UNITED IN GOD’S LOVE

January 22nd, 2017
9:30 am

dreams
No matter who you are 
or where you are on life’s journey … 
You are welcome here!

A SPECIAL WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

- Thank you for joining us today! We hope that you feel the warmth of God’s spirit here as we worship together! Please complete the form (in the pew) to let us know a little more about you and place it in the offering plate. As our guests this day it is the only offering we ask. If you should have a prayer concern or would like to meet with the Pastor please indicate this next to your name. Thank you!

- Following worship please join us in Fellowship Hall for an informal Continental Breakfast.

- Please note our worship services are online and televised, your participation in the service may be visible during these live ministries. If you should not wish your child to be on screen, please refrain from sending them forward during the children’s time or have them sit directly in front of the pews in the front.

- Children are welcome in worship; however, should your child grow restless feel free to sit with them in the Parlor at the rear of the Sanctuary.

- Nursery/childcare is available for children up to age 2 and is located on Level 2 just beyond the Chapel.

- Children are invited to attend Sunday School following the Children’s Message. Classes are offered for all ages.

- Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher.

- An elevator is at your disposal for all levels; our west entrance has a ramp.

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“So give me hope in the darkness that I will see the light.” ~Mumford & Sons

“Hope is a waking dream.” ~Aristotle

“In a world filled with hate, we must still dare to hope. In a world filled with anger, we must still dare to comfort. In a world filled with despair, we must still dare to dream. In a world filled with distrust, we must still dare to believe.” ~ Michael Jackson

“We must accept infinite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.” ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

God is still speaking ...
Pastor Scott

*SHARING THE PEACE

*OPENING SONG  Better Is One Day  -Redman
The Band

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)  Pastor Scott
Even at times when the power of darkness threatens to cast out all hope…
The Light shines, and the darkness cannot overcome it.
God let us not abandon the dreams of prophets of old where nation would no
longer rise up against nation and each person would sit under their own vines
and fig trees and no one should make them afraid.  (Micah 4:3-5)
God help us to dream dreams and hope beyond hopes of realizing the
fullness of the Kingdom which Jesus called us to help build. Remind us
that we do not labor alone Lord.  Amen.

CHILDREN’S SONG

Jesus Loves Me (1st Verse)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE  Pastor Vasko

The Lord’s Prayer (read in unison)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SONG  Jesus Loves Me (2nd verse)
Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give,
Light and love to all who live.

SCRIPTURE READING  Virginia Hopley
Matthew 2:13-23

MINISTRY OF MUSIC  Dreamer  - Osbourne
The Band

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION
MESSAGE  

Beginning Again  
Pastor Kim Whisler-Vasko

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Silent Prayer
Prayer

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD
Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory
Offertory Music The Impossible Dream - Leigh Chancel Choir

*Presentation of the Gifts with Praise (sung in unison)
To God, all glorious heavenly light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise,
Our joyful song of thankful praise.

*Prayer of Dedication
Pastor Scott

*CLOSING HYMN There’s a Spirit in the Air - Wren/Wilson

*BENEDICTION Ancient Words - Deshazo
One of our worship traditions to show our solidarity and love in community is to join hands and sing. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to join us in song and in spirit.

Please join us in the parlor following the vote for an opportunity to meet and greet Rev. Whisler-Vasko and then stay for the congregational annual meeting.

OUR TIME OF WORSHIP TOGETHER HAS ENDED.
NOW MAY OUR CHRISTIAN SERVICE BEGIN!

Today’s Musicians
Vocals: Kelley Calpin, Anthony Berg
Guitar: Steve Serra Bass: Conor Roe Horn/Piano: Sarah Younker
Drums/Piano: Justin Kono

PRAYER CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY JOYS
Rick and Genevieve Franz, Osborn family, Craig and Jay DuSold, Margaret Craig, Sandy Gales, Anne Albert, Michael Ode, Mary Jo Henkel, Gail Jarowski, Amanda Mierdirk, Sam McHugh

GREETERS: Kim Kaniewski, Marily & Robert Katrein
USHERS: Len Clark, Perlie Havel, Debra Eisenhart, Lora Finucane
HEAD USHER: Tom Eisenhart
COUNTERS: Mary Jo Henkel, Mark Lockett
(Lead Counter) Larry Ferries

This week’s continental breakfast will be served in the Parlor for the Annual Meeting. Self serve, Jenni Hallman will set up and take down from the Parlor.

This Week’s Announcements

The 2016 contribution statements are available for pick up in the parlor at the welcome table if you have not already picked yours up.

The annual meeting will be held today after church. We are calling a special meeting with the congregation as part of our service today. The purpose of the special meeting will be for the voting of our candidate for the Associate Minister of Christian Education and Teaching, Kimberlee Whisler-Vasko.

New Member Classes: *Sunday, January 22, after worship tour, *Sunday, January 29, New Member Sunday

MANNA: You pay face value for gift cards, but the merchant donates a percent of your card cost to the church. Cards for local retailers, restaurants, grocery and gas. This is an easy way to provide income for the church.

Ladies of the Morning and Evening: and anyone else who wants to join us. We're going out of Lunch! Friday, February 3 at 11:30 am at Baker's Square, 2020 W. 75th St. Woodridge, IL 60517 630/241-0609 ***Available with Manna - "Bakers Square $25 13% "If you have any questions contact Peggy Gutzke 630/971-1382 peggy.gutzke@gmail.com.

Special Education opportunity: Sunday, February 5, at 11am in the Library. A Continued conversations about Christianity and Racism with Pastor Scott, the selected book is “Nobody: Casualties of America's War on the Vulnerable, from Ferguson to Flint and Beyond” by Marc Lamont Hill.

The services for Montrew Dunham: Sunday, February 19, 2017, Visitation: 2:00 pm, Service: 2:30 pm – Sanctuary, Reception following service in Fellowship Hall. Please keep the Dunham family in your thoughts and prayers during their time of loss.
Join the Caring for Creation Team: Concerned about the environment and looking for a way to make a positive impact on God's creation? The Caring for Creation team is looking for like-minded individuals to join us as we develop and share ways for individuals, our church and the wider community to be 'greener.' We hold a meeting the third Sunday every month at 11 a.m. in the nursery. Attend one of our meetings to learn more. If you have any questions, contact Tom Eisenhart at teisenhart@yahoo.com or (312) 925-6949.

Pancake Breakfast: The 2017 FCC Men's Pancake Breakfast is Saturday February 11th in Fellowship Hall from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Tickets will be sold by Nick Costanzi on Sunday January 29th and Sunday February 5th in Fellowship hall during Continental Breakfast.

Prison Ministry: On Sundays in January and February we will be collecting hygiene items for the youth at the Illinois Youth Center. They need the following items: shampoo/conditioner, soap, body wash, lotion, and deodorant. You can also donate nail polish and nail polish remover, cotton balls, lip gloss, chapstick, sanitary pads and shaving cream. Drop your items in the Prison Ministry box available in the parlor after worship. Thank you for your generosity!

TRIVIA NIGHT: One of the most popular events from last years' 150th anniversary celebration is back! We will host a Trivia Night on March 4, 2017, benefiting the Bridges Communities family, so mark your calendars. BUT, we need your help. In order to make this a successful fundraiser, we need items for our raffles and silent auction! If you know of any company or person who would make donations for this worthy cause, please pass that information along to Megan Ruschke. See her after church or email her at lockett.megan24@gmail.com. We hope to make this an even bigger and better event than last year! Let Megan know if you can help in anyway you are able.

FCC BOOK CLUB: The book selection for February is "Call the Midwife" by Jennifer Worth. We will meet in the Chapel on Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 PM. Please join us. It doesn't matter if you have been to any of our other meetings. Just read the book and come ready to join in a lively discussion.

The Christian Education Ministry is looking for a Main Nursery Attendant for our beautiful new nursery adjacent to the Parlor. The attendant must be at least 18 years of age and be able to work in the nursery every other month throughout the year. This position pays $30.00 per week ($120.00 per month). We will need this attendant for the months of March, May, July, September and November for the 2017 year. Please contact Jan Barker at jbarker@uccdg.org or at 630-96-0358 ext. 223 if interested. Thank you.

BEFORE THE FLOOD movie night and discussion on Friday, February 24th at 6:00 pm.

WINTER FEST: Join us on Saturday, February 11th for Winter Fest and FCLC’s 2nd Annual Art Show from 10:00am-12:00pm. Come enjoy games, music, a martial arts demo, bingo, treats and more.
Coming Up This Week

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017**
9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Sunday School
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary
10:30 AM Annual Meeting
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM Drama
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM Hallelujah Ringers Rehearsal
10:45 AM New Member Class-Tour
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM HS Discussion-Library
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Youth Basketball League-1st United Methodist Church

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017**
6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Chapel
6:00 PM PADS-Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017**
6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
10:00 AM Adult Coloring Group-Parlor
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal-Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017**
6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study (at members' homes)
11:00 AM Church Staff Meeting-Library
12:00 PM Administrative Deadline for Bulletin
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grounds of Hope Worship Service-Coffee House
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Confirmation-Youth Room
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alanon meeting-Coffee House

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017**
6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM FCLC Jumpbunch Chapel
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Adult Christian Education -Study Discussion Group-FORGIVENESS/Parlor
6:30 PM Cabinet meeting-503
6:30 PM ESL Conversation Group-Library
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
7:00 PM Last Thursday-Two Way Coffee House Open Mike
7:00 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017**
6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Chapel
8:15 PM Two Way Street Concert-Coffee House

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017**
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Martial Arts Chapel
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bluegrass Jam!-Coffee House
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Each and every member of our church has a ministry!
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Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Fridays by appointment.
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In pastoral emergencies, Pastor Scott can be reached at 630-432-0380.

*Visit our weekly Sunday Service on channel 6 each Sunday at 11:30am.

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