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MARSHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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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 worshipping 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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WITH EVERYTHING YOU GOT

When Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest, He quotes Deuteronomy and Leviticus, that we should love God and love our neighbor. But one of the most curious and interesting aspects of the Deuteronomy *Shema* passage Jesus quotes is what we find in the original Hebrew: כָּל־לִבְּךָ . Many English translations render this word as "strength," but we also see it as "might," and in Eugene Peterson's *The Message*, "all you've got!" The actual Hebrew literally translates to something along the lines of "your every...", as in "love God with everything you have, with all that you are, with every ounce of your being." As followers of the risen Christ, we know what He taught and has shown us about the true cost of discipleship. More than anything or anyone we can imagine, Jesus shows us what it looks like to love God with everything we've got. And He also shows us what it looks like to sacrifice everything we have out of love for one another. May the Spirit continue to lift us up as we seek to live out the heavy charge of this Greatest Commandment from our Savior.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Joel

ONLINE LECTIO DIVINA

- *Fri., Nov. 6 (8am)*

Get your coffee and kickoff your weekend with meditative reflection on Scripture. Join us for our upcoming lectio divina online session on Friday morning (8am) on Nov. 6. 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. Our online lectio divina will be in a multimedia format, accessible via Zoom video call; click here to signup for Nov. 6. [Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting (Password: 037408), or call +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 408 638 0968 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 (Meeting ID 839 7844 2031). All are welcome!

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

- *Sat., Nov. 21st*

Thank you to all who came out to help beautify the Meeting House on Oct. 16. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for our outdoor Fall cleanup on Sat., Nov. 21. Thank you.

FCCM CONTACT INFORMATION

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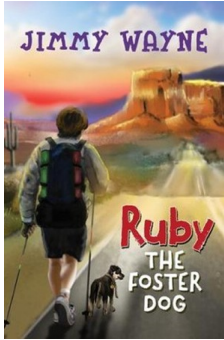
On the web: FCCMarshfield.org - On facebook: [facebook.com/FirstCongregationalMarshfield](https://www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalMarshfield)

Church Office Hours (Note Updated Schedule; by appointment only): Monday 9:00am-3:00pm; Tuesday 9:30am-12:30pm; Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm; Thursday 9:00am-1pm

Pastoral Office Hours: Tue. 9:30am-12:30pm, Wed. and Thur. 9am to noon (Mondays are Pastor's day off).

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

HEAVENLY BOOKWORMS' NOVEMBER 2020 SELECTION



Ruby the Foster Dog

by Jimmy Wayne

Ruby, an adorable mixed breed puppy, wonders if a family will ever adopt her, when a scruffy-faced man stops by the shelter and adopts her. Mr. James is not the family she was expecting. Mr. James (Jimmy Wayne to his country music fans) is walking halfway across America to raise awareness for the thousands of foster children who desperately need homes. Soon, Ruby realizes that she's not so very different from these kids: If she doesn't have help, she can't have hope. On their walk Mr. James teaches her about integrity, honesty, loyalty, faith, forgiveness, and trust, and how love can rescue someone and forever change lives. As they walk along historic routes through the Southeastern United States, Ruby quietly helps Mr. James over-come his issues too. By the time they get to Phoenix, both of their lives are changed for the better. But just when Ruby accepts Mr. James as her new family, an unexpected call challenges her to redefine family and love all over again.

The discussion for November's book will be Friday 11/27 (7p)). If deemed safe at the Chrisman's (13 Mountain Ash Dr., Kingston), or Zoom, otherwise - call Georgia for directions or Zoom instructions - 781-361-1290. Book is \$5; pick up at Audrey Taylor's breezeway on Tea Rock Lane.

Are You a Couch-Potato who likes to Read?

Then...become part of an exclusive group of Couch Potato Book-worms. Skip those discussions! Books are about real people... inspiring, interesting and informative. Travel all over the world with us and meet amazing Christians. Selections are available in our church library. Borrow some!



FROM YOUR DEACONS

At this writing we are only days away from the Ordination and Installation of Pastor Joel! In our nearly 400-year history we have only ordained 30 full time ministers. This will be a historic day for our church when Pastor Joel becomes our 31st Minister. Due to Covid 19 restrictions we can only squeeze a maximum of 58 people in the church and we are happy to report that our advance sign up has already reached that capacity. We will have a FULL HOUSE.

The Congregation responded overwhelmingly to our request for donations for an Ordination Dinner and an Ordination gift for Pastor Joel. Due to your generosity we were able to give Joel a \$1,000 American Express gift card as well as restaurant gift cards to host a private celebration with his visiting family. When we can safely schedule a church dinner to celebrate the Ordination, we have another \$800 on hand for that purpose. Thank you for your generosity.

On September 6th we began our in person services and have been averaging 35 people in worship. Advance sign up is so very helpful to your hard-working ushers, so please make use of the link in your weekly e-mail and Pilgrim e-mail if you'd like to join us for worship. You can also call the church office and leave your contact information to sign up. Please check out our updated website www.fccmarshfield.org . You can find up to date calendars, current and back issues of the Bell and access to recordings of our worship services. We have added a "What we Believe" and "The Bible" section as well as new bio for Pastor Joel. Let us know what you think.

To God be the Glory,

Your Deacons, Michael Rydberg, Judy Johnson, Rick Taylor, Lisa Brown, Frank Wilkins and Alyssa Titus.

SENDING IN OFFERINGS

- Supporting our Ministries

As we continue to live into this unprecedented time of social distancing, we encourage all members and friends of FCCM to submit offerings to support our ongoing ministries. Offerings may be mailed to the church at First Congregational Church of Marshfield, P.O. Box 826, Marshfield, MA 02050. You may also opt to submit your offering through your bank or financial institution. God's grace is abundant, and He will sustain us through this COVID-19 crisis. Please contact the Church Office or a Trustee with any questions. Thank you for your generous support!

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (LBS)

We are having ZOOM meetings about every other Tuesday at 10 am. We have been working on projects at home for our Christmas Fair. Thank you -Phyllis

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.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- Articles due by Sunday, November 15

Please submit any articles/submissions for the December issue of *The Bell* newsletter to the church office by Nov. 15. You may also submit your article via email to secretaryfccm@gmail.com. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESTART

Our 2020-2021 IN PERSON Sunday School year started on September 20th in the Parish Hall!

Parents need to escort their child(ren) into the Parish Hall via the downstairs doorway, stay for a brief health screening, and then come back inside after class so that your child(ren) may be returned directly to you.

Please Exit through the Front Door of the Parish Hall. Washable/Reusable Masks will be provided at the time of arrival and a limited supply of single use masks will be available upon check-in moving forward. We will be practicing Safe-distancing and Every child will be provided with Dedicated, new supplies. I will be sanitizing Sunday School space and supplies following each class. (Nursery Care will resume sometime after Massachusetts moves into Stage 4 of COVID-19 recovery.)

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP THIS FALL

- Sundays at 4pm

Youth Group is gearing up and getting excited for the new school year! Before we've even had our first meeting, we've got a busy Fall planned. Things will look a little different this year, but we will be meeting in person (with safety measures in place!). Meetings will be held outside (weather permitting) and will include social distancing, hand sanitizer, and wearing of masks. Students will need to have rides to and from the meetings as the Leaders will not be able to give rides. We are continuing to build the Group and are looking for new active members.

- Scott Rogers, Carrie Sylvester, Josselyn Sullivan and Pastor Joel Boyd

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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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Thanksgiving/Joy: Christ's faithfulness to FCC Marshfield for 388 years, the gift of engaging in both in-person and online Worship, the baptisms of Reese McGrail and Sophia Boisvert, engagement of Alex Hamberger (Heidi Boyd's brother) and Tara LiAna, restart of Sunday School and Youth Fellowship. Churches in MACCC and NACCC.

Healing: Those impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, including the medical teams and officials working to keep us safe. Those impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, including the medical teams and officials working to keep us safe. Edna Robie, Kim Callendar, Carol Spooner, John Ritucci, Jack Pattison, Katrina, Gloria Chrisman (Georgia's sister-in-law), Ed Ochiltree, Joan Morrissey, Mercedes (Eliana Kimball's mother), Jay Prendergast, Sarah Fuller's grandparents, Krista Gottschlich, Pat Taylor, Peter Sylvester, Rose Bean

Comfort: Those impacted by the fires in California and northwest; families of Bob Boyd (Pastor Joel's grandfather), Joan Jordan, June Ellingson, Judith McLaughlin, Jean Crane, Dexter Gasper, Virginia Smith (Liz Vaillancourt's mother), and Jayne Bowman

Homebound Church Family: Roz Novinsky, Marie King, Kathy Bryan, Alberta Bezanson, and Mary Ellingson.

Guidance & Protection: Those impacted by Hurricane Delta; Men and Women in the military and our first responders, families struggling with addictions, stigma of mental illness, George Irvin and Barbara Irvin Stovold (Pam Drouin's parents), John Coombs, Stephanie Goodspeed, Benjamin Hicks, leaders of our nation, for unhoused youth in Marshfield, families, students and teachers returning to school year of new normals, all those devastated by recent hurricanes.



PRAYER PALS ON MONDAY EVENINGS

Prayer PALS ... Did you know they are praying for you, our church, community, nation and our world? They gather on Monday evenings 6:00-7:00pm, either in the Parish Hall or via Zoom. If interested, please call Georgia (781-361-1290) or email the office for details or help getting connected to Zoom. One may place a prayer request in the offering plate/box, email Pastor Joel at pastorfccm@gmail.com, or call 781-361-1290. *"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us."* (1 John 5:14 | KJV) **New pals always welcome!**

NEED TO TALK? HAVING TROUBLE DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS?

We are living through an especially stressful and challenging time amid the COVID-19 crisis. While some may be juggling the obligations of career and home schooling children, others may be experiencing a sudden shift in employment, loss of career, or loneliness and isolation. Of course, there is also the fact that some may contract the virus, making it difficult for loved ones to see them. If you feel like you need to speak with someone about these concerns, please know that you can always contact the Pastor. In the event of an emergency, you should call 911. [Click here](#) or contact your Town Board of Health for available resources.

FROM YOUR TRUSTEES

We wanted to thank everyone who came out on Friday October 16th to clean the windows and pews in the Sanctuary for the Ordination. Those helpers included Barbara Carney, Barbara Murray, Audrey and Rick Taylor, Judy Johnson, Mike Rydberg, Jean Hight, Doreen Taylor and Jack Pattison who cleaned the carpets. Greg helped work on the sign in front of the Parish Hall. Thank you all for helping us beautify our Sanctuary.

Next fall cleanup is scheduled for Saturday Nov 21st 9-noon, we will be working on cleaning up church grounds, including raking leaves, trimming bushes and doing the windows in the Parish Hall. Please mark your calendars and join us.

BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

- Wednesdays at 1pm

(Note there will be no meeting on Nov. 4; meeting will resume on Nov. 11)

We're happy to pick up our Wed. Bible Study, meeting online via Zoom at 1pm has gotten underway. Join us to explore Jesus in our Bible Studies of the Gospel of Matthew in conversation with N.T. Wright's For Every-one series. Study guides are available at a discounted rate of \$2.99/ea (Let BCE know if you'd like a copy).

[Click here](#) to sign up and join us as we explore God's Word in Matthew! On Wednesdays at 1pm, you may [click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting (Password: 087699), or call 312 626 6799 or +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 408 638 0968 (Meeting ID 912 2913 6401). All are welcome!

ERNIE CHANDLER'S RETIREMENT

As many have by now heard, Ernie Chandler has announced his retirement as the organist for FCC Marshfield. This August, Bonnie mentioned that her Dad has been considering a time when he might step down from his position for some time. Ernie has expressed that now is that time. He will not be returning as our organist this fall. Likely, you have many wonderful memories of how Ernie has blessed this church over the years. You are in good company. Ernie has blessed our congregation with music since the 1970s, playing on both the organ and piano. He has provided accompaniment for congregational hymns, our choir, children's choir, and for soloists, in addition to solo preludes and postludes. Ernie has played weddings, funerals, and baptisms. He has played for special Christmas services, the dedication of our new Steeple, and the annual Hour of Peace benefit concert in support of the Good Neighbor Fund. On Aug. 26th, Ernie celebrated his 95th birthday. It is a vast understatement to say that Ernie is and has been a blessing to us all and to the Church.

But many will say, "Well, who will replace Ernie now?" For starters, certainly, we can agree that there truly is no replacing Ernie. His shoes are simply too large to fill, and that's ok. Rather than to be worried about this, perhaps we may dwell on celebrating him for a while. Then, in time, we can prayerfully consider the future of our music program and where we feel the Spirit guiding us to be.

While we will soon find a time when we may more formally recognize and celebrate Ernie for his music ministry and many accomplishments at FCCM, all are encouraged to join in extending thanks for the many ways he has given to our congregation and church family.

God bless you, Ernie! Thank you for all you have done for FCCM.

- Pastor Joel

ADULT EDUCATION

Sent—Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas

This Advent you are invited to join us for a BCE sponsored series on the theme of being sent. Dynamic pastor Jorge Acevedo leads us on a 5-week Advent journey to discover how, where, and why we are sent. Joining him on the journey are four young clergy including Jacob Armstrong, Rachel Billups, Justin LaRosa, and Lanecia Rouse, who challenge us through story, art, and Bible study. Pastor Joel will facilitate the series. \$5.99 devotionals are available through BCE. Look for more details to follow. We hope you can join us!

OFFICE HOUR APPOINTMENTS

As you know, Pastor Joel and Sarah have been working remotely throughout these months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Parish Hall offices are open for in-person meetings with our staff by appointment only. Kindly contact Pastor Joel or Sarah to set a time during our published office hours and call the office from the parking lot and you will be given access to the Parish Hall. All visitors to the Parish Hall offices must wear a mask, sanitize hands before entry, make sure they do not have a temperature or any COVID-19 symptoms ahead of time, confirm that they have not recently travelled to an area that requires quarantining, and maintain 6-foot social distancing while in the Parish Hall. Please note that while the bathrooms are accessible, with the exception of the offices and front parlor, all other rooms are restricted at this time. For your information, our staff will be cleaning their work area each day, using supplies which meet state guidelines. Published office hours are: M - 9am-3pm, T - 9:30am-12:30pm, W - 9am-3pm, Th - 9am-1pm. Pastoral office hours are: T - 9:30am-12:30pm, W - 9am-noon, Th - 9am-noon. (Mondays are the Pastor's day off). In addition to any in-person appointments made, note that the staff remain fully accessible via phone, email or video conferencing (Zoom) as well.

You can reach the office at: secretaryfccm@gmail.com , pastorfccm@gmail.com, 781-834-7664. Thank you.



THE GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

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MISSION PROJECTS FOR NOVEMBER

Seeing, understanding, showing compassion, and helping all people is part of our responsibility to God. Please continue to share in our mission to give support to everyone here and around the world.

Helping our on-going Marshfield Missions

Food Pantry - Please send a donation to the Food Pantry or to a group that is helping to feed the tremendous number of food-insecure families in the United States at this time.

Sowing Seeds - Please donate new socks, good Fall clothing and 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 this on-going project with the Youth Fellowship and donate travel sized toiletries or new clean socks.

Helping our Family and Friends around the World

Please continue to pray for our families and friends around the world. We made a donation to Church World Services for tools to honor of our Dads on Father's Day.

Opportunities

The Missions Committee has received a donation to be used for Mission trips through a vetted organization. This is open to anyone in the church who might be interested. Please talk to members of the committee for more information. The NACCC has a list of some opportunities on their website.

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.

First Congregational Church of Marshfield, Inc.
CHURCH OFFICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

2020 – 2021

Revised September 21, 2020

Note: All committees must meet in June to elect chairpersons. Once elected, chairpersons are to contact the Nominating Committee Chair to report new leadership. The Nominating Committee needs the name of a contact person for each committee in order to effectively do its job.

Note: The number after a name designates 1st or 2nd term. The letter (a) designates filling an unexpired term. The letter (b) designates remaining on the committee after 2 terms to fill a vacancy. A name in *italics* indicates that the position was filled after the 2020-2021 election. Those individuals were presented to and ratified by the Church Council. Names in **bold** are beginning new terms or filling unexpired terms.

CHURCH OFFICERS (3-yr Non-Expiring Terms):

Clerk	Bonnie Conant	2023
Assistant Clerk	Georgia Chrisman	2022
Treasurer	Steve Spooner	2023
Assistant Treasurer	<i>Bonnie Conant</i>	2021
Financial Secretary	<i>Doreen Taylor</i>	2023
Assistant Financial Secretary	<i>Donna McCue</i>	2021
Moderator	Steve Hight	2023
Alternate Moderator	Ron Jordan	2022

BOARD OF DEACONS 6/13

2023	Mike Rydberg (b)	2023	Lisa Brown (2)
2023	Rick Taylor (2)	2023	
2021	Judith Johnson (2)	2021	Alyssa Titus (1)
2021		2021	
2022	Frank Wilkins (1)	2022	
2022		2022	
2022			

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 3/5

2023	Greg Prendergast (1)	2022	
2023	Susan Taylor (1)	2022	Doreen Taylor (1)
2021	<i>Donna McCue (a)</i>		

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 5/9

2023	Liz Drouin (2)	2021	Scott Rogers (2)
2023	Jean Hight (1)	2022	
2022		2021	David McGrath (1)
2022	Frank Wilkins (1)	2022	
2022			

CRADLE ROLL/NURSERY COORDINATOR 1/1

2022	Georgia Chrisman (1)		
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MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE 8/9

2023	Kathy Doherty (1)	2022	Jon Chandler (2)
2021	Chris Prendergast (a)	2022	
2021	Eunice Chandler (2)	2021	Carolyn Hight (a)
2021	Amy Minns (2)	2022	Bonnie Conant (a)
2021	Joan Morrissey (a)		

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (2-year Term) 2/4

2021	Faith Jean (1)	Financial Secretary	<i>Doreen Taylor</i>
2021	Albert Kimball (2)	Trustees	<i>Susan Taylor</i>
2021		Diaconate	<i>Judith Johnson</i>
2022		Missions	TBD

Note: Per By-laws, Ex-Officio members include the Financial Secretary, and the Chairperson of Trustees, Diaconate and the Missions Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE 4/5

2023	Nancy Berberick (b)	2021	Mike Lux (1)
2021	Josselyn Sullivan (1)	2021	Cheryl Strazdes (1)
2021	Susan Taylor (1)		

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE 5/7

2021	Audrey Taylor (2)	2022	Liz Vaillancourt (1)
2021	Carol Gesner (1)	2021	Nancy Berberick (1)
2021	Joan Morrissey (1)	2022	Doraine Porter (1)
2022			

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE 4/5

2023	Charles Balkam (1)	2021	Barbara Murray (1)
2023	Gisele Coville (1)	2021	John Bennett (b)
2023			

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: 0/2

2022	Susan Taylor (1)	Diaconate	<i>Judith Johnson</i>
2023		Trustees	<i>Doreen Taylor</i>
		BCE	<i>Jean Hight</i>
		Missions	TBD

Pastor plus representatives from Trustees, Diaconate, BCE and Missions to be elected by Boards/Committees Appointed annually by Church Council

FLOWER COMMITTEE 7/7

2023	Cindy Riley (1)	2021	Georgia Chrisman (a)
2023	Carol Gesner (2)	2022	Chris Prendergast (1)
2021	Kathy Pattison (a)	2022	Liz Vaillancourt (1)
2021	Barbara Stutzman (1)		

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 4/7 members-at-large

2023	Barbara Murray (1)	Diaconate	<i>Lisa Brown</i>
2023	Bonnie Conant (1)	Trustees	<i>Greg Prendergast</i>
2021	Jennifer Fields (2)		
2022	Nancy Berberick (a)		

Note: According to our By-Laws there should be a member on this committee from Trustees and one from Diaconate.

HISTORIANS 2/3

2021	Roger Dashner (2)	2023	
2022	Judith Johnson (1)		

Clerk is Ex-Officio member

CHURCH COUNCIL AT LARGE (2-yr Term)

2023	Jennifer Fields (2)	2021	Barbara Murray (a)
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GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND COMMITTEE 5/9

2023	Helen Burgess (2)	2022	
2023	Warren Goshine (1)	2022	
2021	Steve Flynn (b)	2022	
2021	Mal Gale (b)	2022	
2021	Audrey Titus (b)		

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY - group recognized by Bylaws

Phyllis Willis, Pres.	<i>Barbara Carney</i> , Vice Pres.	Mary Barry, Sec.	Becky Bates-McArthur, Treas.
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LAY DELEGATE: Joel Boyd (1)

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: Judith Johnson (1)

CELEBRATING 400 YEARS OF AMERICAN CONGREGATIONALISM

Learn more about our Congregational History at nacc.org

2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim landing at Plymouth. As a Pilgrim church ourselves, here at FCCM we will be celebrating this momentous occasion in many ways throughout the year. Two Sundays each month we will be featuring a highlighted history of a Congregationalist who has contributed to blessing God's world.

Did you know Neesima Shimeta...

Neesima Shimeta (Joseph Hardy Neesima) was born on February 12, 1843. He left his native Japan, working as a cabin boy on an American ship. He traded his samurai sword for a Chinese New Testament and came to the Lord through John 3:16. In the U.S., the ship owner sponsored his education through Philips Academy and Amherst College. He was baptized in 1866 and went on to study at Andover Seminary.

He is known for being the first Japanese person to receive a Bachelor's Degree. He was also the first Japanese to be ordained as a Protestant minister.

In 1874 he was commissioned a missionary to his homeland. In the same year, Neesima attended the 65th annual meeting of Congregational churches in Rutland, Vermont, and made an appeal for funds to start a Christian school in Japan. With American support, he founded a school in 1875 for the training of ministers, now known as Doshisha University in Kyoto. Thirty young samurai entered the school. Many went on to be Christian leaders in Japan. Neesima served as president of the university from 1875 to 1890.

Ill health cut his work short, and he was not yet 47 when, on January 23, 1890, he spoke his last words, "peace, joy, heaven."

...was a Congregationalist?

Historical story by: Rev. Garry Fisher

Did you know Lemuel Haynes...

Lemuel Haynes was born in Connecticut in 1753, son of a Scottish indentured servant woman and an African-American slave. Abandoned by his parents, he became an indentured servant for John Haynes until age twenty-one. After reaching his majority, Haynes built his own house. In 1775, after the battles at Lexington and Concord, he enlisted in the Minutemen as a private. He served during the siege of Boston and later was a member of Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys. When the Revolution was over, Haynes returned to his farm and to his studies in theology, Latin, and Greek. Licensed to preach in 1780, he was called to the Congregational Church of Middle Granville, Massachusetts, the African-American pastor of an all-white congregation.

Ordained in 1785 and soon afterward married to a white schoolteacher named Elizabeth Babbitt with whom he would have ten children, Haynes stayed in Granville until he was called to the West Parish Church in Rutland, Vermont. He served as pastor there for thirty-one years, finally being dismissed from that church because he supported the Federalist Party and opposed the War of 1812.

Haynes was a Calvinist and an evangelical by reputation who was a strong opponent of slavery. His sermons and essays were published and distributed in the United States and other countries. He served two other Congregational churches in the remaining years of his life, dying in 1833.

...was a Congregationalist?

Historical story by: Rev. Robert Hellam



*Edward O'Hagen crossing
us safely to Worship.*

Welcome back, FCCM!



THE GREEN SHEET

(A monthly message from our youth team)

Let it Shine!



Greetings from the FCCM Youth Group!

Well, the Summer is over, and Youth Group is gearing up and getting excited for the new school year! We've got a busy Fall planned.

Things will look a little different this year, but we will be meeting in person (with safety measures in place !)

Here's what's coming up:

November's Schedule:

Sun., Nov. 1 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - 4-5:30pm

Sun., Nov. 8 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - 4-5:30pm

Sun., Nov. 15 – Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - 4-5:30pm

Sun., Nov. 22 – Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - 4-5:30pm

Sun., Nov. 29 – No Meeting—HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!!!

Meetings will be held outside (weather permitting) and will include social distancing, hand sanitizer, and wearing of masks. Students will need to have rides to and from the meetings as the Leaders will not be able to give rides.

Looking Ahead:

We are currently saving cans and bottles throughout the weeks. We will be holding a Can Drive on the 4th Saturday of every month. You can drop your cans off at the Parish Hall or bring them to us on those Saturdays. We thank you for your support! These funds allow us to reduce the costs of our retreats and fund our weekly Youth Ministry program.

To start this year, we will be collecting cans and “quarantining” them in the Can Box to be counted later (about one week later)

Further Ahead:

During the fall, we are continuing to build the Group and are looking for new active members of the Youth Group. We are trying to re-implement our Leaders-in-Training Program which allows High School students to act more as mentors and Junior Leaders. It looks good on a college resume!

Thank you and God Bless!

Your Youth Group Advisors,
Scott Rogers, Carrie Sylvester, Josselyn Sullivan and Pastor Joel Boyd