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

Thank You!

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

I love Thanksgiving. I love the food, from the turkey to the classic side dishes to the pies (not the pumpkin type). I love the feeding as many people as possible and the fact that our congregation is involved with San Lucas. I love the Macy's parade on TV, and I sometimes even love watching the football game. But what I love most about Thanksgiving is that it is a holiday about being together and not about worrying about giving people the perfect gifts. However, there is one gift we can give each other, the gift of a Thank You!

Covid-19, and many other factors may have changed how we celebrate Thanksgiving and we constantly, like many other things, had to reinvent how we do Thanksgiving. We have learned to give thanks for this moment, this day, this life.

Sometimes we are just too busy to say Thank You. What we do matters. It may be hard to know that in the middle of any given day or meeting or moment. You may leave more than one task unfinished, more than one email waiting for response, more than one goal unaccomplished. Most people do, including the greatest multi-taskers among us. To do is to leave some things undone.

Sometimes it appears we are all "interims," no matter what task we are doing or what title we have. We all walk a great path, with our steps mattering to the greater march of humanity. We can also learn how to thank ourselves, in unfinished ways, for the great "unfinished" of our lives.

Some people are good at practice random acts of compassion. They may over-tip the waiter or give the parents caretaker a gift card or clean up a public picnic area. These creative acts of appreciation and recognition say a lot about what they might have liked for themselves. Just a little nod to remembering that what we do matters is often enough to take us to the next step on the long path.

When we are thanked, we go on to thank others. Blessings multiply into happy endings; ingratitude multiply into messes. How to get the appreciation we ourselves want? Appreciate others. How to get the encouragement we ourselves want? Encourage others. The golden rule is truly golden and has many applications. Once we know that what we do matters, we go on to help others recognize the same. May our God of compassion and appreciation, remind us that Thanksgiving doesn't need to be kept to the month of November.

Thank You!

Rev. Co

Worship Ministry

November 7

Communion/All Saints Sunday

Service of Worship	9:00a – www.fccdp.org
Fellowship	10:00a
Lay Reader	Sharon Urry
Scripture Reading	Mark 12:38-44

November 14

Service of Worship	9:00a – www.fccdp.org
Fellowship	10:00a
Lay Reader	Pat Hurley
Scripture Reading	Mark 13:1-8

November 21

Thanksgiving Sunday/Food Drive for SHC&P

Service of Worship	9:00a – www.fccdp.org
Fellowship	10:00a
Lay Reader	Teena Whittenhall
Scripture Reading	John 18:33-37

November 28

First Sunday of Advent

Service of Worship	9:00a - www.fccdp.org
Fellowship	10:00a
Lay Reader	Rhonda Yost
Scripture Reading	Luke 21:25-36

Worship Ministry



In observance of Pastor Appreciation Month, our congregation surprised Rev. Co with two new colorful stoles in October, to wear with his robe. Presenting the stoles is Michelle Herrera, of FCC's Worship Ministry.

Children's & Adult Ed Ministry



“Camp FCC” October 2021





Our CAE Ministry and Scout Troop 6 joined forces for this first-ever event, which included a campfire with roasted hot dogs and s'mores, movies on the big screen and breakfast the next morning from Sunrise Grill and Starbucks.



Diaconate Ministry

About Those Flowers...

Were you aware that the altar flowers on Sunday mornings can be designated in honor or memory of a loved one? Make a contribution of \$25 or more to the Flower Fund and designate the flowers for a specific Sunday to commemorate a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion. The honoree and occasion will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. After they are used on the Altar, the flowers will be delivered to shut-ins or those dealing with illness or loss or perhaps celebrating a special occasion. For more information, contact the Church Office.

Membership & Communications Ministry



We celebrated our church's 152nd anniversary in October, with beautiful performances by our Chancel Choir and Wholly Ringers Handbell Choir and wrapped take-home treats for those worshipping in-person

Evening Circle Sets November Bake/Craft Sale, Hosts Zoo Talk

Evening Circle's fall Bake and Craft sale is here! PDF order form will be in a Notes from Co the first week of November and on credenza outside the church office. Place your order from Nov. 7 to Nov. 14 by emailing Nancy Meyer (nwmeyer255@aol.com). The baked/crafted goods can be picked up at the church on Monday morning, Nov. 22 -or- you may ask the seller to make it at a later time for a special occasion. If you can't pick up on 11/22, make arrangements with the sellers. Funds raised benefit our church and several local charities.

All ladies are invited to the next Evening Circle zoom meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7:00 pm. Our guest speaker is our own Larry Schimka, who will talk about being a docent at Brookfield Zoo, including giraffes and Mexican gray wolves.

The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84366718741?pwd=dDlXcmdpVG8rUEl2UjJmRi84VE04Zz09>

Meeting ID: 843 6671 8741

Passcode: 755514

You can also dial in with your phone: 312-626-6799



Blessing of the Pets
October 2021:
Pastor Marcia Urban, a member of our congregation, blesses Jim Farley's dog, Jax, as others look on. Special thanks to participants Big, Shrek, Bailey, Lulu, Mickey, Jax and their pet parents!

Have You Shopped Our Book Sale Yet?

A wide selection of books, CDs and DVDs are just waiting for a good home. Please view our large selection in Webster Hall. Prices are listed on the wall and on the collection baskets. Please leave your donation in the basket. All proceeds will benefit the missions and ministries of our church.

Mission & Outreach Ministry

Blood Drive Here in November

First Congregational Church will host a blood drive with the American Red Cross on November 9, in Webster Hall. Save the date and sign up in the Church Office if you can donate. Volunteers also sought to help with registration. For details speak with Jim Foster.

Community Backpack Project Update

As we have in the past, we intend to provide additional holiday deliveries for the backpack children at North School. We are in need of the following items for these offerings: Cranberry sauce (8 or 14 oz.); Sweet potatoes (\pm 16 oz. cans); Canned pineapple (8 oz.); Packets of mashed potatoes that require only adding water; Chunky soup; Canned chicken; Boxed stuffing mix; Hot chocolate mix packets; and Snacks (other than chips). Please make your donations by Sunday November 14 [Remember that you can drop off items on the Monday Drop-Offs through November 8 if you designate the backpack material to distinguish it from the several other Drop-Off collections currently being conducted]. Any items not immediately needed will be saved for the backpack Spring Break holiday bag; otherwise they will be donated to North School's own Thanksgiving food drive or be passed on to the Self-Help Closet and Food Pantry. A big thank you to everyone for your continued support of this ministry.

Help Us Fill Christmas Stockings for The Night Ministry!

Our church is filling and delivering stockings once again, for The Night Ministry in Chicago during the approaching holiday season. Donated items are needed to fill 48 stockings. There will be a collection box outside of the church office, and donations also can be dropped off during the scheduled Monday morning drop-offs. Deadline to contribute is November 28. For details contact Charlie Warren at 847/730-3250 or cmwarren0920@gmail.com.

We need 48 of each of the following:

Small pack of tissues

Full size deodorant

Lip balm

Lotion

Hand & toe warmers

Adult thermal socks

Mini/travel first aid kit

Stretchy gloves

Winter hat

Deck of cards

Assorted candy

Hand sanitizer

Please keep Charlie updated as to what is dropped off so she has a current list of what is still needed. Gift Cards also needed, not for the stockings, but to be given to the clients. \$5-McDonalds, Subway, Burger King & Starbucks. \$10-Target, Walgreens & Family Dollar. \$25-Target, Wal-Mart, Jewel & Mariano's. These can be purchased through our Gift Card sale to benefit the church.

Music Ministry

It's Just Around the Corner...

Our Christmas cantata this year is titled, "Behold! A Savior!" by Jay Rouse, and Scott Emerick, FCC music director, is busy preparing for the December 12 (4:00pm – 5:00pm) performance. "Behold, A Savior!" is a portrait of the fulfillment of God's promise to us. Each song and story will take you on a journey—from the longing of Zechariah, the joy and acceptance of Mary, the courage of Joseph to the accounts of the shepherds and wise men. Doors will open at 3:30. Arrive early so that there are no distractions for the participants. Please join this beautiful presentation by our own Chancel Choir. For details contact Scott at Scott_fccdp@yahoo.com.

Finance Committee

Financial Report

For the month of September, income for the church was \$14,832, while expenses totaled \$25,447. That put us in a negative position of \$10,615 for the month. Fortunately, we entered the month with a large cushion, so year-to-date, we are still \$27,439 in the black. If we continue to show shortfalls of \$10,000 a month, however, that cushion will be gone soon. Please help us make sure that doesn't happen, by keeping up-to-date with your pledges and offerings and by supporting church fundraisers.

Holiday Gift Card Sales Underway

The FCCDP 2021 Gift Card Sale is now underway! Pick up an order form and full list of available cards from the credenza outside the church office. Or call our church secretary at 847-299-5561 to have one sent to you. All profits from the sale will benefit the church's general budget.

- Orders will be placed every week through December 12, with cards available for pick up after worship on the following Sunday, or during the Monday Morning Drop-Offs (from 10:00 to 11:00 am). *(See the chart below.)*
- Orders will be accepted after Sunday worship during the sale periods, by emailing Rod Beets at rodbeets99@gmail.com, or by calling Rod at 847-253-3293. The deadline time for both phone and email orders is 2:00 pm on the order deadline date.
- Gift cards should be paid for at the time of order. To maximize profits from this fundraiser, we will only be able to accept payment by check (made payable to the church) or cash.

2021 FCCDP Gift Card Sale		
Sale Period	Order Deadline	Pick up at Church Sunday after worship or during Monday Morning Drop-Off
October 24-31	Sunday, Oct. 31, at 2 pm	November 7 & 8
November 1-7	Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 pm	November 14
November 8-14	Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2 pm	November 21 & 22
November 15-21	Sunday, Nov. 21, at 2 pm	November 28
November 22-28	Sunday, Nov. 28, at 2 pm	December 5 & 6
Nov. 29-December 5	Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 pm	December 12
December 6-12	Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2 pm	December 19 & 20

...It's Back, It's Back!!

(From Ellen Alde) We are currently in the planning stages for our church's next *Second Time Around* sale, which is set for April 30, 2022. We will be reaching out to room chairs from last year (actually, from 2019) in the very near future. Drop-off dates have not been finalized. If you were a past room chair and would like to reach out, please contact 2022 STA co-chairs Ellen Alde at ealde2013@gmail.com or Chris Tomsic at ctomsic@me.com.

Happy Birthday to You!!

Congratulations to the following church members/friends on their birthdays!!
If you would like to add a birthday, please contact the church secretary Paul Whittenhall at 847/299-5561.

Teena Whittenhall	01-Nov	Chris Potempa	17-Nov
Brian Johnson	02-Nov	Jacob DeHart	18-Nov
Tommy Almerigi	03-Nov	Ryan Cooper	21-Nov
Nicky Pelletiere	09-Nov	Zoe Cooper	21-Nov
Aubria Cameron	11-Nov	Kerry Cribben	26-Nov
AJ Almerigi	12-Nov	Georgia DeHart	27-Nov
Ellen (Duffy) Harney	13-Nov	Joanne Kimball	27-Nov
Jim Foster	13-Nov	Heather Zomchek	30-Nov
Linda Opalka	14-Nov	Bob McCullough	30-Nov
Sandra Hager	15-Nov	Henry Nutley	30-Nov
Sarah Liston	17-Nov		

A New Address

Denise Bolman
3000 Garlands Lane
Unit 3105
Barrington, IL 60010

Words of Appreciation

(From Dee Hardesty) I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and flowers during my recent illness. I am doing well now.

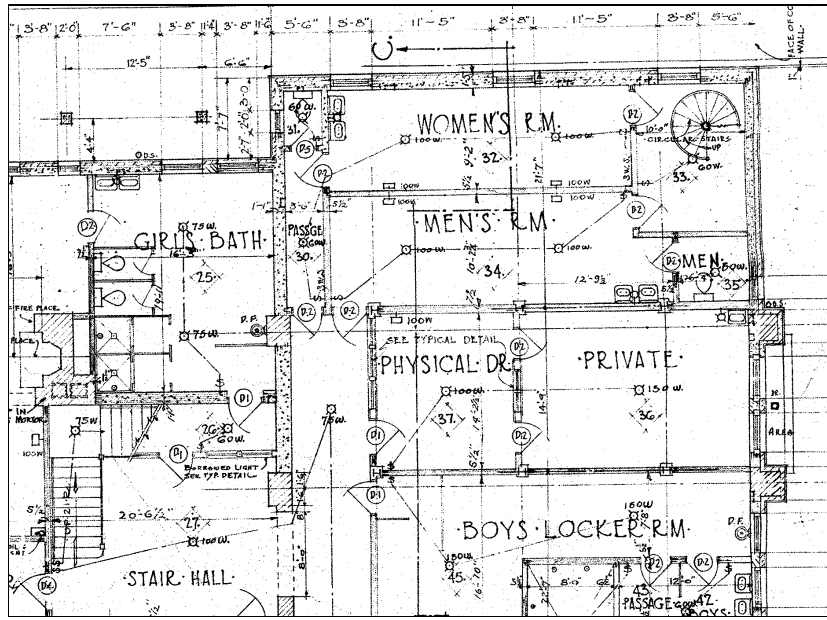
Gifts & Memorials

In Honor of Ellen Alde from John & Nikki Skarbek with all of their love
A gift from Steven W. Henke & Karen E. Fotopoulos
In Loving Memory of Wendy Wallace from Brian & Janet Farrell
In Loving Memory of Wendy Wallace from Debra Alde

FROM OUR HISTORIAN, NANCY MEYER



When we finally were able to have coffee hour in Webster Hall again on our 152nd anniversary Sunday, Oct. 24, after many long months of mostly either NO coffee hour, zoom fellowship hour, or coffee outside our west entrance, I took these pictures. People were asking me, “WHY”? In the past, members had wondered what purpose this door served, right between the door to the main hallway and the door to the kitchen. Well, it doesn’t serve much purpose now. Sometimes the table is in front of it, and the sign on the door says it is NOT an emergency exit. But when our church building was designed and constructed in 1929, the room we know as Webster Hall was labeled on the architect plans as “Assembly and Gym”. There were basketball hoops, markings on the floor (which we discovered when the tiles were removed and floor restored several years ago) and wire cages over the windows to protect them. Down in the basement there were Women’s and Men’s rooms, Boys Locker room, Physical Director’s room and bath rooms. The circular staircase in the drawing below is in the back corner of the stage and provided one direct access to these rooms. But the mystery door? It gave direct access to the stairway for sweaty basketball players from “the gym” to run down to their locker room, etc. They didn’t have to go through the kitchen or the main hallway! Those rooms have served many other purposes over the years. At one time they were an apartment for our live-in custodian’s family. Now they are Sunday School Room, Pre-School office and storage room for a variety of things, including our Christmas wreaths, etc.



Boy Scout
Troop 6

SUNDAY
November 7,

2021
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

Pancake Breakfast & Raffle



766 Graceland Ave., DES PLAINES

8:00 AM – 12:00PM

PANCAKES & SAUSAGE

\$6 per Meal

50/50 Raffle - \$5.00 per chance

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
31 Youth Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00am Confirmation	1 7:00p Wholly Ringers	2 Noon – Lunch Bunch 7:00p Choir Meeting	3 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Music & Drama 7:00p Chancel Choir	4 7:00p Membership & Communications	5 6:00p Staff Christmas Party	6	
7 Communion All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00a Confirmation Bake-and-Craft Sale	8 10:00a Drop-Offs 11:00a Creative Conversation 7:00p Finance 7:00p Wholly Ringers	9 Noon: Staff Meeting 7:00p Evening Circle	10 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p PRC 7:00p Chancel Choir	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	
14 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00a Ministry Staff Bake and Craft Sale Orders end date	15 6:30p Property 7:00p Wholly Ringers	16 Noon – Lunch Bunch	17 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study	18	19	20 Tidings Deadline	
21 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00a Confirmation	22 10:00a Drop-Offs Bake-and-Craft Sale pick up 7:00p Wholly Ringers	23 Noon – Lunch Bunch 7:00p Council	24 7:00p Chancel Choir	25 Thanksgiving	26 Office Closed	27	
28 Advent 1 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00a Confirmation Chancel Players	29 7:00p Wholly Ringers	30 Noon – Lunch Bunch	WWW.FCCDP.ORG				Fundraiser: Rent-a-PF: f November 6 th and November 7 th Advent Coin Calendar