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First Congregational United Church of Christ

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 15

- 9:30 Membership Orientation
- 10:30 Worship
- 10:30 Sunday School
- 11:30 Fellowship
- 2:00 GB Cats
- 4:00 FAFE
- 5:00 The Net
- 6:30 Net Basketball Practice
- 8:00 Men's Basketball

Monday, January 16

- 5:00 Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00 Upward Cheer Practice
- 6:30 Boy Scout Mtg.

Tuesday, January 17

- 9:15 Bible Study: Mark 1:14-20
- 5:00 Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00 Upward Cheer Practice
- 6:00 Fellowship Team
- 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 Forgiven Band Practice
- 8:15 McKeen Basketball

Wednesday, January 18

- 10:00 Chapel
- 5:00 Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00 Upward Cheer Practice
- 7:00 7th Day Adventists
- 8:15 Intensity Elite

Thursday, January 19

- 4:00 Worship Team
- 4:30 Confirmation
- 5:00 Upward Basketball Practice
- 5:30 Way We're Wired
- 7:00 Net Basketball Game
- 7:00 Weight Loss Class
- 7:00 Zumba
- 7:30 Choir
- 8:15 Intensity Elite
- 5:00 Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00 Zito/Derengowski Rehearsal
- 8:00 7th Day Adventists
- 8:30 Sherba Basketball

Friday, January 20

- 5:00 Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00 Zito/Derengowski Rehearsal
- 8:00 7th Day Adventists
- 8:30 Sherba Basketball

Saturday, January 21

- 7:00 Upward Game Day
- 9:00 7th-Day Adventists
- 2:30 Upward Game Day
- 3:00 Zito/Derengowski Wedding
- 6:00 7th Day Adventists
- 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:00 7th Day Adventists - CLC

Sunday, January 22

- 9:00 Bible Study: Mark 1:14-20
- 9:30 Membership Orientation
- 10:30 Worship
- 10:30 Sunday School
- 11:30 Fellowship
- 2:00 GB Cats
- 5:00 The Net
- 6:30 Net Basketball Practice
- 8:00 Men's Basketball

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Morning Worship Celebration - January 15, 2012

177 Years of Reaching Up in Faith - Reaching Out in Love

FOR HEARING ASSISTANCE, PLEASE SEE AN USER.

Prayer Requests Prayer requests are received by writing down prayers on the card found as an insert in this bulletin. These cards are passed down the pew, to the aisle, and collected by the Ushers during the Hymn of Praise. Then, during Time for Meditation and Prayer, these prayers are lifted up by the Congregation.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Welcome to Worship

Opportunities for Participation

Prelude "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Arr. Paul Ferriu

***Hymn** "God Himself Is With Us"

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(receive prayer requests)

***Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Leader: We are called,

People: each and every one.

Leader: old, young,

People: men, women.

Leader: we are called,

People: into God's future,

Leader: called to speak God's message.

People: called by the one whom we gather to worship today.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

O God, as you call us onward, sometimes it can be hard to leave things behind. Things like hurt and grief, disappointment or success, material passions, family, friends. We acknowledge that for some of us, there are things we need to leave behind so we can move forward into your future. We also struggle to leave behind things that are held by our church, our community, our world. Help us to be inspired by Jesus call to the fishers to leave behind their old way of life to follow and learn from him. God help us to learn to leave behind those things that keep us from following Jesus that we might be faithful disciples. Amen.

UPWARD BASKETBALL is still in need of Game Day Volunteers or Referees on Saturdays, starting January 21st. Sign up for a time slot, available times are 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM. Please contact Mike Sly for details on (810) 444-1927.

ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMATION PARENTS mark your calendars, *The Way We're Wired* class begins **January 19th through February 23rd**. This six-week class is for the parents of all confirmation students and will be held Thursdays, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. See Tracy Loomis for more details.

THE 2012 FLOWER CHART is now posted. Celebrate your loved one with worship flowers. On your chosen date, list your name and reason of the occasion. You can put your money envelope in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.

SISTER CIRCLE regular book meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 24th**.

THE NET'S NEW BASKETBALL TEAM is coached by Laryn Butzler. Practice on **Sundays from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**. The next game is on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 PM at Central Nazarene.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING will be on **February 5th** after worship.

Our Stewardship Thought:

The most important act of giving is to first give ourselves to the Lord. "... They gave themselves first to the Lord"

2 Corinthians 8:5

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor: Joe Schulte

Director of Youth

& Educational Ministries: Tracy Loomis

Church Secretary: Wanda Kitchen

Chief Financial Officer: Carla Meier

Director of Music: Brandon Sanders

Ministers: All the Members

Organist: Lavonne Bomeli

Learning House

Director: Susan Arnould

Parish Visitor: Barb Benson

Custodian: Tom McLaren

***Postlude** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Arr. Don Hustad
**Please stand if able.*

Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Ministries & Special Events

THE FLOWERS are To The Glory of God provided by Barb Benson.

GREETERS: The Voth Family
USHER TEAM: Joy Hershberger
OPEN & CLOSE CHURCH: Kay Gibson
LAY LITURGIST: Ed Brown
PRAYERS: Marilee Hockstad
ACOLYTES: Cassy Riley & Luke Duncanson
HOST: Barb Benson
COFFEE HOUR HOST: Jane & Phil Peterson
TALLY TEAM: Sherry Allen
PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM: Bob Troop
COMMUNION SERVERS: Dawn Bentley, Bethany Sly
Karen & Dave Palevich

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Shirley Wells for her talent in this service.

IN OUR PRAYER CONCERNS: Sharon Ballreich, Norma & Deloy Burrow, Joan Duff, Madeline Dunlap, Helen Jewett, Owen Mooney, Wilma Palmer, George Smith, Howard Weaver, & Dale Wells

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: Interested in learning more about our church and its ministries? Join the Evangelism Team **January 15th and 22nd at 9:30 AM** in the Gathering Room for 45 minute informational meeting where we will be sharing The Mission Statement, Church Structure and Ministry Opportunities.

After attending orientation, if First Congregational Church is the where you choose to share your gifts, and grow in your faith, we will be welcoming new members on **January 29th** during worship.

DISPLAYING PICTURES: We will be displaying pictures of different church activities. If you do not want your picture displayed, contact the church office.

***Words of Assurance**

***Response of Praise** (sung)
Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a
Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a Glo – ri-a

***A Time of Greeting**

GIVING GOD PRAISE

A Time with Our Children

(Elementary children may leave for Sunday School)

Anthem "Here I Am, Lord"

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK

Scripture Lessons Old Testament 1 Samuel 3:1-20 (p. 835)
John 1:43-51 (p. 923)

Sermon

***Hymn** "Lord, You Have Searched and Known My Ways" 451

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response (Sung)
In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied,
In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

Invitation to the Offering
(Please sign the attendance pad located at the center aisle end of the pew.)

The Offertory "I Surrender All" Arr. Wilda J. Auld

***Praise Response** (Sung)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power up-lifts.
Praise the Spir-it, Holy Spir-it,
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

God of seeing and knowing, thank you for seeing so many possibilities within us. Use our gifts and offerings to transform possibilities into realities that others might come and see your grace. Speak through us and through these gifts, that others may hear and respond as you call them by name. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

All: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

Pastor: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ are in the community of God's people.

Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, Holy One, almighty and eternal God, always and everywhere, through Jesus Christ. . . therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: For in the night of betrayal Jesus took bread. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Holy One, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your entire church through these holy mysteries. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of our risen Savior may be one in Jesus Christ. . . may we remain faithful in love and hope, until the perfect feast with our exalted Savior in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm.

All: Gracious God, accept with favor this our sacrifice of praise, which we now present with these holy gifts. We offer to you ourselves, giving you thanks for the perfect offering of the only one begotten by you, Jesus Christ our Savior: By whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, eternal God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Our Savior

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Call to the Supper

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response "Here I Am, Lord"**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**