

***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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June 9, 2019**

Pentecost Sunday & Scout Jamboree Sunday

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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 some events in our shared life, then the Deacon on Duty will 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.

Musical Introit

Open Wide the Doors

John Angotti/Larry Dorsch

Call to Worship

Leader: God created the world, set her in motion, formed a people and then graced us with the behaviors of morality and justice that lead us to peace.

People: Thank you God for the beauty of the earth and for calling us to be your people of righteousness.

Leader: Jesus came to remind us of God's presence among us by affirming the prophets call to justice and reminding humanity to love.

People: Thank you Jesus for standing up for common folk and teaching us to include everyone in the Kingdom of God.

Leader: The Spirit allowed Christ's message to spread to all nations, cultures, languages and time so that God's Universal Declaration of love and justice

might be known to every single person in the world.

People: Thank you Holy Spirit for coming to come to sing of glory as we lift up the many ways God has come and continues to come to us.

Deacon's Prayer of Invocation

***Opening Hymn**

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine...

Hide it under a bushel (NO!), I'm gonna let it shine...

Children's Message

During service, Jennifer will be in the Nursery for three and under. There is audio to hear the worship service and the service is streamed to Fellowship Hall. Today is Intergenerational Worship. There are items in the Narthex for busy hands.

**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.**

The Foundations of the Scouting Way (participating scout, Benjamin Lewis)

The Boy Scout Promise and Law [in unison by all scouts / males]

On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

The Girl Scout Promise and Law [in unison by all Girl Scouts / females]

On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law. I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Renewal of the Covenantal Relationship

Leader: The First Congregational Church sponsored the first Boy Scout Troop in Essex Junction. Now we have five distinct Scouting groups that we sponsor because we feel as if our values and those of the scouts are compatible. Both organizations strive to live honorably and seek to create a more just society.

Church Members: We affirm our covenantal relationship with the Boy and Girl Scout Troops that meet at First Church. We pledge our building and spiritual support to your program, its leaders and all your young people. We offer God’s blessings to you all.

Scout Members: We affirm our covenantal relationship with the First Congregational Church. We pledge to honor and respect your building, ministries and members. We offer God’s blessings to you all.

Everyone: Together, we are stronger than separate. Together, we can do more to make the world a better place. Together, let us celebrate our relationship and mutual respect.

Scouts and members shake hands and greet each other.

Pastoral Prayer and Unison Lord’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

A Time of Silence for Personal Prayer

Sharing Our Prayers with God and Each Other

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.

Prayer Response

A Gospel Amen

A---men, A--men, A--men, A-men, A-men

Anthem

Show Me the Way

Dennis DeYoung

Scripture Readings

New Testament Historical: Acts 2:1-21 [page 90]
Epistle: Romans 8:14-27 [page 120]

***Hymn** *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* #59

Sermon *Getting to Know the Spirit* Rev. Mendes

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation, Offering, and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem *Remedy* *Zac Brown Band*

***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.*

***Hymn** *Spirit of Gentleness* #286

Pastoral Benediction

***Sung Community Benediction**

Give Peace a Chance

By John Lennon, Lyrics by Finally at First (below)

Everybody's talkin 'bout planet earth, rebirth, climate change, electric range, gender bending, defending, broken nation, good relations, education, liberation....

*All we are sayin', is give peace a chance.
All we are sayin', is give peace a chance.
All we are sayin', is give peace a chance.
All we are sayin', is give peace a chance.*

***Postlude**

*Please stand if you are able.

Deacons: Judy McCullen & Jonah Moos

*The flowers on the altar are given by
Jane and Russ Schneider in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.*

First Church's Prayer Ministry

John A
Carol Janwich
Mary Weltzin
Mike K
Judy

Judy Janwich
Richard Ansell
Serena & Chris Baker
Frank Polanshek
Mark McKenzie & family
Tom McKenzie & family

Eric & Shannon
Joe Phenix
Linda Dudley
Carolyn
Tib T

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@fccej.org

* * * **TODAY** * * *



Hannaford Cards & Reloads on Sale Today!

Former Bell Ringers

Please make an effort to return your maroon vest to the Church Office or to Carol Spradling. Thank you.

TODAY: Final Exam relief

Take a break from studying for your exams. We'll eat food, watch a movie, and rest our brains. During exam week, if you need a study lounge area, we have space for you to study. Contact Pastor Josh, jsimon@fccej.org

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



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!

Yoga @ First This Week

Jonah offers class on **Tuesdays** at 5:30-6:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. All levels from beginner to experienced welcome. You can bring your own mat or borrow one. Classes are free & donations are gratefully accepted for FCCEJ.

Wednesday Night Searchers

We'll meet for three more weeks before taking a summer hiatus. We'll wrap up with

watching “When They See Us,” a new dramatization of what happened to the Central Park Five. There are four episodes that we’ll watch over the course of June 12, 19 and 26. We’ll discuss racism, criminal justice and other topics that present themselves as we watch. Please join us!

Coffee Clatter Fridays 8am

This may seem like a foolish question, but if you like to talk and drink coffee, then come down to Martone’s every Friday morning from 8-9 for an open conversation. Rev. Mark and/or Josh are there every week and we talk about everything from camping to politics, from deep theological questions to silly jokes, from village life to great vacation spots, from business deals to the best restaurants in town. We laugh, get serious and support each other. Everyone is invited!

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



Faith Formation Sunday School Calendar

Preschool – 8th grade

June 9th – September 1st ~ Intergenerational 9am Worship

Kids may bring a parent to FH and watch the service while you spend time being creative. Colored bin of activities - crafts, puzzle, etc. will be by the Nursery door.

September 8th ~ Welcome Back Sunday ~ Picnic & Bouncy House on the Lawn

2019-20 Faith Formation Family Calendar will be available by September ~ more news in August.

Faith Formation Sunday School Offering 2019

Total for 2019 \$213.28

Spectrum Youth & Family Services

Remember to bring your offering each week, \$1 a week can go a long way! Please use the envelopes in the pews so your \$ goes to the right place.



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

Jamaica Mission Trip – Collecting School Supplies

The Jamaica team is now gathering donations of school supplies to bring with us. The following items are needed at the school. Donating an item is a great way to support the school from afar! We have a collection bin in Fellowship Hall.

**#2 pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, dry erase markers & erasers,
math manipulatives (e.g. fraction towers, base 10 magnetic cubes, time sets),
children’s toothbrushes**

If you would like to help but prefer to make a financial contribution, please see Sharon

Dettenrieder or Carolyn Rushford, or a check could be given and made payable to the church with "Jamaica school supplies" in the memo line. If you have questions about items, please contact Carolyn Rushford at cjrushford@comcast.net or 878-9593.

Thank you so much for your support!

Your Jamaican Mission Trip Team Members



Nolan Boerger, Sharon Dettenrieder, Christine Dewey, Dave Dewey, Rick Dooley, Sam Dooley, Caitlin McGeary, Kaki McGeary, Mark Mendes, Nicholas Mendes, Emma Parker, Carolyn Rushford, Pete Schmalz, Zach Schmalz, Aliyah Watt

Dismas House Meal Volunteers

Folks have signed up to prepare a salad and a dessert for the June 26th meal at Dismas House, but we need a person to prepare the entrée. If you would like to do this, please sign the sign-up sheet on the wall as you pass through on your way from the Sanctuary to FH. Your help will be much appreciated. For more information, call Ed Steele at (802) 871-5897 or email at edwardmsteele@msn.com.

Next Food Pantry days are Monday, June 10th, 5:30-7:30pm and Thursday, June 27th, 2-6pm

We are in need of fruit juice, tomato soup, spaghetti sauce and sample size toothpaste tubes. They are perfect to give out with a toothbrush. Please ask your dentist the next time you have your teeth cleaned if they could donate a case!



Got Donations? Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop

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

Also Open: Saturday June 15th 9 am to 1 pm

Donation Needs: All Men's Clothes

Usher/Greeter Volunteers Needed

Summer dates are all up on the Sign Up Genius-please volunteer!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4facae2daafe3-ushergreeter>



Vacation Bible Camp



TO MARS and BEYOND:
Exploring Where God's Power Can Take You!
August 5th to 9th from 9:00 to 11:45 am

Registration forms are here! Pick yours up today & mark your calendars for this really fun week!

All are Welcome!

You & Me Toddlers (attend with parent/adult)
Pre K—5th grade (grade you are entering in the fall);
Youth Helpers (6th grade & up) & Adult helpers.

We use many of the rooms throughout the church, welcome in and form a community of children, youth and parents who all have a great time learning, growing and celebrating our faith each morning of camp week.

Recruitment has begun for 2019-20 Faith Formation Volunteers

Many ways to support First Church kids and youth:

Nursery Volunteers
Sunday Spiritual Friends
Peer Class Leaders & Helpers
Hands-On Mission Helpers

- 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

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

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Dismass House Meal Volunteers Folks





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

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



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

Jamaica Team Dedication Sunday ~ June 16th ~ 9am

On June 22nd, our team of youth and adults will be parting for Jamaica to work on the 30,000 square foot garden they established last trip and to build a playground for the White Horse School. Having the playground will allow the school to request another teacher from the state for their programs, which will be a significant secondary gain.



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August 5-9 ~ Vacation Bible Camp 2019

To Mars and Beyond: Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!



THIS WEEK: June 9th - June 15th

- SUNDAY:** **9:00 am Worship Service /Sanctuary**
1:00 - 2:00 pm Brown Bag / Fellowship Hall
- MONDAY:** 12:00 - 1:30 pm Brown Bag / Fellowship Hall
1:30 - 4:00 pm Food Pantry Stocking / Fellowship Hall & Gym
4:00 - 8:00 pm Food Pantry / Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
5:30 - 6:30 pm Group Victory / Marvin Lounge
- TUESDAY:** **8:30 - 10:00 am Sermon Talk Back / Marvin Lounge**
10:00 am-3:00 pm Heavenly Cents Thrift Store
12:00 - 1:30 Brown Bag / Fellowship Hall
5:30 - 6:45 pm Yoga w/Jonah / Fellowship Hall
- WEDNESDAY:** **10:00 am-3:00 pm Heavenly Cents Thrift Store**
12:00 - 1:30 pm Brown Bag / Fellowship Hall
3:30 - 5:30 pm Heavenly Food Pantry Board Meeting / Marvin Lounge
- THURSDAY:** 12:00 - 1:30 pm Brown Bag / Marvin Lounge
1:00 - 3:30 pm CPEC Graduation / Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
3:00 - 4:00 pm Easter Seals Clinician Meeting / Third Floor
4:00 - 8:00 pm Heavenly Cents Thrift Store
6:30 - 8:30 pm PRC Meeting / Marvin Lounge
6:30-8:30 pm Eagle Scout Board of Review / Third Floor
- FRIDAY:** 12:00 - 1:30 pm Brown Bag / Fellowship Hall
6:30 - 10:30 pm Scrapbooking Journey / Marvin Lounge
- SATURDAY:** 9:00 - 11:00 am Nepali Community Worship & Meal / Sanctuary & FH
9:00 - 1:00 pm Heavenly Cents Thrift Store Open
9:30 - 11:30 am Women's Spirituality / Marvin Lounge
1:00 - 2:00 pm Brown Bag / Fellowship Hall

MINISTRY AT FIRST CHURCH

Church Administrator: [welcome@fccej.org]
Music & Choir Director: *Carol Spradling* [cspradling@fccej.org]
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Senior Pastor: *Rev. Mark Mendes* [mmendes@fccej.org]

Music Ministry

Cherub Music: Jenny Bourn [jennybourn4@gmail.com]
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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]
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Asst. Treasurer: Dan Petherbridge [879-0261]
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Clerk: Alison Wermer [879-7650]
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Hospitality: Jim Glatz [503-5076]
Missions: Joanne Irwin [878-2528], Ed Steele [871-5897]
Music: Denise Keating [345-8900]
Nominating: Barb Smith [878-6866]
Stewardship: Jessica Moos [399-8068]
Trustees: Kevin Meilleur [238-4041]
Ushering: Jessica Moos [399-8068]

Recognized Groups at First Church

Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop [879-6552] Sue Wood suewood@myfairpoint.net
Heavenly Food Pantry Contact: Valerie Gabert [879-0109]
Called To Care Contact: Beth Volker [238-2713]
Nepali Christian Community Contact: Dan Raut [310-4371]
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June 9, 2019

Pentecost Sunday

A Spirit Powered Faith

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

