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

"Sippin with the Scriptures"

"Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what God wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you." (**Romans 12:2** -The Message)

It is futile trying to separate religion and state as much as it is to separate a Chicago summer from a couple of days of humidity. "Bible in one hand, newspaper in the other." This saying has been attributed to a variety of theologians. So, without too much fact checking, we will rather stick with what is said than rather who said it.

We will have our "Sippin with the Scriptures" again during the month of July. We get together at someone's home and the guest picks a topic of current events. Sometimes the topic ends up to be a political issue. And yes, it's perfectly fine not only to discuss religion and politics, but also to allow religion to inform politics, especially in those societies founded on separation of church and state. Modeling ourselves after Jesus Christ, we Christians are called to be the moral compass and corrective of our culture, speaking and acting prophetically, challenging conformity, spending more time and effort engaging, rather than embracing, many of the generally-accepted thoughts and practices of the day.

And I think our opening quotation has just as much relevancy if we replace "Christian" with "Jew" or "Muslim" or "person of faith," and "Bible" with "Torah" or "Qur'an" or "sacred text." People of faith, regardless of their particular practice, need to view the world through the lens of their religious beliefs. The through our words, our deeds and our votes apply those beliefs to helping transform present reality into the Kingdom of Christ, or G_d, or Allah or other deity. We need to do so with great sensitivity, practicing mutual respect and understanding amid pluralism, that we may all be one in our mission of local and global betterment. Focusing on our divinity will bring out the best in our humanity.

We worship a God of Many Names. Let us actively seek God's will for us as well all humanity. And in our transformation, may God help us to leave your world a little better than the way we found it.

Enjoy your summer, solve the world's problems while you are "Sippin" away!

Rev. Co

Worship Ministry

July 3

Outdoor Worship/Picnic at Lake Park

Service of Worship	10:00a
Fellowship	11:00a
Lay Reader	Flo Hoffman
Scripture Reading	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10

Communion

Service of Worship	9:00a – www.fccdp.org
Fellowship	10:00a
Lay Reader	Corrine Bachar
Scripture Reading	Luke 10:25-37

July 17

Service of Worship	9:00a - www.fccdp.org
Fellowship	10:00a
Lay Reader	Cindie Hoch
Scripture Reading	Luke 10:38-42

July 24

Service of Worship	9:00a - www.fccdp.org
Fellowship	10:00a
Lay Reader	Deb Alde
Scripture Reading	Luke 11:1-13

July 31

Service of Worship	9:00a - www.fccdp.org
Fellowship	10:00a
Lay Reader	Youth Sunday
Scripture Reading	Luke 12:13-21



In observation of Pentecost Sunday in June, many of us wore red, masks included, symbolizing the flames of the Spirit.

‘See You on Sunday?’

Join us for an outdoor worship at 10:00am on Sunday, July 3, followed by a "bring your own" picnic lunch. You are welcome to gather for fellowship beforehand, starting at 9:00am, under the Optimist Pavilion at Lake Park (Lee St. just north of Touhy Ave. in Des Plaines) Questions? Please speak with Rev. Co.

Sippin’ With the Scriptures Returns This Month

We plan to resume our "*Sippin' With The Scriptures*" series this summer, on Thursdays at 6:00pm during the month of July. The host picks the topic of discussion for the evening, and everyone brings their own lawn chair and what they would like to drink. Weather permitting, we will meet outdoors, enjoy the beautiful summer evening and discuss current events from a faith perspective. If you are willing to host one of the following days: July 7, 14, 21 or 28, please let Rev. Co know.

Children's & Adult Ed Ministry

Godstock, Other Summer Camps Registration Open

Registration is underway for Godstock summer camp at Tower Hill in Sawyer, MI, which is part of the United Church of Christ Conference. The camp will run July 24-29 for children completing 3rd to 9th grade, with a shorter camp July 27-29 for grades kindergarten to 2nd. This is a great way to expand your child's faith while building friendships and connections that will last for years to come. **The Children's Ministry has scholarships available for every child wanting to attend regardless of income.** Talk to Sue Almerigi for help registering. Here is the link for online registration: [*Tower Hill*](#)

Registration also is underway for retreats, camps and special events at Tower Hill and Pilgrim Park (Princeton, IL). Call for availability (Tower Hill 269/426-3881 and Pilgrim Park 815/447-2390) or log on at www.il-outdoorministries.org for details.

Diaconate Ministry

A Fond Farewell

The Diaconate Ministry will host a special coffee hour after church on Sunday, July 17, in honor of the Hinderliter family as they prepare to relocate to Texas. Please join us in wishing Jennifer, Tim, Angela and William all the best in their new home!

Membership & Communications Ministry

Capture Your Favorite Summer Moments!

Maybe you have a family wedding to attend this summer. A family reunion? Do you have a new grandchild? A spectacular garden you're proud of? Or, maybe you finally took that long-awaited vacation. Whatever you do this summer, remember to take a picture to share in our *What I Did This Summer* photo display in September. Questions? Please speak with Debbie Walusiak.

Did You Know...

That you don't have to be a Facebook user to follow what FCC is posting about? You can check out our church's Facebook page by going to our church website www.fccd.org and scrolling down...easy! Like newspapers and the internet in general, Facebook is just one more way to get the word out about what we're doing here at FCC. Check it out!

Coffee Helpers Sought

For the past several months, a small group of volunteers has prepared and served coffee during our Sunday morning fellowship time at church. They include Anthony Almerigi, Barry Haas, Jennifer Hinderliter, Gloria Kurtz, Bob McCullough and Ralph Murdy – Thank You, all! If you would like to join this group and volunteer on a rotating basis about every four to six weeks, please speak with Debbie Walusiak. Small time commitment = Many happy churchgoers!

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.

Mission & Outreach Ministry



Our church's Relay for Life team raised approximately \$6,000 this month for the American Cancer Society. A huge "thanks" to all those who contributed in some way and, in particular, to FCC team captain Paul Schmitt for once again leading the way. Pictured (below) are cancer survivors George Bielat and Paul Schmitt and team members Rhonda Yost, Paul & Jackie Schmitt.



Project Survivor Helps Exodus World Service Clients

Our church made another delivery of household goods to Exodus World Service in Park Ridge recently, to benefit a refugee couple moving into their Chicago apartment. Thanks to Nancy Brink and John Foster for coordinating. Current Project Survivor needs include new pots/pans and large kitchen tools. (*See note below*)

Dear Nancy + 1st Congregational Church,
This is a note to thank you for your
welcome packs that were donated
this past winter + spring. Thank you
for being a part of this historic season
of welcoming refugees to our country +
city! We're so grateful for the way that
you've been so quick to respond to any
request. You are a blessing + we
appreciate you and your desire to
love + serve others! Blessings!
Exodus World Service



This summer's FCC Mission team spent a week at Pilgrim Park, a UCC conference camp in Princeton, IL, where the volunteers completed a list of various maintenance/repair tasks. Pictured (l to r) are Dave DeHart, Jim Ruedisueli, Sue Almerigi, Mary Buchholz, Jim Foster, Bob McCullough, Richard Weihsmantel, Rick Warren, Anthony Almerigi and Don Cameron. Mission team members not pictured are Paul Meincke and Rev. Co DuToit.

Music Ministry



Our summer choir sang throughout the month of June.

Finance Committee

Financial Report

Income for the month of May was \$34,524, while expenses were \$28,076, resulting in a positive position for the month of \$6,447. This surplus is due primarily to proceeds from the *Second Time Around* Sale. Year-to-date, we are \$22,367 in the black. Thank you to everyone who has kept up-to-date with their pledges and offerings, and to those who have supported our fundraisers, over the past year. Your generosity makes our church stronger.

Offering Envelopes

If you ordered offering envelopes for the upcoming fiscal year, they can be picked up from the credenza, outside of the church office. If you did not order offering envelopes, but would like to have them, contact Larry Schimka at fcc766finance@gmail.com.

Bulletin Board of Bills

Every year during the "lazy days of summer," our church conducts a Bulletin Board of Bills fundraiser. We've tried to make it as easy as possible for everyone to participate. Each Thursday in Co's Notes, you'll see a selection of typical bills that the church receives - in a variety of different amounts ranging from just a few dollars to a couple hundred dollars or more. Just select one that fits within your budget and make a donation to the church in that amount. Drop off or mail a check (payable to FCCDP) to the church, call the church office to pay by credit card, or click on the link in Co's Notes to pay via PayPal. A selection of bills will also be posted on the Finance bulletin board, on the wall between the church office and the sanctuary. Select a bill that you're able to cover and drop the bill and your check (made payable to FCCDP) in the offering plate on Sunday morning. This important fundraiser will continue through Labor Day. Please consider how you can participate.

Craft & Market Day Set for September 24

After a two-year hiatus, the Craft & Vendor Sale is back - with a new name and better than ever! Mark your calendar. FCCDP's Craft & Market Day will be held on Saturday, September 24, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. As in the past, crafters will have tables inside Webster Hall, but this year, we also plan to have sellers outside on the front lawn. Plus ... there will be a raffle, bake sale, and more! Watch for complete details coming soon.

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.

Janet Farrell	01-July	Jennifer Duffy	04-July
Robert Phillips III	04-July	Grace Olsen	21-July
Joy Cooper	06-July	Troy Johnson	22-July
Greg Anderson	07-July	Nathan Skiba	24-July
Sue Roden	09-July	Emma Bryers	29-July
Norm Nanstiel	14-July	Dan Ruedisueli	29-July
Karsten Hahn	15-July	Danielle Priester	30-July
Marcia Urban	15-July	Maggie Miller	31-July
Barry Haas	20-July		

In the Community

Church member Corrine Bachar, a member of the Park Ridge Chorale, invites you to attend the choir's *Roaring Twenties* concert on July 23. The concert takes place at 7:00pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 203 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Featured selections include songs by Cole Porter, Fats Waller, Irving Berlin and the Gershwins. *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *Stardust*, *Blue Skies* and *The Charleston* are just some of what you'll hear. Advance concert tickets are \$16 and \$14 for seniors. To purchase tickets and learn more, contact Corrine at 847/903-4051 or corrine.bachar@gmail.com.

Gifts & Memorials

In Loving Memory of Alex Smith from Bob and Sandy Crocker

FROM OUR HISTORIAN, NANCY MEYER

FCC Missionaries - And probably many more! Please let me know who I missed.
(Page references are to our Congregational Centennial Book)

Pg. 38 **Milton W. Strahler**, sometime between 1909 and 1913 at a missionary school in India

Miss Harriett Britten, who married Mr. Strahler and accompanied him to India

Dr. William F Heller spent 3 months in Southern Rhodesia in 1961 pg. 53

To enhance his religious knowledge, **Dr. Brehm** toured in seven countries with a group of religious leaders in 1953. In 1960 Dr. and Mrs. Brehm made a 62-day world study tour of 16 countries. This resulted in a number of educational sessions for our congregation and excellent lectures illustrated with his color slides. pg. 117

Rev. Garry and Carolyn Scheuer organized two trips to the Holy Land in 1975 and 1976. Many members of the congregation accompanied them on these memorable trips.

The Mission Board maintained contact with a young man, **David Grogan**, who grew up in Des Plaines and was confirmed at First Congregational Church in 1958. Grogan served as a teacher in the mission work of the United Church of Christ in Zambia. While on furlough in 1983, Grogan visited the congregation and several years later a Mission Board member, Ken Robison, visited Grogan at the mission school in Zambia.
5th Qtr. Century, pg. 13 1979

Clayton Strom grew up in our church, was confirmed at FCC and graduated from Maine West in 1969. From their March 2019 Newsletter: *After working in this jungle area of Colombia for nearly 37 years we are fairly used to the many logistical challenges, but in striving to meet our final goals before retirement, we are finding ourselves facing a bit more than usual. We need your prayers!* From their September 2019 newsletter: *Our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who have been part of helping us to end well, so blessed to have had 37 years of ministry in Colombia. (Wycliffe Bible Translators for the Letuama & Tanimuka of Amazonas, Colombia)*

Our own **Marcia Urban** led a group to the Holy Land in January 2019.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WWW.FCCDP.ORG						
3 10:00a Service in the Park – Lake Opeka	4	5 Fundraiser:	6 9:00a WWC	7 6:00p Sippin with the Scriptures @	8	9
10 Communion 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship	11	12	13 9:00a WWC	14 6:00p Sippin with the Scriptures @	15	16
17 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship	18 6:30p Property	19	20 Tidings Deadline 9:00a WWC	21 6:00p Sippin with the Scriptures @ Walusiak home	22	23
24 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship	25	26	27 9:00a WWC	28 6:00p Sippin with the Scriptures @	29	30
31 Youth Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship						