



From the desk of Pastor Scott

Saturday April 8th - 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 8117 Compton Rd (West Ide Park) in Woodridge. Ages 0-12 for hunters. Helpers welcome for Set up. Hunt starts at 10am sharp. If you are there at 10:02 you will likely miss it! ☺

Remember to join us Wednesdays during Lent at Grounds of Hope worship 6:00-6:45pm in the Coffee House, and for a meal thereafter in Fellowship Hall.

Maundy Thursday 6pm simple supper/ 7:30pm worship from Mandatum in Latin "a new command (Mandate)" I give you – love one another.

Good Friday 7:30pm Tennebrae. Come for a special Tennebrae Service about the last hours of Jesus' life on earth. This is a service that ends in darkness and is a great service of preparation for the joy of Easter.

Easter Sunday we will have a 6am Sunrise worship beginning in the Sanctuary and leading out into the cemetery. A 9am traditional high church Easter Sunday Service with trumpet, horn and organ, 11am Contemporary Easter Service led by our church Band bringing a combination of well known Easter pieces with some amazing new songs as well.

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PREPARING FOR PASTOR SCOTT'S SABBATICAL

In order to prepare for Pastor Scott's sabbatical, one must first look at the meaning and purpose of a sabbatical. A "sabbatical" is defined as a time off for rest and/or study. In the case of a minister, the pastor is given paid leave for rest, rejuvenation, and further study. A sabbatical is a wonderful time of renewal and growth for both the pastor and for the congregation. According to Thom C. Rainer, there are five reasons a pastor should take a sabbatical. **First, a pastor has emotional highs and lows unlike most other vocations.** In the course of a day, a pastor can deal with death, deep spiritual issues, great encouragement, petty criticisms, tragedies, illnesses and celebrations of birth. This emotional roller coaster is draining. **Second, a pastor is on 24-hour call.** Most pastors don't have an "off" switch and can be awakened by a phone call at anytime of the day or night and asked to respond at any time of the day or night. **Third, pastors need time of uninterrupted study.** There is always a crisis or need which takes a pastor away from a time of study or ministerial (sermon) preparation. **Fourth and fifth,** though Rainer's information is anecdotal, he feels that the trend is that **pastors who have sabbaticals have longer tenures at churches (a sabbatical offers the potential for energizing the ministry for the long haul) and that pastors who have sabbaticals view the time off as an affirmation from their churches.** As most of us realize, Pastor Scott perfectly embodies Rainer's *Five Reasons Your Pastor Should Take a Sabbatical*. And, yes, Pastor Scott is perceived as the "energizer bunny," but it is time for him to take a sabbatical and take a break from First Congregational United Church of Christ in Downers Grove. This will certainly energize and rejuvenate him for many years to come which will certainly benefit us in the future as a congregation.

For all of these reasons, our pastor, the Reverend Scott Oberle, will be taking a much needed sabbatical (and two weeks' vacation) from Memorial Day to Labor Day (May 28-Sept. 5, 2017). It will be a "time away" from church. It will be a time for rest, rejuvenation, and study for Pastor Scott. During this time, Pastor Scott and his family will take some time away from worshipping with us. It will provide time for him to work on his ministerial craft - attending a homiletics (preaching) conference and continuing/returning to the missionary activities in South Africa. As far as study, Pastor Scott hopes to go back to school for Spanish with the goal of becoming more fluent. As part of the Cabinet's vision, Pastor Scott will be working on other goals, too. Hopefully, he will also get some well-needed rest.

And, yes, Pastor Scott, along with his wife Robin and his daughters, Samantha, Jillian and Elise, will be taking a sabbatical or "time away" from church from May 28-Sept. 5. Pastor Scott will not be doing the following: preaching on Sunday or at Grounds of Hope, attending church activities, leading mission trips, orchestrating the church's numerous outreach programs, leading the confirmands, visiting the sick, speaking at funerals, officiating at weddings (except for one previous commitment), making birthday phone calls, and the myriad of other things he does on a daily basis. However, he will always be with us in spirit and in prayer every day. We, on the other hand, will be in excellent hands during that time with the support and leadership of both Kim Whisler-Vasko, our Associate Minister of Christian Education and Teaching, and Cathy Sanders, Minister of Pastoral Care and Visitation.

Pastoral Relations Committee



Caring for Creation

Have you noticed the triangular planter at the east driveway entrance? Watch that space, because the Caring for Creation team is designing a native plants garden for it, which we'll plant in May. We want to show Downers Grove that native plants are beautiful, and that they provide other benefits:

Native plants provide food and habitat for birds and pollinators – butterflies and bees.

Natives don't require chemical fertilizers or pesticides.

Natives don't require frequent watering, once established, saving you time and money.

Natives are adapted to our area's weather, so they're easier to grow and maintain, provided that you match the plant to your garden conditions: sun or shade, soil moisture and type.

By using native plants, you won't spread invasive species.

Now, you can't plant and forget them, because like any other new planting, you'll need to water and weed. But once they're established, generally a year for perennials, 2-3 years for trees and shrubs, all you need to do is weed. Don't cut the plants back in the fall - leave them standing to provide winter interest, and food for wildlife. In March, "mulch in place" - chop the dried plants into pieces and leave them to decay and feed the soil. The Lurie Garden in Grant Park does this.

It's easier than ever to buy and learn about native plants. The DuPage County Forest Preserve is offering several classes on native landscaping, and holding a native plant sale on May 12 and 13 at Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook. Visit www.dupageforest.org/nativeplantsale/ for the plant sale catalog, where you can order plants in advance. This link also has information about these classes.

Native Landscaping: All About Plants - Sunday, April 23: Fullersburg Woods - 1 - 2:30 p.m. or 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Native Landscaping: For Birds, Bees and You - Tuesday, April 25: Fullersburg Woods - 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Native Landscaping: Design - Wednesday, April 26: Fullersburg Woods - 6 - 8 p.m.

Many local garden centers carry native plants. Check www.naturalgardennatives.com for a list, plus pictures of plants, native landscaping tips, and lists of plants for various garden conditions.

Native plants – a great way to care for God's creation! Refer to the Caring for Creation web site, at <http://uccdg-caring-for-creation.weebly.com/>, for other ways to care.

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A LOVE LETTER!

We say, "God is Love". And we all know that God wants us to love one another. We also know that the love of families is a "given". We are naturally expected to love our family members. I grew up in a very small family but a family of great love. We all loved each other very much and I had a loving childhood. But our family has gotten smaller and smaller and now there are only seven of us left. Throughout my lifetime, I have made my friends my family, so now my "family" is quite big. I spent many years looking for a church that I would feel comfortable with. I wanted to belong to a church that believed as I believed and that had a friendly and loving congregation. Boy did I hit the jackpot when I found First Congregational Church. From the moment I began working here, I have been encouraged and felt such strong support from so many of you. Last summer, when I graduated with my Christian Education degree, so many of you surprised me with a party and many gifts for which I was so overwhelmed and appreciative. It is a moment I will never, ever forget. And now, finding out that so many of you contributed to give me a check to help me get through this year is once again overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Although you are all remaining anonymous, please know that you are all in my prayers and always will be. I love you so very much and am sending you all many blessings. Thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Our Junior Fellowship group had a wonderful Movie/Game night on March 11th. Great dinner, fun games and we watched Nanny McPhee on the ceiling in the Chapel. Our next Junior Fellowship event is on May 6th. We are going to Drury Lane to see "James and the Giant Peach".

Our 2017 Vacation Bible School is in the planning. This year it is "Hero Central - Find Your Strength in God." This year's dates are June 19th - 23rd. The prices remain the same: \$50.00 per child - \$25.00 for siblings (1st - 6th grades) and \$35.00 per child - \$20.00 for siblings (3 years - Kindergarten). Times are: 1st - 6th grades - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (3 years - K) 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. I am still looking for one science teacher (12:30 - 1:40 p.m.) I am also looking for two outdoor recreation teachers from 12:30 - 1:40 p.m.). And finally, I am still looking for counselors from 7th grade - Senior in high school. Please contact Jan Barker if you can fulfill one of these positions. Jan Barker: jbarker@uccdg.org.

Two more important dates to add to your calendar are: April 30th, which is our children's musical during the worship service followed by our luncheon/variety show fund-raiser and May 14th (Mother's Day) when we will be presenting our third graders with their Bibles. We would like our moms to present their child with the Bible.

If you have any questions about any of our events, please contact me.

Happy Spring! Jan Barker

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Church Garage Sale

As you are doing your spring cleaning, general decluttering, or preparing for a move this year, please keep in mind that the annual Church Garage Sale will be taking place the weekend of September 23rd. This is a major fundraiser for our church, so your donations of furniture, household items, sports equipment, electronics (except TVs), tools, books, music/movies, jewelry, collectibles, crafts, baby items, toys, games, holiday decorations, etc. would be much appreciated!

If you have items that must be out of your house before September, we have storage space 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 for your support!

Blood Drive:

First Congo-Heartland Blood Drive 35th Anniversary: FCC and Heartland Blood Centers are commemorating a special 35 year partnership of holding blood drives in Fellowship Hall. On October 13, 1982, Neva Botsford and Joyce Nerud held the first blood drive. When Neva died, Stan Steed joined Joyce as "Mr. Hospitality." Along with Pat Lockett's delicious home baked cookies, Stan served snacks and beverages. In the process, everyone visited and had a great time! Heartland estimates we have held 106 blood drives, resulting in 2,700 pints of blood. Each pint of blood helps 3 people or 8,100 lives have been helped. High schools and colleges account for 25% of all donations. Heartland needs 700 pints of blood each day for the hospitals they serve. All of their blood supply stays in the Chicago area. More than 4.5 million patients need blood transfusions each year in the U.S. and Canada: 38,000 pints of donated blood is used each day in the U.S. On April 23, during our regular church service, Heartland will present a Golden Heart Award to our church for 35 years of "making a major, life-saving difference for those in need."

BLOOD DRIVE

You Can Make a Difference. Our next Blood Drive is being held on: Tuesday, April 18, 3:00-7:00 pm. One unit of blood helps three people. More than 4.5 million patients need blood transfusions each year in the U.S. and Canada. Someone needs blood every two seconds: 38,000 pints of donated blood is used every day.

Blood can be donated every eight weeks. Come and see how easy and safe it is to become a lifesaver at our next

Blood Drive!



DOOR Ministries – 2017 Youth Mission Trip

We are thrilled to be traveling to Denver, Colorado this June with the Youth Mission Team 2017 to serve with DOOR Ministries.

Twenty two youth and adult leaders will leave via O'Hare the morning of June 11. We will stay in a church in the downtown area of Denver which is part of DOOR Ministries and which will serve as our headquarters

Our work in the city will be with many minority groups. We will focus on what white privilege looks like to others, especially to those of us who are predominantly Caucasian. We will also examine how white privilege affects the various cultures we work alongside with on a daily basis.

We will spend time working directly with those living on the streets of Denver as well as helping with transitional living and job training. We will have the opportunity to spend time with people affected by brain trauma and other health issues, seeing how their day to day lives are improved through therapy, re-learning basic life skills and most importantly, gaining hope.

We will also work with a culture and community in the mountains and see, much like our work with Appalachia Service Project, how poverty affects people who don't have the means to the basic necessities, in their everyday lives.

There are many ways for our church community to get involved in our mission trip from here at home. Aside from our many fundraisers including the SAVERS collection drive, the Simple Soup Suppers during Lent, Easter Brunch & The FCUCC Variety Show, you can also sponsor our Youth Mission Team 2017 by becoming a sponsor and purchasing shares.

Beginning this spring, you will have the opportunity to purchase shares and become a shareholder affording you a day to day look at our mission trip experience. Each day our Youth Mission Team 2017 is in Denver, you will receive emails and pictures so you will be able to follow exactly what we will be experiencing!

Please watch for the Shareholders announcement beginning in April so you can become part of Youth Mission Team 2017!

Dena Provenzano

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Confirmation and YOUTH NEWS

Thank you to our Youth Mission Team, Confirmation classes and high school group for volunteering your time with our March Madness youth fundraisers with:

SAVERS Collection Drive and Simple Soup Suppers!

Youth Mission Team 2017 continues preparing for their mission trip with DOOR Ministries to Denver, Colorado in June.

Our next youth fundraising events will be:

Sunday, April 16th, Easter Sunday where we will serve one meal this year. Please arrive at 8:30 am in the church kitchen Easter morning to begin setting up and preparing Easter brunch.

Sunday, April 30th 11:00 am is our FCC VARIETY SHOW! Please sign up today to perform. All ages are encouraged to perform.

Sunday, May 7th we will kick off our Shares program. You can sponsor any of our Youth Mission Team 2017 for \$25 a share and in return you will receive daily emails, updates and photographs as well as a thank you breakfast.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd SWEET LIFE CAFÉ WOMEN'S RETREAT at Morton Arboretum.

SIMPLE SOUP SUPPERS FOR CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL:

We will continue gathering each Wednesday during the season of Lent for Grounds of Hope with Pastor Scott in the Two Way Coffee House then share dinner together in Fellowship Hall. Different ministries in the church are now leading Simple Soup Suppers however please encourage your child/children to attend Grounds of Hope at 6:00 pm then enjoy dinner together this service is a wonderful way to center yourself and your family during the middle of the week. Please join us.

Youth Events:

Friday, April 7th Annual Night Walk with The Night Ministry of Chicago. More details to follow...

Saturday, April 8th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Pastor Scott's house. ALL youth are asked to help set up and hide Easter eggs. Please meet at 8:30 am. You won't want to miss this super fun event!

Sunday, April 9th Moment of Awareness during worship will focus on Youth Mission Team 2017. Please be there to support our team.

Thursday, April 13-16 Please check the church email and bulletin for Easter services throughout the week.

Saturday, April 15th HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR SCOTT!

Sunday, April 16th Youth Easter Sunday Brunch. Please arrive in the church kitchen at 8:30 am. We will begin serving at 10:00 am.

Friday, April 21st thru Sunday, April 23rd Confirmation Spring Retreat 2017.

Friday, April 21st thru Sunday, April 23rd High School Tower Hill Retreat.

Tuesday, April 25rd The Night Ministry serving in Humboldt Park.

Saturday, April 29th Earth Day March in Chicago.

Sunday, April 30th First Congregational Variety Show for all ages. Brunch and show beginning at 11:00 am.

Sunday, April 30th Blue Day for Child Abuse Prevention month... wear blue to church... more details to follow.

HIGH SCHOOL DISCUSSION GROUP WILL MEET SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd & SUNDAY, APRIL 9th at 11:00 am IN THE NEW AND IMPROVED YOUTH ROOM!

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE WILL BE ON A BREAK IN APRIL DUE TO THE TOWER HILL RETREAT & OTHER YOUTH EVENTS. WE WILL RESUME THE LAST TWO SUNDAY'S IN MAY.

PLEASE ATTEND OUR NEXT PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM COMING SOON...

Love and blessings, Dena Rae Provenzano -Director of Youth Ministries

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**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - LADIES OF
THE MORNING AND EVENING**

We're going out for Lunch! Friday, April 7 at 11:30
AM at Egg Harbor Cafe. 5128 Mochel Drive
Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 963-0390
Available with Manna: "Egg Harbor Cafe
\$25/4.0%"

Two weeks later we'll stay at the church for Stitch
and Chat in the Parlor, Friday, April 21, from
about 9:30-11:30 AM. You don't need to bring
anything to stitch, but can just hang out and chat.
This is a very casual gathering. Come if and when
you can, even if for only a few
minutes. Questions? Contact me, Peggy Gutzke

Home: 630/971-1382 Cell: 630/632-
3014 peggy.gutzke@gmail.com



CONCERNS

Rick and Genevieve Franz, Family
of Craig DuSold, Margaret Craig,
Sandy Gales, Michael Ode, Mary
Jo Henkel, Amanda Mierdirk, Sam
McHugh, Betty Mazzone, mother
of Cliff Mazzone, Marlene
Anderson, Patti Miller, Dena
Provenzano (knee), Carol Kullen
(knee), Family of Deirdre Jones,
family friend of Pastor Kim



**First Congregational Learning
Center**

Spring is in the Air: FCLC is ready to start
spending time playing outside and walking
around the neighborhood. If you see us don't
forget to wave! This summer we will continue
our Summer Enrichment Program. Children can
continue to develop skills and learn about authors and illustrators.
Each week we will focus on a different author or illustrator along
with fun summer themed activities. Every week each classroom
will be making a special book. Throughout the summer Ms. Kim will
work with each child to make their own special book. All books will
be displayed and read at a special family reading day. Also there
will be 3 Field Trips 2 off site and 1 on site along with walking
trips to "Everyday's a Sundae", the Library and neighborhood
parks. Don't miss out on all the fun. Summer Enrichment begins
on Monday, June 5th and goes until August 18th. Sign up today!

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EASTER FLOWERS

Would you like to see our sanctuary in full bloom? Help us bring new life by sharing a spring plant with us! We'll do the work. Just fill out the blank below, attach your payment for \$12.50 (for each plant purchased) and bring/send it to the church office by **Sunday, April 9th**. We'll take care of the rest and arrange the plants for **Easter services on April 16th**.

Your name and the name of your loved ones will appear in the bulletin.

PLEASE CHECK ONE

☐ I would like to take my flower home after worship on Easter.

(We order a variety of plants; however, it is first come, first served if you wish to take your plant[s] home.)

☐ I would like to leave my flower for distribution to our homebound members and friends.

What a wonderful way to remember dear ones at this time of year!

Your Name:

(Please PRINT clearly)

Telephone Number/E-mail:

Name of Loved One whose memory flowers are given:

(Please PRINT clearly)

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First Congregational United Church of Christ

5th ANNUAL **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 8th -10:00am Sharp!

WHO: Toddlers –5th grade
ages 0-12 welcome
Family & Friends! *Helpers
welcome for Set up.*

LOCATION: West Ide Park
8117 Compton Rd.,
Woodridge

SPONSORED BY:
The Oberle's

ADULTS BRING:
A breakfast item to share and your
camera to capture all the fun! Coffee,
Juice and Candy provided

COME:
a few minutes early!!!

HUNT: begins promptly at 10 AM *Hunters take only 3-4 minutes to gather the
2000+ eggs! If you're 2 minutes late you've missed it!*

HUNTERS BRING: a bag or basket for collecting eggs After the hunt you'll
open your eggs, put the candy in your basket to take home, and then snap the egg back
together and leave it for us for next year!



**RAIN, SHINE, and/or
SNOW EVENT!**



BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Since last February, we have a working grease trap in the kitchen. The 3-bay sink and the prewash dishwasher sink both empty into the grease trap. We do NOT have a garbage disposal. Please, please thoroughly clean all excess food into the garbage can and not into these sinks. Please dispose of all fruit and other food trimmings into the garbage and not into these sinks. All leftovers need to go into the garbage and not into these sinks. And if you generate grease through cooking, please dump the grease into the new grease canister and not into these sinks.

Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with moving furniture to facilitate the installation of the new floor material in the FCLC classrooms. The rooms look terrific.

Murphy Miller has been selected to install the 4 new roof top air conditioning units. The three smaller RTU's will be installed in early April. The larger unit will be installed by May 14.

MAC Construction has installed a new steel door and frame on the level 2 janitor closet.

The kitchen hood, range, sinks, countertops, and dishwasher were thoroughly cleaned and sanitized on March 11 by Olympia Maintenance. This is required twice per year. On March 22, Battalion Fire Safety Services performed the semiannual maintenance on the kitchen fire suppression system and performed the annual maintenance to our fire extinguishers. Battalion also conducted an unannounced fire drill with FCLC. All kids and teachers were out of the building in 1 minute 13 seconds.

EASTER PLANTS FOR HOMEBOUND

On April 9, Palm Sunday, *everyone* is encouraged to take a beautiful spring plant to deliver to one of our homebound members. You can really brighten their day and wish them a Happy Easter from their church family! Look for a member of Congregational Care and the plant table in the West entrance. Thank you for caring for our homebound!

Thanks- Joyce Doemland

TROOP 55 SECRETARY/SPECIAL PROJECTS

Thank you all for your participation in our annual recycled shoe drive. Our final count of shoes was 260 pairs! This year we dropped them off at the Lisle Park District and they were very excited to receive them. They will then pass them along to Nike. If you have extras, I will collect them throughout the year. We appreciate everyone's assistance in surpassing our goal from last year!"

Karen Gatewood

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*Honoring
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Radika Jungwirth

And A Heartfelt Farewell
As FCLC's Administrative Assistant

Time: 6:00 pm

Date: Thursday, 4th of May 2017

Place: First Congregational UCC Fellowship Hall
Address: 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL 60515

RSVP: 24th April

By Email: lmcfarland@uccdg.org

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ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE



Friday	March	31	PUTNAM SMITH — Like 19th century troubadours, yet a rootsy modern age storytelling multi-instrumentalist, he performs all across North America from his log cabin in Maine. #2 on Folk DJ charts, Falcon Ridge winner! New CDs!
Friday	April	7	ERIC LAMBERT — A <i>Chicago Music Awards</i> winner, he's a renowned flatpicking guitarist who delivers feel-good Americana infused with bluegrass, blues, roots, rock, & soul. Enthusiasm, palpable joy, earthy vocals, & precision licks!
Friday	April	14	MUSTARD'S RETREAT — Michigan songwriters David Tamulevich and Michael Hough bring wisdom, humor, enthusiasm, & fine musicianship! "Music to cure what ails you!" (<i>Michigan Times</i>). Guitars, mandolin, harmonica, dulcimer, more.
Friday	April	21	JASON & GINGER — Jason Fickel's killer slide guitar and wry lyrics create a musical experience whose blues roots are nourished by the power and versatility of vocalist Ginger Curry. "Witty...poignant...powerful." (<i>WFHB</i>)
Friday	April	28	OPEN MIKE — All welcome! Great variety of acoustic artists! So popular we may limit number of acts. 2 – 3 songs, 10 -15 minutes. Open 7:30 for signups – first come, first served. Show starts 8:00. Info: 630-968-5526.
Friday	May	5	CHARLIE MOSBROOK — CD release: <i>Hear Me Callin'</i> (his 11 th !). Voted <i>Cleveland Scene's</i> "Best singer songwriter," Known for a rich, dynamic baritone voice, understated guitar technique, inspired lyrics, sincerity, humor, and passion.
Friday	May	12	The PINKOS: Sammy (from Miami) Byerly & Caleb (Duke) Erickson — Colliding with an explosive mix of old & new roots music, young (he's 17) Caleb's skill on guitar, mandolin & banjo compensates for Sammy's shameless sense of humor!
Friday	May	19	TOM KASTLE — He's spent over two decades on the road and on the water as a singer, songwriter, actor, tall ship sailor & captain, & teller of tales, both personal & steeped in long tradition. Latest CD: <i>Angels & Nightingales</i> .
Friday	May	26	ROBINLEE GARBER with Jordi Kleiner (fiddle), Dean Milano (bass), Rick Vines (percussion) — A songwriter, she's sung across US, Canada, Sweden & Finland. Also a creative arts therapist, she uses her songs to entertain, but also to heal.
Friday	June	2	SOCIETY OF BROKEN SOULS — "Folk noir" songwriters Dennis James & Lauryn Shapter tour nationwide singing with acoustic & electric guitars, fiddle, keyboard, drums. Sweet & edgy, rebellious & jubilant, introspective & heartfelt.

¹Featured on **WFMT 98.7 "Folkstage"** with **Rich Warren**. ²Featured on **WDCB 90.9 "Folk Festival"** with **Lilli Kuzma**.

Saturday Apr 8, 8:00pm	\$5	Old Time Barn Dance — Reels, squares, line dancing, waltzes and more, plus the music of our great live band. Fun for the whole family! All dances taught and called by our expert leaders. No experience, costume or partner needed. Plank Road Folk Music Society is co-sponsor.
2 nd Tues, 7-9pm Apr 11, May 9, Jun 13		2nd Tuesday Song Circle — BYOS (<i>Bring Your Own Songs</i>). A monthly opportunity to informally & acoustically perform <i>your</i> songs or covers for the circle. Plank Road Folk Music Society co-sponsors.
Saturdays, 2-4pm Apr 1 & 15 May 6 & 20, Jun 3 & 17		Sing-Around — Our popular song fests where beginners and experienced musicians can learn and/or share songs. Listeners and singers welcome too! Songbooks provided. Plank Road Folk Music Society co-sponsors. First and third Saturday afternoons of every month at 2:00 pm.
Saturdays, 2-4pm Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24		Bluegrass Jam — Musicians of all experience levels gather to improve skills, learn/share tunes, & have fun! 4th Saturdays (except Dec 24) 2:00-4:00pm. Plank Road Folk Music Society is co-sponsor.
Saturdays, 2-4pm Apr 29, Jul 29, Sep 30		5th Saturday Country/Western Jam — Whenever there are five Saturdays in a month, beginners and experienced musicians jam! 2:00-4:00pm. Plank Road Folk Music Society is co-sponsor.
Thursdays Apr 27, May 25, Jun 29 7:00-9:30pm	FREE!	LAST THURSDAY! — Monthly open mike for high school & college age students. Last Thursday of every month. Music, poetry, any performance art — 10 min. max. Signups begin 7pm — first come, first served. Info at twowaystreet.org , on Facebook, or call 630-968-5526.

Live entertainment is featured every Friday night beginning at 8:15. Doors open by 7:30. \$10.00 donation requested. Beverages and snacks available. The **Two Way Street Coffee House** is a not-for-profit community project of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Downers Grove. Member: Plank Road Folk Music Society, Fox Valley Folklore Society, Old Town School of Folk Music, Aural Tradition, Folk Alliance International. For current entertainment listings and updates, booking and other information, visit us on the web at www.twowaystreet.org and on Facebook.



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