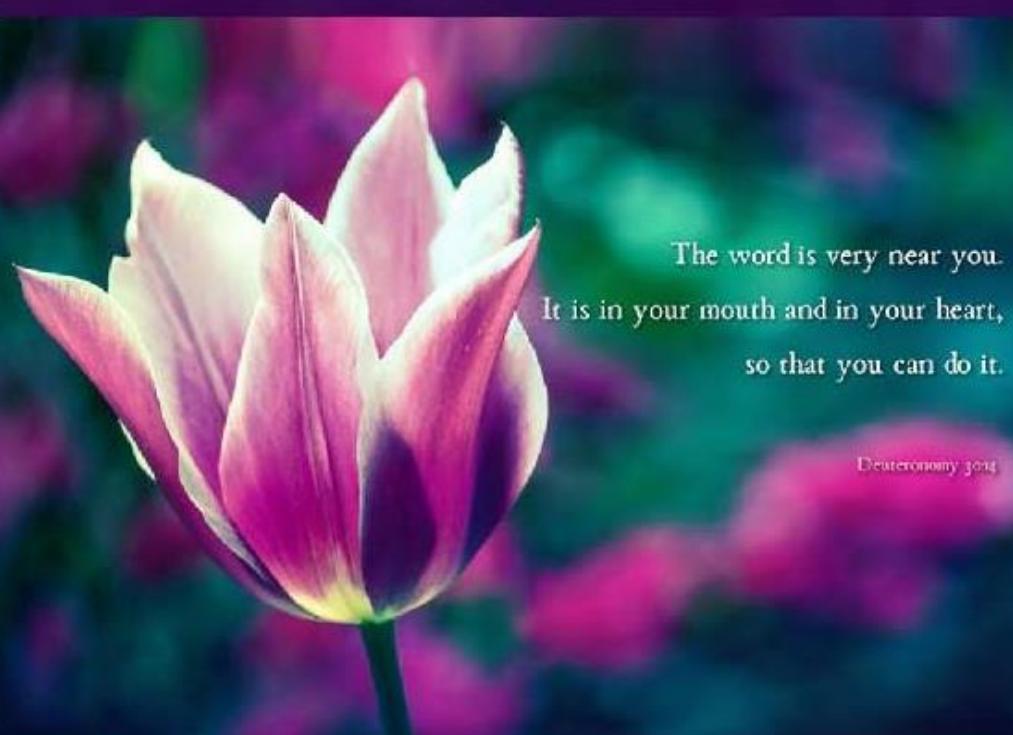


First Congregational Church

Sunday Worship Service

July, 14th 2019



The word is very near you.
It is in your mouth and in your heart,
so that you can do it.

Deuteronomy 30:14

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.

A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.

-James Keller

To the world you may be but one person, but to that one person you may be the world. -Unknown

God loves you more in a moment more than anyone could in a lifetime. -Anonymous

Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can. -John Wesley

God is still speaking...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Cathy

PRELUDE

-Kono

*SHARING THE PEACE

*OPENING SONG

#10 *Sing A New Song*

-Schutte

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

-Pastor Cathy

If the Word is near to us

It shall be in our mouths and upon our hearts.

If we are of God

Then the fruits of our summer will be love, joy, peace and kindness.

If we are the body

God help us to reflect the life of Jesus in our bodies, minds and hearts.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SONG

Jesus Loves Me (1st Verse)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

-Pastor Karon

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

-Joe Kilar

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

MUSIC MINISTRY

Thy Word

-Grant

The Band

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MESSAGE

Not Too Hard, Not Too Far

-Pastor Karon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Cathy

Moment of Silent Prayer

Prayer

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Cathy

Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory

Offertory Music

Eternal Life

-Dungan

Soloist Edith Larsen

*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 HYMN

#451 *Be Still, My Soul*

-von Schelgel/Sibelius

*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

Lean on Me

-Withers

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.

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PRAYER CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY JOYS

Mary Lerner, Rev. Bob Schieler, The Prescott Family at the death of Mike's Father, Rich Toleikis, Ann Mullen, Marylin Jelinek, Cheever Family, Carrie & Tim Wilde as Carrie is recovering from brain surgery, Wiemerslage and Costa families, families affected by flooding and tornado damage.

GREETERS: Chris Gales, Dirk & Peggy Gutzke

USHERS: Len Clark, Eric Nelson, Dave Williams, Dick Hill

HEAD USHER: Dirk Gutzke

COUNTERS: Heather Bilcer, Cliff Mazzone

(Lead Counter) Adrienne Colvert

This week's continental breakfast will be served by Outreach and Membership

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Night Ministry:

Sunday, July 28 th	Sunday, September 1 st
6:30-8:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Humboldt Park	Humboldt Park

Any questions, please contact Dena Provenzano

630-660-7445 denapro@comcast.net

Continental Breakfast July 2019 Schedule:

July 21st- Building and Grounds

July 28th- Personnel

Church Landscaping: The Landscape Committee is looking for extra hands to weed/water our new gardens. Join the group Wednesdays from 8-10 am. Bring garden tools if you have them. Contact Laurel Carlson at lacduke@comcast.net or Judi Davenport at jadaven2@gamil.com if you have any questions or would like more information. Thank you!

Women's Fellowship: : 7/26 - 9:30 am Stitch and Chat at Peggy Gutzke's house: 4916 Stanley Ave Downers Grove, IL 60515

In the late spring and summer we usually meet at people's homes once a month and bring food to share for breakfast. This is a very casual gathering. Come if and when you can, even if only for a few minutes. Please let Peggy know that you will be able to come and what breakfast food you'll bring to share. You don't need to bring anything to stitch, but can just hang out and chat.

If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Gutzke at Home: 630/971-1382
Cell:630/632-3014 or peggy.gutzke@gmail.com

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION: This summer, as you are buying school supplies for the new school year, please remember the less fortunate. Congregational Care Ministry is collecting school supplies for children of all grades (kindergarten through high school) for Hope's Front Door (formerly Walk-in Ministry of Hope). Supplies needed are: three-ring binders, pocket folders, colored pencils, crayons, erasers, broad tip markers, glue sticks, fiskars scissors, highlighters, pencil cases/supply holders, pens/pencils, wide ruled spiral notebooks, pencil sharpeners, calculators, backpacks. Each Sunday morning starting this Sunday, July 14th through September 1st donations can be dropped off in the "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" crate at the west entrance or during the week in the administrative office. Think back to how exciting it was to get new supplies and be as generous as you can!!! Thank you!!!

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

Bring an appetizer, dessert or beverage to share. For questions or concerns, contact Lora Finucane at jlfincane@comcast.net

Awesome Support for Churches United-Downers Grove Food Pantry Fourth of July Food Drive: We wanted to give a big shout out to all those who supported Churches United's and Downers Grove Area Food Pantry and Community Services (FISH) canned goods drive during this year's Downers Grove 4th of July parade. St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Downers Grove has led this parade food drive effort for many years but this year invited First Congregational United Church of Christ of Downers Grove to collaborate as part of our two churches' new joint initiative "Churches United." And the great news is - this year's parade effort collected more food for FISH than in any prior year. Some 15 boxes and 20 grocery bags full of canned goods, and \$100+ in cash donations were collected. So for all of you who supported this effort, please know how much it is and will be appreciated by those FISH feeds.

Carol Clifford, Vice President of St. Paul's, and coordinator for this year's (Downers Grove Food Pantry (FISH) canned goods drive during the parade. She wanted to thank those who participated and supported the effort. The best news is that this year's parade effort collected more food for FISH than in any other year. Between the collections given to FISH van and our Churches United Drill team, FISH van got about 15 boxes of food and our Churches United team collected about 20 grocery bags full and \$100.49 in cash donations. FISH is thrilled. So our thanks goes out to those who supported this good cause.

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

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!

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 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.

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.

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.

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. If you have any questions, please e-mail Steve Johnson at sjoh413@gmail.com or come by the Manna Table during Coffee Hour.

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Garage Sale News Flash

“Detox your Jewelry Box”

Our annual garage sale is coming up Saturday, September 21. The jewelry department has been quite successful in the last few years. The early collection has helped in achieving this goal. We are collecting jewelry every Sunday. You will see us with our basket at the West entrance staircase. Pop your jewelry donation into a plastic baggie and drop it into the basket. We accept all jewelry, broken bits, pieces, single earrings, and home crafted. We'll find a home for it. Again, we will have some sorting, cleaning work-shops at Trudi's house in July, August, and September. Dates to be announced. If you have any questions, please contact Trudi at 630-968-6916.

Join the FUN!

PET BLESSING



Sunday, August 11

Fishel Park

12-2pm

*Join
Pastor Scott
FIRST
CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH*

*Bring us
Your furry
family*

*Your
Scaly
Friends*

*Happy Dog
Barkery*

*Ice Cream
Social*

Churches United

Downers Grove

First Congregational United Church of Christ
St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Please join us for this upcoming Churches United events with St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

August 23rd Joint Church Trivia Night:

St. Paul's UCC and First Congregational UCC also will be hosting a joint social trivia night event on Friday, August 23rd, 2019 at the American Legion Post 80 Hall, 4000 Saratoga Avenue Downers Grove, IL in Downers Grove. **Please mark your calendars now and plan to join in the spirit of fellowship and fun between our faith families!** (If you can spare some time, we will also need assistance setting up tables prior to the evening's events.

For more information on the above collaborations with St. Paul, please reach out to Sandy Toleikis or David Burke

Interested First Congregational Members!

Our refugee family arrived from Myanmar this week! Today, as a matter of fact. There are six family members: Mom, Dad, two daughters ages 22 and 17, and two sons ages 13 and 11. They already have strong family ties here in the U.S.

A small Gloria Dei group picked them up at the airport with Welcome signs and balloons and delivered them safely to their apartment in Wheaton on Thursday, June 20. A Gloria Dei cleaning and set-up crew readied the apartment on Wednesday afternoon and evening, June 19. The family was THRILLED with the apartment and household items. The children especially loved their bedrooms! We also prayed over their new home in Burmese and English and they brought Burmese cookies and candy to share.

Thank you so much for helping us collect the kitchen items. Everything was of such nice quality that I'm sure they will be using and enjoying everything for years to come. We appreciated the partnership. Please pray for this family, particularly in the early weeks, for ease of adjustment and smooth transition. They have a welcoming extended family and Burmese church community to help them, as well as the Family Partners from Gloria Dei. Just email me if you would like more info. That's all I know for now!

God's Peace to you all,
Mary Anne Hewett
Refugee Ministry
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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**Tuesday
July**

16
3PM - 7PM

First Cong. United Church of Christ
1047 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove
Fellowship Hall Basement
3pm to 7pm

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED
Call 847-305-9998 or visit
https://ht.hearlandbc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5570601.
or...Please contact April Prescott from Congregational Care at 630-846-0469



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Coming Up This Week

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Teens - Parlor

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
4:30 PM Administrative Deadline for Pilgrim
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Parlor

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 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
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Blood Drive
6:30 PM CE Meeting-Library
6:30 PM Personnel Committee-Pastor Scott's Office
7:00 PM Finance & Budget-Rm 503

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 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 Fellowship Committee Painting Party- Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Greater Chicago Food Depository Wednesday Night Repack
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Teens-Library/Youth Room
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alanon meeting-Coffee House

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2019

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Music Room
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mission and Justice Meeting- Library
7:00 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 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, JULY 20, 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



An Open and Affirming Congregation

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