

***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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September 22, 2019

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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 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.*

A Musical Introit

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Brian Doerksen

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to worship at First Church. Here we explore the mystery of God and listen to God's voice so that our lives might better reflect divine glory.

**Pulpit Side: The Presence of God in our lives and our ability to discern Divine intent is a mystery and yet we acknowledge it.**

**Lectern Side: God's leading hand in the history of the world and the arc of justice is nearly incomprehensible to sense and yet we affirm it.**

**Pulpit Side: God's palpable presence in Jesus of Nazareth defies our understanding of reality and yet we proclaim it.**

Leader: God is bigger than we are. Human constructs fall short of explaining our natural world much less the Divine Presence. And yet, we are here to make such connections as we seek to shape the world from God's vision. Come, let us worship our God.

**\*Opening Hymn**

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

**Robert Lowry**

Prayer of Invocation [composed and led by the Deacon on Duty]

Children's Message

*During worship, our nursery is for children under three. There is audio in there and the service is streamed to Fellowship Hall. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> service's children's message, PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to follow Laurie for Faith Formation with music & peer group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. High School Youth are welcome to join in as peer helpers. Adults are welcome to accompany children, get them settled, stay, or return to worship. Parents—please, ensure that your child in PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> is signed out by yourself or an authorized person when peer groups end at 11:30am.*

**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 **and Unison Lord's Prayer**

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.**

**Congregational Response**

*"Multiplied"*

**Rinehart & Rinehart**

**God of mercy, sweet love of mine,  
I have surrendered to Your design.  
May this offering stretch across the skies,  
and these hallelujahs be multiplied.  
These hallelujahs be multiplied.**

A Memorial Time for Carol Bishard [2<sup>nd</sup> service only]

Introduction

Scripture: John 11:17-36

Brief Reflections

A Prayer by Albert Schweitzer.....A Prayer for Animals

Continuing Prayers for Carol

Commendation

**\*Hymn**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

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Scripture Readings

Old Testament	Exodus 3:7-14	[page 39]
	Deuteronomy 4:15-20, 39-40	[page 125]
New Testament	Mark 1:9-11	[page 27]

Musical Anthem

*Your Grace is Enough*

Matt Maher

Sermon

*What the Mystery of God Means for Us*

Rev. Mendes

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation, Offering, and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem *How Great is Our God*

Chris Tomlin

**\*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.**

**\*Hymn**

*Forward Through the Ages*

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Benediction

Pastoral Benediction

**\*Sung Community Benediction**

Go Now In Peace

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.**

**Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, holding you in love.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

\*Postlude:

\* = Please stand if you are able



*The flowers on the altar are given by  
The Dooley Family  
in loving memory of Dot & Joe Pine and Harry Dooley*

**First Church's Prayer Ministry**

Marion Schneider	Russ Dettenrieder	John A
Ryan	Bob Ursiny	Aidan W
Carol Bishard's Family	Beth Terry	Ruth Legendre's Family
James & E.B. Gray		



***Letters for Beth:***

Any well-wishers may mail letters & cards  
to Beth Terry @

849 Severance Road  
Colchester VT 05446

*Please, let the office know if you would like a name added to our Prayer Ministry. You may write it on the Friendship Pad; call the office @ 878 5745; or email at [welcome@fccej.org](mailto:welcome@fccej.org). Additionally, prayer requests will be edited regularly. If you find an unintended error or omission, then please, contact the Church office.*

# TODAY

## Please, Help the UCC Disaster Fund

Hurricane season is here again and we all know that Hurricane Dorian flattened the Bahamas. The Missions Committee has again offered to match any donations from individuals in our congregation to a total of \$500. We will send the money to the *UCC Disaster Fund* which has had feet on the ground from the very beginning. Please, have your donation in by **Sunday, September 29th**, making any check out to “FCCEJ” but being sure to designate it to the UCC Disaster Fund.

### Want To Host with Hospitality?

“You look like you are having so much fun!” We have gotten this feedback a number of times and we have had some people ask if they can host Fellowship Time on a Sunday. We would LOVE the help and will help train you, so that you feel comfortable doing it! Sign up at the food table on a Sunday or email [glatzjim@gmail.com](mailto:glatzjim@gmail.com) for details.

### College Students: We Need Your Info!

Pastor Josh is looking for college student mailing addresses and emails. Please, email Josh at [jsimon@fcej.org](mailto:jsimon@fcej.org) with your college student’s address.

### Support JUMP!

Part of our church’s mission to JUMP (Joint Urban Ministry Project) is to provide feminine hygiene products. Our Red Tent Project has been very successful, but we need your donations! Please, find the red tent in the church’s Marvin Lounge or Fellowship Hall (depending on construction.)

### Nursery Worker Wanted

Our church is looking for a year-round nursery worker for Sunday mornings: \$50/week [~8:15-11:30am, September-May]; \$25/week [~8:45-10:15am, June-August]. If interested, please contact Rev. Mendes @ 878-5745; or email him @ [mmendes@fcej.org](mailto:mmendes@fcej.org).

### Craft Fest Silent Auction Volunteers Needed!

Today, packets will be available for volunteers to distribute to businesses in the Essex Community. The packets are for businesses who have supported our silent auction in the past. Please check out the Table in Fellowship Hall. Linda Bogardus and Wendy Wark will be available to answer questions.

### BELLS ARE RINGING... AGAIN!

After a hiatus, our team of handbell ringers will begin practicing every Wednesday night @ 6:30pm in our Sanctuary and playing at services throughout the year. No experience or musical training is necessary and all are welcome! ~~~~~  
If you are interested, email Organist Carol Spradling ([cspradling@fcej.org](mailto:cspradling@fcej.org)) for details.

# FAITH FORMATION

*Interested in Volunteering to help our children & youth?*

Contact Laurie Chipman, CED: 878-5745 ext. 103; or lchipman@fccej.org.

## 2019-2020 Recruitment

Many opportunities to volunteer and support First Church children & youth:

- **Nursery** – Be a friendly face to the parents and the littlest ones among us during 1st or 2nd service. We strive to follow our Safe Conduct guidelines for a 2:1 ratio in the Nursery.
- **Spiritual Friends** – 1st Sundays of the month, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Read a story, have snack and great conversations with PreK & Kindergarten children. Then a little Godly playdough time before returning to worship for communion.
- **Peer Group Leaders & Helpers** – PreK-8th grade meet 2x/month during 2nd service. You receive a weekly email with the lesson and activity. All items are gathered for you. You don't need to feel like you have all the answers. Leader and helpers learn right alongside the children and youth. It's OK for all to ask questions.
- **Hands-On Mission Sunday Helpers** – PreK-8th grade are together building community while doing a mission activity. Last year's: shirt baskets for our Easter breakfast tables; Church World Service Hygiene Kits; sorting donations for JUMP; Thrift Store tour; Vacation Bible Camp décor; planting seeds for Earth Day...just to name a few.
- **Youth Group Helpers** – Be an adult helper and get to know our Junior (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) or High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) youth.

## Sunday School Offering Spectrum Youth & Family Services

*Total for 2019 — \$375.83*

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.

## Sunday School Calendar

### Preschool-8th grade

♦ *September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>*

*Peer Group & Music Time*

### Junior Youth (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

♦ *September 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Kick Off! All Youth: 11:30am – 1:30p;*

*Parent Meeting: 11:30am-12pm;*

*Get Air! in Williston, 5-7pm*

♦ *September (Fri-Sat) 27th-28th*

*Overnight, 6pm to 9am*

♦ *October 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Help Greet/Usher/Read Scripture during*

*10:15am worship; then meet b/w*

*11:30am-1:30pm*

## Peer Group Leaders

- ♦ **PreK:** Paula Sargent, Jessica & Makaylah Moos, Kaki & Caitlin McGeary, Marlene & Courtney Frank
- ♦ **Kindergarten:** Jenny Bourn & Laura Marthaler
- ♦ **1st & 2nd Grade:** Sue Conti & Lisa Clark
- ♦ **3rd & 4th Grade :** Barb Smith & Allison VanSteensburg
- ♦ **5th-8th Grade:** Pastor Josh & Laurie

High School youth are encouraged to help with a Peer group during Faith Formation time. Junior and Seniors can also opt to be a paid helper in the Nursery.

# THIS WEEK

## Sermon Talkback Tuesdays

*Tuesdays, 8:30-10am*

Gather with us in the Marvin Lounge for coffee, baked goods, and a lively discussion of the sermon delivered on Sunday, and much more! Join us for the conversation, the goodies, the camaraderie, or all of the above!

## Wednesday Night Searchers

*Wednesdays @ 7pm*

Each week, a group of folks get together in the Marvin Lounge to explore the faith. We do so through books, movies, discussions with members from other religious traditions, TED Talks and anything else we want to do. Current reading: *Fear of the Other* by William H. Willimon. Books available @ the Church office.

## Coffee Clatter Fridays

*Fridays @ 8-9am*

This may seem like a foolish question, but if you like to talk and drink coffee, then come down to Martone's for open conversation. Rev. Mark and/or Josh are there every week and 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!**

## VT Christian Rock-toberfest

### The 'Love is a Lion' Tour

*Sat., September 28th @ 7pm*

*Starring:* Citizen Way - Jason Gray - The Young Escape

Presented by the VT Christian Music Organization. Be one of thousands of participants to attend this affordable, community-building, spiritually-catalyzing event! For info @ donating, visit: [VTChristianMusic.com](http://VTChristianMusic.com)

## Yoga @ First

*Mondays, 5:30pm-6:45pm*

Jonah Moos, FCCEJ member, is offering a free yoga class in our Gymnasium! Jonah collects donations on behalf of our Church. All levels from beginner to experienced are absolutely welcome. You can bring your own mat or borrow one of Jonah's.

## Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop

*Tues & Wed, 10am-3pm; Thurs, 4-8pm; 1st & 3rd Sat, 9am-1pm.* Come support the Church's thrift store! Enjoy vintage clothing; embark on some antique archeology; shop and make friends! Contact Sue Wood @ 578-2329 or [suewood@myfairpoint.net](mailto:suewood@myfairpoint.net); or Elaine Raymond @ 879-7350 or [ebraymond@gmail.com](mailto:ebraymond@gmail.com)

## Heavenly Food Pantry

*Thur, Sept. 26th. @ 2-6pm*

The Pantry would appreciate these donations: spaghetti sauce, juice, cereal, and chicken noodle soup! We now have plenty of egg cartons, so thank you! Also, we have several volunteering opportunities! See our church's newsletter for more details; or contact Val Gabert directly @ [val.gabert@gmail.com](mailto:val.gabert@gmail.com).



# Capital Campaign Update

*By Kaki McGeary*

Capital Campaign Update: This week, crews began painting the interiors of the historic window casings in preparation for NEW storm windows to be installed. This is very exciting and will give quite a face-lift to the sanctuary! The new storm windows were custom-built to fit our space, so they will look less choppy and they will be clean and more efficient. Once the new storm windows are in place, the refurbished historic windows & shutters will be installed (in early/mid October).

Our new parking lot entrance & ADA bathroom are available for use and the Deacons are designing shelves for the new storage closet. Our entrance is more accessible than ever, featuring automated door-opener pads. However, there will be a little more minor construction as we add a small roof above the vestibule entrance. We are still awaiting final approval of a federal grant that would pay for the new parking lot light fixtures and installation. We need to wait until we have a grant contract in place before we can use those funds, so the lighting portion of the project will take a bit longer than we hoped. We are aware that this causes some inconvenience, but the delay will save us about \$10,000 if we can use federal funds for that work instead of paying for it with Campaign funds.

The asbestos removal in the preschool wing is complete, and our Trustees and new tenant are working to get the space ready for the new daycare business to open. Last but not least, our old sign has been removed, and a new sign will be installed some time in late September/October along with some new landscaping around the peace pole.

As we wrap up a few remaining loose ends on the projects completed to date, the trustees and Capital Campaign Committee will turn our attention to the Marvin Lounge and Kitchen projects, which are the next big projects on our list.



**Special Note:** For your convenience, charts containing completion date projections for the Capital Campaign's various projects are posted on bulletin boards throughout the church.

# Looking for quality care for your children?

**Creative Discoveries** is a freshly opened, center-based, early educational facility. We serve children ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

**About us:** We offer full time care Monday thru Friday, operating from 7am-5:30pm. We provide children the opportunity to learn in a space that is encouraging and promotes creativity. Our curriculum is connected to the Vermont Early Learning Standards, to assure that all children are learning the skills they need to be successful in their journey of life.

**Location:** 39 Main Street, Essex Jct VT (In the First Congregational Church Building)

You can reach us at: (802)598-7237 or via email at [creativediscoveriesece@gmail.com](mailto:creativediscoveriesece@gmail.com)

We look forward to meeting you!  
Katie McGee : Owner/Director

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# History of Constitution Week & Bells Across America

*By Ann Gray*



This year is the 64th anniversary of Constitution Week and the 232<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution adopted an internal resolution on April 21, 1955, designating September 17-23 as Constitution Week.

Members of the United States Congress received the DAR resolution; and on June 7, 1955, the resolution was discussed in the Senate. The first resolution to observe Constitution Week was made June 14, 1955, by Senator William F. Knowland of California. Following the passage of the resolution by both Houses of Congress, President Eisenhower issued his proclamation on August 19, 1955.

The first observance of Constitution Week was so successful that on January 5, 1956, Senator Knowland introduced a Senate Joint Resolution to have the President designate September 17-23 annually as Constitution Week. The resolution was adopted on July 23, 1956, and signed into Public Law 915 on August 2, 1956.

This year in celebration of Constitution Week, the DAR is spearheading "Bells Across America". DAR Chapters across the county are asking churches, schools, courthouses, fire houses, veterans' homes, city governments, and individuals to ring bells on September 17 at 4 p.m. EST in all time zones so they are heard simultaneously from coast to coast. The local DAR Chapter, Green Mountain, asked us to participate and Council approved our participation. There is no standard number of times the bells are to be rung. We have decided to ring the bell 14 times – 13 for the original 13 states and one for Vermont, the 14<sup>th</sup> state. Pastor Mark and Dan Petherbridge will be our bell ringers

So when you hear bells ringing from our tower on September 17 at 4 pm, it is in celebration of the 232<sup>nd</sup> signing of the US Constitution. Everyone is invited to join in by ringing bells from their porches or come by and ring your bell while standing on the sidewalk or parking lot.

# SAVE THE D@TE

**September is National Hunger Action Month**, and the Vermont Foodbank is putting together resources that we hope you will find useful. Visit <http://www.vtfoodbank.org/HAM> to learn more about this national campaign to raise awareness about hunger and inspire people to take

## Saturday Services

*Returns Saturday, October 5th*

Starting in October and repeating on the 1st Saturday of each month thereafter, FCCEJ returns to offering a Saturday service with Holy Communion. During the summer, Communion is offered during our Sunday worship services.

## Women's Spirituality Group

*3rd Saturday of Every Month, 9:30am*

*Next meeting is Saturday, October 19th*

All women of the church are invited to be a part of this vibrant group. In the hopes of expanding our group we will begin our year with conversation around what should be the groups purpose, and how can we interest more of our church women to be a part of this supportive group. Our programs will address personal growth, community outreach and having fun. Please consider joining us for conversation and goodies. (Bring your ideas for a possible name change.) Fellowship, Coffee & Conversation (we'll provide light food).

## 2019 Holidays:

**Church offices will be closed on these dates.**

- ◇ *Columbus Day:* Mon, Oct. 14
- ◇ *Thanksgiving:* Thu-Fri, Nov. 28 & 29
- ◇ *Christmas:* Wed, Dec. 25

## JOY (Just Older Youth)

*1st Thursday @ Noon*

If you are 55+ please consider joining this active church group in the Marvin Lounge. We strive to present programs that foster learning, fun, or service.

## Essex Historical Society

*Tues., October 1st @ 7pm*

E.C.H.S. Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall - After a brief business meeting participants will be treated to a small dinner buffet of items created from historical Essex recipes.

## Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop

- ◇ *Tues, Oct 1st:* Shop Re-open with Fall/Winter Clothes with all new Nearly New Items
- ◇ *Sat, Oct. 5th & 19th:* Open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

We need Donations for winter coats, winter boots, hats, scarfs & sweaters for both men and women; and volunteers needed now for Thursday shifts at 4pm-6pm and 6pm-8pm. Please, contact Elaine Raymond @ **879-7350** or [ebraymond@gmail.com](mailto:ebraymond@gmail.com).

## Essex Eats Out

*Friday, October 4th @ 5:30-6:30pm*

This ongoing service project offers free, community-wide dinners open to all (with a special invitation to the needy & lonely) every Friday night throughout the Essex area. FCCEJ hosts Essex Eats Out on the first Friday of each month. Donations (to help subsidize the cost of these meals) are solicited but not required of all dinner patrons.

# MINISTRY @ FIRST

## Church Staff

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

## Music Ministry

Cherub Music: *Vacant; Currently Searching...*  
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]  
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Music: Denise Keating [345-8900]  
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## Recognized Groups at First Church

Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop [879-6552] Sue Wood [suewood@myfairpoint.net](mailto:suewood@myfairpoint.net)  
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**M O M E N T S**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 22, 2019

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Prayerful Living**

1 Timothy 2:1-7

This week, we are invited to pray for leaders. Strong leaders cast a vision for the community, so that the community can follow the vision, not the leader. Insightful leaders empower others to explore and use their gifts. Compassionate leaders are able to understand the concerns of those they lead without getting drawn into anxiety or drama. Faith-filled leaders seek to understand God's will for themselves and their communities as they make decisions large and small.

Some few people are born leaders, but most people need to grow into leadership. Some leaders become strong, insightful, compassionate and faithful through mentoring or training. In the scripture reading for today, Paul reminds us that praying for our leaders is one of the ways we can help guide them. We can, and should, still ask our leaders hard questions and, when necessary, call them to account. But whether we follow their lead or dig in our heels, the first step is to pray. This week, try adding the leaders in your life to your prayer time, and see how it changes them, and you.

- ◇ Monday: Pray for leaders of your congregation. Pray for pastors, officers, deacons, lay leaders and teachers.
- ◇ Tuesday: Pray for leaders of your community, county or city. Pray for elected leaders as well as leaders in local advocacy and activist groups.
- ◇ Wednesday: Pray for leaders of the nation. Pray for elected officials in the three branches of national government – judicial, legislative, presidential. Pray for the senior staff members in these branches.
- ◇ Thursday: Pray for leaders of the world. Pray that world leaders understand that we are one global family so they can make good decisions about immigration, climate, economics and other issues that transcend borders.
- ◇ Friday: Pray for the future leaders being formed now. Pray for children and youth who are making their voices heard, and for those who have no voice yet.
- ◇ Saturday: Pray for yourself as a leader. Pray to be strong, insightful, compassionate and faith filled. Pray to be shown opportunities where your unique gifts and skills might be used to lead.
- ◇ Sunday: Today is sabbath day. Pray for adequate rest for all leaders.

**September 23, 2019 -  
September 29, 2019**

# WEEKLY C@LENDAR

September 2019						
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## Monday, September 23

- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 1:30pm - 4:00pm **Food Pantry Stocking** (Fellowship Hall & Gym) ☺
- 5:30pm - 6:45pm **Yoga @ First** (Gymnasium) ☺
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm **Group Victory** (Marvin Lounge) ☺
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm **Joe's Big Band** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 7:00pm - 8:30pm **Boy Scouts Troop 624** (Third Floor) - Douglas Ovitt ☺

## Tuesday, September 24

- 8:30am - 10:00am **Sermon Talk Back** (Marvin Lounge) ☺
- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 6:00pm - 7:30pm **Cub Scouts - Bear Den** (3rd Floor)
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm **Stewardship** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm **Trustees** (Marvin Lounge) ☺

## Wednesday, September 25

- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm **Crafty Time Out** (Marvin Lounge) ☺
- 5:30pm - 7:00pm **Finally@First** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 6:30pm - 8:15pm **Bell Choir** (Sanctuary) ☺
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm **Wednesday Night Searchers** (Marvin Lounge) ☺
- 7:00pm - 8:30pm **Boy Scouts** (Fellowship Hall) ☺

## Thursday, September 26

- 8:30am - 6:30pm **Food Pantry** (FH) ☺
- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Brown Bag** (Marvin Lounge) ☺
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm **Easterseals** (Third Floor) ☺
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm **Music@First** (Sanctuary) ☺
- 8:15pm - 9:15pm **Music @ First** (Fellowship Hall) ☺

## Friday, September 27

- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 6:00pm **Junior Youth "Overnight"** (3rd Floor; 2nd Floor Program Room; Gym) →
- 7:30pm - 10:30pm **Grange** (Fellowship Hall) ☺

## Saturday, September 28

- ← 9:00am **Junior Youth "Overnight"** (3rd Floor; 2nd Floor Program Room; Gym)
- 9:00am - 11:00am **Nepali Community Worship** (Sanctuary) ☺
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☺

## Sunday, September 29

- 8:30am - 9:30am **Worship Service** (Sanctuary) ☺
- 10:15am - 11:30am **Worship Service** (Sanctuary) ☺
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☺

# SERMON NOTES

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