

First Congregational Church

1047 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, IL

United In God's Love



Sunday Worship Service

July 8, 2018

9:30 AM

**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, 2nd-4th graders are in room 603, 5th-6th graders will be in the Youth Room.

"For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline" – 2 Timothy 1:7

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."– Colossians 3:2

Even when it feels as if we are being crushed by earthly troubles, we can remain joyful. If we keep our focus on God, our spirit cannot be trampled." -Mary C. Neal

"Although we tend to think about saints as holy and pious, and picture them with halos above their heads and ecstatic gazes, true saints are much more accessible. They are men and women like us, who live ordinary lives and struggle with ordinary problems. What makes them saints is their clear and unwavering focus on God and God's people."

-Henri Nouwen

God is still speaking ...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Cathy

PRELUDE

*SHARING THE PEACE

*OPENING SONG

Here I Am to Worship

- Hughes
The Band

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

For a life of joy,

We look to Jesus.

For a life of hope

We look to Jesus.

For a life of faith,

We look to Jesus.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jan P. Hessler

Hebrews 12: 1-3

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Help Me Find It

- McDonald/Frey/Ingram
The Band

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MESSAGE *Squinting for Jesus* Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes

Prayer of the People Pastor Cathy

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD Pastor Cathy

Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory

Offertory Music *Clearly* - VanderWaal/Nash
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 Cathy

*CLOSING SONG *Be Thou My Vision* - Traditional
The Band

*BENEDICTION *Ancient Words* -Deshazo

POSTLUDE *The River* - Feliz
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/Percussion: 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

The passing of Lois Wight on 7-1-18, Dea family, Cheryl Comeford, Karen Zyche, *the joy of the birth of Avery Kenna Gilbert last Sunday to proud parents Steve and Brittany Gilbert* **MISSION TRIPPERS:** *Adalbert (Audie) Brackett, Lucas Dea, Thomas (Tom) Dea, Katie Finucane, Nicole Havel, Ryan Hodge, Erin Kaniewski, Faith Kaniewski, Joseph (Joe) Orr, Madyson (Mady) Poulter, Luke Prescott, Gianna Provenzano, Luca Provenzano, Vincente' (Vinny) Provenzano, Paige Purcell, Madison Reed, George Ross, Lauren Travis* **MISSION LEADERS:** *Pastor Scott Oberle, April Prescott, Paula Orsola, Dave Humphreys, Dena Provenzano*

GREETERS: Dave & Lynn Niemi, Debra Paha

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 Ladies of the Morning.

UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- AS THIS SUMMER VACATION SEASON BEGINS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO OUR CHURCH AND ITS PROGRAMS.
- JULY 15th right after church water games for kids and church members of all ages! Balloon toss, slip and slide, water kickball
- 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

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: amyccurran@gmail.com
- Sunday, August 12th, Noon- 2:00 pm, Pet Blessing in Fishel Park with Pastor Scott, our church community, and The Dog Barkery. Bring your sweet pets along 🐾

Family and friends of David and Margaret Swartz: in recognition of their work in the church and God's Blessing in their 50th year of marriage, "a Swartz Honorary Fund will be established to be used in ministries that support those trying to start a new life, but who have challenges with housing, job training, and or learning English as a primary language as they seek new beginnings." Dave and Margaret have been leading forces in our aid to our refugee families, help in our bridge support, ride shares and doing all they can to help make sure people feel the hospitality and grace of Jesus from our church family.

How to Save Three Lives in Less Than an Hour: The demand for blood is increasing every year. However, the supply of blood isn't increasing fast enough to keep up with the growing demands. Heartland Blood Centers need to collect over 177,000 units of blood to meet the daily transfusion demand of 600 pints of blood for patients in the hospitals they serve. You save three lives by donating only one unit of blood. The ONLY source of blood is people like you. Blood is perishable. A patient undergoing a major operation may need 15-20 pints and an accident victim 1-90 units. Wouldn't it be worth it if you knew you could be saving up to 3 lives? Come and see how easy and safe it is to become a life saver at our next blood drive: Tuesday July 17, 2018 from 3 to 7pm. Every donor will receive a complimentary offer for a FREE breakfast entrée from Chick-fil-A! You can make a difference! To make an appointment call AnnaMay Miller at 630-964-2004 evenings 5-9pm.

YOUTH NEWS: Sunday, July 15th is YOUTH SUNDAY!!

All Houston mission trip participants, junior high & high school teens are invited & encouraged to attend. We will rehearse for YOUTH SUNDAY on Wednesday, July 11th at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary.

YOUTH GROUP: Sunday, July 15th right after YOUTH SUNDAY in Fishel Park. Bring your bathing suits for water sports & games!!

Ladies of the Morning & Evening: Let's go out for breakfast! July 13 - 9:30 AM, Blueberry Hill Breakfast Café, 7340 IL-83, Darien, IL 60561, (630) 734-1300, <http://www.blueberrybreakfastcafe.com/>, (Manna?)Questions? Contact me, Peggy Gutzke Home: 630-971-1382 Cell:630/632-3014 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: July 8, 15, 29; August 5, 12, 26; Sept 2, 9, 16.

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 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 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. 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 Hersemann 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.



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 13th at: <https://fundraise.dupagepads.org/event/14th-annual-run-4-home/e175693>



Come join the fun!

1047 Curtis St
Downers Grove
(fellowship hall)

Painting Party

Thursday,
July 26th
6:30-9:30pm

only \$35
per person
refreshments
provided

Directed by:
PrAcad OUTT Painting Parties!

Includes:
all supplies to complete
this 16x20 canvas

Please make checks payable to:
Joyce Nelson
and place in collection basket with
information below.
no later than Sunday, July 15

Name/s _____

Number of people _____

\$ enclosed _____

Coming Up This Week

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018

Mission Trip

9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Sunday School

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018

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

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

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018

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

10:00 AM Adult Coloring Group-Library

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM 2nd Tues Song Circle-Two Way St Coffee House

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 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

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM PFLAG-Chapel

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

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018

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

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

7:00 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 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 14, 2018

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Martial Arts Parlor

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM All Bridge Saints-Fellowship Hall/Kitchen



An Open and Affirming Congregation

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In pastoral emergencies, Pastor Scott can be reached at 630-432-0380.

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