



# SPIRIT @ FIRST

## Monthly Newsletter

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## YOUR PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

It has been quite a treat to be participating in some pretty deep discussions in both our Sermon Talkback and our Wednesday Night Searchers' Groups. I like to remind folks that these discussions on creation, human existence, truth, revelation, the existence and nature of sin or evil, and the purpose and nature of life are existential questions that philosophers, theologians and almost everyone sitting around fires, or in pubs, or around the dinner table have been talking about for thousands of years. These discussions and thoughts, done privately or corporately, are a gift from God: a calling to touch a deeper truth. They also point to one of the most foundational principles in scripture: our physical world is intimately connected to a deeper spiritual world.

As we enjoy the beauty of creation this summer, we remember how God's spoke at creation and the Divine Spirit of Wisdom was etched upon every atom of matter, every creation, everything. The Gospel of John deepens this understanding by defining the earliest of Spirits etched within all of creation as the logos, the word, and understands Jesus as fulfilling that concept. Continuing the thought of God's Spirit entering the physical universe at Creation, Jesus as he was born was considered the incarnation, God's Spiritual presence taking physical form in human form or Emmanuel, God with us. The cornerstone doctrine of who Jesus is as attested to through the centuries is similar: Jesus is Fully Human and Fully Divine at the same time: what a madly mystical and magical mix. Jeremiah even speaks of the law as being embedded in our hearts so that we no longer follow the law, but just live the way we were made: God's ethic of love - a natural part of our nature. Surely, that is what Jesus' beatitudes were hinting at and what Paul understood grace to mean with plenty of other scriptures in the gospels and letters supporting the idea that God is etched upon all of life.

And if God's presence is in all of creation and within all of us, then God's will and ways are evident all around us: in the flow and cycle of the seasons as well as the day to day interactions amongst human beings; in movements of justice as well as the ways that governments care for their people; in what nature teaches us through plant and animal life as well as times of war or peace. And if this is so then God's grace and will can be found both from a top down perspective [God on high Pronouncing the Truth to Prophets and Kings] or a bottom up perspective [God working through the hearts and minds of people to bring truth to light].....or maybe both ways!

These are some of the discussions and thoughts that many of us have been having on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday nights as we meet as people of faith exploring life. As we engage with summertime with some different experiences, may we all think about and explore the existential questions of being as we hike and swim, play with our kids or grandkids, sit in the cool evenings with a glass of wine and good friends or quietly dig in the earth in your garden, may we be inspired to go a little deeper. We are made of God's Spirit and physical matter and together it makes for a rich mixture of meaning, consternation, and joy! But it is a sacred calling especially in summertime! Blessings, and I look forward to hearing all about it when I return.

As always, I am yours in Christ,  
Rev. Mark

**If you wish to know the divine,  
feel the wind on your face,  
and the warm sun on your hand.**

~Buddha

## **SUMMER / EMERGENCY COVERAGE**

Rev. Mendes will be away from church from July 1st through August 8th and while he is away the following people will be officiating at our worship services in cooperation with our Deacons:

- ♦ July 6th: Jonah Moos
- ♦ July 13th: M.I.D. Josh Sharp
- ♦ July 20th : Mary McHugh
- ♦ July 27th : Rev. Arnold Thomas
- ♦ August 3rd: Rev. Arnold Thomas with Special Guest The Green Mountain Gospel Choir

While Rev. Mark is away on vacation there will be a number of people ready, willing and aptly able to cover any and all pastoral emergencies that might arise. Not only do we have Rev. Faux, Rev. Martin, Mary McHugh, and Bob Driver to help cover pastoral emergencies and or funerals, but Rev. Mark also has a number of colleagues that will be on call: Rev. Thomas Arnold [retired], Rev. Devon Thomas [Ascension Lutheran], Rev. Katelyn McCray [UCC Richmond], Rev. Sally May [UCC Jeffersonville] and Rev. Laura Engleken [UCC Malletts Bay]. If a loved one dies while he is away and you want Rev. Mendes to officiate at the funeral, then you have the option of waiting until early August to schedule the service. For any and all pastoral emergencies, please call Jen Kelly at the church office first so that she can coordinate the pastoral coverage [802 878-5745].

## **HOSPITALITY UPDATES**

During the month of July, the Hospitality Committee will be taking a break from serving food and drink during Fellowship Time after worship. If you would like to volunteer to make coffee and provide baked goods for a July Sunday, please contact Sue Conti—[sueconti@comcast.net](mailto:sueconti@comcast.net).

We are also looking to form a sub-committee for assistance with funeral receptions. This would involve helping with set-up, serving food and beverages (provided), and clean up. If you would like to be part of this important aspect of our ministry, please contact Sue Conti or the church office. Thank you!

## **DEACONS**

As summer settles in with camping, picnics, concerts, family gatherings, etc. we embrace a season of rest, renewal, and fresh perspectives.

With Rev. Mark and his family on their long-awaited vacation, we're grateful to welcome several guests to our pulpit. Jonah Moos will start us off in July followed by Josh Sharp, and Mary McHugh. At the end of the month, we'll welcome Rev. Arnold Thomas who will be with us again August 3rd along with the Green Mountain Gospel Choir. Each brings us their unique gifts and insights offering us opportunities to hear God's Word in new and inspiring ways. Whether you're traveling or staying close to home, we invite you to stay connected with your church family. The Deacons wish you a safe and happy summer filled with joy, relaxation, and fresh perspectives.

Donna Burnett

## **Altar Flowers**

Flowers on the altar are a wonderful way to remember loved ones or celebrate a special day. We include a note in the bulletin about who donated the flowers and who/what they are honoring.

Scan the QR code or use this link to sign up for 2025:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0545A8AB2FAAF58-53196874-altar#/>



## † ELIZABETH'S EPISTLE †

Welcome to summertime! A time to create cherished memories and change routines. The sunshine and warmer days help us to relish this season to delight in nature and take a slower pace. Keep finding wisdom in your daily life and sharing these discoveries with your family and friends. Stay lighthearted and create a summer that's unique to you!

### Spiritual Friends/Peer Groups Summer Schedule

- Children's Worship Bulletins – by Illustrated Ministry
  - ◇ Weekly in the Narthex for kids to use during service.
  - ◇ Encourage children to share these bulletins with their families
    - ◆ Activities are based on the Lectionary for the week

*\*\*Special note: A small table will be set up in the Narthex for children to sit with a parent and still be a part of the service during the summer.\*\**

*Keep supporting your child's faith journey at home!*

### Volunteer Recruitment

- Welcoming new and returning volunteers
  - ◇ If you have been attending FCCEJ for more than 6 months, you are qualified.
    - ⇒ Please reach out via email: [childrensministry@fccej.org](mailto:childrensministry@fccej.org).

### Upcoming Dates to Highlight

- August 4 through 8—Vacation Bible Camp
- Sunday, September 14—Welcome Back Sunday

Enjoy the summer sunshine,

**Elizabeth** - Children's Ministry Coordinator

*Encourage your children to participate and enjoy the blessings of their church and local community!*

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## VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2025

**AUGUST 4–AUGUST 8**  
**Register today!**



## **STEWARDSHIP FAQs**

*These FAQ's were in the July / August 2024 newsletter and it has been suggested that we include them again for anyone who has joined the Church since last summer and for other members who would like a refresher. So, here they are back by popular demand with the addition of a new question regarding pledge envelopes at the end.*

**Q. Do I have to use the printed and numbered pledge envelopes?**

A. No. If you are paying your pledge by check, nothing else is needed, and the check can be deposited loose in the collection plate. If you are paying with cash, the cash should be in a plain envelope with your name on it. (See the last question for more information on pledge envelopes.)

**Q. Do I need to pay my pledge weekly?**

A. No. Your pledge can be paid on whatever schedule best fits your financial situation. It can be weekly, monthly, quarterly, or any other way you choose. This includes automatic payments from your bank.

**Q. Can I make one annual pledge payment?**

A. Yes. An annual pledge can be paid in one lump sum at any time during the year.

**Q. If I'm gone for two months, do I need to put the weekly pledge payments I missed into eight envelopes when I return?**

A. No. It is not necessary to put the payments for the missed weeks into eight individual envelopes. One envelope with the total amount pledged for the missed weeks is sufficient.

**Q. Can I write one check and split the amount between pledge and special offerings?**

A. Yes. Writing one check is all right as long as it is indicated in the memo line or on an attached note how the total amount should be split.

**Q. Do you need my member number to credit my account with my payments?**

A. No. Member accounts can be accessed in Power Church by either member number or name.

**Q. I have money from a fund raising event. What should I do with it?**

A. The money should be counted by two people. The amount should be written on a paper and the paper signed by the counters. The money and the signed paper are then placed in an envelope or a bank bag (there are bank bags over the safe which is in the closet across from the administrative offices). Be sure to indicate which fund raising event and deposit in the safe ASAP after the event.

**Q. Can I donate appreciated stocks?**

A. Yes. It's easy, and a simplified way for tax deduction. Additional information on making a stock donation is on the FCCEJ website (Giving / Ways to Donate / Make a Gift of Stock).

**Q. There were boxes of pledge envelopes on the bench in the administrative wing for a long time. Were those envelopes for people who are no longer members?**

A. No. Those envelopes all belonged to current members who do not use pledge envelopes. Only about 20 members use the pledge envelopes. Out of those 20, less than 10 use the envelopes on a weekly basis as they pay their pledge monthly, quarterly, or annually. And only about 3-4 members pay their pledge in cash. Pledge payments in cash are the only ones that need to be in an envelope with identifying information. Because so few of our members need to use the printed pledge envelopes, it is not cost effective for us to continue to provide them. Therefore, this will be the last year that pledge envelopes are provided. (See the first question for additional information on identifying your pledge payment.)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [finances@fccej.org](mailto:finances@fccej.org)

Ann Gray, *Financial Secretary*



# MISSIONS

## Craft Fest Update

The Annual Craft Fest is our biggest fundraiser for FCCEJ and the committee is already hard at work! During the summer months, they are working on the Silent Auction Theme Baskets and need your help. Please consider donating any of the following:



1. SPRING BASKET: anything colorful
2. TACO SALAD BASKET: chips, salsa, margarita glasses
3. BABY BASKET: purple blanket, toys, bibs, newborn clothes
4. GARDEN BASKET: seeds, gloves, small tools
5. BLUE KITCHEN BASKET: larger blue items for kitchen
6. CAT BASKET: cat treats, bowls
7. CHRISTMAS BASKET: ornaments, cards, hot chocolate
8. SPA BASKET: masks, brushes, lotions
9. ST PATRICK'S BASKET: more items
10. WINE BASKET: wine, wine glasses, foods like cheese, crackers
11. FALL BASKET: Halloween, Thanksgiving and Fall items.
12. SOUP BASKET: soup mixes, spoons, hot-bowl holders
13. GAME BASKET: small games, popcorn, candy, coloring books, markers
14. INSULATED LUNCH BAG - water bottle, containers for lunch stuff
15. CRAFT BASKET - any crafting supplies
16. DOG BASKET - treats, leash, poop bags, toys



We are also looking for large baskets and small containers. All donations can be dropped off at the church office and will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Save the Date—Craft Fest is Saturday, November 8 from 9am to 3pm.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LAWN SALE**

The following volunteers are need for the lawn sale:

1. Setting up tents at 4:30pm on Friday, August 15th
2. Setting up tables & chairs at 6:30am on August 16th
3. Bringing tables & chairs back to the church at 1pm on August 16th
4. Bringing items from the West Wing of the church to the tables at 7am on August 16th
5. Volunteering on August 16th from 9am to 1pm

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office at [welcome@fccej.org](mailto:welcome@fccej.org). Thank you.

## **J.U.M.P. (Joint Urban Ministry Project)**

The Missions Committee will be supporting JUMP by hosting a bake sale in conjunction with the annual lawn sale on Saturday, August 16. We are asking our fabulous and talented bakers in our faith community for donations. All items can be dropped at the church on Friday, August 15th with the items clearly marked for bake sale. Items can also be brought to the church on Saturday, August 16th, starting at 7am.

JUMP's mission is *"To promote the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of people by providing compassionate care, direct assistance to meet basic needs, and advocacy"*. Budgets are stretched thin in this time as all are experiencing higher food costs and for many, the cost of housing has continued to rise. JUMP assists with food vouchers, utility payments, thrift shop vouchers for clothes and necessary household items, laundry vouchers, gas vouchers, and bus passes.

We appreciate the church members helping with this fundraising event. If anyone has questions, please direct them to the church office.

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### **Josh Pallotta House**

The Missions Committee has voted to assist the Josh Pallotta House this year. Josh's House VT is a Veteran-designed recreation wellness space offering meeting and study spaces, a large communal kitchen, video games, and a state-of-the-art gym. The Josh Pallotta Fundraising committee supports a wellness and

recreation center for Vermont's service members. They combine local and national resources, emergency services, and research to provide Veterans the resiliency, transition and reintegration tools to help them sustain or return to full and healthy lives.

Many of the veterans being served at the Pallotta House are recovering from tobacco, alcohol, and drug addiction. These veterans rely on sugar to get them through their addiction. The Missions Committee agreed to help supply the House with sugar soda and candy for the upcoming months. We'll be asking for candy donations this Fall and soda during the summer.

During the month of July & August, the Missions Committee will be asking for donations of canned soda. You can drop off the soda anytime during office hours (9am-2pm). The drop off will be in Fellowship Hall and the West Wing. Look for posters around the FCCEJ facility to provide the exact location.

We'll deliver the soda at the beginning of September and members are welcome to come to visit the House.

We sincerely appreciate our faith community helping in the very worthwhile cause. If you have any questions, please feel free to direct them to the church office. Thank you.



COTS is seeking donations for their Back to School Drive which supports the **Back to School Bonanza**. Please consider donating money and new supplies to COTS. You can also donate through their Amazon Wish List: Search for 2025 COTS Back to School Wishlist in your Amazon account.

The COTS Back to School Bonanza is a free kid-centric community event where any Vermont student in need can come get ready for a successful school year in a dignified, stress-free, and fun environment. The goal is to foster confidence through picking out school supplies and a backpack, choosing first day of school outfits, getting a haircut, and so much more. It is set up like a carnival so that students can have fun while they get ready for a successful school year!

The Back to School Bonanza will be held on August 2nd in the parking lot at COTS; 95 North Avenue in Burlington, from 12pm-3pm. The rain date is the following Saturday. This event takes place in the parking lot so it is street parking only! More info can be found at [cotsonline.org/backtoschool](http://cotsonline.org/backtoschool).

### **Heavenly Food Pantry**



We've been selected as a recipient for the Hannaford's "Fight Hunger Bag Program" for the month of July. Heavenly Food Pantry will receive \$1 for every purchase of a reusable bag for \$2.50 from the Hannaford's in Essex (21A Essex Way).

The Food Pantry is always in need of reusable bags so consider donating it—with maybe some non-perishables to stock our shelves. Peanut butter, baked beans, cereal, spaghetti sauce, specialty soups, canned veggies, and condiments are most appreciated and we also need empty one-dozen egg cartons.

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## **Hello from the FCCEJ Racial Justice Committee**

In this time of confusion and discord, we want to let you know about a great organization working hard with churches in Vermont on many challenging topics. That organization is Vermont Interfaith Action (VIA).

The mission of VIA is to transform people and communities, by developing the leadership skills and guiding Vermonters through a grassroots community organizing methodology, transformative changes on issues of social justice that adversely affect low—and moderate-income persons, black/indigenous/people of color, and other marginalized individuals. The goal is to create the hope, power, and political will necessary to make justice and compassion a reality for all Vermonters.

The topics they are currently working on are:

- Affordable Housing & Ending Chronic Homelessness
- Vermont Community Resilience
- Climate Action
- Corrections Reform

A critical issue that needs immediate attention is Order 03-25. On June 30th, Governor Scott's Executive Order 03-25 will expire. This order has been a critical lifeline, allowing the most vulnerable Vermonters to remain sheltered in hotels after exhausting their 80-day emergency housing eligibility. If it expires, hundreds will face eviction.

As of June 9th, 384 households are still sheltered under this order.

- 60% are families with children — many of them infants.
- 40% are households with medically fragile individuals — some in wheelchairs, some reliant on oxygen, some completely bedbound.

If this order ends, our neighbors — your neighbors — will be turned outside with nowhere to go. Picture this: wheelchairs on sidewalks, babies sleeping in cars, elders trying to survive unsheltered. This is not just a policy decision — it's a moral one. Do we allow this to happen? Is this who we are?

## **Take Action Now**

Step 1: Contact Governor Scott

- Call: 802-828-3333
- Email: Go to the Vermont.gov website, select Government/Statewide Officials/Governor

Step 2: Send a Short Message (2-3 sentences)

Suggested Subject: Extend Executive Order 03-25 [*We recommend customizing your subject line to increase the chance it gets read.*]

Sample message:

Dear Governor Scott,

As a Vermont resident and a member of [insert Vermont Interfaith Action or your faith community, if applicable], I urge you to extend Executive Order 03-25 until permanent housing or safe, appropriate shelter is secured for every household covered under it.

There are resources available. Please don't let vulnerable Vermonters, including children and medically fragile individuals, be forced into unsafe, life-threatening conditions. You act in our name. Please act with compassion.

Thank you,

[Your Name]

[Your Town]

Step 3: Spread the Word

- Share this with 5–10 friends, neighbors, or colleagues. Every voice matters. Let's keep our Vermont neighbors safe.

To learn more about VIA please follow this link: [www.viavt.org](http://www.viavt.org)





## "CRITTER CORNER"

By Beth Volker



When the outside temperatures soar to intense heights and the humidity is almost unbearable, we humans are not the only ones who suffer. Here are a few important tips for caring for our wild and domestic critters during these warm days:

- ♦ Keep your bird baths filled with cold water at all times. This means that the water may have to be changed at least twice a day, maybe more, so that it doesn't heat up and become undrinkable. In addition, provide cold water at ground level for ground-feeding birds, such as mourning doves and pigeons, and other critters such as chipmunks, squirrels, skunks, racoons and opossums. I use large Teflon-coated brownie pans, but the tops of a regular bath can also be used, just something that won't tip over. If you use pans, the water in these will heat up much faster than in the bird baths, so please change it when it becomes too warm or even hot.
- ♦ Change the water in your hummingbird feeders no less than every 48 hours, and in the super intense heat, changing it every day is much better. Dangerous bacteria build up faster when it's hot and this can harm the hummers.
- ♦ Don't leave your cats and dogs outside for too long and always make sure they have sufficient shade. Provide water in a cool place. Walk your dogs in the cooler times of the day, such as early morning and early evening. Make their mid-day walk short, just enough time for them to take care of business.

Most of these tips are just common sense, but it doesn't hurt to put them out there as a reminder. Have a great summer, and please be sure to help our animal friends to do the same. Remember, if you find any injured wildlife, call Ellen at (802) 578-7168, and she will direct you to where you can find the appropriate help. Thank you!

## ♥ WITH HEARTFELT THANKS ♥

Dear Church Family,

My family and I want tot thank everyone involved for the reception you did after my husband, Art LaGrange's memorial service. The reception was so very nice. We appreciate your doing this for us.

Jean LaGrange

Dear Sue and all who helped/contributed to Duke Ehler's reception,

We are so very grateful for your amazing contributions of time and food for Dad's reception on 5/10/25. What an amazing effort offered to our family and guests. It gave me an opportunity to see the hard and dedicated work that you all do to support our church families and our family in particular that Saturday. We are beyond grateful!

With love, gratitude, and faith,

Donna Ehler-Vock and the Ehler Family

## *Music Appreciation Sunday—June 1*





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## ESSEX COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Essex Community Historical Society invites all church members and their families and friends to attend their August Tales and Treasures program presented by Bethany Blake on the once prominent vocal club, Vermont Harmony. The program will be Wednesday, August 13, at 7pm at Memorial Hall, 5 Towers Road, Essex Center.

Becca Balint  
At-Large, Vermont



House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 28, 2025

To the First Congregational Church of Essex Junction:

I want to extend my deepest gratitude and admiration to your congregation for more than a decade of unwavering commitment to justice, dignity, and love. Since your 2012 vote to become an Open and Affirming church, you have not only embraced inclusivity—you have led by example.

Your continued support of Essex Pride, and your willingness to open your sanctuary for this year's expanded celebration sends a powerful message: that faith and love can stand boldly together in support of our LGBTQ+ neighbors, especially during a time when too many are being targeted with cruelty, fear, and erasure.

In the face of rising hate and dangerous rhetoric, communities like yours shine as beacons of compassion and courage. You remind us all that progress is built not only in courtrooms and capitol—but in churches, in neighborhoods, and in hearts.

I stand with you, and I stand proudly with Vermont's LGBTQ+ community. Let June 1st be a day of joy, resilience, and hope—a reminder that we are strongest when we raise our voices together in love.

With deep respect and solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Becca Balint'.

Congresswoman Becca Balint



## SERMON TALKBACK

Rev. Mark may be on vacation, but Sermon Talkback carries on! Join us every week on Tuesday mornings to discuss Sunday's message and the various elements of the service from the previous week. The group discusses a wide variety of subjects, eats scones from a masterful pastry chef, enjoys fresh coffee, tea, or water, and simply enjoys being in community together. Everyone is welcome. Tuesdays at 8:30-10am in Marvin Lounge.

## COFFEE CLATTER @ MARTONE'S—Every Friday Morning from 8-9am

Each week, there is a group of five to ten people that come together to enjoy coffee, a breakfast goodie, enjoyable company, and conversations about whatever people want to talk about, including politics and religion! We meet at Martone's from 8-9am and everyone pays their own way. Everyone is welcome to come and tell us what you really think! Everyone is welcome to not only come but to bring a friend.

## LUNCHTIME BOOK GROUP

The Book Group has chosen these books for the next 4 months:

- July 21 - MRS. LINCOLN'S SISTERS, by Jennifer Chiaverini
- August 18 - SHELTERING RAIN, by Jojo Moyes
- September 15 - THE FROZEN RIVER, by Ariel Lawhon
- October 20 - BRITT MARIE WAS HERE, by Fredrik Bachman

Meetings are the third Monday of the month at 11:30am in the Marvin Lounge and all are welcome. Bring a lunch and join the discussions.

## JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

ACEBO, Trista  
ANTONE, Carolyn  
BABINGER, Fred  
BARTLETT, Asher  
BARTLETT, Megan  
BENWAY, Marie  
BERO, Peter  
BLACKMAN, Judy  
BLAKE, Nora  
BOTTAMINI, Diane  
BOURN, Isabelle  
BROOKS, Carolyn  
BUCHSPICS, Grace  
CHATES, Harriet  
CHEEK, Gene  
CHIPMAN, Brian  
CHIPMAN, Laurie  
CLARK, Matt  
CODDINGTON, Bill  
CONTI, Sue  
DAIGLE, Carol  
DANIELS, Nancy  
DRISCOLL, Lorrie  
ELLIOTT, Riley

EVANS, Rob  
FRANK, Courtney  
GIBSON-KING, Melisa  
GILES, Janne  
GIROUX, Patricia  
HATHAWAY, Sheila  
HOFFMAN, Alessandra  
HOFFMAN, Vincent  
HOUGHTON, Martha  
ISHAM, Barbara  
ISHAM, Ira  
JACKSON, Brad  
JOHNSON, Marie  
JOHNSON, Rachel  
KELLY, Calvin  
KING, Henry  
KING, Justin  
KNAPP, Jackie  
LIVAK, Terri  
MARTHALER, Laura  
MARTHALER, Lily  
MCCULLEN, Judy  
MCCULLEN, Shannon  
MEILLEUR, Kevin

MENDES, Mark  
MENDES, Shay  
MITTL, Jan  
MOOS, Ezra  
MOREAU, Judy  
NOEL, Matthew  
NOWELL, Tessa  
NYHAGEN, Sylvia  
OSBORNE, Howard  
PETHERBRIDGE, Dan  
PHELPS, Mary Ann  
RAYMOND, Francis  
RITTER, Dale  
RODDY, Cecilia  
SINKEWICZ, Christine  
SINKEWICZ, Robert  
SMITH, Barb  
STARKEY, Lauren  
THOMAS, Devon  
TOOF, Carolyn  
WARK, Amanda  
WEISCHEDEL, Betsy

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**ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED**

**SUNDAY MORNING ALL-FAMILY WORSHIP**

**JUNE THROUGH LABOR DAY**

9:00 - In-person and streamed via [youtube.com/c/fccej](https://youtube.com/c/fccej)

Music: Bethany Blake leads our musical offerings \* Finally @ First Praise Band is on summer hiatus

*\*Communion is served on the 1st Sunday of each month  
All are welcome at Christ's table\**

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