

***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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November 10, 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

Rise Up

Andra Day

Call to Worship

Leader: We come here from every direction to hear God's call on our lives.

People: And yet sometimes our lives feel directionless, where are we going?

Leader: What are we doing? Where is God leading us?

People: Help us God find our way.

Leader: God awaken us to your graceful presence.

People: Guide us with your holy care and inspire us.

Leader: Come let us work on this and let us worship God.

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

*Opening Hymn

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds
[handout]

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.

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.**

*Hymn

Be Now My Vision

#451, vs. 1 & 4

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Haggai 1:15-2:9

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New Testament

Luke 20:27-40

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Musical Anthem

Stand in Your Love

Josh Baldwin

Sermon

Where Does the Church Go From Here?

Rev. Simon

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation, Offering, and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

Spirit in the Sky

Norman Greenbaum

***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**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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Benediction

Pastoral Benediction

***Sung Community Benediction**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, family all are we,
Let me walk with my fellow in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry breath I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

***Postlude**

* = Please stand if you are able.

*****NEW***** 2020 Flower Chart is posted on the *Mission: Possible* board in the hallway between the Narthex and Fellowship Hall Please, request your flowers by **Sunday, December 15th**. We wish to provide this information to our flowers distributor before the 2020 calendar year.

*The flowers on the altar are given by
Linda Bogardus
In loving memory of Joan Baynham.*



Today's Ushers & Greeters

(1st Service) Greeters: *Joanne Irwin*; Ushers: *Maureen Evans*

(2nd Service) Greeters: *N/A*; Ushers: *Terri Livak*



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

First Church's Prayer Ministry

*Marion Schneider
Richard Ansell*

*Russ Dettenrieder
Bob Ursiny*

*John A
Aidan W*

*Bill Adams (*not Betty's hus-
band*)*

Karla

Rick Busciglio

Jennifer Morse

Tom Gibbs

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.

Coats and Shawls

Coat Closet Full? Additional storage is available in the Narthex.

Feeling Chilly? We have a large stock of warm, hand-made prayer shawls to keep you cozy this year, and they are free to keep! Ask our Ushers/Greeters for help.



FAITH FORMATION (PreK-8th Grade)

Interested in Volunteering to help our children & youth?

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

Faith Formation Conversations

Today, November 10th during Peer Group time

PreK – 2nd will hear & talk about the story of Zacchaeus from Luke 19:1-10

3rd- 8th will read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 on how we should support each other, working together as we follow Jesus. They may also talk about Zacchaeus.

Sunday Morning Calendar

November 10th & 17th: Peer Group Time

November 24th: Hands-On Mission

December 1st: (on 1st Sundays of the month) - Intergenerational Worship for children & youth and can help usher/greet/read scripture
PreK & K spend time with Spiritual Friends and return for communion

December 8th: Peer Group Time

December 15th: Pageant Sunday

December 22nd & 29th:
Intergenerational Worship

Save the D@tes!

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 8th @ 11:30am

Preschool – 4th grade are encouraged to attend the first 20-30 minutes of pageant rehearsal to take a part and follow the youth and learn their part. Rehearsal continues for youth until 2pm.

Christmas Pageant Sunday

December 15th

Enjoy the pageant during both our worship services.

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

2019 Total — \$502.33 (as of 10/27)

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.



YOUTH MINISTRY (5th-12th Grade)

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 8th 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 31st on Confirmation Sunday.

Junior Youth Calendar

Mark your calendars & join the FUN! These events are tailored for 5th-8th 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 17th ~ JY time ~ 11:30am to 1:30pm

High School Youth Group

See Pageant Rehearsal Dates for more details.



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 24th ~ 5 to 7pm

December 1st ~ 5 to 7pm

December 8th ~ 11:30 to 2pm

December 14th ~ TBA (between 1pm and 6pm)

December 15th ~ Pageant Sunday @ both services.

Pageant Rehearsal Helpers

If you enjoy the pageant here at First our youth could use your help. Starting on November 24th 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



Adult Mission

Trip to Puerto Rico! Anyone 18 or older is welcome. PR needs our helps with repairing

cement roofs. We'd work five days, two days for travel, and one for Sunday worship at a local church. Looking to do this over the course of one week. Potential dates are April 18th-25th; or April 25th-May 2nd. Cost will be \$800-850 per person.

Talk to Josh for more information.

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](tel:879-7350) or ebaymond@gmail.com.

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.

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.)

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 helping our neighbors in need.

Thank You!

...to Marie Johnson & Denise Keating for sharing their musical talents during our first service.



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!

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).

Wednesday Night Searchers

Canceled until further notice. Stay tuned for details!



Heavenly Food Pantry

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

The Pantry would appreciate these donations: *spaghetti sauce, cereal, and chicken noodle soup, and one-dozen egg cartons.* 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.

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!

November Book Group

Monday, November 18th at 11:30 am

The next book group will meet 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.

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Thursday, December 5th @ 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.

Saturday Night Worship

First Saturday of Each Month

Next Service: December 7th @ 4:30pm

Want to sleep in on a Sunday but hate to miss worship, then come worship on Saturday! where you will find a new style of worship that is informal, interactive and in Fellowship Hall. We hear scripture and discuss what 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 great Saturday Night Tradition.

Hannaford Cards

Sunday, November 17th

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

Young Adult Gathering

Friday, November 22, 7-9pm

Young Adult gathering at the parsonage.

Reverend Erin Reardon Installed

@ Warren United Church

Sunday, November 17th, 2019

Let us all be a little proud that Tom and Suzanne's daughter Erin will be duly installed at the Warren United Church, under the auspices of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ on Nov. 17th, 2019 at the Warren Church [339 Main Street, Warren VT 05674] at 2:00p.m., with reception to follow. Erin grew up in our church and in ironic but true congregational form, chose NOT to be confirmed here under the able guidance of Rev. Steve Garvey. Yet in that conscientious choice, there was a yearning for more spiritual knowledge and here we are.....! The service will be a great celebration and Rev. Mark will be participating and offering rides if anyone needs one.

Capital Campaign Update

By Kaki McGeary



Security Grant/Lighting News - we got the grant! We received a federal grant of \$47,809 for improving security and safety at our church. This grant award includes \$10,000 for new parking lot lights! Also included are funds to add locks to all of our classroom doors and a new “controlled access system” (keyless locks, video cameras at our two

main entrances). Now we are just waiting on paperwork. :) Once we have it, we will install the new lighting in the parking lot! The other projects will take a bit longer to implement, so stay tuned for details.

Window Update: We are eagerly awaiting the return of our historic windows/shutters in the sanctuary. We hope they will be back by the end of November.

AND.....COMING SOON: The Sanctuary Restoration Project!

The Sanctuary Restoration Project will begin January 1. As we shared before, the plaster ceiling must be totally removed and replaced. This work will require temporary scaffolding. The entire project should take about 2 months, assuming no major hiccups. The ceiling work will be done first and then it must cure for several weeks, during which time the walls will be patched. Once that is done, painting can begin!

Unfortunately, the Sanctuary will not be usable while the scaffolding is in place. Worship services will be held in Fellowship Hall starting on December 29. Our goal is to be back in the sanctuary BEFORE PALM SUNDAY, if not before. Our staff and several committees are working on plans to make this temporary move as seamless and comfortable as possible. We appreciate everyone’s patience and flexibility as we get through those few months. We ask for prayers that we move through this time of transition and mess with patience, kindness, grace and humor, and that this experience might draw us closer together as one body of Christ.

As we continue to work on these projects, we are drawing down our cash balance. Your continued pledge payments are vital to our efforts! We have budgeted for bridge loan financing, and while we have not needed it yet, we will likely need to secure a bridge loan for the Sanctuary Restoration. As always, early pledge payments are welcome to help minimize bridge loan interest.

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.

CHURCH MINISTRY @ FIRST

Church Staff

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

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Men At First Director: *Bill Bickford, Jr.* [bill.bickford@aol.com]
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Committee / Church Officer Contacts

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Recognized Groups at First Church

Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop [879-6552] *Sue Wood* suewood@myfairpoint.net
Heavenly Food Pantry Contact: *Valerie Gabert* [879-0109]
Called To Care Contact: *Beth Volker* [238-2713]
Nepali Christian Community Contact: *Dan Raut* [310-4371]
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M O M E N T S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 10, 2019

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Hold on to Faith

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Stewardship Sunday

Surely the end is near.

Violence runs rampant.

Consumerism holds a culture in thrall.

The people listen to the words of the leaders
and struggle to discern which are true.

Sound familiar? As it was for the church in
Thessalonica, so it is for us today.

But hear the voice of Jesus calling and saying,
“I am the way.”

You may hear, my friends, that the end is near.

You may hear that this one is the Messiah,
or that one is the Savior.

Don't let yourselves be stirred or shaken.

Do not believe everything you hear or see.

Be calm and discerning.

Don't let anyone fool you.

And listen for the voice of Jesus, calling and
saying, “I am the way.”

You may be tempted to put your trust
in this celebrity or that one,
a certain candidate or the opposition,
one charlatan or another.

These may seem to us to be gods, but they are
not.

God will reveal these exalted ones for
who they truly are – flesh and blood like you
and me.

Just listen for the voice of Jesus, calling and
say, “I am the way.”

How do we know the voice that we hear
is indeed the voice of Christ?

First of all, be grateful.

Give thanks to God whenever you can.

Then, remember this.

You are God's beloved child.

You are called for such a time as this.
so stand firm in the truth.

Listen! the voice of Jesus, calling and say, “I
am the way.”

Be comforted in your heart and
be strong in your spirit, knowing that
you are held in Christ's embrace.

 God
is still
speaking,

Joint Urban Ministry Project: SOUP(er) Night

Savory soups of many varieties, heaping salad bowls of greens and grains, and a smorgasbord of brownies and cookies made for a sumptuous feast for an appreciative crowd at last Saturday's first ever "Soup(er) Night for JUMP!" Active bidding at the "Silent Auction" and delicious deals at the "Bake Sale" helped the NEW Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP) event succeed in raising over \$3,000!

All for a great cause as faith communities across the country are shrinking, so too is the base from which JUMP gets its support. JUMP must face this reality. In order to do so...JUMP needs to focus on what distinguishes and separates it from

other social service agencies in Chittenden County: mobility and transportation assistance."

This does not mean that JUMP must stop providing the services that it has always provided. Nothing about that—or the relationships with faith communities -- must change. Rather, JUMP must, become more creative at raising more funding to support client transportation needs."

Focused on the Future, we hope the successful first ever SOUP(er) Night for JUMP becomes that creative new annual fundraising event.

JUMP is Soup(er) pleased by the large turnout of supporting faith communities, family and friends.

And equally, thrilled to be joined by Bishop Shannon MacVean-Brown, newly installed Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Vermont with her husband Phil and family.

There are many to thank for this fun, social event that did much to help JUMP assist people in need in our community.

Special thanks to:

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington for hosting the event.

Tom Jones for playing the piano;

All who donated soups, salads, cookies and brownies – together creating a delicious feast;

All who donated items for our very successful Silent Auction;

Margaret Welch who was our Soup(er) Organizer;

Our corporate sponsors: Cabot Creamery Co-operative, the Olive Garden Restaurant, Trader Joe's and Shelburne Pond Studio artist: Katherine Stockman; and

Everyone who participated in this fun, fundraising, community-building evening for JUMP!



November 11, 2019 -

November 17, 2019

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

November 2019

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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December 2019

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Monday, November 11

- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 1:30pm - 4:00pm **Food Pantry Stocking** (Fellowship Hall & Gym) ☺
- 4:00pm - 8:00pm **Food Pantry** (FH & Kitchen) ☺
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm **BSA Troop 624** (Third Floor)
- 5:30pm - 7:30pm **Food Pantry** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 5:30pm - 6:45pm **Yoga @ First** (Gymnasium) ☺
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm **Group Victory** (Marvin Lounge) ☺
- 7:00pm - 8:30pm **BSA Troop 624** (Third Floor)

Tuesday, November 12

- 8:30am - 10:00am **Sermon Talk Back** (Marvin Lounge) ☺
- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm **Deacons** (Marvin Lounge) ☺

Wednesday, November 13

- 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, November 14

- 8:00am - 9:00am **Jamaica Bound Calcutta Committee** (ML) ☺
- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm **Easterseals** (Third Floor) ☺
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm **Music@First** (Sanctuary) ☺
- 6:30pm - 7:15pm **Lion Den #10** (Third Floor) ☺
- 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 15

- 12:00pm - 1:30pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 1:30pm - 4:00pm **Bridge Club** (Marvin Lounge) ☺
- 2:00pm - 9:00pm **VanSteensburg Birthday Party** (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, November 16

- 9:00am - 11:00am **Nepali Community Worship** (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 9:30am - 11:30am **Women's Spirituality** (Marvin Lounge) ☺
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 3:00pm - 7:00pm **Mrs. Beth Terry's Funeral** (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, November 17

- 8:30am - 9:30am **Worship Service** (Sanctuary) ☺
- 10:15am - 11:30am **Worship Service** (Sanctuary) ☺
- 11:30am - 1:30pm **Junior Youth** (3rd Floor; 2nd Floor Program Room; Gym)
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm **Brown Bag** (Fellowship Hall) ☺
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm **Bear Den** (Gymnasium)

SERMON NOTES