



**First Congregational Church**  
Sunday Worship Service  
July 22, 2018 at 9:30am  
*United In God's Love*

**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 in worship! Please let us know a little more about you by taking a moment to sign the red friendship folders in the row next to you. 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.
- Nursery/childcare is available for children up to age 2 and is located just off the church parlor
- Nursery and Sunday School: The nursery is open today for infants through age 3. 4yr olds- 4th grade Summer Sunday School will meet in the Chapel on level 2. Older children are invited to remain in worship..

*Let the church in remembering Christ remember that is is conserving the most uprooting, the most revolutionary force in all human history. For it was Christ who crossed every boundary, broke down every barrier... If ever there was a man who trusted his origins and had courage to emerge from them, it was Christ.”* **—William Sloan Coffin**

*A friend is one who knows you and loves you just the same.*

**—Elbert Hubbard**

*A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.*

**—Walter Winchell**

*As iron sharpens iron so a friend sharpens a friend.- **Proverbs 27:17***

***God is still speaking ...***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

-MercyMe  
The Band

\*SHARING THE PEACE

\*OPENING SONG

*Rise Up Rise Up*

- Maher  
The Band

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

For the friends who have shaped us God

**We give you thanks**

For those who have stood by us when no one else seemed to care

**What value can we place on true friendship?**

For those who depend on us as friends

**May the love of Christ be the strong foundation upon which our friendships grow. Amen.**

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:1-12

Joe Kilar

MUSIC MINISTRY

*Rise Up*

-Day

The Band

MESSAGE: With A Little Help From My Friends Pastor Scott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Scott

Silent Prayer

Prayer

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFT'S

Pastor Scott

Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory

Special Offertory Music *You Raise Me Up*

- Groban

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 SONG #708 *Go Forth for God*

-Peacey

\*BENEDICTION

Ancient Words

-Deshazo

POSTLUDE

*Let It Rise*

- Big Daddy Weave

The Band

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

**Today's Musicians**

Vocals: Kelley Calpin, Emily Durham, Anthony Berg

Bass: Eric von Holst Percussion: Lily West

Piano: Justin Kono Drums: Alex Williams

## 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”.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY JOYS**

The passing of Lois Wight on 7-1-18, Dea family, Cheryl Comeford, Karen Zyché, *the joy of the birth of Avery Kenna Gilbert to proud parents Steve and Brittany Gilbert*, Anna Faith Blakenship -grandniece of Patti Miller, Judy- sister of Carl Lorek, Lauren Hill—recovery from car accident

**GREETERS:** Lindsey & Corrine Rensch, Marty Schranz

**USHERS:** Andy Dahle, Judi Davenport, Jan Hessler, Nancy Hessler

**HEAD USHER:** Tom Eisenhart

**COUNTERS:** Lisa Lockett, Mark Lockett

**(Lead Counter)** Larry Ferries

This week's continental breakfast will be served by Worship & Arts.

## **UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- If you are donating to the David and Margaret Swartz fund write all check to the church and in the memo section add “random acts of kindness/Swartz”
- AS THIS SUMMER VACATION SEASON BEGINS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO OUR CHURCH AND ITS PROGRAMS.
- Visioning fellowship group events-SAVE THE DATES!!!
  1. Adults (who are single, divorced, widowed, empty nesters, under 55 or don't have small children OR were a part of the 55 and up/ family groups but could not attend that event) Please join with Pastor Scott for a summer evening social on Sunday July 22nd at Another Round Bar and Grill patio, Food and beverages will be provided - Time is 7-8:15pm. We'll have some fellowship and then Pastor Scott will share some of the findings from our 2018 visioning meetings, and some hopes for our future together. But this is also an opportunity for you to bring some ideas and or ask any burning questions you've had and want to hear more about. RSVP to [pastorscott@uccdg.org](mailto:pastorscott@uccdg.org)
  2. Parents with Small kids (infant to elementary) Saturday, July 28th, at the Curran's home on Stanley Dr. from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Parents and kids welcome. Dinner provided. Come get to know other parents in the church, have a chance to connect and talk more about what we are looking forward to in the near and long term future. RSVP: [amycurran@gmail.com](mailto:amycurran@gmail.com)

- Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, Noon- 2:00 pm, Pet Blessing in Fishel Park with Pastor Scott, our church community, and The Dog Barkery. Bring your sweet pets along ❤

**SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION:** This summer, as you are buying school supplies for the new school year, please remember the less fortunate.

Congregational Care Ministry is collecting school supplies for children of all grades (kindergarten through high school) for Hope's Front Door (formerly Walk-in Ministry of Hope). Supplies needed are: three-ring binders, pocket folders, colored pencils, crayons, erasers, broad tip markers, glue sticks, fiskars scissors, highlighters, pencil cases/supply holders, pens/pencils, wide ruled spiral notebooks, pencil sharpeners, calculators, backpacks. Each Sunday morning starting July 29th through August 26st, donations can be dropped off in the "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" crate at the west entrance or during the week in the administrative office. Think back to how exciting it was to get new supplies and be as generous as you can!!! Thank you!!!

**BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU:** Thank you Mark Herrick and Ron Moravec for your help at the July 17th Blood Drive Event. Thanks also to Pat Locket for her delicious chocolate chip cookies for our treat table. We had a great turnout and would like thank all our donors for another successful event; Barbara Bayer, Rich Tol;ekis, AnnaMay Miller, Marvin Miller, Joyce Doemland, David Doemland , Paul Callahan, Jennifer Teelucksingh, Jane Callahan, Mike Prescott, April Prescott, Denise Finke, Pam Vaughan, Laurel Bowen, Dennis Lewis, Pat Armstrong, Ralph Anderson, David Bowen, Dirk Gutzke , Patricia Linden Lewis, Scott Given, Jan Given, Dena Provenzano, Marc, Provenzano, Dave Williams, Dirk Gutzke, Tom Eisenhart, Janet Bishop, Pat Armstrong, Ruth Popelar, William Popelar, Kathy Gajuiski. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR – PLAN AHEAD: OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS OCTOBER 16TH.**

**Garage Sale News Flash! “Detox your jewelry box”:** Our annual garage sale is coming up on September 22. Our jewelry department has been quite successful in the last two years, we raised \$2,000-that is ¼ of the total garage sale income of \$8,000. The early collecting, sorting, cleaning and pricing helps us achieve this goal. Starting this Sunday you will see us with our basket at the west entrance staircase. Pop your jewelry donation into a plastic baggie and drop it into the basket. We accept all jewelry; broken, bits, pieces, single earrings, home crafted. We'll find a home for it. Questions, contact Trudi Connick at 630-968-6916

**Ladies of the Morning & Evening:** 7/27 – 9:30, Stitch and Chat, Peggy Gutzke, 4916 Stanley Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60515, 630/971-1382. Bring breakfast food to share. Questions - contact Peggy Gutzke 630/971-1382 [peggy.gutzke@gmail.com](mailto:peggy.gutzke@gmail.com)

**Securing our Building During the Summer:** During summer hours our Building & Grounds ministry has had some frequent conversations as to how we

secure the building when our weeknight schedule changes during summer months. In response we will keep the west doors locked each evening until after Labor Day Weekend when regular programming resumes. We ask that if you have a meeting all ministry/committee leaders use your key cards for entry. Thank you for your cooperation in securing our church building.

**SCARCE:** We will be collecting used crayons for SCARCE to be peeled, melted and poured to make larger crayons for children with special needs. Please help fill our bucket located in the west entrance. <https://www.scarce.org/super-crayons/> Super Crayons - View Full Calendar Online Registrations, View all of our upcoming activities on our calendar. Dena Provenzano

**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.

**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: 9/2 (movie), 9/9, 9/16. Nursery Volunteers: 8/5, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16. Please contact Barb Hammack at [barbhamm@aol.com](mailto:barbhamm@aol.com) or Joyce Doemland at [jddoemland@aol.com](mailto:jddoemland@aol.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.

**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](mailto:gclark214@comcast.net) or 630-881-3362. Thank you!

**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 [amycurran@gmail.com](mailto:amycurran@gmail.com) or 630-964-2205 for more information.

**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>

**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.

**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](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com). Questions? Email Laurie Olsen at [glennlaurie@earthlink.net](mailto:glennlaurie@earthlink.net) and Steve Johnson at [sjoh413@gmail.com](mailto: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 Hersemann at [dah5@comcast.net](mailto:dah5@comcast.net), or Laurel Carlson at [lacduke@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://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.

**First Congregational Church of DG, IL**

**Capital Campaign as of June 30, 2018**

	<u>Total</u>
<b>Funds Received</b>	
Pledges / Reserves	1,135,108
Endowment Loan (Quarterly interest only @ 3.00%)	200,000
SBA Loan (monthly payments @ 2.85% interest)	6,069
Winnetka Loan (monthly payments @ 2.00% interest)	8,323
<b>Total Funds Received</b>	<b>\$ 1,349,500</b>
<b>Expenditures Paid</b>	
Projects Completed	1,190,897
Interest Payments Endowment & Winnetka Loans	19,609
Capital Reserve Endowment Fund Deposit	15,000
Principal Payment to Endowment Loan	90,000
<b>Total Expenditures Paid</b>	<b>\$ 1,315,506</b>
<b>Net Funds</b>	<b>\$ 33,994</b>
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
<b>Revised Total Pledges/Reserves to Date</b>	<b>\$ 1,348,499</b>
Pledges outstanding	\$ 213,391
<b>Total loan principal outstanding</b>	<b>\$ 124,392</b>

**First Congregational Church of DG, IL**

**Operating Budget through June 30, 2018**

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Contributions	261,406	270,816
Endowment	64,072	64,072
All other revenue	29,286	37,974
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b">\$ 354,764</b">	<b">\$ 372,862</b">
Church payroll and benefits	239,683	238,429
Church Office	33,977	32,968
Buildings & Grounds	67,306	64,583
Expenses of all other Ministries	34,694	43,028
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 375,660</b>	<b>\$ 379,008</b>
Net income/(loss)	\$ (20,895)	\$ (6,146)

**As the summer vacation season begins, please remember to stay current with your pledge.**



ENDING HOMELESSNESS  
ONE STEP AT A TIME

10K & 5K Run, 5K Walk

Ending Homelessness One Step at a Time-Saturday, September 15th, 2018 – 8:00am, 703 West Liberty, Wheaton, Bring your family, friends and coworkers to DuPagePads 14th Annual Run 4 Home. The CARA certified race and USATF certified course will take runners and walkers through scenic streets of Wheaton and back to DuPagePads for a celebration, including the Run 4 Home Kids Corner, featuring games, prizes, face painting and more! Take a step to end homelessness and register today! Pre-registered participants are guaranteed to receive an official DuPagePads Run 4 Home shirt. Register before August 18th and save! Online registration is available until September 13<sup>th</sup> at <https://fundraise.dupagepads.org/event/14th-annual-run-4-home/e175693>

# Coming Up This Week

## **SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018**

9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Sunday School  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Baptism Dexter & Viatfix Gaisel  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Parent Education Program  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Visioning fellowship group event- Adults with NO Elementary Children-Another Round

## **MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018**

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Chapel

## **TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018**

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House  
10:00 AM Adult Coloring Group-Library

## **WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 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  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Greater Chicago Food Depository Wednesday Night Repack  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alanon meeting-Coffee House

## **THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018**

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM FCLC Jumpbunch Parlor  
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Painting Party-Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM Last Thursday-Two Way Coffee House Open Mike  
7:00 PM Scouts-

## **FRIDAY, JULY 27, 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, JULY 28, 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 Bluegrass Jam!-Coffee House  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Visioning fellowship group event Parents with Small kids/ at the Curran's home on Stanley Dr



# An Open and Affirming Congregation

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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](http://www.uccfn.org)  
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## First Congregational Learning Center

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