

***The First Congregational Church
of Essex Junction***
United Church of Christ



***A Welcoming Community, Accepting and
Serving All in the Spirit of Christ***

The First Congregational Church of Essex Junction, United Church of Christ, is an Open and Affirming congregation, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of every person, because we are all created by a loving God. We seek to live Christ's call for compassion, justice, healing and wholeness in life. Therefore, we welcome into our community persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, faith background, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, mental and physical ability, economic and social position, gender identity and expression, level of education and family structure. We invite all to share in the life, leadership, ordained ministry, lay ministry, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, fellowship, blessings, and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow together in faith and love.

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July 22, 2018
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Order of Worship

Prelude

An Extravagant Welcome

*No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome in this place.*

Welcome Greeting and Announcements

Our Ministers will welcome everyone to church and then highlight events in our shared life, then the Deacon on Duty will welcome everyone and invite people to raise significant celebrations to the congregation or introduce yourself or a friend as a guest. We encourage everyone to sign the Friendship Book.

Capital Campaign Announcement & Blessing

A Musical Introit

If Today

Bolduc

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus says, "Follow me."

People: The disciples left everything.

Leader: But they found purpose in fishing for people.

People: In "fishing for people," they changed the world.

Leader: Come, let us worship together. Amen.

Invocation and Unison Lord's Prayer ("trespasses")

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Come and Journey (song sheet)

Haas

Children's Message

During the worship service our summer staff person is in the Nursery for those under 3 years. The Nursery has a speaker to hear the worship service and the service is streamed to our Fellowship Hall. Summer worship is intergenerational. There are items in the Narthex to help busy hands during worship. Our summer self-led Kids Activity Bin is in Fellowship Hall by the Nursery door. Children are encouraged to take an older youth or adult with them.

God has made us all a rainbow.

Colors dancing 'round and 'round.

In our hair and skin and eyes, big and little, every size,

God has made us all a rainbow dancing 'round.

Jesus loves the little children,

All God's children of the world.

Whether young or old or new, Jesus loves us through and through

Teaching us to love all creatures in the world.

Pastoral Prayer

A Time of Silence for Personal Prayer

Sharing Our Prayers with God and Each Other

Musical Response

Lord, I Need You

Maher

Lord I need you, oh I need you, every hour I need you.

My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need you.

You're my one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need you.

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation, Offering, and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

Anyway

McBride

***The Doxology #778**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

First Church's Prayer Ministry

Lilly & Donny

Duke Ehler

Carol Janwich

Bruce Giannuzzi

Kathy Murray

Michael

Richard Ansell

Mark McKenzie & Family

Karla

Eric & Shannon

Joe Phenix

Jenna

Please let the office know if you would like a name added to our Prayer Ministry, you can write it on the Friendship Pad, call or email the office or send us a note, welcome@fcej.org

* * * **TODAY** * * *

What IS The Show 'Hamilton' About?



From the official Hamilton Playbill: Winner of 11 Tony Awards and the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Hamilton is one of Broadway's biggest hits. From the mind of 2015 MacArthur Genius grant recipient Lin-Manuel Miranda and Ron Chernow's landmark bestselling biography comes a new musical about the scrappy young immigrant who forever changed America, Alexander Hamilton. Tony Award-winner Thomas Kail directs this musical about taking your shot, speaking your mind, and turning the world upside down.

SYNOPSIS: From orphan to Washington's right hand man, rebel to war hero, loving husband caught in the country's first sex scandal to Treasury head who made an untrusting world believe in the American economy, Hamilton is an exploration of a political mastermind. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Eliza Hamilton, and lifelong Hamilton friend and foe, Aaron Burr, all attend this revolutionary tale of America's fiery past told through the sounds of the ever-changing nation we've become.

Summer Office Hours This Week, Monday, Tuesday 9am – 3pm & next week, Thursday, Friday 9am - 3pm

Jen is on vacation from this Wednesday, July 25th to next Wednesday, August 1. Please email welcome@fcej.org with questions/concerns on the other days and we will do our best to get back to you.



* * * **THIS WEEK** * * *

Yoga @ First !

Monday and Thursday evening classes in the Gym on the second floor!
5:30-6:45. All levels from beginner to experienced are absolutely welcome. You can bring your own mat or borrow one of Jonah's. Classes are free but donations are gratefully accepted for FCCEJ.



Tuesday Morning Sermon Talkback

Join us on Tuesdays even through the Summer from 8:30-10am for coffee, baked goods and a lively discussion of the sermon (and other topics!) that was delivered on Sunday. Join us for the conversation, the goodies, the camaraderie, or all of the above!

Coffee Clatter Fridays 8am

Pastor Josh is still meeting people for discussion and breakfast on Fridays @ Martone's. Join in for fellowship and great discussion!



* * * **Children, Youth & Family Announcements** * * *

Faith Formation Sunday School Calendar

Preschool – 8th grade

*Today, July 22nd – September 2nd ~ Summer Faith Formation
Self- led Activity Bin in Fellowship Hall available most weeks*



Faith Formation Sunday School Offering 2018

Total for 2018 \$534.77

*Your 2018 Offering Choice is **Jamaica School Children** Scholarship money for school uniforms and books for children. Remember to bring your offering each week, \$1 a week can go a long way! Please use the envelopes in the pew holders so your \$ goes to the right place.*



High School Youth @ FCCEJ

Next meeting will be in September

Junior Youth @ FCCEJ

5th - 8th graders meet TWICE a month

Next meeting will be in September

Bottle/Can Drive To Benefit Youth!

We're going to continue it year round. Bring your bottles/cans to the church and place them in the receptacles in the foyers. All proceeds will go towards youth ministry. Thanks!



Our Nursery

Our Nursery is one of the first places that our little ones and their parents feel the love of God and learn that the church is a safe place to be. Please be mindful of our Safe Conduct Guidelines and help us keep to our child ratio (2 children to 1 adult), if you see that extra hands will be needed, please stay.

We welcome Mallory Charland & Abby Evans, two of our college youth, to our Nursery staff. We are SO happy to have them both for the summer!



'Take Out Church' Boxes

These 'pizza' size boxes can travel around with you wherever you go! Items inside will help the whole family stay connected to God and continue to grow in their faith. 'Flat Jesus' is inside! Color and cut it him out. Take him with you everywhere you go. Take some pictures of you and 'Flat Jesus' and post them on our Facebook page! Do you have VB Camp music CD's from previous years, add them to your box. Read or sing a Grace before you have a meal. Talk about how you serve others, read some stories and color some pictures. See Laurie for your box and/or refill materials.



2018 VB Camp Creative Builders Needed!

What will camp look like this year????

We need your help! Come build Logs, a Waterfall, rocks, recover the Puppet set and much more! Contact Laurie and set up a time to put things together for prior to August and camp week.

Mark your calendars for Decoration Weekend ...Saturday, August 5th 3-5pm & Sunday, August 6th after worship starting at 10am.

VB Camp families are invited to come. Drop in and join the fun!

* * * **Opportunities To Volunteer & Donate** * * *



Dismas House Meal Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers for September 26th. Please contact Ed Steele at 871-5897 edwardmsteele@msn.com if interested or with any questions.

There is also a sign-up in the hallway entering Fellowship Hall.

Next Food Pantry days are Thursday, July 26th, 2-6pm and Monday, August 13th, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Thanks to your overwhelming generosity the shelves are FULL! The **one thing we are in need of** is bottles of juice. Thank you!
We are all set with Egg Cartons - Thank you!



Got Donations? Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop

Regular Hours: 10am-3pm Tues & Wed, 4-8pm Thurs

Open Saturday August 4th from 9 am to 1 pm

Spring and Summer Items on Sale-Start your new Wardrobe

2018-19 Faith Formation Volunteers

Starting in the Fall

If these statements hold true for YOU, please connect with Laurie for more information...we need YOU!

- I have been attending and have been a part of FCCEJ for at least 6 months
- I am willing to help our children and youth at church to continue to grow in their faith
- I know it's OK to not have all the answers, but a willingness to learn and grow in the faith
- I feel that the FCCEJ Faith Formation programs are a vital part of this church and I am willing to support it with my time and talents

Many ways to support First Church kids and youth: Nursery Volunteers ~ 1st Sunday Spiritual Friends ~ Peer Class Leaders & Helpers ~ Hands-On Mission Helpers

Nurse and Lifeguard needed for Camp

The VT Outdoor Ministry Team is looking for a NURSE (RN) & a certified LIFEGUARD for our week at Rock Point! Yes, you will be paid! Contact Laurie for more information. Think of it... no cooking or laundry for a week, just great fun in God's outdoors!



Craft Fest Volunteer Opening



We are looking for 2-3 people to organize the Silent Auction. Phyllis Willey will train people in how it has been done in the past and she will be there to help the day of Craft Fest. You can contact her at willeykrewe@gmail.com. The silent auction raises between \$3,800 and \$4,200 every year. If anyone has any further questions and would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact Linda Bogardus at lbogardus@myfairpoint.net or at 872-8972 evenings.

August 6th -10th ~ Vacation Bible Camp

2018 Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!

Mon – Fri 9am to 11:45am ; A full week of energy & excitement seeing God’s Love in Action! Join and be a part of this fun week!

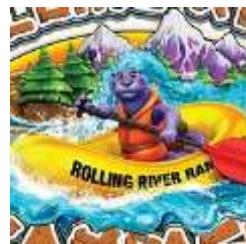
Calling all KIDS ~ Registration is now OPEN!

Groups: You & Me (toddler & parent/grandparent), Preschool (three & fours - potty trained) & up through those entering 5th grade in the fall.

Now Recruiting Station Leader: Bible Drama ~ Games

Helpers: Youth (entering sixth grade & up), College Students/ Adults of all ages! See Laurie for more information and to sign up!

See VB Camp Wish List on Table in Fellowship Hall



* * * **SAVE THE DATES** * * *

July 29th –August 3rd ~ UCC Camp Week ‘HC goes to VT’ at Rock Point

HORTON CENTER GOES TO VT - MIDDLE

Entering Grades 5-8 in the Fall

\$420 www.hortoncenter.org



August 6-10th ~ Vacation Bible Camp

August 20th ~ American Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 am — 3 pm



September 9th ~ Welcome Back Sunday ~ two services resume, 8:30 & 10:15

THIS WEEK: July 22nd -28th

- SUNDAY: **9:00am One Worship Service / Sanctuary**
1:00 - 2:00 pm Brown Bag / Marvin Lounge
- MONDAY: **** SUMMER OFFICE HOURS 9am-3pm ****
12:00 noon Brown Bag / Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Food Pantry Stocking / FH & Gym
5:30 - 6:30 pm Group Victory / Youth Lounge
5:30 - 6:45 pm Yoga with Jonah / Gym
- TUESDAY: **** SUMMER OFFICE HOURS 9am-3pm ****
8:30 - 10:00 am Sermon Talk Back / Marvin Lounge
10:00 am - 3:00 pm Heavenly Cents Thrift Store Open
12:00 noon Brown Bag / Fellowship Hall
4:00 - 9:00 pm St Andrews Bagpipe Lessons / Third Floor
7:00 - 9:00 pm Trustees / Marvin Lounge
- WEDNESDAY: **** OFFICE CLOSED - JEN ON VACATION ****
10:00 am - 3:00 pm Heavenly Cents Thrift Store Open
12:00 noon Brown Bag / Fellowship Hall
2:00 - 4:00 pm Ladies Night Out / Marvin Lounge
7:00 - 8:30 pm Boy Scouts / Fellowship Hall
- THURSDAY: **** OFFICE CLOSED - JEN ON VACATION ****
9:00 am - 6:30 pm Heavenly Food Pantry (open 2-6pm) / FH & Kitchen
12:00 noon Brown Bag / Marvin Lounge
4:00 - 8:00 pm Heavenly Cents Thrift Store Open
5:30 - 6:45 pm Yoga with Jonah / Gym
- FRIDAY: **** OFFICE CLOSED - JEN ON VACATION ****
12:00 noon Brown Bag / Fellowship Hall
7:30 - 10:30 pm Grange / Fellowship Hall
- SATURDAY: 9:00am - 12:00 pm Nepali Comm Worship & Meal / Sanctuary & FH
1:00 - 2:00 pm Brown Bag / Fellowship Hall

MINISTRY AT FIRST CHURCH

Church Administrator: *Jen Dooley* [welcome@fccej.org]
Music & Choir Director: *Carol Spradling* [cspradling@fccej.org]
Christian Education Director: *Laurie Chipman* [lchipman@fccej.org]
Associate Pastor: *Rev. Josh Simon* [jsimon@fccej.org]
Senior Pastor: *Rev. Mark Mendes* [mmendes@fccej.org]

Music Ministry

Cherub Music: *Jenny Bourn* [jennybourn4@gmail.com]
Currier Bell Choir Director: *Carolyn Harris* [899-6759]
Finally @ First Director: *Rick Dooley* [rickdooley5@gmail.com]
Joyful Noise: *Jessica Moos* [jessicamoosvermont@gmail.com]
Men At First Director: *Bill Bickford, Jr.* [bill.bickford@aol.com]
Sanctuary Choir/Heavenly Harmony Director: *Carol Spradling*[cspradling@fccej.org]

Committee / Church Officer Contacts

President, Chair Human Resources Committee: *Carl Wermer* [879-7650]
Vice President, Chair Finance & Pastoral Relations: *Maureen Evans* [879-7517]
Treasurer & Historian: *Ann Gray* [878-4088]
Asst. Treasurer: *Dan Petherbridge* [879-0261]
Financial Secretary: *Pat Seaver* [879-4445]
Clerk: *Alison Wermer* [879-7650]
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Communications: *Kevin Dorn* [777-9446]
Deacons: *Betsy Weischedel* [922-2094], *Peter Schmalz* [202-297-3625]
Hospitality: *Mary Jane Allen* [557-1335], *Jim Glatz* [503-5076]
Missions: *Sandy Tallman* [879-0665]
Music: *Judy Larrabee* [236-0604]
Nominating: *Barb Smith* [878-6866]
Stewardship: *Kathy Finnie* [734-9688]
Trustees: *Kevin Meilleur* [238-4041]
Ushering: *Ann Marie Sullivan* [879-6044]

Recognized Groups at First Church

Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop [879-6552] *Sue Wood* suewood@myfairpoint.net or
Linda Bogardus at lbogardus@myfairpoint.net
Heavenly Food Pantry Contact: *Valerie Gabert* [879-0109]
Called To Care Contact: *Beth Volker* [879-4708]
Nepali Christian Community Contact: *Dan Raut* [310-4371]
Craft Fest Committee Contact: *Linda Bogardus* [lbogardus@myfairpoint.net]

Our Home, Our Future, Our Time – NEWS & NOTES

Capital Campaign Projects are UNDERWAY!

Roof Work Begins This Week!



The replacement of the asphalt shingles (the main church building, the administrative wing) will begin this Monday, July 23rd. The work is expected to take a week and a half to two weeks. Consistent weather will be the wildcard. Delivery of the materials, dumpster, etc. and set up of the safety roof scaffolding will be the first step and then move on from there. The roofer, Bannister Custom Exteriors has been introduced to Jen & Josh for communications purposes. Jen will inform the various groups that utilize the church before, during and after the work is finished. The slate roof work is expected to begin in either the first or second week of August. There may be a bit of overlap but the roofer replacing the shingles did not feel there would be any interference with the other work.

Reminder!

If you haven't made your first Capital Campaign pledge payment, please do so at your earliest convenience. Please be sure to note "capital campaign" in the memo line. Many of you have already sent your first payments (and some have even paid in full!)- thank you! If you have questions about your payment schedule, please refer to your Pledge Acknowledgment Letter or the duplicate copy of your pledge form, or contact Campaign Treasurer Dan Petherbridge dpetherbridge@comcast.net.