

***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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October 27, 2019

REFORMATION SUNDAY

A Welcoming Community, Accepting and Serving All
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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

Standin' in the Need of Prayer

Spiritual

Call to Worship

Leader: Today we celebrate the way that the Holy Spirit blew through the world and inspired a movement of protest and reform so that Christ's Church might be more closely aligned with Christ's Word.

People: Thank you God for leading your people.

Leader: Today we celebrate reformers of your church; for John Huss, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, Ann Hutcheson, John Robinson, William Brewster and John Cotton we give you thanks.

People: Thank you God for your guiding spirit.

Leader: Today, let us celebrate reformers of every age, people who were guided by your Holy Spirit to bring light and truth to your movement of love. Help us all to carry on as reformers of your will and way.

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

***Opening Hymn**

Shout to the North

Martin Smith
[handout in the pews]

Children's Message.....Giving Out the Bibles

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.**

Prayer Response

Lord I Need You

Matt Maher

***Lord, I need you, oh, I need you.
Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need you.
You're my one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need you.***

New Testament Scripture Readings

Epistle Ephesians 2:1-10 [page 148]

Gospel Luke 18:9-14 [page 62]

Musical Anthem

Imagine

John Lennon

Sermon

Our Protestant Heritage All Around Us

Rev. Mendes

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation, Offering, and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem *Open My Eyes*

Jesse Manibusan

***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.**

HymnCalled as Partners in Christ's Service*

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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.
God now in peace, in faith and in love**

Postlude:** = Please stand if you are able**



*The flowers on the altar are given by
Louise Kolvoord
In loving memory of Phil Kolvoord.*

Today's Ushers & Greeters



(1st Service) Greeters: Sylvia Nyhagen and Maureen Evans;
Ushers: Bart and Paulette Frisbie

(2nd Service) Greeters: Phil and Jenny Bourn;
Ushers: Carolyn Ambrosait and Terri Livak

Interested in ushering/greeting? Register by visiting this link: shorturl.at/LSWZ5

First Church's Prayer Ministry

Marion Schneider

Beth Terry

Richard Ansell

Pat Seaver

Bill Adams

Russ Dettenrieder

Bob Ursiny

Jennifer Morse

Tom Gibbs

Jennifer Morse

John A

Aidan W

Carlene Lawrence

Judy Blackmon

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. 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

**Preschool** ~ Paula Sargent, Makaylah Moos, Kaki & Caitlin McGeary, Marlene & Courtney Frank

**Kindergarten** ~ Jenny Bourn & Laura Marthaler

**First & Second Grade** ~ Sue Conti & Lisa Clark

**Third & Fourth Grade** ~ Barb Smith & Allison VanSteensburg

**Fifth ~Eighth 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 — \$483.33 (as of 10/20)*

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!

**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

Today, October 27<sup>th</sup> during Peer Group time:

**PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Story of Samuel, based on ... I Samuel 2:18-3:20

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:** Story of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector ...  
Luke 18: 9-14



# YOUTH MINISTRY

## 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.

### Junior Youth Calendar

Mark your calendars & join the FUN! These events are tailored for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. The focus is on our faith, missions, and friendly games to boost fellowship. Meal donations and snacks for youth times are appreciated! Visit this link to list your contribution: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054fa4a82fa5fc1-fccej>

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** ~ JY time ~ 11:30am to 1:30pm. Help Greet/Usher/Read Scripture during 10:15am worship

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ JY time ~ 11:30am to 1:30pm

### Young Adult Gathering

**Friday, November 22, 7-9pm**

Young Adult gathering at the parsonage.

### High School Youth Group

**Date: TBA**

This event will be hosted at the Church.

### 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.



### Rehearsal Schedule for JY & HS Youth

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** ~ 5 to 7pm

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ 5 to 7pm

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** ~ 11:30 to 2pm

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** ~ TBA (between 1pm and 6pm)

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** ~ Pageant Sunday @ both services.

### Pageant Rehearsal Helpers

If you enjoy the pageant here at First our youth could use your help. Starting on November 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm (see schedule in youth section) we need adult helpers to assist with learning lines, collecting prop, organizing costumes and maybe helping with scenery. Interested? Please speak with Pastor Josh or Laurie.

# EVENTS@FIRST: TODAY

## Reformation / Bible Sunday

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 today.



### 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!

### 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

## 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!

## 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 [ebaymond@gmail.com](mailto:ebaymond@gmail.com).

## 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.

it means. We come together for communion through friendship and sacrament. We lift our prayers up as a community and have a chair waiting for anyone who needs specific prayers. Come worship first and then go out for a lovely dinner with your partner: it's a

## 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!**

## Saturday Night Worship

*November 2nd @ 4:30pm*

Want to sleep in on a Sunday but hate to miss worship, then come worship on Saturday night on the first Saturday of every month at 4:30 p.m. where you will find a new style of worship that is informal, interactive and in Fellowship Hall. We hear scripture and discuss what

# EVENTS@FIRST: SAVE THE D@TE!

## Hannaford Cards

***Sunday, November 3rd & 17th***

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

## 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!

## Heavenly Food Pantry

***Thursday, November 11th @ 5:30-7:30pm***

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).

## 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).

## 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.

**November Book Group—Monday,  
November 18th at 11:30 a.m**

***\*NEW DATES***

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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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

# CHURCH 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: *Jenny Bourn* [jennybourn4@gmail.com]

& *Laura Marthaler* [Laura.marthaler@gmail.com]

Currier Bell Choir Director: *Carolyn Harris* [899-6759]

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

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

Men At First Director: *Bill Bickford, Jr.* [bill.bickford@aol.com]

Sanctuary Choir/Heavenly Harmony Director: *Carol Spradling*  
[cspradling@fccej.org]

## Committee / Church Officer Contacts

President, Chair Human Resources Committee: *Carl Wermer* [879-7650]

Vice President, Chair Finance & Pastoral Relations: *Maureen Evans* [879-7517]

Treasurer & Historian: *Ann Gray* [878-4088]

Asst. Treasurer: *Dan Petherbridge* [879-0261]

Financial Secretary: *Pat Seaver* [879-4445]

Clerk: *Alison Wermer* [879-7650]

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Communications: *Andrea Sharp* [879-0580] or *Judy McCullen* [878-9794]

Deacons: *Betsy Weischedel* [922-2094], *Peter Schmalz* [202-297-3625]

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

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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]

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**M O M E N T S**  
U N I T E D   C H U R C H   O F   C H R I S T

October 27, 2019

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

**Just Worship**

Luke 18:9-14

UCC Higher Education Sunday

Jubilee USA is a loosely organized group of faith and advocacy groups – including many United Church of Christ churches – that work toward lowering debt of all kinds, particularly student debt. According to their website, [www.jubileeusa.org](http://www.jubileeusa.org), “The stats are sobering. Graduating American college seniors have an average student loan debt of nearly \$35,000. Total student loan debt in the United States is at \$1.3 trillion. Jubilee USA works to change these statistics by bridging religious, political and generational divides to promote responsible student lending and borrowing and stop predatory student loan and debt collection practices.”

“On July 1, 2013, student loan interest rates were set to double for almost 7 million college students. The year prior, when Congress was about to double the interest rates on students, 45 Jubilee faith communities prayed, acted and stopped the increase. In 2013, over 60 religious communities across the nation joined us in prayer to stop the increase.”

Proposals to reduce the current student debt have sometimes been met with cries that debt reduction in this generation is not fair to those who have already paid their debts. Like the Pharisees, those who want others to suffer are not able to see that in God’s grace everyone is to be received and cared for. The Pharisee sniffed at the misfortune of the tax collector praying sadly in the temple, and believed that his own elevation was proportional to the downward spiral of his neighbor. He had not yet learned that the affliction of some does not lessen the misery of others.

Instead of seeking others’ suffering, you are invited on this Higher Education Sunday to pray this prayer, also found on the Jubilee USA website.

“We pray for students who are our future, may they not be burdened with unjust and unsustainable debts as they seek to expand their knowledge and prepare to take up the responsibilities as tomorrow’s leaders. We pray for those who currently struggle with student loan payments, and those who may struggle in the future.”

“We pray for the Members of Congress who must make hard decisions in hard economic times, that they will support and maintain student loan affordability and help to make a more fair and just future.”

“We pray that Congress will act in a way that supports students and broader social equity and justice across our communities.” Amen.

# 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.



**October 28, 2019 -  
November 3, 2019**

# ***FCCEJ WEEKLY CALENDAR***

| October 2019 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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## **Monday, October 28**

- 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) ☞
- 5:45pm - 7:15pm **Girl Scouts** (3rd Floor (Coral & Blue))
- 7:00pm - 8:30pm **BSA Troop 624** (Third Floor) - Douglas Ovitt ☞

## **Tuesday, October 29**

- 8:30am - 10:00am **Sermon Talk Back** (Marvin Lounge) ☞
- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☞
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm **Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm **BSA Meeting** (3rd Floor Youth Lounge)
- 7:15pm - 8:30pm **PRC Meeting** (Marvin Lounge)

## **Wednesday, October 30**

- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☞
- 5:30pm - 7:00pm **Finally@First** (Fellowship Hall) ☞
- 6:30pm - 8:15pm **Handbell Choir** (Sanctuary) ☞
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm **Wednesday Night Searchers** (Marvin Lounge) ☞
- 7:00pm - 8:30pm **Boy Scouts** (Fellowship Hall) ☞

## **Thursday, October 31**

- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☞
- 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, November 1**

- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☞
- 1:30pm - 8:00pm **Essex Eats Out (Prep Time)** (Kitchen & FH)
- 5:30pm - 7:00pm **Essex Eats Out Community Dinner** (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen) ☞

## **Saturday, November 2**

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

## **Sunday, November 3**

- 8:30am - 9:30am **Worship Service** (Sanctuary) ☞
- 9:30am - 11:30am **Craft Fest Silent Auction Volunteer**
- 10:15am - 11:30am **Worship Service** (Sanctuary) ☞
- 11:30am - 2:00pm **Craft Fest Meeting/Luncheon** (Marvin)
- 11:30am - 1:30pm **Junior Youth** (3rd Floor; 2nd Floor)
- 11:30am - 12:30pm **Craft Fest Decorating** (Fellowship Hall)

More Items...

1-2pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall)  
6-8pm **Cub Scouts** (Marvin Lounge)

# **Sermon Notes**