

UNITED IN GOD'S LOVE

February 19th, 2017

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 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.uccd.org>
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"The third clause of the Lord's Prayer is repeated daily by millions who have not the slightest intentions of letting any will be done except their own."

-Aldous Huxley

Too often, we are conditioned to think of prayer as asking God for what we want—dear God, give me this, give me that. But now, in praying that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven, we are attempting to school ourselves to want what God wants. We receive, not what our hearts desire, but rather we become so enthralled with a vision of what God is doing on earth and in heaven, that we forget the story that the world has told us—that we have nothing better to do than to satisfy our desires.

-William H. Willimon & Stanley Hauerwas in Lord, Teach Us

I distrust those people who know so well what God wants them to do because I notice it always coincides with their own desires. **-Susan B. Anthony**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kim

MOMENT OF AWARENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE

*OPENING SONG #59 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

-Van Dyke/Beethoven

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Pastor Scott

Help us God for conflating our own willfulness with Your will; keep us from building kingdoms of our own design.

That by showing mercy and leading with compassion

Love would conquer hate

That by building bridges of forgiveness and repentance

We can live more openly and honestly with one another

That in following the cross of Jesus

The world around us might see an alternative to cycles of violence, payback and revenge. Thy will be done in our lives as it was in Jesus'. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pastor Scott and Deacon John Vidmar

Brooke Elizabeth Buckholtz

Baptismal Song #677 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (verses 1-2)*

- Turner/Witt

Invitation and Words of Blessing to the Baptized

Questions of Faith Identity

Congregational Response of Support (read in unison)

Brook, we thank God for you in the love of Christ. As your church family, we will do our best to walk with you as you grow in your journey with God as disciples. We will seek to live out the faith we profess with you, and to learn from your faith and life as you each grow in Christ. We give thanks to God, rejoicing with the Holy Spirit, that as sisters and brothers in Christ, we can share this faith journey with you. Amen.

Baptism

Gifts and Prayer

Congregational Care and Pastor Scott

Baptismal Song #677 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* (verses 3-4)

- Turner/Witt

CHILDREN'S SONG

Jesus Loves Me (1st Verse)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Kim

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

Jim Nichols

Micah 6:6-8

Matthew 7:12-27

John 6:39-40

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Power to Redeem

- Daigle

Elise Stockwell

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MESSAGE The Lord's Prayer part 4: *Thy Will Be Done*

Pastor Scott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Kim

Silent Prayer

Prayer

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory

Offertory Music

Forgiveness

- Caird/Gordon

Kelly Calpin

*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 HYMN #447 *Because He Lives*

- Gaither

*BENEDICTION *Ancient Words*

- Deshazo

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 #481 *Every Time I Feel The Spirit*

- AAS

<p>OUR TIME OF WORSHIP TOGETHER HAS ENDED. NOW MAY OUR CHRISTIAN SERVICE BEGIN!</p>
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Today's Musicians

Vocals: : Kelley Calpin, Elise Stockwell

<p>PRAYER CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY JOYS</p>
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<p>Rick and Genevieve Franz, Osborn family, Craig and Jay DuSold, Margaret Craig, Sandy Gales, Anne Albert, Michael Ode, Mary Jo Henkel, Gail Jarowski, Amanda Mierdirk, Sam McHugh, the passing of Randy Drew's mother - Margaret Laveda Drew, our past youth minister passed away on Sunday, Rev Greg Martin</p>
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Today's Sunday School: Today our 3 yrs. – 4 ½ yrs. Will meet in room 202. Our 4 ½ yr. olds – K children will meet in room 203. Our 1st -& 2nd graders will meet in the Chapel. Our 3rd & 4th graders will meet in room 603. Our 5th & 6th graders will meet in room 604.

GREETERS: Kathy Mazzone, Anna May Miller

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

HEAD USHER: Tom Eisenhart

COUNTERS: Pat Lockett, Bill Lockett, Sr.

(Lead Counter) Pam Swick

This week's continental breakfast will be served by Endowment and Personnel.

This Week's Announcements

The services for Montrew Dunham: Sunday, February 19, 2017, Visitation: 2:00 pm, Service: 2:30 pm – Sanctuary, Reception following service in Fellowship Hall. Please keep the Dunham family in your thoughts and prayers during their time of loss.

Special Education opportunity: Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 pm at the Oberle's, we will study "Great Tide Rising" by Kathleen Dean Moore- a book about climate change that is personal, and speaks more to the things and people we love.

To Members of Our 2017 Church Ministries and Committees: Thank you so much for volunteering to serve our church. We encourage each of the ministries and committees to conduct their first 2017 meeting before Feb 25th to give themselves a chance to get to know their new members, establish their 2017 meeting dates, and formally elect their chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and secretary/scribes. At your meeting, please review your group's mission as prescribed by the Church Constitution/By-Laws and the actions taken and achievements made by your group during 2016. If your group hasn't already begun doing so, please begin formulating your 2017 action plans - laying out your goals for the year and steps you plan to take to accomplish those goals. Then, please plan on attending the Ministry Coordination Board (MCB) orientation workshop on **Feb 25, 2017 from 9:00-11:00 AM** in Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this workshop is to provide a MCB orientation, share church wide goals, and most importantly, review the individual ministries and committees' missions and actions plans. For those working to define/refine those, we aim to assist in that process during the workshop. Bringing your laptops for your group's work is welcomed and encouraged! Breakfast will be provided and we look forward to having 100% attendance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sandy Toleikis, Vice-Moderator (sctoleikis@sbcglobal.net).

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 not a Chipotle at Saratoga and Ogden. Remember buying MANNA CARDS helps the church budget end strong. 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.

Join the Caring for Creation Team: On Sunday, February 19th, we will present a workshop on making homemade laundry detergent and hand soaps. Meet at a marked table in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am. The cost of the workshop is \$15 which includes a month supply of detergent and hand soap. The length of the program is only 30 minutes. To RSVP, text or call Robin Oberle at 331-444-6496.

Prison Ministry: The Prison Ministry, serving youth at the Illinois Youth Center - Warrenville, is gearing up for our second "semester" of classes, which begin on Thursday, February 23 (classes are held on Thursdays at 7 pm). If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Amy Curran at amycurran@gmail.com or 312-399-8807.

Ash Wednesday Supper & Service: As Lenten Season begins on March 1st, join us for a lite soup dinner starting at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall followed by a worship service in the sanctuary at 7:30pm. If you plan on joining us and would like to bring your favorite soup, salad, side dish or dessert to share; please see Lynn Niemi, Robin Oberle and Samantha Cechowski, who will be in the Fellowship Hall, during coffee hour this Sunday with sign up sheets. For those who are unable to sign up ahead of time, we kindly ask those with last names starting with A-L

bring either a salad or side dish, and those with last names starting with M-Z bring a dessert. If you have any questions, please reach out to a Fellowship Committee member.

BEFORE THE FLOOD movie night and discussion on Friday, February 24th at 6:00 pm.

Lenten Soup Suppers: Each of the successive Wednesdays we will have a soup supper with a worship time of 6:00pm in the Coffee House to focus on the meaning and journey of discipleship Lent brings us through. Meal times will be 6:30pm-7:30pm in the fellowship hall, confirmands are welcome to stay till seven and then go to their class. The soup supper nights are March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and April 5th. The youth group will be overseeing March 8th and 15th. We will especially need cooks and volunteers the 22nd, 29th and 5th.

Ordination for Associate Minister Kim Whisler-Vasko will be February 26 at FCC Geneva at 3 pm. An Installation date will be announced after she meets with the COM.

Scout Troop 55: Throughout February, we will be collecting old athletic shoes. The shoes can be any condition. Please do not donate shoes with spikes. Look for the collection box in the church parlor. The troop would like our help in surpassing last year's total of 255 pairs. So scour your closets and basement for any old athletic shoes!

SAVERS: The SAVERS dates will be Saturday, March 4th and Sunday, March 5th! We will not be able to store any donations before the date. We are collecting: Clothing, Sporting goods and Home goods... Please call Dena Provenzano if you have any questions.

Women's Retreat: "Ladies...please don't forget to get your forms and fees in as soon as possible for our awesome Women's Retreat: Sweet Life Café on Sunday, April 2nd. I am hoping to have at least 40 or 50 woman to make this an event to remember. Forms can be found in the Sunday bulletins or in the West Entrance of the church. It will be perfect for you and a friend or sister or mom to enjoy a day together. Please get your forms in to me A.S.A.P. Thank you all, Jan Barker"

Women's Fellowship - Ladies of the Morning and Evening: We're going out of Breakfast! Friday, March 3 at 9:30 AM at Citrus Diner. 844 E Ogden Ave Westmont 630/655-1840 <http://www.citrusdiner.com>

Calling all readers! Our book selection for March is "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown. Since March 1 is Ash Wednesday, our book club will meet on THURSDAY, March 2 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome to join us - just give the book a read and come ready to participate in discussion! Hope to see you there. Thanks, Linda



Sea Grass Basket: You will see this basket at the west entrance. Please use this basket ONLY for any collections. Your ministry baskets should be in the parlor behind the Visitor's Station. Please empty this basket asap and fill your ministry baskets as needed. This will allow our entrance to



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)

be free from clutter and have an inviting look at all times.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
PRESENTS

Trivia NIGHT!

Saturday, March 4, 7PM

Doors open at 6:30 PM

\$25 per person

\$30 at the door

\$225 for table of 10

Advance Purchase Only



Chili Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Cash Bar

Raffle Baskets

Silent Auction

Gift Card Chance

Cash Prize To Winning Table

American Legion Hall | 4000 Saratoga Avenue | Downers Grove

Purchase tickets: ticketpeak.com/res/uccdgrtrivianight

Questions? email: lockett.megan24@gmail.com

Fundraiser to benefit the First Congregational United Church of Christ's family in the Bridge Communities

The church is hosting a Trivia Night on March 4, 2017, benefiting the Bridges Community family, so mark your calendars. BUT, we need your help. In order to make this a successful fundraiser, we need items for our raffles and silent auction! If you know of any company or person who would make donations for this worthy cause, please pass that information along to Megan Ruschke. See her after church or email her at lockett.megan24@gmail.com

SWEET LIFE CAFÉ

A Women's Retreat

Love ~ Friendship ~ Reflection

*Please join us on Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 for a day of relaxation, laughs,
love, friendship and reflection.*

11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*In the Sycamore Room at the
Morton Arboretum*

Arrival ~ Luncheon ~ Four Team Sessions

Two Amazing Speakers and High Tea at 4:00

(fathers and children may enter the Arboretum for free while mom is in retreat)

All Friends Welcome!

\$40.00 per person



RSVP To JAN BARKER - jbarker@uccdg.org

630-865-6675 by March 15th.



Name _____

Phone No. _____

No. of Persons _____

Total amt. (\$40.00 per person) \$ _____



Coming Up This Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

- 9:30 AM Baptism-Brooke E. Buckholtz
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM Drama
- 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM Hallelujah Ringers Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Cabnet-503
- 11:00 AM Caring for Creation Team Meeting-Nursery
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM HS Discussion-Library
- 11:00 AM Post Baptism Party -Buckholtz-Chapel
- 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM Junior Choir
- 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM Visitation Montrew Dunham-Sanctuary
- 2:30 PM Memorial Service -Montrew Dunham-Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM Reception-Montrew Dunham-Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Youth Basketball League-1st United Methodist Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 10:00 AM Adult Coloring Group-Parlor
- 6:30 PM CE Meeting-Library
- 6:30 PM Personnel Committee-Pastor Scott's Office
- 7:00 PM Worship and Arts-Library
- 7:00 PM Finance & Budget-Rm 503
- 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal-Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grounds of Hope Worship Service-Coffee House
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Confirmation-Youth Room
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alanon meeting-Coffee House

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM FCLC Jumpbunch Chapel
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Adult Christian Education -Study Discussion Group-FORGIVENESS/Library
- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM FCLC Speech-Language/Occupational Presentation-Chapel
- 6:30 PM Cabinet meeting-503
- 6:30 PM ESL Conversation Group-Library
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Last Thursday-Two Way Coffee House Open Mike
- 7:00 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Chapel
- 6:00 PM BEFORE THE FLOOD Movie Night & Discussion
- 8:15 PM Two Way Street Concert-Coffee House

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM MCB Orientation-Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Martial Arts - Chapel
- 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Spring Music Rehearsal-Music Room
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bluegrass Jam!-Coffee House

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Each and every member of our church has a ministry!

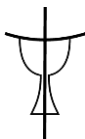
Church staff available

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

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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.



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