First Congregational Church
1047 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, IL
United In God’s Love

Sunday Worship Service
May 27, 2018
9:30 AM
Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them.  –Franklin D. Roosevelt

Heroism doesn’t always happen in a burst of glory. Sometimes small triumphs and large hearts change the course of history.
–Mary Roach

Ceremonies are important. But our gratitude has to be more than visits to the troops, and once-a-year Memorial Day ceremonies. We honor the dead best by treating the living well.
–Jennifer M. Granholm

God is stillspeaking
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF AWARENESS  Kindness Rocks  Children’s Ministries

*SHARING THE PEACE

PRELUDE  America The Beautiful  -Montgomery/Bates

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)  Virginia Hopley
God it is often that we forget. On this day help us to remember.
We remember those who have served and died for our nation.
We remember the saints who have given their lives because of their deep commitment to You Lord.
We remember how You bless us- how easy it is for us to forget!
Thank you God that You remember us! Amen.

*OPENING SONG  Breathe on Us  -Cash/Jobe

CHILDREN’S SONG

Jesus Loves Me (1st Verse)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE  Pastor Scott
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.

Children are dismissed to their Sunday School rooms.

SCRIPTURE READING  Virginia Hopley
Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Romans 8:12-17

MUSIC MINISTRY  He’s Always Been Faithful  -Groves
The Band
SILENT REFLECTION

MESSAGE
Remember Pastor Scott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Virginia Hopley
Moment of Silent Prayer
Prayer

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD Pastor Scott
Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory
Special Music Go Rest High On that Mountain -Gill
The Band

*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 #352 Spirit Song -Wimber

*BENEDICTION Ancient Words
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.

*POSTLUDE Build Your Kingdom Here -Rend Collective
The Band

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

Today’s Musicians
Vocals: Kelley Calpin, Anthony Berg, Emily Durham
Guitar: Owen Cooper Bass: Connor Roe
Drums/Percussion: Justin Kono, Lily West
### PRAYER CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY JOYS

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<td>Cheryl Comeford, Karen Zyche, Judy Murrison (knee surgery recovery), Vern Cleveland, Judy Lacey Bunting (hip surgery recovery), Marita Moniger surgery recovery, gratitude and guidance for our confirmands, for the Johnson family</td>
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### New Church App

Download our new app on your iPhone or Android NOW! Just search for our church name. The app will keep you connected “real-time”.

### GREETERS

- Jan & Nancy Hessler
- Carol Kullen

### USHERS

- Andy Dahle
- Judi Davenport
- Virginia Hopley
- John Hall

### HEAD USHER

- Dirk Gutzke

### COUNTERS

- Lisa Lockett
- Mark Lockett (Lead Counter)
- Larry Ferries

This week’s continental breakfast will be served by Finance & Budget/Audit & Endowment.

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### Upcoming Announcements

**Upcoming dates:**

- **Next Sunday is Graduation Sunday:** First Congregational United Church of Christ will host graduation Sunday for graduating high school seniors and collegiate seniors. Please submit your name and a photo to the administrative office by May 28th to lmcfarland@uccdg.org.

- **As This Summer Vacation Season Begins, Please Remember To Stay Current With Your Financial Commitment To Our Church And Its Programs.**

**ADULT TRIP- HOLY LAND 2019:** This would be a nine day trip that would include stops to most of the sites that were of crucial importance in the life of Jesus. Land/Air with tour guide and transport, and all hotels, breakfast, lunch and site fees = $2300 per person. Trip will be February 2nd to February 9th of 2019. It is a five day, six night tour.

**ADULT COLORING:** Studies have shown that coloring reduces stress and anxiety, and provides relaxation. In addition to those benefits, our Adult Coloring group also provides fellowship - and we will be coloring all throughout the summer in our new location in the Church Library on the 5th level. Come join us on Tuesdays, 10AM to 12NOON. Even if you have not colored before, or don't have pencils or books, you are welcome. We always have extra supplies for visitors! We look forward to seeing you and sharing the benefits of Adult Coloring.
Vacation Bible School - LAST CHANCE VBS Registration - Please register by May 27th in order for your child to get a shirt. Any child registered after that time will not receive a t-shirt. You may register at https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/uccdg).

Summer Sunday School Volunteers needed: This summer, the Sunday school theme will be “Investigating the Facts in Acts”. The children will be learning about various stories in Acts. The format of Sunday school will be to read the story from Acts and then do a craft/game that relates to the story. Teachers Needed: June 10 & 17; July 1, 8, 15, 29; August 5, 12, 26; Sept 2, 9, 16.

Ladies of the Morning & Evening: Progressive Dinner!!! Everyone is welcome! Even MEN! Bring a friend! Friday, June 1, 6:30 Appetizers – Gail Clark's house, 7:30 Dinner - Jan Hibbeln's house, 9:30 Dessert - Lynn Niemi's condo. Think about whether you want to bring appetizers, dinner food (main course or side/salad) or dessert. Jan sets the tables for a nice sit down dinner, so we need a pretty accurate head count by Wed. May 30. Contact me with who's coming and what you'd like to bring. For additional questions please contact me, Peggy Gutzke Home: 630/971-1382 Cell:630/632-3014 peggy.gutzke@gmail.com

DRIVERS WANTED: From time to time the church office and Congregational Care are asked to get transportation for members for Sunday service, either on a permanent or temporary basis. If you are interested in providing a ride to/from Sunday worship, please see us down in Fellowship Hall after service or call AnnaMay Miller at 630-964-2004 for more information.

YOUTH NEWS: June 5th is Graduation Sunday! Please RSVP to Leslie McFarland in the church office Love and blessings, Dena Provenzano.

UCC Great Lakes Youth Event at Elmhurst College in July: Help youth support those struggling to recover from weather-related disasters. During this event at Elmhurst College, the youth will be putting together one hundred plastic work buckets with products that are useful during disaster clean-up. Our church has volunteered to provide 25 pairs of leather-palmed work gloves, 100 3M green scouring pads, 200 30-45 gallon trash bags, and 50 pairs of heavy duty dish-washing gloves. Please consider picking up one or two of these items when you are out shopping and return them to the bins near the parlor door during the month of May.
**Garage Sale:** While spring cleaning, decluttering, or preparing for a move this year please remember that our annual Church Garage Sale will be happening the weekend of September 22nd. This is a major fundraiser and an important mission and outreach opportunity for our church! We welcome your donations of furniture, household items, sports equipment, electronics, tools, books, music/movies, jewelry, collectibles, crafts, baby items, toys, games, holiday decorations, etc. If you have items that must be out of your house before September, storage space is available at Peace Memorial Manor, next to Good Samaritan Hospital. To make arrangements for storage, or if you would like to serve on the garage sale committee, please contact Gail Clark at gclark214@comcast.net or 630-881-3362. Thank you!

**Calling all wine drinkers!** Caring for Creation is collecting wine corks in May for recycling. Start saving your wine corks (natural only, no synthetic corks), and bring them to the collection baskets in the west entrance May 6-27. We'll take the corks to SCARCE in Glen Ellyn, which will send them to Recork, an organization that recycles corks into eco-friendly products.

**Thursday, June 7th:** At Grant Park There will be a run/walk called Strides for Peace that we’d like to invite any and all church runners and walkers to join us in. 5 and 8k runs and a 2mile run/walk. This race is specifically hosted by an organization committed to raising awareness about the problems and levels of Chicago gun violence and how neighborhoods can work together to at the local level build stronger communities, positive outreach for children and teens to keep them off the streets and out of gangs…and to change the level of violence in many of Chicago’s neighborhoods. There is more information available at https://www.stridesforpeace.org/race/

**Mission Ministry:** Calling all volunteers - join our prison ministry team at the Illinois Youth Center (Warrenville)! Each Thursday evening, two members of our team teach a “life skills” class to help better prepare the youth for life outside the juvenile justice system. You can volunteer as often as you would like, but you don’t need to be there every week. Our spring semester has begun. If you are interested in this rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact Amy Curran at amyccurran@gmail.com or 630-964-2205 for more information.

**Chancel Flowers:** Did you know that the flowers displayed on the Chancel are donated by church members? Everyone is invited to donate flowers in joy, celebration or remembrance of a loved one. The cost to donate is $35.00 and there is a sign up calendar on the bulletin board on the Sanctuary level, south entrance. When you donate a floral arrangement you are encouraged to take it home with you following service so that you may enjoy its purpose. We do ask, however, that you return the vase so that we can recycle them with the florist. Any questions, please see Linda Schranz or Barb Hammack.
Amazon Smile: When you shop @AmazonSmile, Amazon will make a donation to First Congregational United Church of Christ.  
https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2361106

MANNA: Manna Cards- Manna Cards- There are three easy ways to purchase cards and increase income for our church ministries. You can purchase or order for purchase actual cards, you can reload cards you have purchased and you can now get ecards on your device. You can go to www.ShopWithScrip.com. Questions? Email Laurie Olsen at glennlaurie@earthlink.net and Steve Johnson at sjoh413@gmail.com. or come by the Manna Table during Coffee Hour.

Conscious Bean Coffee- This is the direct trade coffee served during coffee hour that travels from San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala to our church. We purchase the coffee for North Central College Enactus a student run organization. You can purchase this coffee for your own use during coffee hour. It is available in one pound bags or KCups. New flavored coffees are now available. Come learn more!

Greater Chicago Food Depository Wednesday Night Repack: Join church members each Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 9:00 pm for a food repack session. The Greater Chicago Food Depository is located at 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, which is just off the Stevenson Expressway at Pulaski Road. For more information, contact David Herseman at dah5@comcast.net, or Laurel Carlson at lacduke@comcast.net.

Christian Witness in Society: Make a positive difference. UCC.org examines current justice issues within the call to be the hands and feet of Jesus in today’s world, and offers opportunities to take personal action. Receive weekly justice action alerts from the UCC by going to ucc.org. Click on “Advocate for Justice,” then click on “Take Action.” You can receive justice alerts by email or text. Sign up. You CAN make a difference in the world.
Rolling River Rampage
Vacation Bible School

Join us on our adventure. It is sure to be a splashing good time!

June 18th-22nd
First Congregational UCC
9am-2pm (1st -6th grades)
9am- Noon (preschool-K)
Register at rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/uccdg

VBS Donation List

Food
string cheese
mini marshmallows
goldfish crackers
chocolate chips
Target gift cards

Craft Supplies

Food

Craft Supplies

Recycle
tissue paper (red/orange/yellow)
clothes pins
Jumbo craft sticks
aluminum foil
Small stones (for crafts)
empty pop cans
empty plastic water bottles
scraps of fabric
empty 2 liter bottles
empty plastic food containers

Other
dnter gift cards

For more information contact Michelle Rafacz
(mrafacz@uccdg.org)
First Congregational Church of DG, IL

Capital Campaign as of April 30, 2018

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<td>Endowment Loan (Quarterly interest only @ 3.00%)</td>
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<td>SBA Loan (monthly payments @ 2.85% interest)</td>
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<td>Winnetka Loan (monthly payments @ 2.00% interest)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Funds Received</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 1,334,798</strong></td>
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<td>Safety, Compliance &amp; Efficiency Issues</td>
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<td>Office Renovation including asbestos, move &amp; furniture</td>
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<td>Driveway, Sidewalks &amp; Railings</td>
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<td>Roof Replacement</td>
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<td>HVAC Controls &amp; Upgrades</td>
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<td>Consultants &amp; Misc</td>
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<td>Rooftop HVAC Units</td>
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<td>Sanctuary Lighting</td>
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<td>Interest Payments Endowment &amp; Winnetka Loans</td>
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<td><strong>Net Funds</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 76,736</strong></td>
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| Total Pledges/Reserves to Date                     | **$ 1,322,229** |          |
| 2016 Additional Capital Pledges Received           | **$ 5,100**     |          |
| Adjustment for unfulfilled pledges 2015-2017      | **$ (18,200)**  |          |
| 2018 Add'l Capital Pledges Received                | **$ 39,370**    |          |
| Revised Total Pledges/Reserves to Date             | **$ 1,348,499** |          |
| **Total loan principal outstanding**               | **$ 180,763**   |          |

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<th>Operating Budget through April 30, 2018</th>
<th>YTD Actual</th>
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<td>185,180</td>
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<td>Endowment</td>
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<td>All other revenue</td>
<td>18,795</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenue</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 254,596</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 284,946</strong></td>
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<td>Church payroll and benefits</td>
<td>161,926</td>
<td>163,835</td>
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<td>Church Office</td>
<td>22,083</td>
<td>22,259</td>
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<td>Buildings &amp; Grounds</td>
<td>51,759</td>
<td>47,859</td>
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<td>Expenses of all other Ministries</td>
<td>26,192</td>
<td>30,785</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 261,960</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 264,738</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net income/(loss)</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ (7,364)</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 20,208</strong></td>
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As the summer vacation season begins, please remember to stay current with your pledge.
Coming Up This Week

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018
9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Sunday School
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Praise Band Rehearsal-Sanctuary
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Parent Education Program

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018
FCLC Closed
MEMORIAL DAY-Office Closed
6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Chapel

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018
6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
10:00 AM Adult Coloring Group-Parlor

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018
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
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Greater Chicago Food Depository Wednesday Night Repack
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grounds of Hope Worship Service-Coffee House
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alanon meeting-Coffee House
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Troop 55-Board of Review-Parlor

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2018
6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM FCLC Jumpbunch Parlor
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
7:00 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018
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, JUNE 2, 2018
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Martial Arts Parlor
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM All Bridge Saints-Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sing Around-Coffee House
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Our church staff is available 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 or view
  the service online at www.uccfn.org
  Website: www.uccdg.org

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