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Vision Statement

Growing in faith by...worshipping God, loving all, joyfully serving others

Covenant – We covenant one with another to seek and respond to the word and the will of God. We purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshiping God, and striving for the truth, justice and peace. As did those who came before, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

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400 YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS

Entering the 2020 New Year, we have much to be grateful for and to celebrate. As a pilgrim people with a direct heritage connecting to the Mayflower Pilgrims, here at FCC Marshfield we not only remember that first 1620 landing as a piece of history, we also live into it each day in the spirit of The Congregational Way. This year will see many visitors from around the region and globe as they come to learn and explore the story of those faithful Pilgrims who crossed the Atlantic four centuries ago. We will be joining in part of the celebration with churches around the South Shore and beyond, including holding some of our own events to witness to the impact this has had on our local church. Among these ministries and activities will include an engaging new Adult Education series on The Congregational Way (see announcement inside for more details), a Sermon series on Congregationalism, educational and liturgical excerpts on mothers and fathers of The Congregational Way through our NACCC Plymouth 400 Committee, and a pending series on Congregationalism and the Pilgrims made available through The Congregational Library in Boston. Friends, this is an historic year in the life of not only our pilgrim church, but also in the life of the Church universal. As we gather to break bread, to serve in love, and to Worship God in praise, song, and in prayer, may we keep our hearts and minds focused on the true center and head of our Pilgrim tradition: Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Blessings to you and your family for a wonderful New Year.

*Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Joel*

New Date! LECTIO DIVINA AT FCCM - Sat., Jan. 18 (9am)

All are welcome to join us for a session of lectio divina (“divine reading”), held on Sat., Jan. 18 at 9am in the Parish Hall (facilitated by Pastor Joel). Lectio divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. A centuries-old ecumenical spiritual practice, it dates back to the early church and was a monastic practice in the 6th Century. Lectio divina is a way of praying Scripture that leads us deeper into God’s Word. We hope you can join us on Jan. 18th!

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Church Office Hours: Monday 9:00am-3:00pm; Tuesday 9:00am–12:00pm; Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm;
Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm; Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

Pastoral Office Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9am to noon (Mondays will be Pastor's day off).

Cancelations due to storms: Please watch FOX25 and www.myfoxboston.com. Also you can listen on WATD radio.

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ALL-FAMILY SUNDAY!

Sun., Jan. 19

Join us on Jan. 19 for an All-Family Sunday with children and youth joining us for Worship for the duration of service. All-Family Sunday includes an all-ages liturgy with songs, prayers and an intergenerational, interactive Sermon that invites in the whole congregation to participate as we praise God together. We're all children of God :)

EXPANDED CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

With the start of our new Church Administrator, Sarah Fuller, we are delighted to now be able to offer extended office hours in the Parish Hall. In addition to our T-Th 9am-noon Pastoral Office hours, we will now have Church Office hours on M 9am-3pm, W 9am-3pm, and F 9am-1pm. Please join your Trustees and Pastor in extending a warm welcome to Sarah as she serves alongside the FCCM family! Thank you.

UNHANGING OF THE GREENS

— Sat., Jan. 4 (10am)

Following the holiday season we will be unhangings and storing the greens in the Meeting House. All are welcome to help. Please see a Deacon with any questions. Thank you.

ECUMENICAL COMMUNION SERVICE AT TEA ROCK GARDENS

- Fri., Jan. 24 (11am)

In an effort to expand our outreach to the local community, we will offer an ecumenical Communion service for community members to attend in the Tea Rock Gardens Community Room on Fri., Jan. 24 at 11am. All are welcome!

SUPPORTING THE GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

Hi all from your Good Neighbor committee! Once again the cold weather is upon us and, we'd like to remind everyone that keeping warm may be one of those payments someone in a temporary bind may not be able to make. If you have a warm cozy home this season, please remember those less fortunate and consider making a tax deductible donation to your GNF, or maybe even a monthly commitment. And remember, as always, gift cards are available during Fellowship hour on Sundays, with many on hand, and dozens of others available for ordering.

— Blessings to all from your Good Neighbor Committee!

LBS CHRISTMAS FAIR & COOKIE WALK

- Thank you!

Many thanks to our Ladies Benevolent Society and to all who helped make our annual Christmas Fair a success at FCCM. Family and friends from around the community enjoyed a great time of food, fellowship, and lots of Christmas gift options. Whether you helped bake, make ornaments, or served lunch and helped set up, know that you are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (LBS)

Regular working meetings are Jan 7, 14, 28

Coffee Hour Jan 21, 2020 All are welcome at 10am — *Phyllis Willis*



HEAVENLY BOOKWORMS' January 2020 SELECTION

Doctor Dog: Healing Touches from Pets We Love

By: M.R. Wells

Something light for January! Meet Kiki—the yellow Lab trained to predict seizures, who also "diagnosed" medical issues in three other family members. She's just one of the marvelous doggie doctors who coax miraculous responses from their "patients," providing lifelines for those with special needs. Wells tells their inspiring tales and connects their heroics with biblical reminders of God's love and care. 222 pages

Discussion for January's book will be Friday 1/24 (7p) at the Chrisman's, 13 Mountain Ash (Kingston-Right off exit 10 of 3N; left after storage units onto Silver Birch; right on Mountain Ash – 5th house on right). Call 781-361-1290 with questions. Book for sale on christianbook.com. Book is \$3.

Be a Heavenly Bookworm Couch-Potato!

Like to read and curious about Bookworm selections, but not interested in being a part of a discussion? Then be a Couch-potato Worm and read the books, but skip the discussions. If you become one, kindly share that with Georgia, who will share with the group. They will be thrilled! FYI: past books are featured in the library.

JANUARY 2020

BOARD & COMMITTEE BUDGETS DUE

If you haven't already done so, this is a gentle reminder that all FCCM Boards and Committees must submit their budgets to the Trustees as soon as possible. The Trustees will be using this input to put together our next budget. Please contact a member of the Trustees with questions.

FROM YOUR DEACONS

We have submitted our budget for fiscal 2020 and hope to save the church some funds by filling the pulpit, when necessary, with laypeople. We are blessed to have many capable preachers in our congregation. On Dec. 29 our pulpit was very capably filled by Deacon Frank Wilkins. Thank you, Frank, for your edifying, bible based sermon. The congregation has made it clear to the Deacons their affinity for the "Go Now in Peace" benediction at the conclusion of our services. We have communicated this to Pastor Joel who has been very accommodating. We ask the congregation to be equally accommodating should the Pastor change the liturgy from time to time in order to craft a worship service that is pleasing to the Lord.

Are you looking for a new worship experience? We encourage you to attend our rescheduled "Lectio Divina" service on Saturday 1/18 at 9am in the Meeting House. Lectio Divina is a meditative approach to scripture. This will be led by Pastor Joel and will lead us deeper into scripture. Since our last Tea Rock Gardens Communion service was so well received, we have scheduled another on January 24th at 11am in the community room. You don't have to be a resident to join us. All are welcome to attend.

HAPPY 2020!

Your Deacons Michael Rydberg, Judy Johnson, Rick Taylor, Lisa Brown, Kathy Doherty, Jayne Bowman, Frank Wilkins and Alyssa Titus

JANUARY MUTUAL AND COUNCIL MEETINGS — Tue., Jan. 14

Our Board and Committee Mutual and Council meetings will meet on Tue., Jan. 14 (Mutual meetings 6:30pm; Council meeting 7:50pm). Please see Moderator Steve Hight, Pastor Joel, or a Board/Committee chairperson with any questions or to provide input. Thank you.

A NOTE FROM YOUR CARING MINISTRY TEAM

The role of the Caring Ministry Team is to assist the minister in meeting the needs of the congregation. The Team consists of 8 members: Lisa Brown, Pam Drouin, Mary Ellingson, Jennifer Fields, Judy Johnson, Donna McCue, Michael Rydberg and Gisele Coville. Each parishioner has been assigned to a Caring Ministry Team member. If you don't know who your Caring Minister is, please contact Michael Rydberg (508-246-3037), Gisele Coville or Jennifer Fields. Our primary mission is to pray for the needs of our assigned parishioners. Please also let us know if a spiritual or practical need should arise.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING REPORTS

FCCM Boards and Committees are encouraged to start thinking about putting together their reports for the Annual Financial Meeting to be held in Feb. If you need a copy of last year's report, please contact Church Administrator Sarah Fuller in the office for a copy. All reports should be submitted to the office by the beginning of Feb. Thank you.

CALLING ALL BUSINESSES and INDIVIDUALS

The Trustees are offering sponsoring space in The Bell newsletter. This initiative will help bring in additional revenue as well as defray the costs associated with The Bell. In this Bell, we are offering free ads to individuals and businesses affiliated with our church while we test the layout. This could be either a sponsorship or even a personal message. If interested, please contact the church office or speak to/email a Trustee.



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THE GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

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Donate On-line: <https://GNFMmarshfield.wix.com/gnf-websiteGoodNeighborFund.net>

Purchase GL Scrip Gift Cards: GNFMmarshfield@gmail.com or First Congregational Church,

1981 Ocean Street, Marshfield, MA Sundays 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Good Neighbor Fund Gift Card Order Form

Help our communities **PURCHASE YOUR GIFT CARDS TODAY!**
Buy gift cards to use at the Grocery stores that you normally shop for all your daily needs!

Contact us at GNFMmarshfield@gmail.com.

VENDOR	DENOMINATIONS	%	# ORDER	AMT DUE
Shaw's Supermarkets	\$25.00/\$100.00	4%		
Roche Bros. Markets	\$25.00/\$100.00	3%		
Stop & Shop	\$25.00/\$50.00/\$100.00	4%		
Whole Foods Markets	\$25.00/\$100.00	3%		

TOTAL CARDS PURCHASED: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

Please make checks payable to: The Good Neighbor Fund

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact number: _____ Email: _____

MISSION PROJECTS FOR JANUARY

Helping others is a year-round mission. Please continue to share in our mission to help the less fortunate around the world.

Helping our on-going Marshfield Missions...

Food Pantry - We will be collecting non-food items for the food pantry this year. In January, please bring in paper products or napkins. If you forget to bring donations to church, drop items off at the Food Pantry.

Sowing Seeds - Please donate new socks, good winter clothing, new winter sleepwear

Good Neighbor Fund - Continue to buy your Grocery and Gift Cards through the Good Neighbor Fund. Our neighbors need help year-round.

Helping the Homeless - Please support our on-going project with the Youth Fellowship.

We will be filling Blessing Bundles in January. Please help by donating travel sized toiletries or new clean socks.

We thank everyone who attended the "Hour of Peace". The goodwill offering for the Good Neighbor Fund brought in \$500.00 and was matched by the Missions Fund. We are again collecting good winter hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks for the clients of the South Shore Resource Center in Plymouth. Deadline is January 12th.

Please continue to pray for the Craig Memorial Congregational Church in Paradise, California. They are currently holding worship at the Lutheran Church in Paradise. A few people have started to rebuild homes, but the town and church still have a long way to go.

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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Thanksgiving/Joy: Christ's faithfulness to FCC Marshfield for 387 years, recent marriage of Kasey Ochiltree and Conroy Hyman, new FCCM members Barbara Carney and Krista Gottschlich, for our new Church Administrator Sarah Fuller, for the local churches of Marshfield and throughout the MACCC, Birthday celebrations of Benjamin and August Boyd, and Brenda Riley Hayden, celebrating the Plymouth 400th in 2020.

Healing: Kim Callendar, Carol Spooner, Stephanie, Daniel & baby Noah (Stephanie is Gisele's niece), John Taylor III, Susan Lizio, Linda Woodman, Christine Murphy's brother, Nick L., Carl Titus, Frank Sylvester, Joan Morrissey, Megan Reardon, Pam Drouin's father, Therese Keohane (recovery), Jack Lenoc, Scott Beaupre, Brenda Riley Hayden, Christopher McNally, John Ritucci, Ken Boyd (knee replacement this month, Pastor Joel's dad).

Comfort: Edna Robie, Barbara Carney and family of Otis Carney, Elsie Baker and family of Warren Baker, for Krista Gottschlich and the family of her mother-in-law Debbie, the family of Jim South, those who struggle with depression and grief during the winter months.

Homebound Church Family: Alberta Bezanson, Velna Roberts, Roz Novinsky, Marie King, Betty Dubois, Mary Ellingson, Aldo Mineo, Kathy Bryan

Guidance & Protection: Men and Women in the military and our first responders, families struggling with addictions, stigma of mental illness, all refugees, John Coombs, Stephanie Goodspeed, Brad Dickey, People of Philippines (recent earthquake), Leaders of our Nation

PRAYER PALS



Pray with the "Pals" Monday evenings 6:30-7:30pm in our Hall. New pals always welcome! If you seek prayers for yourself or others, but cannot come Monday nights, drop a prayer request card (located throughout the Meeting House and Parish Hall) in the offering plate or call the church office. We will pray for you. *But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord...* James 1:5-8

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP LIVE NATIVITY

Thank you for joining us for our annual Youth Fellowship Live Nativity on the Training Green. This year we held two showings so that family and friends could take in the Christmas story throughout the 4-5pm hour. Many thanks to Scott Rogers, Andy Chandler, and Jeb DeLoach for setting up the Manger.



FLOWERS for SANCTUARY

Please see sign-up sheet on community bulletin board in the parish hall to celebrate, honor or remember your loved ones by sponsoring flowers for our Sanctuary.

— FCCM Flower Committee

FCCM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Children's Choir has been off to a great start here at FCCM, with an inspiring rendition of "Thankful" during our Thanksgiving & All-Family service and another joyful noise in singing the timeless carol "Away in a Manger" as part of our All-Family Tree Decorating and Carol service. Special thanks to directors Heidi Boyd and Andy Chandler for helping our young voices praise the Lord. Children's Choir has been on holiday break the last couple of weeks. Look for more info on rehearsals to pick back up soon. Thank you!

UPDATED DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Updated Church Directories are now available at the Parish Hall or through your weekly email. Thank you to Clerk Bonnie Conant for providing our updated version.

2020 PLEDGE ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The 2020 pledge contribution envelopes are now available in the upper hall of the Parish Hall. If you do not have envelopes and would like them please contact Rhonda Curley, Financial Secretary.

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MACCC ANNUAL PULPIT EXCHANGE - Sun., Jan. 12

All are welcome to join us for Worship on Sun., Jan. 12 when we connect with our MACCC churches in the annual Pulpit Exchange. While Pastor Joel will be preaching at another MACCC church this day, it is always a blessed experience to welcome a visiting minister from our local association as we participate in the fellowship of Congregationalism. Look for more details to follow in your weekly bulletins and email.

ADULT EDUCATION:

Interactive Series on The Congregational Way

The Board of Christian Education invites you to mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a special, interactive adult education series on The Congregational Way in 2020. Help us live into our celebration of the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims by participating in this engaging series facilitated by Pastor Joel. Using the NACCC's *The Art & Practice of The Congregational Way: A Church Guide*, we will make our way through some great exploration and discussion as we renew our commitment to love and serve as a free, covenant people in Jesus. Childcare will be available upon advance request. Put these dates on your calendar (all events will take place in Parish Hall at 11am unless otherwise noted), and look for a sign-up sheet to come soon. Hope to see you there!

Sun., Jan. 26 (topic: Faith)

Sun., Feb. 16 (topic: Freedom)

Sun., March 29 (topic: Fellowship & the Cloud of Witnesses)

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT FCCM?

Have you or someone you know been prayerfully considering joining our congregation? Are you interested to learn more about our church and what it means to be a "Congregationalist"? Contact Pastor Joel or a member of the Diaconate to see about participating in our New Member Class and Intro to Congregationalism. This class is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about membership at FCCM. Thank you.

HOUR OF PEACE - Sat., Dec. 14

Thank you to all who participated and shared their musical talents with us during our Hour of Peace! The free will offering was received in support of the Good Neighbor Fund, which provides financial assistance to community members in times of need. We raised \$500.00, which will be matched by our Mission and Outreach Committee, totaling \$1,000 for the Good Neighbor Fund! Thank you!

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MOVIE MATINEE

Movie: I Can Only Imagine—Time: Jan. 11 (1pm)— Place: Parish Hall— Cost: Free!

"I Can Only Imagine," is a box office success inspired by THE best-selling single in the history of Christian music. It stars J. Michael Finley, Madeline Carroll, Trace Adkins, Cloris Leachman, Dennis Quaid and Tanya Clarke. This hit single has touched millions of people around the world, and now this film shows the pain, redemption, and healing that inspired it. This movie about Mercy Me's lead singer, Bart Millard, shares how his dad's transformation from abusive father to man of God inspired his song. This film is a gripping reminder of the power of forgiveness and shows that no one is ever too far from God's love—or from an eternal home in Heaven. Rated PG. Snow postponement date will be January 18

Join other friends and church members for this block-buster movie. Popcorn, candy, and drinks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own favorite snacks and soda, if you like. No need to smuggle these into our "theater!" Bring a friend or two.

"BLESSING BUNDLES"

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & MISSIONS PROJECT—Sun., Jan. 19 (4pm)

All are welcome to team up with our youth group and Missions and Outreach Committee as they gather items for "Blessing Bundles" for our friend Bill Selvitelle. Once assembled, these bundles of care items will then be delivered by Bill to homeless men and women in the Boston area. Items may be brought in at any time to the Missions table in Parish Hall. **Come on out an join us in assembling Blessing Bundles on Sun., Jan. 19 at 4pm (in Parish Hall).** Contact Carrie Sylvester, Scott Rogers or Pastor Joel with any questions.

Here are some items we need: bottled water, winter gloves and hats, toiletries in plastic travel size container (shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb), washcloth, socks, sunscreen, plastic utensils (spoon, fork), tissues, trail mix, crackers (peanut butter or cheese), granola bars, fruit pouches, and notes of encouragement with Scripture and/or prayer. Note that all items must be small enough to fit in a bundle bag.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL SENIOR VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON

- Save the Date! Sat., Feb. 8

Each year the Youth of FCCM bless the local senior community with a special Valentine Luncheon held in the Parish House. Please mark your calendars now and save the date for Sat., Feb. 8 (noon). Look for more details soon!

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2019 Hour of Peace
— Dec. 14 —



LBS
Christmas
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Dec. 7

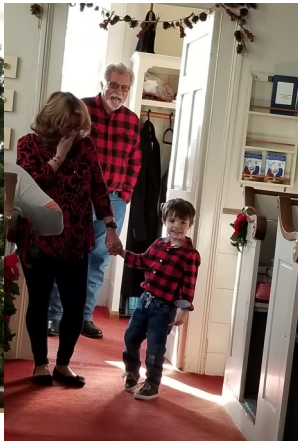


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**Youth Fellowship
Live Nativity
-Dec. 15-**



**All-Family Service
3rd week of Advent**



JANUARY 2020

First Congregational Church of Atarshfield, Inc.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>5 Communion Sunday 8am BCE Meeting 9:30am Worship, S. School, Nursery 10:30am Coffee Hour 4pm – Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>6 6:30pm Prayer Hour</p>	<p>7 10am - LBS</p>	<p>8 1pm Bible Study- Winslow Village I</p>	<p>9 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 1pm Christian Fellowship Movie Matinee (Parish Hall)</p>
<p>12 MACCC pulpit Exchange 8am Bible Study 9:30am Worship, S. School, Nursery 10:30am Coffee Hour 4pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>13 6:30pm Prayer Hour</p>	<p>14 10am – LBS 6:30pm Mutual Mtgs 7:50pm – Council Mtg</p>	<p>15 1pm Bible Study- Winslow Village I</p>	<p>16 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 (Movie Snow date) 9am Lectio Divina</p>
<p>19 8am Bible Study 9:30am All-Family Worship, Nursery (no Sunday School) 10:30am Coffee Hour 4pm – Blessing Bundles</p>	<p>20 MLK Jr Day Office Closed 6:30pm Prayer Hour</p>	<p>21 10am – LBS Coffee Hour</p>	<p>22 1pm Bible Study- Winslow Village I</p>	<p>23 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir</p>	<p>24 11am Ecumenical Communion at Tea Rock 7pm Book Discussion at Christmans</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 8am Bible Study 9:30am Worship, S. School, Nursery, 10:30am Coffee Hour 11am Congregational Way series (Session #1) 4pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>27 6:30pm Prayer Hour</p>	<p>28 10am – LBS</p>	<p>29 1pm Bible Study- Winslow Village I</p>	<p>30 6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir</p>	<p>31</p>	

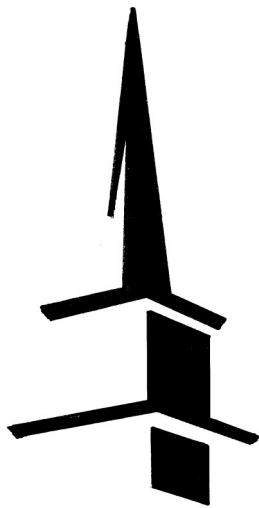
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(Mondays are Pastor's day off).

Worship Service & Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

All Are Welcome — Nursery Care Provided

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