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

**Have A Nice Rest
Of Your
Summer!!!**

Worship Ministry

August 7

Communion

Service of Worship	9:00a – www.fccdp.org
Fellowship	10:00a
Lay Reader	
Scripture Reading	Luke 12:32-40

August 14

Service of Worship	9:00a – www.fccdp.org
Fellowship	10:00a
Lay Reader	
Scripture Reading	Luke 12:49-56

August 21

Service of Worship	9:00a - www.fccdp.org
Fellowship	10:00a
Lay Reader	
Scripture Reading	Luke 13:10-17

August 28

Service of Worship	9:00a - www.fccdp.org
Fellowship	10:00a
Lay Reader	
Scripture Reading	Luke 14:7-14



*Outdoor
Worship and
Picnic
July 2022*



Children's & Adult Ed Ministry

Registration Open for Tower Hill, Pilgrim Park

Registration continues 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



The Diaconate Ministry hosted a farewell coffee for the Hinderliter family in July, prior to their move to Texas.

Pictured (l to r) are Tim, Angela, Jennifer and William Hinderliter and Tony Rogde-Hinderliter.

Membership & Communications Ministry

Thanks...

Creative Conversation would like to thank everyone who brought and bought books, CD's and DVD's over the past year. We raised \$450, enabling us to donate \$150 to the Relay for Life, \$150 to the Camper's Scholarship and \$150 to the Mission and Outreach Community Back Pack Ministry. In addition, the *Second Time Around* book sale raised \$525.50. Thank you, all!

...and, in case you were wondering...

Creative Conversation is FCCDP's book club. It meets once a month, on the second Monday of each month, at 10 a.m. for about an hour. Each member of the group has the option of reviewing a book of her/his choosing, which others can read from the library (ordered ahead), audio book or on a tablet. The choice is the reviewer's and every genre is open for discussion. Reviewers may choose their own patterns for the review, which will ultimately involve opening the discussion to the others present. There have been some really powerful discussions in the past. 'Hope more of you will be willing to join in the fun and the learning experience. Check with Marcia Urban if you would like to know the title for the September 12 review, which will be in the library soon.

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.fccdp.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, Ralph Murdy and Jim Ruedisueli – 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

Backpack Program Gearing Up for Fall

First Congregational Church UCC will again be supplying bags for weekend backpack food and snacks for students at North School in Des Plaines. At this point, we do not know how many children will be enrolled in the program. Last year, however, we supplied over 3,000 weekend meals in addition to holiday packages. A list of items that will be needed (no matter the number of students) will be supplied at the sanctuary entrance table and in the church office. The list provided in Co's Notes in mid-July is that for the region and donations made here at FCC will be allocated to the North School mission. Additional information will be made available when we learn it; meanwhile, if there are any questions, contact Lowell Handy at handytreesh@att.net.

Meals on Wheels Seeks Drivers – Can You Help?

Beginning October 10 and going through November 4, First Congregational Church is slated to deliver Meals on Wheels in the Des Plaines area. Additional volunteer drivers are sought to deliver meals to the homebound. To learn more about how you can help, contact Richard Schacht at ilcpa95@hotmail.com.

On Sunday, July 17, the Frisbie Center hosted a “really good luncheon” for volunteers who did Meals on Wheels this spring. First Congregational volunteers were: Richard and Nancy Schacht, Nancy Lawrence, Nancy Brink, John Foster, Bob and Barb McCullough, Joanne Kimball, Jim Ruedisueli, and Dave DeHart. Those who attended the luncheon also got a package of Ghirardelli chocolate as a bonus. According to Bob McCullough, “There really is such a thing as a free lunch!”

ACS Relay for Life Wrap-Up

(Submitted by Paul Schmitt, FCC Relay Captain) Through the combined efforts of all of you – church members and friends – this year’s team was able to reach a new level from previous years. Our total raised is \$6,176.05, which puts us at the Gold Level and fourth in team fundraising. Those of you who were able to attend witnessed a wonderful and meaningful event, especially the reading of the names represented by the luminarias later that evening. This year’s Relay has ended but the never-ending fight to eliminate the many cancers remains. Through your efforts, the American Institute of Cancer Research will be able to continue to fight those cancers. Once again, my sincere thanks

to all who helped make 2022 our best year ever in our continued fight to rid the world of cancer altogether. Yours in fellowship and prayer, Paul.

Music Ministry

Singers, Ringers Sought for New Church Year – All Are Welcome

(Submitted by Scott Emerick and Ellen Alde) Our Chancel Choir will begin the 2022-'23 season soon. The first rehearsal will be August 17. Rehearsals for the Christmas and Spring Cantata's are scheduled from 7:00pm to 8:00pm and rehearsals for Introits and Anthems, from 8:00pm to 8:45pm. Sunday morning warm-ups and first Anthem will be presented on Rally Day, September 11. New members welcome.

Have you considered joining our Chancel Choir but aren't 100% sure? Please consider joining us for an "introduction to music and singing" session starting August 14, after coffee hour. Meeting room TBA. This will be approximately one hour and will introduce breathing techniques, music symbols, how to follow the notes and the words at the same time and how to sing with those around you. Singing can be intimidating but when there are many voices, you can sing as loudly or as quietly as you like! To learn more, please email Music Director Scott Emerick at Scott_fccdp@yahoo.com

The Wholly Ringers Handbell Choir will begin rehearsing for this coming year on Monday, August 22, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the sanctuary. (And, just about every Monday after that) If you are interested in joining this fantastic group or would like details, contact Director Ellen Alde before then. You can reach out to her at ealdefccdp@gmail.com.

Finance Committee



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 week 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 hundred dollars and more. Just select one that fits 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 one 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.

ACH Electronic Giving an Option

Many people have started giving their offerings on the church website, via PayPal. But, did you know that you can schedule your giving to happen automatically - weekly, biweekly, or monthly? Even if you're sick, on vacation, or just forget, you can still feel comfortable knowing that your contribution is available to further God's work in our church and the community. Just contact Larry Schimka or the church secretary for more information.



Church member Anna Lodewyck with her knitted items, at a previous Craft & Vendor Sale.

Craft & Market Day September 24

After a 2-year hiatus, FCCDP's Craft & Vendor Sale is back - with a new name and better than ever! Mark your calendar. Our 2022 Craft & Market Day will be held on Saturday, September 24, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. As in the past, crafters can reserve tables inside Webster Hall. But this year we will also have spaces available for sellers outside, on the church's front lawn. Plus, there will be a bake sale, raffle, Hawaiian Food Truck from Tiki Terrace, and more!

Reserve a table to sell your crafts or other items. Tell your friends. Plan to shop. Volunteer a couple hours on September 24, to help with the event. We hope everyone will be able to participate in some way.



Six-ft. tables are available for \$30; eight-ft. tables for \$40. Electricity is available for an additional \$10. Outside spaces (10' x 10') are \$40 - you provide your own tent/table and chairs. Reservation forms are available on the credenza outside the church office or see the link in Co's Notes or on our church website. Contact Daisy Farley at 847-602-9069, or by email at craftvendorfccdp@gmail.com for more information.

“Second Time Around” Sale set for April 29, 2023

(Submitted by Ellen Alde) We to offer you this wonderful opportunity to meet and work with fellow congregants. This also gives you a chance to donate fabulous items that you may have held back for April 29, 2023. **Our first drop off of these precious items will be on Sunday August 28, following our worship service.** Please help us by labeling your containers (toys, clothing, housewares, electronics, etc.) for purposes of sorting and storing. New for this year, we will not be accepting furniture. We will have more monthly **Sunday** drop offs – dates to be determined. If you have additional questions, please direct them to STA co-chairs Ellen Alde and Chris Tomsic.

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.

Lisa Vedral	01-Aug	Riley Whittenhall	01-Aug
Sandy Crocker	02-Aug	Roland Hahn	14-Aug
Elinor Bergdolt	03-Aug	Philip Deadwyler	16-Aug
Michael Bryers	04-Aug	Judy Mahr	17-Aug
Caitlin Farrell	04-Aug	Roger Alde	23-Aug
Faith Engler	06-Aug	Jackie Schmitt	24-Aug
Philip Weber	10-Aug	Dan O'Brien	25-Aug
Arlyne Mross	11-Aug	Jan Schuller	26-Aug
Brian Farrell	12-Aug	Alice Tucker	27-Aug
Marilyn Juister	13-Aug	Tom Tucker	27-Aug
Caroline Lodewyck	13-Aug	Faith Almerigi	28-Aug
Joanna Lodewyck	13-Aug	Michelle Herrera	29-Aug

In the Community

Did you know that ComEd has an energy efficiency program from which you might benefit? If you schedule an appointment for a ComEd rep to do an energy assessment of your home, you could qualify for several free items. Possible items include LED bulbs, a programmable thermostat, hot water pipe insulation, a WaterSense showerhead and WaterSense bathroom/kitchen faucet aerators. The program is not income based.

Gifts & Memorials

In Loving Memory of our Dear Friend Lorraine Tancredi from Inge & Hans Eschenbach

In Loving Memory of Wendy Wallace from Ellen & Roger Alde

FROM OUR HISTORIAN, NANCY MEYER

Our beautiful stained glass window in the Chancel was dedicated on November 16, 1947, added 18 years after our church was built in 1929.

The artist, who designed and made the window and all other portions of the chancel, was Edgar Miller. The designs of the reredos were carved by him. Born in 1899, Edgar Miller was a designer, painter, sculptor and master of many craft disciplines. (I wrote an Historian article about Mr. Miller's life in Sept. 2011.)

The selections of the Scripture Band, and the choice of panels and the scripture were the suggestion of Dr. William Earl Brehm, minister of this church from 1940-1968. It is done in gold and silver leaf. Dr. Brehm suggested Jesus' greatest commandment but I remembering him telling our confirmation class that he knew it was too long and would never fit. Wrong, as you can see. Edgar Miller got very creative!! Luke 10-27 wraps around the chancel: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself". When Rev. Co gave his message in July about Jesus' greatest commandment, I wish he had pointed out our scripture band!



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August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 9:00a WWC	4	5	6
7 Communion 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship	8	7:00p Worship Ministry Noon: Staff Meeting	6:30p Music & Drama 10 9:00a WWC	11 7:00p Membership & Communications	12	13
14 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 11:05a Ministry Staff	7:00p Finance 15	16 7:00p Evening Circle	17 6:15p PRC 9:00a WWC	18	19	20 Tidings Deadline
21 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship	6:30p Property 22	23 6:30p Chair Meeting	24 9:00a WWC	25	26	27
28 9:00am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship	29	7:00p Council 30	31 9:00a WWC			