

Tidings

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

**Have A Wonderful
August!!!!**

Worship Ministry

August 1

Communion

Service of Worship	9:00a – www.fccdp.org
Coffee Hour	9:50a
Lay Reader	Marcia Urban
Scripture Reading	John 6:24-35

August 8

Service of Worship	9:00a – www.fccdp.org
Coffee Hour	9:50a
Lay Reader	Ralph Murdy
Scripture Reading	John 6:35-51

August 15

Service of Worship	9:00a – www.fccdp.org
Coffee Hour	9:50a
Lay Reader	Katy Berman
Scripture Reading	John 6:51-58

August 22

Service of Worship	9:00a - www.fccdp.org
Coffee Hour	9:50a
Lay Reader	Tom Tucker
Scripture Reading	John 6:56-69

August 29

Youth Sunday

Service of Worship	9:00a - www.fccdp.org
Coffee Hour	9:50a
Lay Reader	Youth
Scripture Reading	James 1:17-27



Sippin' with the Scriptures, a casual summer Bible study tied into current events, was held at various homes on Thursday evenings throughout July.

Diaconate Ministry

Volunteer Help Needed

The Diaconate Ministry is looking for help with delivering two floral arrangements after church on Sunday morning, four to five times per year. Deliveries are made to local church members and friends who are ill, homebound or perhaps in need of a little cheer. The Ministry also is seeking volunteers to assist with Communion and with sending greeting cards throughout the year. If you can help or to learn more, contact Nancy Brink at 847/508-5081 or jfosternbrink@att.net.

Membership & Communications Ministry



Our Sunday fellowship hour has moved indoors so members and friends can enjoy coffee and participate in an informal singalong featuring favorite hymns. (Pictured are Marcia Urban on the piano and Marcia Alban on the viola) Volunteers are sought to help with the coffee preparation – it's simple! For details please speak with Debbie Walusiak.

Mission & Outreach Ministry

Can You Help With School Backpack Project?

With School District 62 preparing to open all buildings when school resumes in August, the request for weekend backpacks has already been made for the students who are in need of food. North School, which our church has supported in the past, has requested 12 backpacks for students.

When Covid19 struck, we emptied our food closet, and, consequently, we have empty shelves. We will need lots of help to fill them and be ready to operate right after Labor Day. We will also need volunteers to pack and deliver the backpacks. Sign-up sheets will be available in August.

Below you will find the list of food that will go into the backpack each week. While we want to send more than what is on the list, the child has to be able to carry the food home so please be mindful of the container sizes you provide. Thank you in advance for your help! For details please speak with Jana Haas.

Backpack Contents

Canned pasta and meat (like Spaghetti-O's) – 1

Canned soup – 1

Boxed macaroni & cheese – 1

Canned beef stew or chicken stew – 1

Small can sausages/tuna/chicken – 1

Oatmeal packets – 2

Individual small cereal boxes – 2

Individual fruit cups – 2

Juice boxes – 6 total with the milk

Shelf-stable milk

Snack bars/fruit snacks/peanut butter crackers/pretzel and chip packets – 6

Cookies/pudding cups/rice Krispy treats, etc. – 3

Peanut butter – 1 per month

Jelly – 1 per month

Gallon Ziploc bags

Needs and Thanks from Project Survivor

Thank you to all who have donated items for Project Survivor.

Items still needed include:

- Mixing Bowls (new or very gently used)
- Pots and Pans (new or very gently used) (No frying pans)
- Baking Pans, Cookie Sheets (new or very gently used)
- All Purpose Cleaner
- Full and Queen **NEW** Blankets

Please look through your kitchen for any gently used items you don't need. Of course, new items always welcome.

We had a delivery on July 20 to a family of four from BURMA. They have two girls, ages four and six years old.

The Exodus office wants to thank FCCDP for the continued support.



Self-Help Closet & Pantry Plans Summer Fundraiser, 50th Celebration

Save the date of **August 7** for *Putt for the Pantry*, a mini-golf fundraiser at Mountain View Adventure Center for the Self-Help Closet & Pantry of Des Plaines. All ages welcome. Also, plan to join the SHC&P's 50th anniversary celebration on **September 25**, at the Des Plaines Elks Lodge. Details to follow on both events.

Founded in the basement of First Congregational Church in 1971, the SHC&P recently relocated from 600 E. Algonquin Rd. to a larger facility at 769 Holiday Lane. Prior to the pandemic, the SHC&P served approximately 400 Des Plaines households and currently serves about 650 households as the need continues in our community.

For further information, contact Debbie Walusiak at 847/337-1443.

Blood Drive Here in November

Our 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.

Music Ministry



'Always Wanted to Ring Bells?

Ellen Alde, director of our church's Wholly Ringers Handbell Choir, is offering summer workshops at church on various ringing techniques. The workshops will be held from 7:00pm to 8:00pm on Mondays through August 9. All are welcome. (Ages 10 and up) Experience not necessary but masks required. And, a **new church year** of bell ringing starts with rehearsal on **August 16**...why not make this your year to try something new? For further information, contact Ellen at 847/297-3231 or ealdefccdp@gmail.com.

Start Thinking About September!

Scott Emerick, our FCC Music Ministries director, has started to plan for our church's annual Favorite Hymn Sunday in September, and he wants your input. Do you have a favorite hymn to share, as well as perhaps a favorite story to go with the hymn? Please send your suggestions to Scott at salemropa@gmail.com. And, if you don't want to share your name, just let Scott know and he will use your information anonymously.

Property Ministry

Metal Recycling Discontinued

Our church is no longer able to store our metal recycling outside, so we have discontinued our metal recycling program. **Please do not drop off any metal items!** Thank you for your understanding.

And, speaking of metal recycling, did you know:

- Our church's metal recycling program started on August 5, 2011 and ended on July 22, 2021.
- Volunteers lugged a total of 239,708 lbs. of scrap metal and received a total of \$31,309
- The volunteer team made a total of 134 trips to/from the recycler, for a total of 268 trips, and loaded/unloaded the truck each time
- Those volunteers all are 10 years older now and, according to Bob McCullough, "The metal and the men have gotten heavier every year."

New Phone System

We have a new phone system. The phone system will allow you to leave messages for our Administrative Staff. For all other staff member, you can contact them directly or leave a message with Paul. The extensions are 1 for Paul, 2 for Jim Foster, 3 for Nancy Quam, 4 for Co & 5 for Jana.

Free Stuff

There are coffee cups and paper clip holders by the church office door. Please give them a good home.

Youth Ministry



Our Senior PF departed at the end of July for the biennial summer canoe trip to the Boundary Waters in far northern Minnesota. Pictured (l to r) are Mia Thomas, Caitlyn Claussen, Luke Engler, Connor Thomas, Madeleine Larson and chaperone, Rachel, with Youth Ministries coordinator Matt Cameron.

Finance Committee



Bulletin Board of Bills

Every year during the "lazy days of summer," our church conducts a Bulletin Board of Bills fundraiser. This year is no different. In fact, the only difference is that this year you have more ways to participate. A selection of typical bills the church receives is 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 money or check (made payable to FCCDP) in that amount, place in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or at the church office. Also, each week in Co's Notes, you'll see a selection of bills, in a variety of different amounts, ranging from just a few dollars to a hundred dollars or more. 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. This important fundraiser continues 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, through PayPal, during the pandemic. But did you know that you can schedule your giving to happen automatically - weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly? That way, 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 Jana Haas or the church secretary for more information.

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

Gifts & Memorials

In Loving Memory of Joe Botte from his Daughters

In Loving Memory of Co's Aunt from Rich & Charlie Warren

In Loving Memory of Jean Voss from William & Cora Lee Nesbit, Jr

Well Done!

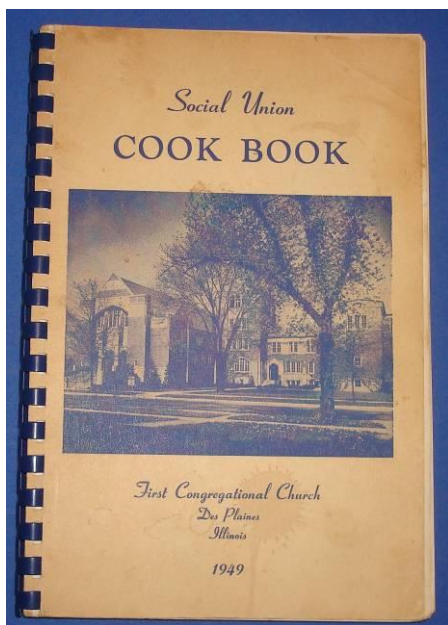


Church member Larry Schimka poses with his artwork at a recent reception at the Des Plaines History Center, where his painting was selected and will be featured in an art show through September. A “hobbyist painter,” Larry practices an old technique called hand coloring with oil paint. His subjects all are baseball related, and he starts by printing black and white images on canvas, obtained from a public domain like the Library of Congress. The paint is applied using Q-tips or cotton balls rather than brushes. Larry says he started painting almost 30 years ago but his hobby was on put hold for many years, until the pandemic hit and he found himself at home more. For further information, visit Larry’s website www.baseballoncanvas.com or call him at 847/942-9993.



From our Historian, Nancy Meyer

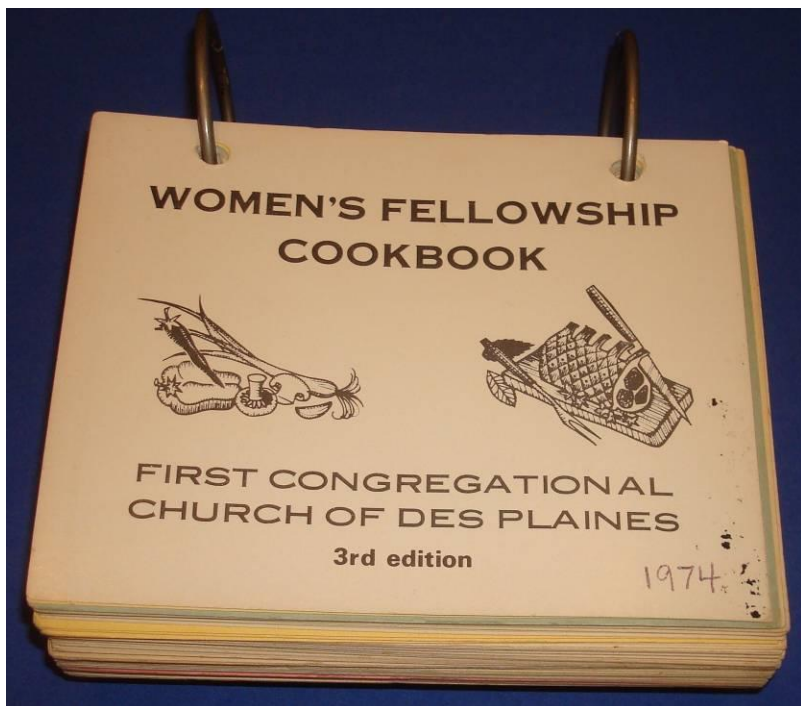
Thought I'd share these cookbooks from the FCCDP Historian Closet, currently in the display cabinet in the main hallway. Do I have them all? Let me know if I'm missing any!



SOCIAL UNION COOK BOOK

First Congregational Church Des Plaines Illinois 1949

Contributors to this cookbook are all "Mrs. (husband's first name) Last Name, so I'll just put the last names of many of the cooks: Stilwell, Hodgson, Smith, Stewart, Kinder, Baranski, Koehler, Schwenke, Horn, Carlock, Manuel, Hanck, Fischer, Olson, McKay, Fankhauser, Kingdon, Behrel, Beckwith, Talcott, Sengstock, Imig, Purves, Rittmueller, Duthie, Beck, Brehm, Poyer, Kennard, Wendling, Gibbs, Marshall, Hopkins, Parriot, Dieckhoff, Svoboda, Webster, Grogan, Brown, Seabury, Geertz, Hunting...the list goes on and on. Even though you might not remember the ladies, many family names are well known in Des Plaines.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP COOKBOOK

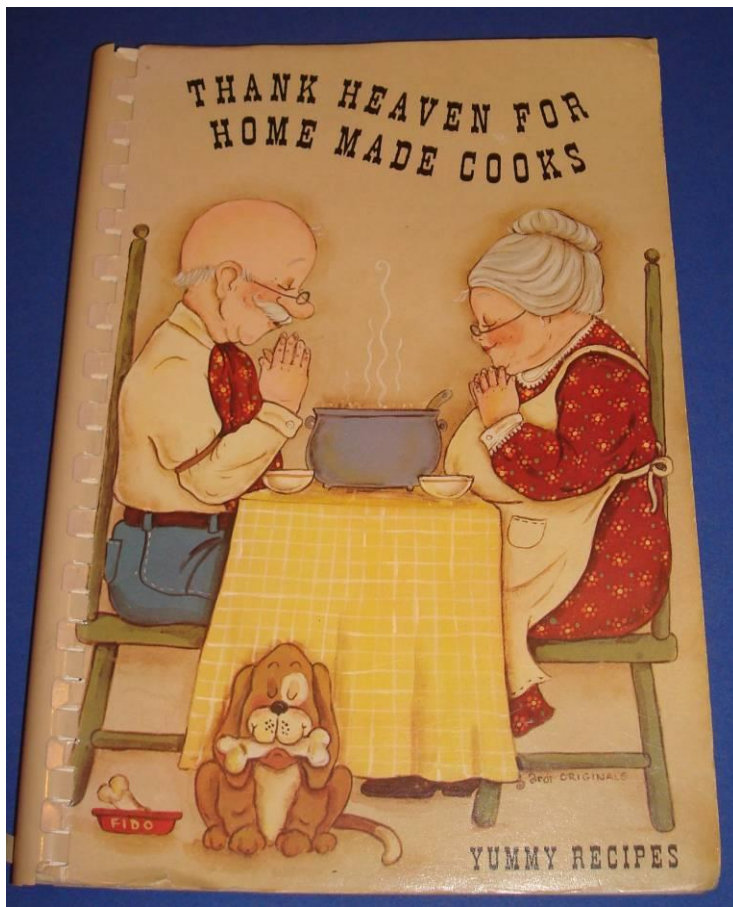
3rd Edition 1974

Cards measure 4.25 x 5.5 inches

Recipes typed and printed on both sides of card

300 recipes identified by the donor -- these are just some: Julia Abbott, Roberta Bruhn, Rose Sayad, Jane Laird, Jeannette Baranski, Ada Button, Grace Wankat, Harriet McKay, Nancy Brink, Carole Bates, Ginny VanScoyoc, Loma Waters, Eunice Fleming, Ethel Koehler, Charlotte Buck, Lillian Cameron, Betty Wayman, Margaret Schroeder, Jennie

Lantz, Dorothy Tinnea



**THANK HEAVEN
FOR HOME MADE COOKS
YUMMY RECIPES**

Compiled by Family Life Circle of First
Congregational Church, Des Plaines IL Spring 1990

Contributors include (but not complete list)
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Meisterheim, Phyllis Giles, Evelyn Marow,
Florence Boyer, Karen Geraci, Claudia
Goudschaal, Karen Johnson, Kathy Foster,
Wendy Ellis, Jack Wills, Jeff Warford,
Bernice Manuel, Vera Strom, the list goes on
and on.



**FAMILY LIFE AT
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Best Recipes 2006**

Contributors include Heather Larson, Gloria
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August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	2 Rev. Co on vacation - Sunday, August 29	3 Noon – Lunch Bunch	4 9:00a WWC	5 7:00p Membership & Communications	6	7
8 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	9 10:00a Drop-Off 7:00p Finance	10 Noon – Lunch Bunch	11 6:30p Music & Drama 9:00a WWC	12	13	14
15 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	16 6:30p Property Ministry	17 Noon – Lunch Bunch	18 6:30p PRC 9:00a WWC	19	20 Tidings Deadline	21
22 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	23 10:00a Drop-Off	24 Noon – Lunch Bunch 7:00p Council	25 9:00a WWC	26 7:00p Worship Ministry	27	28
29 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	30 Rev. Co back from vacation					