

**First Congregational Church**  
Sunday Worship Service  
May 13, 2018 at 9:30am  
*United In God's Love*

*Teach Your Children  
the Love of God*



**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. Sunday school for 3 year olds- 1st grade will be in the Chapel, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders are in room 603, 5th-6th graders will be in the Youth Room.

*No act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted.*

**-Aesop**

*Never be so busy as to not take the time to think of others.*

**-Mother Teresa**

*When given the choice between being right and being kind,  
choose kind. -Dr. Wayne Dyer*

*Let us not raise our kids to have more than we've had, let us  
raise them to be more than we are. -Anonymous*

*When your children are teenagers it's important to have a dog  
so that someone in the house is happy to see you.*

**-Nora Ephron**

*God is still speaking ...*

PRELUDE

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

-Kendrick  
Alleluia Ringers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Scott

MOMENT OF AWARENESS

Steve Johnson

\*SHARING THE PEACE

\*OPENING SONG #136 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* (1-2, 4)

-Heber/Dykes

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Pastor Scott

God draw near to us this Mother's Day. For as many give thanks, others grieve; as many remember with gratitude and appreciation others hurt from estrangement and pain. Mother's Day is a blessing to so many and a heartache to others.

**For those who have "mothered us", nurtured us, and raised us in love we give you thanks O God.**

Mothers are those who wipe running noses and sit with us when we fall. They are those who kneel by bedsides and teach us how to pray. Moms put up with our shenanigans. How did she know? Mothers hold us accountable, and teach us to own the truth and its consequences.

**God for those women, young and old, single and widowed, married and partnered who have witnessed the life of Christ to us through their words, their deeds and their actions we give You thanks.**

It was women who stood by as they crucified Jesus. It was women who discovered the empty tomb. It was women who housed Jesus and the disciples, and women who supported his ministry through meals, finances, and prayer and it is often women who still do so today. Thanks be to God for the women on whose shoulders and strength many a church has been built. **Amen.**

SONG

*Festive Celebration*

-McChesney  
Alleluia Ringers

CHILDREN'S SONG

Jesus Loves Me (1st Verse)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Karen

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.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC      *Mungu ni Mwema with God Is So Good*      -Burrows  
Jr. Choir

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM      Pastor Scott/Pastor Karen  
Leo Nicholas Tiboletti

Baptismal Song      *The Prayer*      -Foster

Invitation and Words of Blessing to the Baptized

Questions of Faith Identity

Congregational Response of Support (read in unison)

**Leo, we thank God for making you one of a kind. As your church family brought together by the Holy Spirit, we will do our best to walk with you as you grow in your faith journey. As brothers and sisters in Christ we will seek to live out our faith with you, and to learn from your faith and life as you grow in your relationship with God. We will pray for you and your family. We will seek to model God's forgiveness, hope and love in our lives together with you. We give thanks on this your baptism day, rejoicing with the Holy Spirit, for the joy of sharing this faith journey with you. Amen.**

Baptism

Gifts and Prayer      Congregational Care and Pastor Scott

SCRIPTURE READING      Rori Mullen

Proverbs 22:6

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MESSAGE      *Life Lessons*      -Pastor Scott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE      -Pastor Karen

Silent Prayer

Prayer

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD Pastor Karen  
Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory  
Offertory Music *Children Will Listen* -Sondheim

\*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 #712 *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*  
-Westendorf/ Welsh Folk Tune

\*BENEDICTION *Ancient Words* -Deshazo

POSTLUDE

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

**Today's Musicians**

Vocals: Kelley Calpin-Piano: Justin Kono

**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**

Genevieve Franz & family at the loss of Rick, Cheryl Comeford, Karen Zyche, Vern Cleveland, Judy Lacey Bunting hip surgery, Marita Moniger foot surgery

**GREETERS:** Marilyn & Bob Katrein, Barb & Joe Kilar

**USHERS:** April Prescott, Mike Prescott, Larry Ferries, Sandy Gales

**HEAD USHER:** Bob Orsula

**COUNTERS:** Heather Bilcer, Cliff Mazzone

**(Lead Counter)** Adrienne Colvert

**This week's continental breakfast will be served by** Giving Team (aka Leadership & Stewardship).

**This week's altar flowers are in honor of** Gary Uphill's birthday from Jim & Jenni Hallman-father of Jenni.

**UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Upcoming dates:**

- Graduation Sunday: First Congregational United Church of Christ will host graduation Sunday on, June 3rd for graduating high school seniors and collegiate seniors. Please submit your name and a photo to the administrative office by May 24th to [lmcfarland@uccdg.org](mailto:lmcfarland@uccdg.org).

**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. Deposit to hold trip of \$250.00 due May 21st.

**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:** Happy Mother's Day this Sunday to all of our wonderful mothers! ☘ Sunday, May 20th-Confirmation Sunday, all high schoolers will join to sing *Holy Spirit* during service to honor our Confirmation class. Please meet at 8:45 am for a quick rehearsal in the sanctuary that morning. Sunday, May 20th-Youth Group will meet right after church to go to the Arboretum to study for finals. Please bring a packed lunch or money to buy lunch. Meet in the parlor. CITY SERVICE MISSION 2018! This Sunday following church, please head to Fellowship Hall to purchase gift cards at a discounted price and check out some of our silent auction items as well. All proceeds benefit Youth Mission Trip 2018 to Houston, Texas with City Service Mission. June 5th is Graduation Sunday! Please RSVP to Leslie McFarland in the church office! ❤️ Love and blessings, Dena Provenzano.

**2ND CHANCE THIS SUNDAY:** Thanks to the generosity of our donors for the Trivia Night Fundraiser, you still have a 2nd chance to bid on many wonderful items, pick up more discounted gift cards, and grab some bargains at garage sale prices. Be sure to come down to Fellowship Hall during coffee hour to check it out! All proceeds benefit this summer's mission trip to Houston.

**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.

**B&G Update:** Thanks to the generous members, near and far, whose donations allowed for the remodel of the Parlor kitchenette. Special thanks to Mike Coletto and Steve Brenner for their talents and workmanship. \*The external security cameras have been successfully installed. We now have cameras trained on all sides and doorways of the church. Stop by the Humphreys-Williams office on level 4 to see the monitor displaying the 13 cameras. \*Church workday is Saturday May 5 from 8:00 am until 2 pm. Please stop to assist with projects such as painting, replacing ceiling tiles, and other small projects. \*B&G personnel lockup the church every Sunday afternoon after service. However, during the week we receive reports of rooms left unlocked with lights burning. If your group holds a meeting, please turn off the lights and lock the doors where appropriate. Church security is everyone's responsibility. \*On Sunday mornings, respectfully request that parking spaces in the church lot be 'reserved' for

senior members or those with physical challenges. If you are able bodied, please park on the street, behind the bank or in the library lot. Thank you for your cooperation.  
Tom Williams

**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!

**SILVER SERVICE:** While clearing out the kitchenette, we came across a silver plated coffee service and three silver plated trays. We don't recall seeing these used before, and wonder if anyone knows where the service and trays came from? If you have any knowledge about the set or the trays, please contact Linda Schranz at 630-464-0426 or Jan Hibbeln at 630-728-4843 and share with us whatever information you have. Or see either of us at church. Thanks!

**Vacation Bible School-** Online Registration is NOW OPEN. Register at [rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/uccdg](http://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/uccdg). Vacation Bible School will be held June 18-22. We will be going on a Rolling River Rampage adventure. Don't miss out on the fun!!! Contact Michelle Rafacz with any questions ([mrafacz@uccdg.org](mailto:mrafacz@uccdg.org)).

**Summer Sunday School Volunteers needed:** This summer, we will be "Investigating the Facts in Acts". The children will learn about an new story from Acts each Sunday. They will then play games or do crafts based on the story. We are looking for volunteers to teach. Sign up for just one Sunday or multiple Sundays. Please contact Michelle Rafacz at [mrafacz@uccdg.org](mailto:mrafacz@uccdg.org).

**Ladies of the Morning & Evening:** Stitch and Chat at AnnaMay Miller's home, 1026 62nd Pl, Downers Grove, IL 60516, 630-964-2004 on Friday, May 18 from 9:30-11:30. You don't need to bring anything to stitch, but can just hang out and chat. In the summer we usually meet at people's homes once a month and bring food to share for breakfast. Contact AnnaMay if you plan on coming and what food you plan to bring. Reminder: Progressive Dinner is June 1! Be sure it's on your calendar! For additional questions please contact me, Peggy Gutzke Home: 630/971-1382 Cell:630/632-3014 [peggy.gutzke@gmail.com](mailto:peggy.gutzke@gmail.com)

**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 7<sup>th</sup>:** 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](mailto: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](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com). Questions? Email Laurie Olseon 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.



Standing Together  
Against Violence Conference

*A Call for Civility*

Saturday

May 19, 2018

Time: 10AM- 2PM

First Congregational Church

6500 W 34<sup>th</sup> Street

Berwyn, IL

RSVP Pastor Anthony Williams

wayne14926@gmail.com



## Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School

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

June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

First Congregational UCC

9am-2pm (1<sup>st</sup> -6th grades)

9am- Noon (preschool-K)

Register at [rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/uccdg](http://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/uccdg)

## VBS Donation List

### Food

string cheese  
mini marshmallows  
goldfish crackers  
chocolate chips  
Target gift cards

### Craft Supplies

tissue paper  
(red/orange/yellow)  
clothes pins  
Jumbo craft sticks  
aluminum foil  
Small stones (for  
crafts)

### Recycle

empty pop cans  
empty plastic water  
bottles  
scraps of fabric  
empty 2 liter bottles  
empty plastic food  
containers

### Other

paper towels  
paper plates  
Plastic paint sheeting (120 ft, for slip & slide)  
Small Kiddie Pools (3)

For more information contact Michelle Rafacz  
([mrafacz@uccdg.org](mailto:mrafacz@uccdg.org))

# COMING UP THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

9:30 AM Baptism baby-Leo Triboletti

9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Sunday School-9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM Alleluia Ringers-Music Room

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Praise Band Rehearsal-Sanctuary

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM Junior Choir-Music Room

## MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House

1:00 PM Adult Education Classes-Music Room

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Chapel

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Education Classes-Music Room

## TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House

10:00 AM Adult Coloring Group-Parlor

4:30 PM Administrative Deadline for Pilgrim

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM FCLC ExeRate Training-Chapel

6:30 PM CE Meeting-Library

6:30 PM Personnel Committee-Pastor Scott's Office

7:00 PM Finance & Budget-Rm 503

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 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

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grounds of Hope Worship Service-Coffee House

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Missions Ministry Library

7:00 PM Confirmation-Last day

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alanon meeting-Coffee House

## THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM FCLC Jumpbunch Parlor

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM FCLC ExeRate Training-Chapel

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Troop 55 Court of Honor- Sanctuary

## FRIDAY, MAY 18, 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, MAY 19, 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



# 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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