



# Tidings

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

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### Joy in the Morning

*Weeping may tarry the night, but joy comes in the morning.*" - Psalm 30

Talitha Arnold asks the question: How has joy come in your life? (UCC Daily Devotional – June 25, 2016)

Has it been with the light and brilliance of a beautiful sunrise? Has joy come like "The Hallelujah Chorus" of Handel's "Messiah"? Perhaps joy burst into your life with the adoption of a new child or the birth of a grandchild, ...Grayson ☺. Maybe joy came with a new relationship, new job, or any other experience of new life.

Some mornings joy comes in a "pull-out-all-the-stops-and-sing Hallelujah" kind of way. I remember that two years ago, with the start of the pandemic, Izaan and I were recording an Easter Sunrise service from the bell tower of our church. Our timing was perfect, and of course the weather played along quite nicely. We were able to record it as the beautiful sun rose over the cityscape of Des Plaines. We both agreed that it brought a feeling of tremendous joy within us!

Sometimes joy's arrival isn't to be found in the sunrise, but more subtle. With the dawn of Daylight Savings Time, the day starts for many people with the absence of the sun. Still our world is filled with light and warmth and sometimes joy comes when we realize that we can give each other another day of life and light.

How joy comes isn't as important as that it will come--for you, for me, for this whole world. Yes, "*weeping may tarry the night*," but whether in the brilliance of a sunrise or as subtle as an everyday dawn, joy will come in the morning.

May God open our eyes to God's joy whenever and however it comes to us this day.

With love,

Rev. Co

## Worship Ministry

<b>April 3</b>	<b>Communion</b>	
	Service of Worship	9:00a – <a href="http://www.fccdp.org">www.fccdp.org</a>
	Fellowship	10:00a
	Lay Reader	Sharon Urry
	Scripture Reading	John 12:1-8
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	Service of Worship	9:00a – <a href="http://www.fccdp.org">www.fccdp.org</a>
	Fellowship	10:00a
	Lay Reader	Cindie Hoch
	Scripture Reading	Luke 19:28-40/John 12:12-16
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday/Requiem</b>	
	Service of Worship	7:00p – <a href="http://www.fccdp.org">www.fccdp.org</a>
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
	Service of Worship	9:00a - <a href="http://www.fccdp.org">www.fccdp.org</a>
	Fellowship	10:00a
	Lay Reader	Teena Whittenhall
	Scripture Reading	John 20:1-18
<b>April 24</b>		
	Service of Worship	9:00a - <a href="http://www.fccdp.org">www.fccdp.org</a>
	Fellowship	10:00a
	Lay Reader	Communicants
	Scripture Reading	John 20:19-31

# Diaconate Ministry

## **Easter Flower Update**

Easter lily plants will be available to order through April 10 at church. Cost is \$15. Order forms will be included in the Sunday Worship Bulletins. Plants can be ordered in honor of or in memory of a loved one and picked up after the Easter Sunday worship service. You can also designate your plants to be delivered to Shut-ins or those dealing with illness or a loss. For more information contact the Church Office at 847/299-5561.

Diaconate Ministry also is looking for people who are willing to deliver lilies after the Easter Service or during the following week. Contact Nancy Brink at JFOSTERNBRINK@ATT.NET or 847-981-0734.

## **About Sunday 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



Let's Eat Out! Church members and friends finally were able to gather for a fun evening of food and fellowship at Sunrise Grill in Des Plaines, in March. A total of "31 ½" guests attended, including a special tiny visitor who was in town to be baptized by his grandfather, Rev. Co.



## Save These Dates...

The Easter Bunny returns to our church on **Palm Sunday**, just in time for an Easter Egg Hunt. And, our Pool Party at the new Prairie Lakes Aquatic Center has been rescheduled (hopefully, for the last time) to 7:30pm on **Saturday, May 7**. Watch Notes from Co for further information.



## Staying Connected

Printed copies of our updated FCCDP church directory are available upon request by contacting the Church Office. A digital version of the directory is updated regularly, with additions/revisions to addresses and phone numbers. For details contact Paul Whittenhall from 9:00am – 1:00pm, Monday through Friday.



## **In Case of Emergency (ICE)**

A friendly reminder that all persons should carry an In Case of Emergency (ICE) card, with current contact information, especially if you live alone. Perhaps you become ill at church, whether on a Sunday morning or maybe while attending Bible Study or choir practice. Who would you want notified – a relative, neighbor or close friend? Hopefully, you'll never have to use this card but just in case!

## **News from Evening Circle**

*(From Nancy Meyer)* Evening Circle's semi-annual (virtual) Bake & Craft sale is underway, to benefit FCC's General Fund and several local charities. Order Form link is available in recent "Notes from Co" and on the credenza outside the Church Office. Orders must be placed no later than Sunday, April 3. Email your order to Nancy Meyer or leave a voicemail message (contact info on the Order Form). Delivery of items and payment will be in Webster Hall at coffee hour on Palm Sunday, April 10. Remaining items will be available for pick up at the west entrance on Monday, April 11 from 10 to 11 am, unless you make other arrangements with the baker/crafter.

Evening Circle's next monthly meeting will be "in person" on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm. After a brief business meeting and refreshments in the Barwick Room, we will play the dice game, Farkle. All women of the church are welcome.

## **Mission & Outreach Ministry**

### **Drivers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels to local shut-ins from April 25 through May 20. Our church has two routes to cover, five days a week, during that period. If you can help or to learn more contact Richard Schacht at [ilcpa95@hotmail.com](mailto:ilcpa95@hotmail.com).

### **Let's Relay!**

*(From Paul Schmitt)* This year's local Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society will be held June 19 in Palatine, and our church once again is putting together a team. Through your efforts, our church team last year was able to reach the Silver Level by raising \$4,800 to fight cancer. My sincere thanks once again to all who have helped in the past to support our church in the fight against cancer. 'Hoping to see you on June 19 in Palatine.



## Backpack Update

Thank you all for your food and financial donations. Our church's congregation has been extremely generous to this ministry. We wish to give some sense as to how generous that giving spirit has been. The church supports the citywide effort for the students of North School. We began the school year in September with 12 students. In November, we increased the number of students served to 17. As of the end of March, we have been able to deliver 385 weekend bags and 51 special bags (one each for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break). By the end of the school year, we will have delivered an additional 170 bags. For each week, these supplemental food kits contain a vast array of breakfast, lunch and dinner staples plus powered milk, juice and various snack items for each child. The accompanying two photos (**above**), combined, display the contents of one week's 17 bags. There are still delivery opportunities for April and May. A sign-up sheet is located in the Church Office. For further information, contact Lowell Handy at [handytreesh@att.net](mailto:handytreesh@att.net).



## Earth Day Litter Pick-Up April 22

Church members continue to volunteer their time participating in the Cook County Forest Preserve litter pick-ups. Our church's adopted site is at Big Bend Lake (Golf Rd. at I-294) in Des Plaines. The program allows for church members and friends to spend time in nature while showing fellow outdoor enthusiasts from the community that our church is active in similar pursuits. All are welcome to participate wherever you wish; just report your hours onsite to Chris Thomas at [chthomas5688@mindspring.com](mailto:chthomas5688@mindspring.com). You can celebrate Earth Day 2022 by coming to **Big Bend Lake on April 22 at 3:00pm** to spend an hour hiking around and picking up litter along your route. Just look for our church sign and remember to bring gloves, drinking water and bug spray.



## Music Ministry



Our Wholly Ringers Intergenerational Handbell Choir

### **Spring Music Concert Here April 3**

Our Wholly Ringers Handbell Choir will present a free concert (freewill offering will be collected) at 6:00pm on April 3, at our church. They will be joined by our Chancel Choir and our accompanist, Anna Kovalevska. Bring your friends and plan to enjoy a solid hour of beautiful music!

### **Maundy Thursday Service to include Requiem**

Members of our Chancel Choir and guests – 18 voices total – will perform Gabriel Faure's Requiem during our church's Maundy Thursday worship service, at 7:00pm on April 14. The program includes two soloists, Corrine Bachar and Jeffrey Hill. All are welcome. For details contact Scott Emerick at [scott\\_fccdp@yahoo.com](mailto:scott_fccdp@yahoo.com)

## Youth Ministry

### News from the PF

A Junior/Senior PF Drop-in will be held at church from 12:00pm to 2:00pm on Sunday, April 3 at church. Games and lunch provided. Please RSVP to Matt Cameron by April 1 if you plan to attend at [matthew\\_kyle80@hotmail.com](mailto:matthew_kyle80@hotmail.com). The next Drop-in is scheduled for May 15, with location and other details to follow.

## Finance Committee

### Financial Report

For the month of February, FCCDP had income of \$22,128 and expenses of \$26,043. This is a shortfall for the month of \$3,905. But due to a cushion we had built up over the past several months, we are still in a positive position of \$31,159 through the first eight months of the current fiscal year. A special Thank You to all of our church members and friends for keeping up-to-date with their pledges and offerings - and in some cases, even making additional donations when possible.

### Automate Your Giving with ACH

Many of our church members have come to appreciate the convenience of electronic giving for their pledges and offerings. They like the convenience and comfort of knowing that even if they are not able to attend worship, their contribution is still available to further God's work in our church and the community. Through ACH, you can schedule your regular offering to be paid via electronic transfer from your bank checking or savings account, on a monthly, bi-monthly, or weekly basis. It's easy to get started! Just contact our Financial Administrator, Larry Schimka, or the church secretary for more information.

### Budget Requests Due from Ministries

All Church Ministries are reminded that budget requests for the coming fiscal year are due by April 17. If you have not yet done so, please email your request to [fcc766finance@fccdp.org](mailto:fcc766finance@fccdp.org) to assure that funding for your ministry is included in the budgeting process.



Signs of Spring: The Furniture Tent returns this month, at our annual "Second Time Around" Rummage Sale.

### It's THAT Time THIS Month!

(From Ellen Alde) Our church's annual *Second Time Around* rummage sale is quickly approaching and there still are ways to help! One way is to check out the Bulletin Board of Bills in the main hallway at church, covering large expense items such as the tent, the dumpster and general supplies. Another way is to buy Split the Pot tickets at \$5 each or five tickets for \$20; contact Ellen if you would like to buy 100 or more tickets. And, yet another way to help out is to volunteer to work before the sale, during the sale and after the sale. **Don't forget that volunteers get to shop early on Thursday evening.** Speaking of shopping, we will need packaging material for our fragile items and some type of carrying device such as plastic and paper bags for our customers to carry their purchases home. SO, please start saving – newspapers, plastic or paper bags, packaging materials, we will do the best we can to reuse ALL the cardboard boxes you have already contributed. And, then, of course baked goods will also be needed, more information on this later. Questions? Please contact Ellen at [ealdefccdp@gmail.com](mailto:ealdefccdp@gmail.com) ) or Chris at [ctomsic@mac.com](mailto:ctomsic@mac.com). Thank you for your help in making this sale a success.



## 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.*

Julia Rust	01-April	Brian Cameron	09-April
Anna Lodewyck	02-April	Ken Warford	15-April
Sharon Urry	02-April	Jenna Cooper	16-April
Jason Schacht	04-April	Rick Johnson	18-April
Bill Meincke	06-April	Larry Meyer	23-April
Michele Weber	07-April	Don Cameron	26-April
Quinn Yost	07-April	Zaphillia Yost	26-April
Alex Liston	08-April	Nicole Budnik	28-April
John Priester	08-April		

## In Memoriam

Leonor Fuller  
February 12, 2022

Alex Smith  
March 2, 2022

Janice Johnson  
March 28, 2022

## Gifts & Memorials

In Loving Memory of Ruth Reinhold from Hans & Inge Eschenbach

In Loving Memory of Reba Pelletiere from Dee Hardesty

In Loving Memory of Reba Pelletiere from Ken & Debbie Walusiak

In Loving Memory of Ruth Reinhold from Flo Hoffman

In Loving Memory of Alex Smith from Bob & Barb McCullough

In Loving Memory of Janis Johnson from Evening Circle

## From the Community



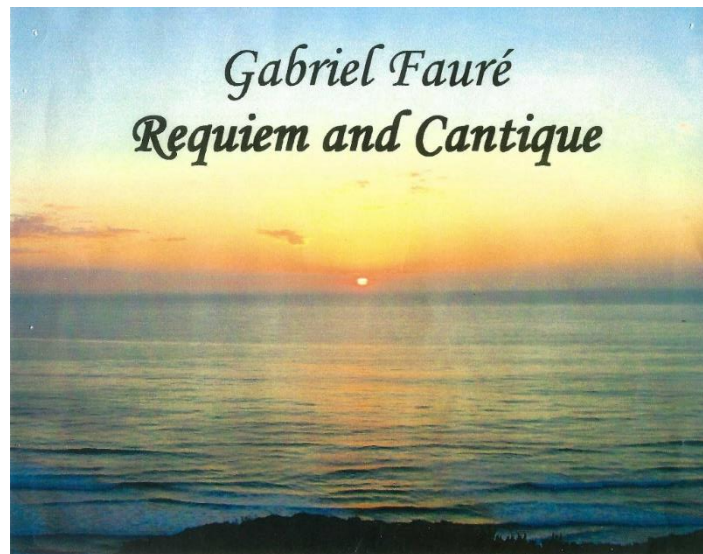
Scout Troop 6 and Troop 12 held a successful drive-through Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at our church in March. They are pictured above. Pictured below is scout parent and FCC member, Sean Nutley.



## FROM OUR HISTORIAN, NANCY MEYER

When our Music Director Scott Emerick told the Chancel Choir he had selected the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré to be performed at the Maundy Thursday service on April 14, he said he'd have to order it. "Wait a minute", said Don Cameron. "We've sung that before, so we must have the books somewhere." Scott searched and searched for hours and finally found it in the last cabinet, just as he was walking out, about to give up.

Well, it certainly has been used before. The copyright is MCMXLIV (1954). When he distributed the books to us to start rehearsing, many of them had names penciled in on the front covers. Boy, did that bring back memories to some of us. We don't know how many times it has been performed at FCCDP, but these were some of the names we could read: Richard and Lillian Cameron, Dorothy Holmberg, Jane Horn, Laurel Hoke, Linda Huntzicker, Traxel. More recently the Fauré Requiem was performed on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 4:00 PM, with Charles Moore as Director, accompanied by the organ and a harp. Hope you will come to hear it on April 14.



*Sunday, April 13, 2008 4:00 p.m.*

*The combined choirs of First Congregational Church  
and Trinity Lutheran Church with orchestra*

*Charles Moore, Director* 🎵 *Douglas Williams, Organist* 🎵 *Erin Ponto, Harpist*

*766 Graceland Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois, 847/299-5561*

*Free-will offering* 🎵 *Child care will be provided*



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# April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3 Communion</b> <b>Lent 5</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00am Confirmation Bake & Craft Sale 6:00p Bell Concert	<b>4</b>  7:00p Wholly Ringers	<b>5</b>  9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study	<b>6</b> 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study	<b>7</b> 9:30a Cluster 1 Mtg. - FCCDP  7:00p Membership & Communications	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Palm Sunday</b> <b>Easter Bunny Visit</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Requiem rehearsal 11:05a Ministry Staff	<b>11</b>  10:00a Drop-Offs 11:00a Creative Conversation  7:00p Wholly Ringers 7:00p Finance	<b>12</b>  12:00p Staff Meeting  7:00p Evening Circle	<b>13</b> 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study  6:15p PRC 7:00p Chancel Choir	<b>14</b>  7:00p Maundy Thursday - Requiem	<b>15</b> 10:00 Good Friday Children's Service	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Easter</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00am Confirmation	<b>18</b>  6:30p Property 7:00p Wholly Ringers	<b>19</b>  6:00p Chair Meeting 7:00p Council	<b>20 Tidings Deadline</b> 9:00a WWC 10:00a Bible Study  7:00p Chancel Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00a Furniture Set-up
<b>24</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:00am Confirmation Class Worship STA-Sale Set-up	<b>25</b> 9:00a STA Set-up 10:00a Drop-Offs	<b>26</b> 9:00a STA Set-up	<b>27</b> 9:00a STA Set-up	<b>28</b>  6:00p Volunteer Sale	<b>29</b>  6:00p - 8:00pm STA-Pre-Sale	<b>30</b> 9:00a - 3:00pm STA-Sale