recent acts of kindness have reinforced that belief beyond measure. I look forward to the prospect of actually **seeing** many of you in 2021!

Gifts & Memorials

In Loving Memory of Jonne Schwieder from Linda Opalka

In Loving Memory of Jonne Schwieder from Hans & Inge
Eschenbach

In Loving Memory of Jonne Schwieder from Dee Hardesty

In Loving Memory of Jonne Schwieder from Carl & Judy Mahr

In Loving Memory of Jonne Schwieder from Rich & Charlie
Warren

From our Historian, Nancy Meyer

With no live Christmas Pageant last month we sure missed our little angels, but Kallie Haas had given me an envelope of photos (unnamed & undated) of these precious 4 year old little angels taken when she was teaching Sunday School as a confirmand, so date is probably 1996. Challenge...who are they?! Kallie had given me a couple names... Amy Quam and Nina Potempa, so I started with their moms, who immediately contacted their daughters. With all their wonderful help, only two remain nameless. Can you help?



1. Kelly Quinlan



2 Allie & Amy Eck



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4 Alan Warda

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5 Ryan Johnson



6 Amy Quam



7 Allisen Johnsen



8 Katie Matthews



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10 Dontina Walsten



11 Lisa Weber



12 Nina Potempa

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WWW.FCCDP.ORG						
3 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Co on vacation	4 10:00a Food Drop-Off Co on vacation	5 Noon – Online Luncheon Co on vacation	6 9:00a WWC Co on vacation	7 Co on vacation 7:00p Membership & Communications	8 Co on vacation	9 Co on vacation
10 Communion 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Ministry Staff	11	12 12:00p Staff Meeting 7:00p Evening Circle	13 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study	14	15	16
17 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 11:05am Confirmation	18 7:00p Finance	19	20 Tidings Deadline 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study	21 7:00p Worship Ministry	22	23
24 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 11:05am Confirmation	25	26 10:00a Food Drop-Off 7:00p Council	27 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study	28	29	30
31 Youth Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 11:05am Confirmation						

