



Tidings

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

God is Still Speaking



You may have seen the above logo of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, on my "Notes from Co." You also will start seeing it more on the material for our congregation's sesquicentennial celebrations as we get ready to observe our 150th anniversary in 2019.

If you look closer, you will notice the comma. This is the symbol that originated from the UCC's Still speaking Campaign in 2004. Still speaking is the shorter form of "God is still speaking." This is a campaign developed by the United Church of Christ to remind us that God still has a lot more to say, and that we should *never place a period where God has placed a comma.* (Gracie Allen)

And since 2004, thousands of churches across the country have made use of the Still speaking campaign to help to make religion relevant and to extend an extravagant welcome to all. That's because *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here. Here at the United Church of Christ."*

The United Church of Christ always had a message of "extravagant welcome." This extravagant welcome continues to re-shape our understanding of our faith and proclamation. It challenges us to:

- Let all people know that anyone can find a spiritual home in the church
- Make our church will be a place where everyone will be strengthened and nurtured in their faith
- Be blessed to reach out to others with their God-given gifts and talents

As we get ready to celebrate God's extravagant grace and mercy towards us for the past 150 years, we want to honor our past and the people that extended this welcome to so many other people. But, we also believe that God isn't done with us, God is Still Speaking.

Today is only the comma and together we are embracing our future, enthusiastically. A future where:

- We are aware of the fact that God is all-loving
- The Church of Jesus Christ welcomes and accepts everyone as they are
- Our mind is nourished as much as our soul

- Together we grow a just and peaceful world

Come and see how good we look at 150!

With love, Co DuToit

Worship Ministry

October 7 – World Communion

Service of Worship	8:00a & 9:30a
Coffee Hour (Webster Hall)	10:30a
Lay Reader	Dave Horwitz
Scripture Reading	Mark 10: 2-16
Usher Team	Doug Laws

October 14 – New Member Sunday

Service of Worship	8:00a & 9:30a
Coffee Hour (Webster Hall)	10:30a
Lay Reader	Jim Gamboa
Scripture Reading	Mark 10:17-31
Usher Team	Doug Laws

October 21 – Church Anniversary/Grandparents’ Day

Service of Worship	8:00a & 9:30a
Coffee Hour (Webster Hall)	10:30a
Lay Reader	Larry Schimka
Scripture Reading	Mark 10:35-45
Usher Team	Doug Laws

October 28

Service of Worship	8:00a & 9:30a
Coffee Hour (Webster Hall)	10:30a
Lay Reader	Dee Hardesty
Scripture Reading	Mark 10:46-52
Usher Team	Doug Laws

Children’s & Adult Education Ministry

Grandparents’ Day, FCCDP Style

Calling all grandparents! You are invited to bring your grandkids to church on Sunday, October 21 for our own “Grandparents’ Day” celebration. And, our Sunday School children are encouraged to bring **their** grandparents to church, also on October 21. Everyone will start the morning in church during the 9:30am worship service then children and grandparents will be dismissed after Rugtime to Sunday School in Webster

Hall (not upstairs). Our Sunday School will host an Open House for everyone during the Coffee Hour/Fellowship time. Questions? Contact Chris Thomas at: cthomas5688@mindspring.com or Sue Almerigi at: sewnspark@sbcglobal.net

Membership & Communications Ministry



Have you seen our new banner on the church's front lawn?

Evening Circle Plans October Meeting

All women of the church are invited to Evening Circle's next meeting on **Tuesday, October 9**. After a brief business meeting and delicious refreshments, we will be playing "Farkle," a fun and simple dice game. Our meeting will be held in Webster Hall and will start promptly at **7:00pm**. Hostesses for the evening are Nancy Brink and Laverne Johnson. A collection of various needed items will be accepted for Logan Correctional Center (an Illinois prison for female offenders). A detailed list of needed items will be

available in the Church Office and also may be obtained by emailing Michelle Herrera at sales@apg2020.com.

Join Us for Church Info Night

If you or someone you know is contemplating church membership or would like to learn more about our congregation and our denomination, the United Church of Christ, then plan to join us for an informal Church Info Night at 6:00pm on Tuesday, **October 9**. Pizza will be served. *Please sign up in the Church Office if you plan to attend.* We also will be welcoming new church members on Sunday, **October 14** during the 9:30am worship service. Please contact Debbie Walusiak for details at 847/297-0368.

New Website Coming Soon

Many thanks to Ellie DuToit for taking on the challenge of a new church website design! Several updates already have been made, and there are more to come. Check it out at fccdp.weebly.com and contact Ellie with news of your church ministry/committee at elliedutoit@outlook.com.

Mission & Outreach Ministry



A few of our FCC Team members at "Muckfest," a fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis.

Pet Blessing Here October 7

Our second annual Pet Blessing with Pastor Marcia Urban is scheduled for 2:00pm on Sunday, October 7. Church members and friends are invited to bring their “fur babies” to the front lawn on Graceland Ave. at this time. According to Marcia, pet blessings typically take place on or around the October 4 birthday of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. Last year’s “first time” event at FCC brought 13 animals and their owners!

ACS Relay for Life Wrap-Up

According to FCC team captain Paul Schmitt, the 2018 Relay for Life at Prospect High School raised a total of \$60,000, which exceeded the event goal of \$50,000. Thanks again to all those who walked and/or donated to benefit the American Cancer Society.



Hula for Hunger

**THE TIKI TERRACE
THE DES PLAINES FOOD PANTRY**

When: October 14th
Time: Show time 7-8pm
Where: Tiki Terrace
How much: \$20.00 dinner and show
Reserve: Now

Please call 847-795-8454 to make reservations for any time from 5:00pm - 6:30pm on Sunday, October 14, 2018.
Tiki bar cocktails and other beverages available for purchase.
Proceeds to benefit Self-Help Closet & Pantry of Des Plaines.
Tiki Terrace is located at 1591 Lee St. (at Oakton St.) in Des Plaines.

Reservations are being accepted for the October 14 Self-Help Closet & Pantry fundraiser at Tiki Terrace in Des Plaines. Call now to reserve your spot!

Music & Drama Ministry



In September we said goodbye to Nathan Canfield (above) as he pursues other professional opportunities and said hello to Ilia Ulianitsky (below), our new accompanist.



Property Ministry

Orders Accepted for Memorial Garden Bricks

Engraved bricks for our church's memorial garden are available for purchase through December 2018. Bricks can be engraved in honor of or in memory of loved ones and to commemorate special occasions such as weddings or birthdays. Cost is \$75 per brick. Order forms are available outside of the Church Office. For more information, please contact Bob McCullough at bobandbarb@gmail.com or 847/293-3949.

Alley Project This Month – Please Read!

Improvements are underway on the alley that runs along the church's West Entrance, and work will continue throughout October. There will be limited access to our parking lot by turning off Graceland, near the preschool playground. If you are able bodied and can find street parking, please be considerate and save parking lot spaces for those who are less mobile.

Youth Ministry



Our PF high school youth spent a week at Adam's Camp in Colorado this summer. A few PFers shared their trip experiences in church on Rally Day, Sept. 9.



Finance Committee

Craft & Vendor Sale Results

We couldn't have had a more beautiful day for this year's Craft & Vendor Sale. Webster Hall and the Barwick Room were filled with crafters and vendors. We had puppies from ROAR available for adoption. There was a face painter and a balloon artist entertaining the young

and young-at-heart. And, we had more shoppers than ever before. Thanks to everyone who participated and to all the volunteers who help make the day a success. Special thanks to the Evening Circle (and all the bakers) for a wonderful bake sale and to the Membership & Communications Ministry for handling the food concessions. Most of all, thanks to Daisy Farley and Jana Haas, who spent countless hours organizing, coordinating, and overseeing the event.

All in all, it was a great day of fun and fellowship. And, we're very happy to report that everyone's efforts resulted in approximately \$2,500 for the church's general budget. If you weren't able to participate in this year's sale, we hope you'll make plans to join us next year. (See photos below)

Financial Report

Church income for July and August totaled \$60,680, with expenses of \$50,388. That means that for the first two months of our new Fiscal Year, we are in a positive position of \$10,291. That's a great start to the year! But remember, with winter quickly approaching, expenses will soon go up for heating and snow removal. Please help us keep our budget in balance by keeping up-to-date with your pledges and offerings.

Bulletin Board of Bills

Special thanks to everyone who supported our summer fundraiser, the Bulletin Board of Bills. Through your generosity, we were able to raise over \$3,000 for the church's general budget.

Gift Card Sales to Return

Gift cards for a wide range of local businesses will once again be available for purchase at the church, beginning in mid-November. It's not too early to start thinking about your holiday shopping! Complete details about the sale will be included in the November *Tidings*. For more information, contact Rod Beets at 847-253-3293.

Save the Date

October 14	New Member Sunday
October 21	Anniversary Sunday/Grandparents' Day
December 9	Caroling Bus



Craft & Vendor Sale 2018

Happy Birthday to You!!

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

(Please notify the Church office if there are additions, deletions or corrections to be made.)

David Alde	10/4	Jonathan Grice	10/4
Wendy DeVitto	10/4	Jessica McMillan	10/5
Douglas C. Hubbard	10/8	Michael Miller	10/8
Joyce Beets	10/11	Cathy Wiesner	10/13
Ellen Alde	10/15	Emily Meyer	10/16
Robin Villanueva	10/18	Eric Walusiak	10/18
Lea Masciopinto	10/21	Margaret Cruz	10/21
Leroy Lunniss	10/22	Marcia Alban	10/26
Rob Laaser	10/28	George Bielat	10/30
Marlene Laws	10/30		

From the Community

The Park Ridge Chorale presents a Cabaret at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect in Park Ridge, on Saturday, November 3 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. It is the group's main fundraiser. Tickets are \$25 and include 90 minutes of food, drink and entertainment. The performance features members of the chorale and friends doing a variety of musical numbers. There will be a long buffet table of food to choose from plus wine, soft drinks and water. Limited tickets are available at the door or you can contact Corrine Bachar. A flyer has been posted on the bulletin board under community events and in the choir room.

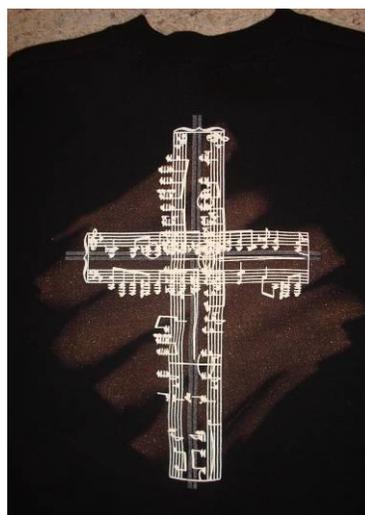
Gifts and Memorials

Memorials were received in honor of Keith Robert Schmitt from Nancy Brink, John Foster, LaVerne Johnson, Wendelyn Wallace, James & Kathy Foster, Carl & Judy Mahr, Dianne & Kurt Kuehn, Florence Hoffman, Kathryn Reiten, Hans & Inge Eschenbach, Linda Opalka, Michelle Herrera & Richard Cowger, Thomas & Alice Tucker, Richard & Nancy Schacht, and Ralph Murdy. Memorials were also received in honor of Suzanne Wallace Crowder from Nancy Brink, John Foster, LaVerne Johnson, and Robert & Barbara McCullough.

There are also Memorials for Edward Hoffman and Bill Opalka from Nancy Brink, John Foster, and LaVerne Johnson as well as a Memorial for Michelle Herrera's Uncle Richard from Pat Hurl

From our Historian, Nancy Meyer

With our choirs starting up again on Rally Day, we're now heard from the Chancel Choir and the Wholly Ringers. Joyful Noise is rehearsing for their first appearance coming soon. But this reminds me of a black sweatshirt donated to the Clothing Room at the Second Time Around Sale last April that had even the Historian wondering....who, what, when?



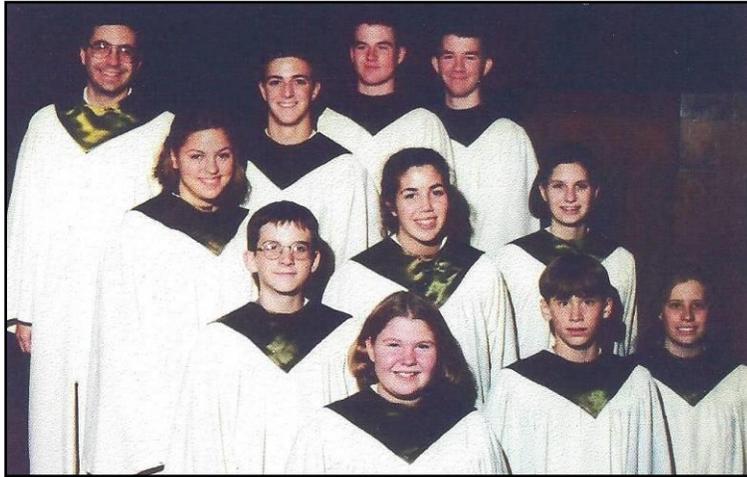
On the front left shoulder is "CANDLELIGHT CHOIR FCC DES PLAINES". On the back is a beautiful musical cross. I asked several long-time choir members if they remembered anything about this choir. NO. I crossed my fingers and sent an email to our former choir director, Eric Sidoti, now living in New Zealand. Eureka! Eric replied: The Candlelight Choir was the name we changed the high school aged choir to. We didn't like the name "Chosen Few" as it gave no room to grow. 'Founding' members included Krista Murdy, Jennifer Duffy, Doug Hubbard and Matt Cameron.

Now I knew the timeframe and did some searching in the Historian's memorabilia. This was published during Music month for the year 1995-1996. And I found a picture! Note: In my time in the high school aged choir (way back in history) it was the Chapel Choir.

THE CANDLELIGHT CHOIR

Name	Years	Name	Years
Barbara Alde	3	Jennifer Duffy	1
David Alde	1	Douglas C. Hubbard	3
Dan Allind	1	Kristin McConnell	2
Brian Cameron	4	Krista Murdy	1
Matthew Cameron	2	Stefi Weaver	1
Heather DeHart	3	Karie Wysocki	1

Eric Sidoti, Director
Charlotte Brown, Organist





HELP SUPPORT

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WHERE 1518 Market Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016

WHEN Sat, Oct 13th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

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October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Finance – Jana’s Office Fellowship – Webster Hall Property – Little Villa Wholly Ringers – Sanctuary Council – Barwick Room Diaconate – Barwick Room Chancel Choir – Music Room Ministry Staff – Co’s Office		
Sunday School during the 9:30am worship service following our Rugtime	1 7:00pm Knit Wits 7:30p Wholly Ringers	2 7:00p Christianity and Current Events @ Louise Whisler	3 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study	4 9:30a Cluster Meeting		
7 World Communion 8 & 9:30am Worship 10:30a Fellowship 11:00a - Confirmation Neighbors-in-Need	8 Columbus Day Office Closed 9:30a Creative Conversation 7:00p Finance 7:00pm Knit Wits 7:30p Wholly Ringers	9 12:00p Administrative Staff 6:00p Church Info 7:00p Evening Circle	10 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p PRC 7:30p Chancel Choir	11 6:30p Chair mtg. 7:30p Sesquicentennial Committee Mtg		
14 New Members 8 & 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Ministry Staff Wholly Ringers	15 6:30p Property 7:00pm Knit Wits 7:30p Wholly Ringers	16 7:00p Christianity and Current Events @ Louise Whisler	17 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study 7:30p Chancel Choir	18 7:00p Worship Ministry		20 Tidings Deadline CMA Fall Meeting @ Union Church of Hinsdale
21 Bible Sunday Grandparent’s Day Church Anniversary 8 & 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00a - Confirmation Tower Hill Workweek Presentation	22 7:00pm Knit Wits 7:30p Wholly Ringers	23 6:30p Pre-School Rodeo Day 7:00p Council	24 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study 7:30p Chancel Choir	25 Finance – Jana’s Office Fellowship – Webster Hall Property – Little Villa Wholly Ringers – Sanctuary Council – Barwick Room Diaconate – Barwick Room Chancel Choir – Music Room Ministry Staff – Co’s Office		
28 9:30am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00a - Confirmation STA-Drop Off Metal Recycling	29 7:00pm Knit Wits 7:30p Wholly Ringers	30 6:30p Pre-School Rodeo Day 7:00p Council	31 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study 7:30p Chancel Choir	Administrative Staff- Barwick Room Membership & Communications Music & Drama – Co’s Office PRC – Barwick Room Evening Circle – Confirmation Class – Barwick Room		