

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

JUNE 25TH, 2017

9:30 AM

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 today! We hope that you feel the warmth of God's spirit here as we worship together! Please complete the form (in the pew) to let us know a little more about you and place it in the offering plate. As our guests this day it is the only offering we ask. 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.
- Children are welcome in worship; however, should your child grow restless feel free to sit with them in the Parlor at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- Nursery/childcare is available for children up to age 2 and is located on Level 2 just beyond the Chapel.
- Children are invited to attend Sunday School following the Children's Message. Classes are offered for all ages.
- Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher.
- An elevator is at your disposal for all levels; our west entrance has a ramp.
- Our Church Website is <http://www.uccdg.org>
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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

~ Margaret Mead

"We must abandon arrogance and stand in awe. We must recover the sense of majesty of creation, and the ability to be worshipful in its presence. For I do not doubt that it is only on the condition of humility and reverence before the world that our species will be able to remain in it." ~ **Wendell Berry, A Native Hill**

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.
~ **Mahatma Gandhi**

God is still speaking. . .

PRELUDE

Justin Kono

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kim

*SHARING THE PEACE

*OPENING SONG

Holy Spirit

- Battistelli

Mission Trip Participants/The Band

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Dena Provenzano

Leader: God of the mountains and valley, oceans and streams, cities and suburbs

ALL: We open our hearts to you.

Leader: Hear our prayers and hymns of praise.

ALL: Fill us with hope and gently heal our brokenness by touching our hearts with your love.

Leader: May we open our hearts to your presence.

ALL: Help us to share our love for you every day of our lives! Amen.

HERO CENTRAL – VBS Review

Jan Barker

One of a Kind

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Leap of Faith

VBS Choir

Super Heroes

All children are invited to stay in worship for this VBS and Youth Mission Sunday.

SCRIPTURE READING

Phillipians 4:8-13

Vinny Provenzano

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Climb w/ Trip Slides

- Alexander/Mabe

The Band

MESSAGE:

“DOOR Mission Moments”

Brett Johnson

Mady Poulter

Lauren Travis

Luca Provenzano

Nicole Havel

Leah Purcell

Andrea Wiltz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Prayer

Pastor Kim

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Pastor Kim,

Roger & Julie Lommatsch, Brett Johnson, Dena Provenzano
Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory

Special Offertory Music

If We Are the Body

- Hall

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 Kim

* CLOSING SONG

Beautiful City

-Godspell

Natalie Olson

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Kim

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

Always

-Riverview

Church

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

Today's Musicians

Vocals: Natalie Olsen, Anthony Berg

Guitar: Len Clark Piano: Kelley Calpin & Sarah Younker

Bass: Conor Roe Drums: Justin Kono

PRAYER CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY JOYS

Sarah Johnson (recovery from surgery)

Today's Sunday School: There will be no Kid's Church this week. All children should join us down front in the sanctuary for our youth worship service. Our youth group will be talking about their many mission trip and the VBS children will share music from their week of Hero Central.

GREETERS: Mark Herrick, Marty & Linda Schranz

YOUTH GREETERS: Nicole Havel, Erin Kaniewski, Faith Kaniewski, Natalie Olsen, Mady Poulter, Luca Provenzano, Vinny Provenzano, Leah Purcell, Lauren Travis, Andrea Wiltz

USHERS: Andy Dahle, Judi Davenport, Virginia Hopley, John Hall

(HEAD USHER:) Tom Eisenhart

COUNTERS: Mark Lockett

(Lead Counter) Larry Ferries

This week's continental breakfast will be served by Finance & Budget.

This week's altar flowers are in memory of Thomas (TJ) Jones (7-21-55/6-25-16) from Jean Marie Jones.

AMAZING Youth Mission Trip participants unable to attend today's service: Audie Brackett, Joe Keys, Korina Luco, Joe Orr, Aidan Purcell, Paige Purcell.

This Week's Announcements

Sabbatical: Pastor Scott will be taking a well-earned sabbatical this summer. It is a time for rest, rejuvenation and further study, and Pastor Scott will be doing all of those things. He will be continuing mission work in South Africa, reconnecting with a former colleague in Kenya, continuing his ministry studies and even brushing up on his fluency in Spanish. He will also be spending quality time with his family. It will be the first full sabbatical of his ministerial career and, considering that he has done much of the work of two ministers for most of his tenure with First Congregational, with all of the demands on his time, it is a well-deserved one. Pastor Scott will be away from our church from May 26 through Sept. 5. During that time, Pastor Scott will NOT be doing any of 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, preaching at weddings (except for one prior commitment), or doing the myriad of other things he does at FCC on a

daily basis. Also, if your birthday falls between May 26 and Sept. 5, please note that he likely will not be calling you to extend birthday wishes, but you will be in his thoughts. In his absence, we will be in excellent hands with the support and leadership of both Pastor Kim and Cathy Sanders, our Minister of Pastoral Care and Visitation. We wish Pastor Scott the best on all of his summer endeavors.

Fellowship Committee Postponed Trip: The trip to the Morton Arboretum that the Fellowship Committee planned for this Sunday (6/25) has been postponed to the fall. Thank you. Samantha Cechowski.

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. Volunteers from First Congregational United Church of Christ will be working at the Aurora facility of FMSC at 555 Exchange Court on Friday, July 28 from 6:00-7:30pm. We have committed to 25 volunteers. Linda Schranz will be signing up volunteers after church service during all the Sundays in July. Please see her in Fellowship Hall or call/text her at 630-464-0426 with any questions.

New Church App: Please download our new app on your –iPhone or Android NOW! Just search for our church name. The app will keep you connected “real-time”.

MANNA- NEW MERCHANTS: If you did not already know we now stock Caputo's, Mariano's and Chipotle (\$10 and \$25) cards at the Manna Table. There is now a Chipotle at Saratoga and Ogden. Remember, buying MANNA CARDS helps the church budget. And Manna is simple to do: you purchase a gift card for the face value. The merchant donates a percentage back to the church. For instance, if you buy a \$25 Chipotle card the church receives \$2.75.

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.

Women's Fellowship - Ladies of the Morning and Evening: All women are welcome to any of our events. Invite a friend! July Gathering: Let's go out for breakfast! July 7 - 9:30 AM, Juicy-O, Hinsdale Lake Commons Shopping Center, 6300 Kingery Hwy, Willowbrook, IL (630) 468-2585.

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>

Habitat For Humanity could use your help for a few hours! Join us on Saturday, June 24th from 12:00 - 3:00pm at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, 4100 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora, where we will be helping with various tasks such as sorting, organizing, receiving, or cleaning merchandise. We'll be carpooling from church at 11:15am. If you're interested, please contact Gail Clark at gclark214@comcast.net or 630-881-3362. (Volunteers must be 16 years or older.) You don't have to pound nails to be a part of providing safe, affordable, decent housing for families. Habitat for Humanity Fox Valley ReStore sells new and used building materials, furniture, lights, appliances and more. Proceeds fund the building of houses for our local neighbors in need. Volunteering at ReStore has a direct impact on supporting this cause.

PRIDE PARADE: This year's PRIDE Parade in Chicago is today at Noon. If anyone from the church is heading downtown today for the annual pride parade at noon, the Coalition for Welcoming Churches is # 50 in the line-up. I encourage you join them and represent our congregation if you are interested. Blessings ~ Pastor Kim

ALL CHURCH PARENT EDUCATION MEETING: NAMI Presenter: June 25 Our community as well as area towns have been coping with the recent loss of our youth to suicide and additions. NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness) is coming to create an awareness to our families on Sunday, June 25 at 11:00 am. This event will be held in the Parlor. We invite all within our congregational community to attend. Please invite friends and neighbors; anyone whose lives has been tragically impacted by loss. It's an opportunity to become aware of short and long term responses to suicide. NAMI will also share real life recovery stories of hope. Please contact Dena Provenzano with any questions at dprovansano@uccdg.org or April Prescott at amprescott@sbcglobal.net.

THE NIGHT MINISTRY OF CHICAGO: Outreach & Mission! Sunday, June 25th we will serve our friends in Humboldt Park. Please meet in the church kitchen to prepare a meal at 2:00 pm. We will head to Humboldt Park at 3:00 pm & begin serving at 4:00 pm. Any questions, please reach Dena Provenzano denapro@comcast.net.

FCC Book Club: Our book selection for July is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Our meeting date is Wednesday, July 5 at 6:30 PM. For July, we will meet in the party room of Linda Schranz's condo - 6585 Main Street in Downers Grove. Linda will provide beverages along with cheese & crackers. Anyone coming may bring an appetizer or snack of their choice. You can call or text Linda at 630-464-0426. Everyone is invited! Just read the book and come ready to discuss.

Business Directory Version 2.0! Finance and Budget is in the process of updating our business directory. It is our hope to expand this year's directory to include Downers Grove businesses. We also have a Services section planned which will include activities like dog walking, house sitting, child minding, etc. If you would like to renew your ad or insert a new one, please contact Jan Hessler or David Hersemann.

The church kitchen has been cleaned and reorganized. Please be respectful of our kitchen and all the various groups that use it. Please do not leave anything behind after you use the kitchen - no food, no dishes, no plastic ware - and clean up when you leave, having the kitchen look just as it did when you arrived. We will continue to monitor the kitchen to ensure it stays in good order. If some item is left behind, we will hold on to it for two weeks and then either donate the item to the garage sale or toss it away. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please see Jenni Hallman, Barb Hammack, Linda Schranz or Dan Swick.

Sanctuary Angel wanted for the summer: Joyce Nerud has been volunteering as sanctuary angel for many years and in need of an assistant to volunteer once a week for one hour. The duties are: to check and fill each pew with offering & memorial envelopes in each pew slot, sharpened pencils in each slot, pick up any bulletins, or Communion cups left in the pews, and straighten the name tag board. There is a plastic container where supplies are kept in the ushers' cabinet in back of the Sanctuary. Please contact Joyce Nerud at joyneru@comcast.net or (630) 606-1361 for more information.



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Job Skills Workshop

July 10th, 17th, and 24th

9:30-11:30 am

Sessions will be held at: Catholic Charities, 3130 Finley Road, Suite 520, Downers Grove.

July 10th "Successful Job Searching"

July 17th "Money Management"

July 24th "Effective strategies for Interviewing"

The sessions are free and open to all.

Please call Joy Newburn at 630-519-6547 to sign up or to get more information.



Experience the Great Outdoors!

Soft sand on the beach...Refreshing waves from the lake...Cool breezes over the water...The warm glow of a campfire...Inspiring sounds of God's creation...Fellowship with friends from your church family...All tied together by the Spirit of our Living Lord.



All Church FCC Labor Day Camping Tower Hill Camp, Sawyer, Michigan September 1-4, 2017



Sites are \$7.00 per person per night
Children ages 2 and under are free

All meals are on your own. Three fire pits are available to share for cooking and evening gatherings. (Great places to eat out in the area, too!) Our annual community potluck breakfast is Sunday morning (September 3rd). Bring something to share with the group! Campground amenities include electricity, showers, and flush toilets.

Please complete and return the reservation form below to the church office by Sunday, August 27, 2017. Drop it off, mail it in, or fax it to 630-968-7568. For more info, contact Gail Clark at 630-881-3362 or gclark214@comcast.net. (You may also email completed forms to Gail.)

Reservation Form for FCC Labor Day Camping At Tower Hill Camp, Sawyer, Michigan September 1-4, 2017

Please complete and return your reservation form by Sunday, August 27, 2017

The _____ family is coming!

We will have _____ adults and _____ child(ren) age 3 and up

We will arrive on _____ (day of week)

And plan to stay for _____ nights.

Best phone number

E-Mail Address

(Number in group) _____ X \$7.00 X (Number of nights) _____ = _____

Note: We're sorry, but a "NO PETS" policy is now in effect for Tower Hill.

Coming Up This Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

GroveFEST

9:30 AM - 10:30 PM VBS Sunday & Youth Sunday

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 HS Discussion-Library

12:00 PM Pride Parade: Chicago

4:00 PM Night Ministry

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017

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

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017

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

10:00 AM Adult Coloring Group-Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017

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

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Cooling Center

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

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017

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

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

7:00 PM Last Thursday-Two Way Coffee House Open Mike

7:00 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017

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 01, 2017

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

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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Each and every member of our church has a ministry!

Church staff available

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Fridays by appointment.

Office Phone: 630-968-0358 Office E-mail: FCUCC@UCCDG.org

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.



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