

First Congregational Church  
Sunday Worship Service  
June, 9th 2019



Living and Dying

*United In God's Love*  
9:30am

**No matter who you are  
or where you are on life's journey ...  
You are welcome here!  
A SPECIAL WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!**

**Mission:** Connect people with God and one another to serve, live, and love- guided by Christ.

**Vision:** A more just, compassionate world, united in God's love.

**Values:** As an open and affirming United Church of Christ, we seek to:

- Lead with love
- Nurture faith as a lifelong journey
- Engage with Scripture
- Embrace diversity and value all people
- Hold sacred God's creation
- Advocate for peace and justice
- Serve our local, national and global communities
- Share joy, hope and kindness

**Invitation:** Come change the world with us! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here

Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet.

**-N.T. Wright**

...stooping very low, He engraves with care  
His Name, indelible, upon our dust;  
And from the ashes of our self-despair,  
Kindles a flame of hope and humble trust.  
He seeks no second site on which to build,  
But on the old foundation, stone by stone,  
Cementing sad experience with grace,  
Fashions a stronger temple of His own. **-Patricia St. John**

The Holy Spirit puts the 'super' into our 'natural' **-Amba Keeble**

A church without the Holy Spirit has become a church irrelevant, for it is the power of the Holy Spirit that leads us to be the city on the hill, a light for all to see, a beacon of God's love and hope. **-Anonymous**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Scott

MISSION MOMENT

Char Wild

PRELUDE

\*SHARING THE PEACE

\*OPENING SONG

#326 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

-Manley

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

-Pastor Scott

When we are hurting and don't know what we ought to pray for

**Holy Spirit intercede on our behalf and be our comfort.**

When we are at a crossroads and weighing out the path we should take

**Holy Spirit be our Guide.**

When we are leading two lives, one at church and one we hide

**Holy Spirit be our Truth Teller.**

When we are comfortable and complacent

**Holy Spirit be that which troubles us to move.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Move us. Shape us, and transform us to be the people God hopes us to be. 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

-Dirk Gutzke

John 14:15-19,25-27

Romans 6:3-5

MUSIC MINISTRY

*Prayer for Pentecost*

-Kensinger  
Chancel Choir

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MESSAGE

*On Living and Dying*

- Frank Saltiel, MD

Dismiss for pride parade participants.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Scott

Moment of Silent Prayer

Prayer

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Scott

Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory

Offertory Music

*Changed*

-Levox, Thrasher, Mobley

\*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

#352 *Spirit Song*

-Wimber

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

-Lutkin  
-Chancel Choir

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

*I Will Bless the Lord*

-Pace  
The Band

- Following worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall for New Member Continental Breakfast.
- Blue offering envelopes in pews are for giving to specific ministries outside of regular offerings.

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

**Today's Musicians**

Chancel Choir

**Our 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**

Mazzone Family at the death of Cliff's mother Elizabeth (Betty) Urbauer, Ann Mullen, Marylin Jelinek, Cheever Family, Cathy Lou Pearson, recovering from surgery, Carrie & Tim Wilde as Carrie is recovering from brain surgery, for the upcoming General Synod and this weekend's Illinois Conference meetings, Wiemerslage and Costa families, families affected by flooding and tornado damage. Jennifer May and Sebastian Scilluffo upon the death of their baby son Giovanni. Those who lost their lives in the Virginia Beach shooting this past week.

**GREETERS:** Vicki Christiansen, Adrienne Colvert

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

**HEAD USHER:** Bob Orsula

**COUNTERS:** Heather Bilcer, Cliff Mazzone

**(Lead Counter)** Adrienne Colvert

**This week's continental breakfast will be served by** Congregational Care

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Aurora Pride Parade today after service!**

**Vacation Bible School:** Vacation Bible School will be June 17<sup>th</sup>-June 21<sup>st</sup> 8:15am-12pm We are having so much fun planning and getting ready for the start of Summer! Sign up today to join us for VBS as a student or as a volunteer, please feel free to share this link along with others as well. We hope to see you there!

For Students and Volunteers

<https://vbsmate.com/FCUCCDG>

For those wishing to donate items for the week of VBS

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AAEAB2BA7F94-vbs2019>

**Night Ministry:**

Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

6:30-8:30 pm

Humboldt Park

Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

6:30-8:30 pm

Humboldt Park

Any questions, please contact Dena Provenzano

630-660-7445

[denapro@comcast.net](mailto:denapro@comcast.net)

## **HIGH SCHOOL TEEN YOUTH GROUP:**

### Pride Aurora- Sunday, June 9th

Carpooling after service. Parent drivers needed.

### Graduation Sunday, VBS Sunday and Party in the Park!

Sunday, June 23rd during service and celebration afterward in Fishel Park.

Please bring a dish and dessert to share. Drinks will be provided.

### Pride Chicago- June 29-30.

We will head to StPauls UCC, Lincoln Park for Street Ministry and a project with Lighthouse Church on Saturday afternoon.

We will have a lock- in at StPauls UCC Saturday evening and head to Pride Chicago Sunday morning.

Please RSVP to Dena Provenzano by Sunday, June 2nd.

Love and blessings,

Dena Provenzano

630-660-7445

## **Women's Fellowship:**

Progressive Dinner!!!

Everyone is welcome! Even MEN! Bring a friend!

Friday, June 14

6:30 Appetizers – Sandy Toleikis' house

7:30 Dinner - Jan Hibbeln's house

9:30 Dessert - Peggy Gutzke's house

Think about whether you want to bring appetizers, dinner food (main course or side/salad) or dessert.

Jan sets the tables for a nice sit down dinner, so we need a pretty accurate head count by Wed. June 12.

Contact me with who's coming and what you'd like to bring.

If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Gutzke

Home: 630/971-1382 Cell:630/632-3014 [peggy.gutzke@gmail.com](mailto:peggy.gutzke@gmail.com)

**GroveFest:** Help raise money for our Church while having fun at Downers Grove Rotary GroveFest!! Each year the Rotary Club of Downers Grove hosts GroveFest and they ask local non-profits and churches to help them run the fest and earn money for their organization at the same time. Our church can earn \$40 for each shift you work! We can earn as much as \$1,000! Volunteer shifts are just 3 to 4 hours long and you get a chance to meet new people and help your church. Opportunities include the car show, beer sales, information booth, setup and teardown, ticket sales, and more. You simply go online and sign up for as many slots as you like. Be sure to list "First Congregational Church" as your non-profit in the "My Comment" field so we get the credit for your shift. Sign up today at [www.rotarygrovefest.com](http://www.rotarygrovefest.com) Click the "Volunteer" button, see the job descriptions, and sign up! But do it today... shifts are filling up fast! If you have any questions, please Dave Humphreys 630-968-5526 -Thank you!!

**Thank You:** We want to extend a thank you to Pastor Scott, Kelley, Bill, Church Members, Personnel, and to everyone that helped out with serving cookies and coffee for my sister's Memorial Service. A big thank you From Carl, my wife Sue and family.

**The Fellowship Committee Painting Party:** You are invited to join a fun evening of painting on July 17th from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Here are the details: This is a fun paint party where you learn the technique of making your own custom wood sign for any room in your house, office or business. You select your design and board size during registration. Each board is customizable to fit your personal taste and color scheme. We use the famous Annie Sloan Chalk Paint®, with other paint colors. You also have the option of finishing it with a rustic weathered look or leaving as is. Signs are made on pine wood boards. All materials and instruction are provided. You don't need to be artsy or an avid painter to come enjoy this. This is NOT a freehand paint class. We use pre-cut vinyl stencils.

Prior Registration is REQUIRED to reserve your spot. Cost is \$30 to \$45 depending on board size.

To register and pre-pay use this link: <http://bit.ly/2Vkg0xG>

During registration review the shared photo album of available fonts and layouts of the designs being offered. The link is:

<https://goo.gl/photos/Q3wnRtna3hbcDuRY8>

Special requests should be directed to Bridget at B2 Signs & Designs at [bridget@b2signsanddesigns.com](mailto:bridget@b2signsanddesigns.com)

Bring an appetizer, dessert or beverage to share.

For questions or concerns, contact Lora Finucane at [jlfincane@comcast.net](mailto:jlfincane@comcast.net)

**Christian Education:** Teachers for Godly Play are still needed for pre-k to first graders (Chapel), 2nd-4th graders (Library), 5th and 6th (Youth room). We will need two volunteers per Sunday to be in the nursery. If you are interested in teaching within any of these areas, please contact Sarah Forillo [sforillo@uccdg.org](mailto:sforillo@uccdg.org)

**ADULT COLORING:** Studies have shown that coloring reduces stress, anxiety and provides relaxation. In addition to those benefits, our Adult Coloring group also provides fellowship. Come join us on Tuesdays, 10 am to 12 pm in the Library. Even if you have not colored before you are welcome. We always have extra supplies for visitors!

**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>

**Mission Ministry:** Consider joining 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 are able. Please contact Gaye Smith at [eyesgirl@comcast.net](mailto:eyesgirl@comcast.net) or (630) 712-9148 for more information.

**Chancel Flowers:** Did you know that the flowers displayed on the Chancel are donated by church members 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 it. We do ask, 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 actual cards. You can also reload cards you have purchased and get ecards on your device. You can go to [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com). If you have any questions, please e-mail 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. We purchase the coffee for North Central College Enactus a student run organization. It is available during coffee hour in one pound bags or KCups.

**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).

**FAMILY REPACK DAY!** On Saturday, 22 June we are volunteering for the 8:30am – 11:15am repack session. This is a special session where children are encouraged to participate! The minimum age to volunteer is 11 years old. We have registered for 15 slots. If you have been curious about GCFD but Wednesday nights are inconvenient this is the perfect opportunity to explore this great organization. They will provide a letter validating service hours if your children are collecting them. Car pool and sign up details will be in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. Please contact David Hersemann, Laurel Carlson, Laurie Tsukuno or Mary Dove with any questions.



# WE TALK THE TALK; NOW LET'S WALK THE WALK!!!

June is Pride Month. Let's show the community we support our LGBTQI family, friends and allies across the western suburbs and Chicago with **three separate events:**

What: **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Aurora Pride Parade**

When: **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, 12:00 p.m.

Where: Kickoff is at Benton and River Street in Aurora (½ mile course)

We will meet at the west entrance immediately following the service (10:30am) and carpool. **This is a fun, family-friendly event!**

What: **Chicago Pride Parade**

When: **Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**, 12:00 p.m.

Where: Kickoff is at Broadway and Montrose

**Our youth will be participating in the parade by joining with St. Paul's UCC of Lincoln Park and Lighthouse Church. They plan to travel to St. Paul's on Saturday and stay overnight. Anyone interested in joining them on Saturday or Sunday is more than welcome.**

What: **Train Station Send-Off**

When: **Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**, approximately 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Where: Four metra stations (Lisle, Belmont, Main Street, Fairview)

**Let's show our neighbors riding the trains into the city on Sunday morning for Chicago pride that we are truly a welcoming church by giving them a rousing send-off and wishing them well.**

For more information on Aurora Pride or Train Station Send-Off, please contact Mary Dove at [marykdove@gmail.com](mailto:marykdove@gmail.com). For Chicago Pride, please contact Dena Provenzano at [denapro@comcast.net](mailto:denapro@comcast.net).



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**When:** Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Kickoff is at Benton and River Street, going east on Benton, north on Broadway, west on Downer Place and ending at River Street. (½ mile course)

We will meet at the west entrance immediately following the service (10:30am) and carpool.

**This is a fun, family-friendly event!** For more information, please contact Mary Dove at [marykdove@gmail.com](mailto:marykdove@gmail.com) or 630.960.4021 or visit [www.Aurorapride.org](http://www.Aurorapride.org).

**Also,** look forward to participating in other church sponsored events surrounding the **Chicago Pride Parade** on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

# Coming Up This Week

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019**

Aurora Pride Parade

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School

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

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Youth Giving Art Show- Fellowship Hall

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Teens – Parlor

## **MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019**

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

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

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019**

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

10:00 AM Adult Coloring Group-Library

3:00 PM Administrative Deadline for Bulletin

6:30 PM Building & Grounds Committee meeting-Room 503

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

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019**

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

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study (at members' homes)

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM FCLC Jumpbunch Parlor

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Greater Chicago Food Depository Wednesday Night Repack

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM DuPage United Meeting- Parlor

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Teens-Library/Youth Room

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

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019**

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

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Music Room

7:00 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019**

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

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

8:15 PM Two Way Street Concert-Coffee House

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019**

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

4:30 PM Administrative Deadline for Pilgrim



# An Open and Affirming Congregation

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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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