

***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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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

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Paul Baloche

Call to Worship

Leader: We've come from every direction to worship God. Our worship restores our souls, renews our hopes, revives our hearts, and repairs our minds for the week ahead.

**People: Bless us God. Bless us!**

Leader: If we were weary coming into worship, let us be weary no more. Let God's love lift our moods. If we were happy coming into worship, let our happiness increase. Let God's love sustain that happiness.

**People: Bless us God. Bless us!**

Leader: Let us worship God. Let our souls be restored. Let our minds find peace. Let our hearts be filled with love.

**\*Opening Hymn**

*I Hear Them All*

**Woody Guthrie [handout]**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> service's children's message, PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to follow Laurie for Hands-On Mission time. We will hear about a mission and then to an activity or project that supports it. Adults are welcome to accompany the children, help them get settled and stay or return to worship. All will return for Communion.*

**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.**

**Prayer Response:** *Gospel Amen*

*A--men, a--men, a--men, a-men, a-men!*

## \*Hymn

*There's a Balm in Gilead*

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## Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Genesis 32:22-31

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New Testament

Luke 18:1-8

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## Sermon

*Wrestling for a Blessing*

Rev. Simon

## Musical Anthem

*I Will Lift My Eyes*

Bebo Norman

Special Stewardship Announcement.....Beth Volker

## Celebrating Our Giving to God at First Church

*We respond to gifts of divine abundance and the opportunity to participate in a vibrant and vital ministry at First Church by bringing our yearly pledge cards [or your already gave card] AND our weekly gifts forward and placing both on the altar.* This symbolizes not only our gratitude to God, but our dedication to Christ's Church here in Essex Junction.

Invitation, Offering, and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

*Who Am I?*

Mark Hall

### **\*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**

*Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed*

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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  
Ginny Coe  
In loving memory of her mom.*



### **Today's Ushers & Greeters**

**(1st Service):** Terri Livak (u/g); Clint Russell (g); Judy McCullen (u); Myrna Doney (u)

**(2nd Service):** Terri Livak (u/g); Amy Trimble (g); Carolyn Rushford (g); Lauren Starkey (u); Jonah Moos (u)

*Interested in ushering/greeting? Register by visiting this link: [shorturl.at/LSWZ5](http://shorturl.at/LSWZ5)*

### **First Church's Prayer Ministry**

|                  |                   |                  |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Marion Schneider | Russ Dettenrieder | John A           |
| Beth Terry       | Bob Ursiny        | Aidan W          |
| Richard Ansell   | Jennifer Morse    | Carlene Lawrence |
| Pat Seaver       | Tom Gibbs         | Judy Blackmon    |
| Russ Schneider   | Jennifer Morse    |                  |

*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.*



**Letters for Beth Terry:** Any well-wishers may mail letters & cards to Beth Terry @ 849 Severance Road, Colchester VT 05446

### ***Cold Days Are Upon Us! ... Take a Free Prayer Shawl!***

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We have a large stock of warm, hand-made prayer shawls to keep you cozy this year, and they are free to keep! Ask an usher to retrieve one for you from our new Deacons closet.



# FAITH FORMATION

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

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

## IMPORTANT FF EVENTS

### **Bible Sunday: Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

We will celebrate our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders as they receive their own bible during the Children's Message on this day. If your child is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or older and does not have a bible of their own, please contact Laurie to make sure there are on our list. You can also connect with Pastor Mark or Pastor Josh.

### **Halloween Party: Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendars and plan to stay for the party! Starting at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall following our 2<sup>nd</sup> service we will have stations of cookie decorating, a costume parade and more! Feel free to wear your costume to church.

## Peer Group Leaders

- ♦ **PreK:** Paula Sargent, 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.

## Sunday School Offering

### **Spectrum Youth & Family Services**

*Total for 2019 — \$463.33 (10/13 count pending)*

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 Save the D@tes!

**October 20<sup>th</sup>:** Hands-On Mission— all peer groups gather together to hear, talk, and do mission work.

**November 3rd (and 1st Sunday of each month):** Intergenerational Worship. Children & youth help greet, usher, and read scripture! Also, Spiritual Friends w/ PreK & K.

**November 10th & 17th:** Peer Group Time

**November 24th:** Hands-On Mission

**December 1st:** Intergenerational Worship

**December 8th:** Peer Group Time

**December 15th:** Pageant Sunday (Healing Service in the evening)

**December 22nd & 29th:** Intergenerational Worship

## Faith Formation Conversations

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>- October 13th  
(During Peer Group Time)**

**PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Talked about the stories of Creation, Adam & Eve and Noah's Ark  
**3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>:** Talked about Prayer (1 Timothy 2:1-7), False Teaching and True Riches (1 Timothy 6:6-19), Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers (Luke 17: 11-19)

# YOUTH MINISTRY



**TODAY:** High School Youth Group is attending *Sam Mazza's Corn Maze* this afternoon @ 2:15-4:30pm. Address is...

**277 Lavigne Road  
Colchester, VT 05446**

All our First Church Youth Programs are Parent Supported! Meal donations and snacks for youth times are appreciated!

## **Junior Youth Worship Service**

***November 3rd & 17th @ 11:30am***

Junior Youth have a chance to help greet and usher parishioners during our 10:15am service. Additionally, youth may read scripture!

## **Stay active. Lend a helping hand!**

Help a neighbor or a friend. If you earn an allowance? Have a job? Practice dividing your money in these three ways:

- ⇒ Save (in the bank)
- ⇒ Give to the church/offering
- ⇒ You (spend/save/give to an organization)

Bring your Offering with you on Sunday and use the envelopes in the pews. Find ways and places to connect with your God & have spiritual time ~ praying in color, etc.

## **FCCEJ Confirmation Class**

***Thursdays @ 7:30-9pm***

***Marvin Lounge***

Confirmation is an intentional time in a person's life, usually a young person, to learn more about Christianity, the Bible, faith, etc. During this time, they start to intentionally form what they believe and how they want to engage society. The confirmands attend other faith tradition's worship services, participate in community service projects, and participate in some capacity at church whether if it's through helping with faith formation, reading in worship, etc. It ends with confirmation Sunday when confirmands who want to join the church publicly do so. Anyone in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or above is welcome to join the Confirmation class. It is a one-year program. Confirmation class will take place most Thursdays, 7:30-9pm, between now and May 31<sup>st</sup> on Confirmation Sunday.

# EVENTS@FIRST: TODAY

## Stewardship Celebration Sunday

One of the blessings of being a congregational church is that no one tells us what to do or believe. No bishop passes down orders or demands that we hire a particular minister. We determine what our church, minister and faith will look like. We are in charge of the faith, the building and the finances. We celebrate this self-determination in a financial sense on our Stewardship Celebration Sunday at both services. In the service everyone is asked to come forward and place your pledge or pledge acknowledgement card in the offering plate signifying your full participation at the First Congregational Church of Essex Junction. Some people even dance on their way up since belonging is a joyful experience!

## Hannaford Cards

*Sunday, October 20th*

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

## Support JUMP!

Part of our church's mission to JUMP (Joint Urban Ministry Project) is to provide deodorant. 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.) Thank you for donating!

## FCCEJ New Member's Class

*After 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 swider 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. Childcare available!

## 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 @ 9:15-10:45am only**. Most insurances cover shots for free, so bring your insurance card!

## 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@fccej.org](mailto:cspradling@fccej.org)) for details.



# EVENTS@FIRST: THIS WEEK

## Heavenly Food Pantry

**Thursday, October 24th @ 2-6pm**

The Pantry would appreciate these donations: *spaghetti sauce, 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). The next food pantry distribution is Thursday, October 24th b/w 2pm-6pm.

## Coat Drive

A Winter Coat Drive is currently underway to include winter coats, snow suits, snow pants, hats, mittens, scarves, and boots for children & adults. The winter gear will be distributed at the Heavenly Pantry Food Shelf on **Thursday, November 21st**. Thank you for your support of this program and for helping our neighbors in need.

## Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop

**37 Main Street in Essex Junction**

**Hours:** Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10am-3pm; Thursdays 4pm-8pm; 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month, 9am-1pm. Phone : 879-6552.

**News:** The shop will now be open every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. A Big Thanks to our volunteers for making this happen. Spread the word to your family, co-workers, friends and neighbors. The Shop has been receiving many requests for more men's *clothes*. Please think about the Thrift Shop when cleaning out your closets. 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). **Thank you.**

***Yoga w/ Jonah: Cancelled for Monday, October 21st only. Returns October 28th.***

## 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!**

# EVENTS@FIRST: SAVE THE D@TE!

## **JOY (Just Older Youth)**

***Thursday, November 7th @ 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.

## **Bridge Club**

***Friday, November 15th @ 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!

## **Women's Spirituality Group**

***Saturday, November 16th @ 9:30am***

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).

The next book group will meet on . in the Marvin Lounge. We will be reading a novel by Sinclair Lewis. It Can't Happen Here was written in 1935 while Lewis was in Vermont for the summer. It is a tale about the fragility of democracy and a look at how facism could take hold in America when it was largely oblivious to Hitler's aggression in Europe. The novel is about the rise of a president who becomes a dictator to save the nation from welfare cheats, crime and a liberal press. In 1935 when it was written, it was called "a message to thinking Americans". It is a novel that remains as fresh and contemporary as today's news.

## **Essex Eats Out**

***Friday, November 1st @ 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.

## **Reformation / Bible Sunday**

***October 27th, 2019***

Reformation Sunday remembers and celebrates our roots in the Protestant Reformation and its emphasis on allowing the word of God found in the scriptures to be front and center in our faith. Bibles were translated into native tongues and for the first time in the history of the church, every day people could read and try to understand the message that Jesus was bringing to the world. We celebrate that tradition by giving bibles out to our 3rd graders during each worship service. If you are older than 3rd grade and have not received your bible, tell Rev. Mark or rev Josh or Laurie and we will make sure you get one that day.

## **November Book Group—Monday,**

***November 18th at 11:30 a.m***

***\*NEW DATES***

**FIVE CORNERS CHRISTMAS CRAFT FEST**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9 AM TO 3 PM**

Mark your calendar for this big holiday event!



**To make this event a success at our church your assistance with the following would be greatly appreciated:**

**Nearly New** - Please consider donating to the Craft Fest when you are cleaning out your basement, closet, under your bed, burrow drawer, kitchen cupboards! **We are now accepting items in Marvin Lounge.**

**Sweet Shoppe and Bakery** – This year we are looking for unique items such as gluten free options, donuts, whoopee pies, peanut brittle, homemade candy, gingerbread men, chocolate covered pretzels, small cakes, maple fudge, sugar cookies and **pies**. All Items can be dropped off at the Church on Thursday and Friday November 7 & 8.

**Silent Auction** – Consider donating items such as: hosting a dinner, a day of golf, homemade pies, stay at a summer cottage, hand-made wall hanging, professional photograph, theatre tickets or sporting event tickets. We especially like to have services provided by our church members. All donations are tax-deductible. **Items can be dropped off in Church Office.**

**Heavenly Spirit Café:** We will once again be serving a delicious lunch. Please consider making homemade soups, macaroni and cheese, and chili. Also, consider donating ingredients or drink items.

**Decorators:** Everyone is needed Sunday Nov 3<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2 pm to decorate Marvin Lounge and Fellowship Hall.

**Starting on Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> until November 3rd** the committee will have signup sheets after first service and second service for making a donation or signing up to volunteer at one of our amazing areas. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Linda Bogardus at 872-8972 or [lbogardus@myfairpoint.net](mailto:lbogardus@myfairpoint.net). MERRY CHRISTMAS

# Capital Campaign Update

*By Kaki McGeary*

Thank you to the volunteers who spent a few hours last Saturday working on the gardens around our NEW sign out front! *Cathy Shearer, Carl Wermer, Kevin & Sena Meilleur, Lester & Muriel Nutting, Francis Gravel & Gary Hartmann, Josh Simon & Kaki McGeary.*

We are awaiting final approval of a federal grant that will pay for the new exterior light fixtures. We need to wait until we have a grant contract in place before we can use those funds, so this has delayed installation of the new lighting. We anticipate that the lights will be installed some time in November. We are aware that this causes some inconvenience, but the delay will save us about \$10,000 if we can use federal grant funds for that work instead of paying for it with Campaign funds.

Work on the historic windows continues. The new custom storm windows look beautiful (and they work!) and we are eagerly awaiting the re-installation of the refurbished windows and shutters some time this month. We have also had a crew of volunteer painters working throughout the church to give things a face lift... perhaps you have noticed the fresh coat of paint in the foyer outside Fellowship Hall and in the hallway upstairs outside the elevator. Thank you John and Donna Burnett, Laurie Chipman, Mark Mendes, Carolyn Rushford and Kaki McGeary for working on this. And thank you to Cathy Shearer for painting in the Sawyer House. I hope we haven't forgotten someone!!

We now turn our attention to planning the Sanctuary plaster repair/painting, the Marvin Lounge and the Kitchen.

*...Stay tuned for more details!*



**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.

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

October 20, 2019  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Ask Boldly; Live Justly**

Luke 18:1-8  
Children's Sabbath  
Laity Sunday

*The work of justice is knocking on doors.  
The work of justice is calling on the phone.  
The work of justice is getting educated about the issues.  
The work of justice is marching in the streets.  
The work of justice is writing letters to those in power.  
The work of justice is prayers of persistence.  
The work of justice is showing up again and again and again.*

The work of justice is not easy, and those who work persistently for justice can suffer from burn-out. Burn-out is the emotional, mental, spiritual and physical exhaustion caused by prolonged stress. We don't know what kept the widow in today's story from burn-out. We don't know why she was able to persist in boldly going

to the unjust judge when so many others would have given up.

Like many others, she might have asked in despair, what is the right number of phone calls, of letters written, of steps marched? Those who do the work of justice never know what the tipping point might be. It could be today's visit, it could be tomorrow's phone call, it could be next week's letter that move the needle. But unlike those who experience burn-out, the widow approached each encounter as if this was the one that would have the hoped-for effect. She was energized rather than discouraged by the knowledge that each encounter could be the last one, or just the next one.

At the same time, the widow balanced her sense of purpose with a realistic understanding of the scope of her influence and ability. She did not try to talk the unjust judge into fixing every corrupt act against every person. Instead she worked doggedly for the one cause she was most passionate about.

We don't learn much about the widow except that she was persistent, but her continued work indicates that perhaps she employed some other tools to avoid burn-out as well. When the list of work to be done gets long and daunting, try taking a look at this list as well. It may seem counter-intuitive to do more, but attending to these may actually make the work of justice more sustainable into the future.

*The work of justice is gathering community.  
The work of justice is taking time to be creative.  
The work of justice is experiencing intentional sabbath.  
The work of justice is letting go of perfectionism.  
The work of justice is feeling optimism balanced with realism.  
The work of justice is focusing on the task at hand.  
The work of justice is seeing the long view.  
The work of justice is praying with gratitude.*

# CHURCH MINISTRY @ FIRST

## Church Staff

Senior Pastor: *Rev. Mark Mendes* [mmendes@fccej.org]

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Christian Education Director: *Laurie Chipman* [lchipman@fccej.org]

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Finally @ First Director: *Rick Dooley* [rickdooley5@gmail.com]

Joyful Noise: *Jessica Moos* [jessicamoosvermont@gmail.com]

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Sanctuary Choir/Heavenly Harmony Director: *Carol Spradling*  
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Stewardship: *Jessica Moos* [399-8068]

Trustees: *Kevin Meilleur* [238-4041]

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## Recognized Groups at First Church

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Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop [879-6552] *Sue Wood* suewood@myfairpoint.net

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**October 21, 2019 -  
October 27, 2019**

## ***FCCEJ WEEKLY CALENDAR***

| October 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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











### **Monday, October 21**

-  **12:00pm - 1:30pm Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) 
-  **1:30pm - 4:00pm Food Pantry Stocking** (Fellowship Hall & Gym) 
-  **5:00pm - 7:00pm BSA Troop 624** (Third Floor)
-  **5:30pm - 6:30pm Group Victory** (Marvin Lounge) 
-  **6:30pm - 9:30pm Joe's Big Band** (Fellowship Hall) 
-  **6:30pm - 8:00pm BSA Scouting Alumni & Friends** (Marvin Lounge)
-  **7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 624** (Third Floor) - Douglas Ovlitt

### **Tuesday, October 22**

-  **8:30am - 10:00am Sermon Talk Back** (Marvin Lounge) 
-  **12:00pm - 1:30pm Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) 
-  **4:00pm - 7:00pm BSA Planning Meeting** (Marvin Lounge)
-  **7:00pm - 9:00pm Stewardship** (Fellowship Hall) 
-  **7:00pm - 9:00pm Trustees** (Marvin Lounge) 

### **Wednesday, October 23**

-  **12:00pm - 1:30pm Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) 
-  **1:00pm - 2:30pm FCCEJ Staff Meeting** (Marvin Lounge)
-  **2:00pm - 4:00pm Crafty Time Out** (2nd Floor) 
-  **5:30pm - 7:00pm Capital Campaign Steering Committee** (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, October 24**

-  **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) 
-  **7:30pm - 9:00pm Confirmation** (Marvin Lounge) 
-  **8:15pm - 9:15pm Music @ First** (Fellowship Hall) 
-  **8:30pm - 9:30pm Men @ First** (Fellowship Hall) 

### **Friday, October 25**

-  **12:00pm - 1:30pm Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) 
-  **7:30pm - 10:30pm Grange** (Fellowship Hall) 

### **Saturday, October 26**

-  **9:00am - 11:00am Nepali Community Worship** (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall) 
-  **1:00pm - 2:00pm Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) 

### **Sunday, October 27**

-  **8:30am - 9:30am Worship Service** (Sanctuary) 
-  **9:30am - 11:30am Craft Fest Silent Auction Volunteer Signup** (Fellowship Hall)
-  **10:15am - 11:30am Worship Service** (Sanctuary) 
-  **11:30am - 12:30pm Junior Youth "Halloween Party"**
-  **1:00pm - 2:00pm Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) 
-  **2:00pm - 6:00pm Holiday Cardmaking Class** (Fellowship Hall)

# **Sermon Notes**