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GOOD NEWS

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SUMMER @ FCC ALBANY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE SUMMER EVENTS!!!

Sunday, July 10 – 10:10 a.m. Worship and Potluck at Bryant Park Pavilion #2

Join us for an outdoor worship service, followed by a potluck lunch and games! Bring a dish to share and a lawn game!

Wednesday, July 13 – Ice Cream Social at Doug Killin Park, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Ice Cream, games, and an opportunity to be together! Bring a topping to share.

Sunday, July 24 – Youth Band playing during 10:10 a.m. Worship Service!

Sunday, August 14 – 2nd Annual Pet Blessing Service at Bryant Park Pavilion #2!

Come join us for this outdoor worship service at 10:10 a.m. and bring your pet(s)!!

Wednesday, August 17 – Ice Cream Social at Takena Park, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Ice Cream, games, and an opportunity to be together! Bring a topping to share.

We're having a great time at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings! This fun, intergenerational gathering includes singing, storytelling, games, crafts, and hands-on activities for all ages! It's a great time of laughter, fun, and sharing. We hope you'll join us!!



SUMMER SMALL GROUPS

Are you interested in being part of one of these small groups but haven't signed up yet? Get in touch with the coordinator for each group or contact the church office!

Movie Night at the Pix (Tony Wilson)

Picnics in Parks or Backyards (Nancy Robb)

Hiking – Gentle (Stacey Bartholomew)

Hiking – Not so Gentle (Tony and Maura Wilson)

Biking (Dena Minato & Dave Kullowatz)

In-Home Bible Study (Jan Hagemester)

Holy Sips: Pub Theology (Rev. Douglass Anne)



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

In Our Prayers

Delores Kelly
Fern Dixon
Jace Lukenbaugh
Russ Myers

Attendance and Giving

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Attendance 107

General Fund giving \$6,697

Building Fund giving \$1,080

Sunday, June 12, 2016

Attendance 98

General Fund giving \$13,775

Building Fund giving \$2,345

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Attendance 86

General Fund giving \$6,347

Building Fund giving \$180

Sunday, June 26, 2016

Attendance 72

General Fund giving \$1,834

Building Fund giving \$140

Finances

General Fund giving in June
\$ 28,654

Building Fund giving in June
\$3,745

Monthly Mortgage Payment:
\$8,950

Thanks from Jackson Street Youth Shelter

Dear FCC Friends,

Thank you so much for co-organizing and hosting the recent benefit yard sale for our Albany House. We were thrilled that over \$2,470 was raised; WOW! We know many people donated items and volunteered to make the event a success. We truly cannot do it alone!

With Gratitude,
Jackson Street Staff

Thanks from The Kiwanis of Albany

The joint Kiwanis and FCC Yard Sale Committee would like to express its appreciation to FCC and its members for the support of the sale which benefited the Jackson Street Youth Shelter. The total amount raised was nearly \$2500.

Don Rea

A Note from Judie Lindley

It has taken me quite a bit of time to find the words to thank all of you for your kindness and concern for Ray and our family during the last weeks of his life.

You came to our home and provided Reiki for him, brought meals for our family, offered up prayers for all of us and expressed your love for him in many other ways during those difficult last days.

I thank all of you who helped make his memorial service and reception such a rich celebration of his life and a testament to the love he shared with all of us.

Thanks also to those of you who so generously donated to the youth of our church in Ray's name. This quiet gracious man with a generous heart will be missed beyond measure .

Blessings to all of you,

Judie, David, Stephanie and
Brian Lindley
Scott and Tom Nielsen



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JULY???

SUNDAY, JULY 3

8 a.m. Worship in the Round
9 a.m. Summer Sundays @ 9 a.m.
10:10 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, JULY 4

Church Office Closed for the Holiday

TUESDAY, JULY 5

Church Office Closed for the Holiday
4:30-6:30 p.m. Community Meal

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

10 a.m. Book Study

THURSDAY, JULY 7

1-3 p.m. Reiki Prayer
Meals on Wheels Using FCC Kitchen

FRIDAY, JULY 8

SATURDAY, JULY 9

SUNDAY, JULY 10

No Worship in the Round

9 a.m. Summer Sundays @ 9 a.m.
10:10 a.m. Worship at Bryant Park

MONDAY, JULY 11

11:45 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 12

4:30-6:30 p.m. Community Meal

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

10 a.m. Book Study

6:30-8 p.m. Ice Cream Social - Doug Killin Park

THURSDAY, JULY 14

1-3 p.m. Reiki Prayer

FRIDAY, JULY 15

SATURDAY, JULY 16

SUNDAY, JULY 17

8 a.m. Worship in the Round
9 a.m. Summer Sundays @ 9 a.m.
10:10 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, JULY 18

No Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 Program Cabinet Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 19

4:30-6:30 p.m. Community Meal

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

10 a.m. Book Study

THURSDAY, JULY 21

1-3 p.m. Reiki Prayer
Meals on Wheels Using FCC Kitchen

FRIDAY, JULY 22

SATURDAY, JULY 23

SUNDAY, JULY 24

8 a.m. Worship in the Round
9 a.m. Summer Sundays @ 9 a.m.
10:10 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, JULY 25

6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 26

4:30-6:30 p.m. Community Meal

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

10 a.m. Book Study

THURSDAY, JULY 28

1-3 p.m. Reiki Prayer

Meals on Wheels Using FCC Kitchen

FRIDAY, JULY 29

SATURDAY, JULY 30

SUNDAY, JULY 31

8 a.m. Worship in the Round
9 a.m. Summer Sundays @ 9 a.m.
10:10 a.m. Worship / Church Work Day



OUR MISSION

is to be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality, and a passion for justice.

Pastor's Reflection

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The more challenging our faith journey becomes the more we need to be grounded in how we be, now and here in this place and time as persons answering the call to follow Jesus. Jesus, the one we say exemplified an integral life of fearlessness and compassion, of connection, indeed, Oneness with the source and ground of being, God.

When the world seems to be headed in a hurry somewhere in a hand basket, we find support and encouragement gathering together weekly, in songs, prayers, and fellowship with our sisters and brothers walking the same path. We are reminded of a life-giving way of being and doing we dare to claim and call our own. For me personally it helps keep me sane in a world seemingly gone mad.

Knowing I am on a journey (sometimes a walk, sometimes an endurance race) endeavoring to follow Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, being a part of a gathered community of faith gives me hope, and helps me keep "keeping on." Is it helpful for you? What do you find helps you on your faith journey?

The following scripture passage came my way this week (correct, it was no accident...). I share it as the pithy summary of our path that it is, and wish you courage in embracing it for yourself.

Romans 12:9-21 (The Message) *9-10 Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. 11-13 Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality. 14-16 Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody. 17-19 Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it." 20-21 Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.*

Yours, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit to continuously surprise us beyond our wildest imagination,

Eric



FCC COMMUNITY

Mission Grant Opportunity

Mission Grant Applications Due July 31· Are you passionate about a local, national, or international nonprofit or mission project? Do you see a need where a small amount of money could make a huge difference in people's lives? Would you like to participate in a mission and need some money to make that happen? If so, consider applying for a Mission Grant.

We have money designated from our Mission and Outreach budget for small mission grants that members of our congregation may apply for. This money can go to an individual or nonprofit group for a project that meets grant guidelines. Previous grant recipients have included individuals from our congregation going on a mission trip, our youth mission trips, the Disciples sheep project in Ecuador, an Albany Oxford House, the Jackson Street Youth Shelter, the Village Poultry Project in Toga (vaccinations of chickens), Educare Africa, Helping Hands, and Fish Guest House and Clothes Closet.

Guidelines and applications can be found in the office or talk to Paula Moore if you have questions. Applications are due the end of July or the end of January each year and may be turned in to the office or given to Paula Moore. After each deadline, the Mission Grant Committee will review the applications and notify the applicants of its decisions.

Reiki Ministry Update

The Reiki Ministry continues with new opportunities to explore prayerful hands-on healing. Five students recently joined in a worldwide virtual Reiki Circle, hosted by Reiki Foundation International. Students from all over the world sat together in homes, and in our case, our church building for 1 hour together for a shared Reiki experience.

Backyard Reiki gave us an opportunity to enjoy the beauty and serenity of summer (and Dena's yard) and gather together for sharing Reiki. We will have another opportunity this summer - so watch for an announcement.

We are planning to host a class for trained students to further explore the Reiki precepts with Elaine Andres, Reiki Master. It is tentatively scheduled for Thursday evenings Sept 29 - October 27. More information to follow.

Transition Team Update

Following the Listening Sessions, the Transition Team met and completed the Congregational Profile. This document provides a potential candidate with: demographics of our community and church; information about what we value as a congregation; our visions; the qualities we are looking for in a pastor; and areas of greatest need in ministerial leadership. Our next task is to develop a slightly revised job description for Douglass Anne and a new job description for the Lead Pastor. The board will vote on the two job descriptions at its July meeting.



FCC VISION STATEMENT

We are an open, inviting, accepting, diverse intergenerational congregation that is ...

WELCOMING OTHERS



WORKING FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

LEARNING

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

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