

***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 29, 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

Here I Am, Lord

Call to Worship

Psalm 146

Leader: We will praise the Lord for as long as we live; we will sing praises to our God all our lives.

People: Our hope is in God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

Leader: We will praise the Lord for as long as we live; we will sing praises to our God all our lives.

People: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow.

Leader: We will praise the Lord for as long as we live; we will sing praises to our God all our lives.

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

Children’s Message

Our Nursery is open for children under 3 years and the room has a speaker for you to listen to the service and it is streamed to Fellowship Hall. After the 2nd service’s children’s message, PreK-12th grade are welcome to follow Laurie for Faith Formation with music & peer group time. High School youth can assist as helpers in our peer groups. Adults are welcome to accompany children, get them settled, stay, or return to worship. Reminder to parents, all children in PreK-2nd need to be signed out 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.**

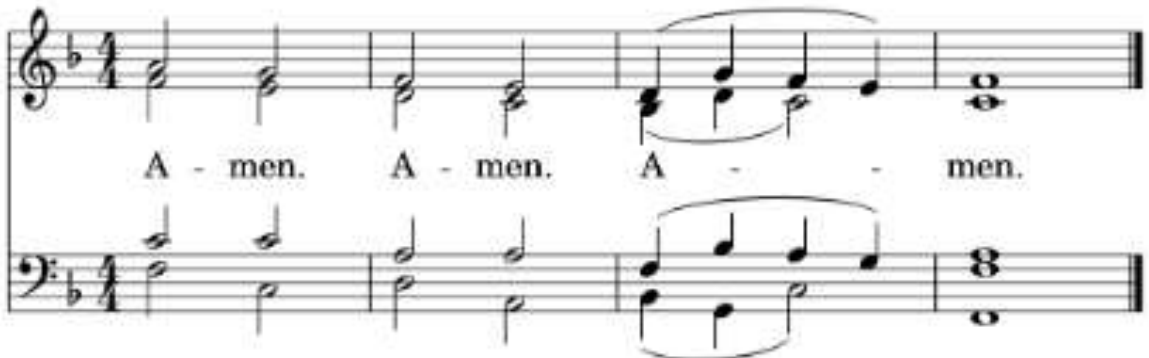
**Jesus loves the little children,
All God’s children of the world.
Whether young or old or new, Jesus loves us through and through
Teaching us to love all creatures in the world.**

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.**

Choir Response



Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Amos 6: 1, 4-7

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New Testament

1 Timothy 6:6-19

[page 164]

Luke 16:19-31

[page 61]

Musical Anthem

Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Sermon

Radical

Rev. Simon

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation, Offering, and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

Christ Has No Hands But Our Hands

***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

Be Now My Vision

#451

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 Higgins/Bero Family in loving memory of Diana Higgins;
and E.B. Gray in loving memory of Jim Gray.*

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

Jim Gray's Family



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@fcej.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 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 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.

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) 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, 2nd 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 (5th – 8th) or High School (9th-12th) 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

Pre K – 8th grade

1st Sunday of each month (starting October 6th): Intergenerational Worship. Children & youth help greet, usher, and read scripture! Also, Spiritual Friends w/ PreK & K.

October 13th: Peer Group Time

October 20th: Hands-On Mission– all peer groups gather together to hear, talk, and do mission work.

October 27th: Bible Sunday (3rd Grade & Up) & Peer Group Time. 11:30am-12:30pm: Halloween Party to follow in Fellowship Hall

Junior Youth Calendar

5th-8th Graders:

Faith & Mission Focus with Fellowship & Games.

Junior Youth October 6th: 11:30am-1:30pm, help greet, usher, and read scripture during our 10:15am worship

Crop Walk October 20th: 11:30am-1:30pm

Halloween Party October 27th: 11:30am-12:30pm, help set up party and stay to clean

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

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.

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Thursday, October 3rd @ Noon

If you are 55+ please consider joining this active church group. JOY meets at noon on the first Thursday of the month. We strive to present programs that foster learning, fun, or service. Our very own Reverend Mark Mendes will be joining us. Share your thoughts and bring those questions you've been eager to ask. Don't forget your lunch.

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!**

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.

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.

Essex Eats Out

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

A free, community-wide dinner 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 1st Friday of each month. Donations (to help subsidize the cost of these meals) are solicited but not required.

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.



Faith unleashed

A Women's Retreat

Friday, November 15 - Saturday, November 16, 2019
Bishop Booth Conference Center at Rock Point, Burlington, VT

4:00 p.m. Friday, Sign-in begins.

6:00 p.m. Friday, Dinner

5:00 p.m. Saturday, Retreat ends with Holy Communion.

Please join us for a delightful weekend in God's Word!

All Registrations require a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

Early Bird Registration (before 10/25/19) subtract \$30 from price listed below.

Registration Rates after 10/25/10: 1 Room - \$170; Shared Room - \$140; Commuter (No room) - \$95



Pat Hobbs (left) and Beth Greer (right) will come together to lead us in our women's retreat, not only in the teaching of God's Word, but in worship and songs of praise. They are Christian speakers and have participated in international missions for many years. Beth also has an incredible singing voice and leads in worship and praise wherever she goes. Both Pat and Beth love the Lord Jesus deeply and love teaching from God's Word - delivering messages of love, hope, and victory!



If you have any questions, please contact **Darcy Jewett** at 802-985-2067 or darcyjewett@aol.com

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Love of Children

Our Faith, Our Voice, Our Vote

"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." - Romans 12:12 MSG

In 2018, the Neighbors in Need special mission offering and grant pool committee examined the ways in which it could spotlight, the UCC identity and missional initiative: 3 Great Loves campaign, **LOVE OF NEIGHBOR**. Emmaus United Church of Christ, in Vienna, Virginia, applied and received a \$3,500 NIN grant to aid them to work for justice within their community. They partnered with **VOICE** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) in hopes of a securing the outcome they desired.

Photos supplied by Emmaus UCC



Emmaus UCC/VOICE public gathering

Emmaus UCC senior pastor, Rev. Kristen McBryer shares, "In 2018 we set out to listen to our neighbors. We learned that the greatest concerns in our schools this year are student support for mental health counselors as well as the retention of 'good teachers'. From these listening sessions and meetings with key leaders, we set forth an agenda to increase the funding for mental health counselors so that students have a 250:1 ratio. This ratio is the minimum needed to provide basic support for our students. Retaining our best teachers is key to the success of our school system. Increasing teacher pay is essential to this goal."

Additionally, Rev. McBryer reports, "In October, 1,300 people from our VOICE institutions met with Virginia's Governor and Attorney General to ask for their support on our agenda. Among those present were more than 600 students, parents, and teachers concerned about our schools. The Governor continues to work with VOICE on funding for mental health and good teacher pay and we believe the ground work we did in 2018 has set the stage for some big wins for our students in the 2019 budget cycle and general assembly."

As people of faith, we are encouraged to advocate for all those who are marginalized by institutional systems as well as individuals. Being able to use one's voice, even at the ballot box, is a key to fulfilling that biblical missional mandate. We are proud to have been a partner with Emmaus UCC as they embarked to make a difference in their community to aid their neighbors in need.

Please join us in supporting the

2019 Neighbors In Need Special Mission Offering. THANK YOU!

Two-thirds of your donations to NIN support advocacy programming and grants.

One-third of your generous gifts directly support CAIM. www.ucc.org/nin.

For more information about this event contact:

Emmaus UCC: <https://emmausucc.org/> or **VOICE:** <http://www.voice-iaf.org/>

To learn about the UCC's positions on Disabilities and Mental Health contact:

Rev. Sarah Lund, Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice,
(216) 736-3230, lunds@ucc.org



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

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).

Shaw's Flu Shots @ FCCEJ

Sunday, October 20th

The CDC advises to get flu shots as soon as possible but optimally before the end of October. Therefore, FCCEJ is hosting flu vaccinations in our Fellowship Hall between 1st & 2nd worship @ 9:30am; and after 2nd worship until ~ Noon. Most insurances cover shots for free, so bring your insurance card!

2019 Church Holidays:

Church offices will be closed on these dates.

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

Bridge Club

Friday, October 18th @ 1:30pm

Casual potluck-style game of Bridge. Join Pastor Mendes in our Marvin Lounge for a rousing game and a chance to win some of his world-famous jam!

Hannaford Cards

Sunday, October 6th & 21st

Reload your Hannaford Cards (up to \$500!) OR purchase new ones in \$25, \$50, \$100, and \$200 increments.

Heavenly Food Pantry

Monday, October 14th @ 5:30-7:30pm

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.

FCCEJ New Member's Class

Sunday, October 20th, following 2nd

Worship (~11:30am), Marvin Lounge

Do you like what is going on at the First Congregational Church of Essex Junction? Do you like the opportunities to join a book group or a joyful senior group or to help the hungry? Do you appreciate all the programming and focus on our children and youth? Do you like the sermons and the way they make you think? Do you like our prophetic voice in the wider community? There is quite a bit to like here and if you want to become a full partner in our ministry, then come find out what it means! Lunch will be provided and if you need child care, please let Doug know at the church office @ 878-5745.

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

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Clerk: Alison Wermer [879-7650]
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Hospitality: Jim Glatz [503-5076]
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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]
Craft Fest Committee Contact: Linda Bogardus [lbogardus@myfairpoint.net]

mission
M O M E N T S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 29, 2019

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Surprising Investment

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

American Indian Ministry Sunday

United Samoan Ministries Stewardship Sunday

Jeremiah, faced with a people and a situation devoid of hope did what you would expect a man of God to do. He engaged in a risky real estate transaction.

Okay, you're right. That's actually the very last thing you'd expect a man of God to do when faced with the destruction of his people, his holiest place of worship, his city and his culture.

You'd expect him to exercise prudence, to be careful, to guard what little he had against the coming difficulties. Instead Jeremiah negotiated the purchase of a piece of land.

Chief Seattle, leader of the Suquamish and Duwamish people in the Pacific Northwestern United States, said "humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect."

Today's passage reminds us that God's children have not always gotten land ownership right. We have too often used land ownership as a mode of severing ourselves from our connection with all things. We have made land ownership a tool or a weapon, forgetting that our God is the God of all the world, not just the God of a single people. Forgetting the connection that binds us with all humanity, we have made land ownership a divine right in our own minds, even committed terrible atrocities to control the land we think we own.

Too often, land ownership has been a matter of greed controlled by violence, instead of a reason for hope and opportunity to experience God's grace and joy. What if we thought of stewardship of the land as our part of the web of a connected creation, rather than the opportunity to acquire resources? What if land ownership was not a divinely ordained right, but instead, we approached our care of all land as the joyful result of our interconnection with all beings.

Imagine if our approach to land ownership came from an attitude of abundance and grace. How would this have changed our history? Is there a way that we could bring that attitude with us into the future?

Today on American Indian Ministry Sunday, we recognize The Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). According to caimucc.com, CAIM "is comprised of five ministries with 22 congregations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota... We are an integral part of the life of the United Church of Christ. We maintain our Indian traditions by employing our Native values and cultures to witness in our communities through authentic and postcolonial Indian expressions of the Christian faith. We are a gathering 'place' for all UCC Indian people who seek such a place."

September 30, 2019 -

October 6, 2019

WEEKLY C@LENDAR

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Monday, September 30

- 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) ☺
- 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 624 (Third Floor) - Douglas Ovitt ☺

Tuesday, October 1

- 8:30am - 10:00am Sermon Talk Back (Marvin Lounge) ☺
- 12:00pm - 1:30pm Brown Bag (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 5:30pm - 7:00pm Finance Committee (Marvin Lounge) ☺
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm Essex Historical Society (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm Church Council (Marvin Lounge)

Wednesday, October 2

- 12:00pm - 1:30pm Brown Bag (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 1:00pm - 2:30pm FCCEJ Staff Meeting (Marvin Lounge)
- 5:30pm - 7:00pm Finally@First (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm Boy Scouts-PLC (Youth Lounge) ☺
- 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, October 3

- 8:30am - 11:30am Essex Art League (FH) ☺
- 12:00pm - 2:00pm JOY (ML) ☺
- 12:00pm - 1:30pm Brown Bag (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm Easterseals (Third Floor) ☺
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm Music@First (Sanctuary) ☺
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 8:15pm - 9:15pm Music @ First (Fellowship Hall) ☺

Friday, October 4

- 12:00pm - 1:30pm Brown Bag (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 1:30pm - 8:00pm Essex Eats Out (Prep Time) (Kitchen & FH)
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Garvey-Roddy Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:30pm - 7:00pm Essex Eats Out Community Dinner (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen) ☺

Saturday, October 5

- 9:00am - 1:00pm Thrift Store Open ☺
- 9:00am - 11:00am Nepali Community Worship (Sanctuary) ☺
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm Brown Bag (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 4:30pm - 5:45pm Worship Service (Sanctuary) ☺

Sunday, October 6

- 8:30am - 9:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) ☺
- 10:15am - 11:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) ☺
- 11:30am - 2:00pm Craft Fest Meeting (Marvin)
- 11:30am - 1:30pm Junior Youth (3rd Floor; 2nd)
- 11:30am - 12:30pm Music Committee (Choir Loft)

More Items...

SERMON NOTES

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