

THE BELL

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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.

Number 334 November 2021

TO YOU, FROM PASTOR BARTLETT

I have been reading a book on intergenerational ministry. I have been reflecting upon the COVID 19 and governmental controls on our lives. In addition, I have been looking at the influence of our social and work environmental demands on the God given admonitions for the church. First Congregational, Marshfield has historically demonstrated the ability to survive as a church in difficult times. We remain a caring and socially responsible church. The challenge for the future is to get beyond the restrictions to outreach and growth that have been imposed upon us by these developments in our society. As we pray and work together, God will show us the way forward while maintaining our high quality ministries that exist today. We have begun this process by meeting with our committees and ministries with a view to coordinating our efforts and finding a more efficient way to move forward. May God fill our hearts and mind with his love that will empower us to more fully love one another and the community, of all ages, whom we serve.

Pastor Bartlett



Pot Luck Dinner—November 6, 2021 @ 5:30pm

What's for dinner? We shall see! Please join our FCCM family for a Pot Luck dinner on November 6, 2021 at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. We will "progress" to the appetizer table, main course table and last, but not least to the dessert table. Please invite family and friends to join us for an evening of fellowship and fun! Signup in Parish Hall or contact CFC-members!

The Christian Fellowship Committee: Audrey Taylor, Nancy Berberick, Carol Gesner, Joan Morrissey, Liz Vaillancourt

FCCM CONTACT INFORMATION

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On the web: FCCMarshfield.org - On facebook: 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 (office is closed on Fridays)

Pastoral Office Hours: Tue—Thurs. 9:30am-12:30pm (Mondays are Pastor's day off).

Church Cancellations: Please watch FOX25 and www.myfoxboston.com. Also you can listen on WATD radio.

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FROM YOUR DEACONS

We are pleased to see our Sunday attendance numbers continuing to rise with Reverend Bartlett in the pulpit. We had a recent high of 44 in attendance with an average of 37. But we have room for many more. If you haven't attended in a while, please consider coming back to worship. The choir and bell choir are back, traditional communion and offering has returned and entering and exiting is easier now that the narthex and the handicap ramp can be used for both. Reverend Bartlett and Georgia Chrisman have prepared an 8 month Confirmation Program with 2 students signed up. You will see our two students, Emma Verlicco and Leah Murphy in worship participating as Worship Assistants, Ushers or Acolytes as part of their Confirmation duties.

Advent starts on Sunday November 28th and our first two Advent readers will be Leah Murphy and Emma Verlicco from the Confirmation Class. Our annual Hanging of the Greens will take place on Saturday November 27th from 10 am until noon when we will decorate the Meeting House for the Christmas season. Your help would be welcomed, thank you!

We wish to thank our neighbors at Coastal Treasures (the gift shop beside the Meeting House) for generously offering us use of their Wi-Fi signal for our Facebook live broadcasts. Hopefully this will help with some of our FB issues that remain to be problematic. Thank you for patience as we work on this.

Remember that Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!" Matthew 16:18

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

FROM YOUR TRUSTEES

As of Oct 11, 2021, we are still deficit spending, our budget has had \$3,472 more in expenses than our income thus far this year. The Thrift and Gift has continued to submit healthy monthly donations which have kept us as close as we have been to a balanced budget. We did have some annual insurances that came due this last month and that made us fall a bit further behind. If your pledges have fallen behind please make every effort to catch up before the heating bills start increasing.

Thank you all who contributed to the tree removal fund, the trees that over hung the Parish Hall roof were trimmed and the dead trees were cut down. Greg, Malcolm and Doreen helped the arborist Greg Kelleher clean up and remove the cuttings.

Greg has been continuing to work with Lew and Brad to paint the new Parish Hall lower entrance which looks great.

Watch for the task force announcements regarding the fall cleanup list of tasks that we feel strongly need to be done to help beautify our buildings and grounds.

Your Trustees,
Doreen, Greg and Donna

FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Financial secretary would like to remind you if you haven't already submitted your yearly NACCC dues for \$15/ member we would encourage you to do so now. Please make checks payable to FCCM as usual and put a note for NACCC dues."

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.

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (LBS)

The Ladies Benevolent Society will have our first meeting on Sept. 14, 2021 at 10am. This first meeting to start off the fall season will be our business meeting to plan for the next few months. New members are always welcome!



FLOWER DEDICATION SIGN-UP SHEET

The sign-up sheet for the 2021 season, has been placed in the vestibule of the sanctuary. Please see dates available to celebrate, honor or remember a loved one. Remembering with the gift of flowers, brings great joy to the Lord and those we love. You may contact Liz Vaillancourt, 781-837-8114 or Sarah, in the church office, 781-834-7664.

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Printed copies of the Upper Room Devotionals are now available in the Sanctuary. You can still access the daily devotionals online at www.upperroom.org/devotionals

FROM THE THRIFT AND GIFT

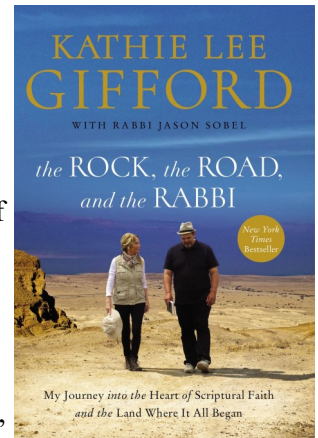
Hi all from Thrift and Gift! We've been incredibly blessed over the past few months, exceeding what was budgeted for the year! Huge thank you to all of you volunteering your time with sorting, hanging, arranging, rearranging, cleaning, etc.! A monumental task for sure! Looking for ways you might help? Time is always welcome, but there are other ways you can help as well: small blank price labels are always needed, donate your cleaned goods of all kinds, or drop by when we're open just to say hi and browse, you may just find something you need. And, just a bit of personal info, all the volunteers love chocolate and ice cream!

HEAVENLY BOOKWORMS: NOVEMBER 2021

The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi by Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel

As a Christian and daughter of a Jewish father, Gifford has always felt drawn to Israel. Follow her as she hikes the land with Rabbi Jason Sobel and others trained in the messianic rabbinical way. See Jesus' earthly home with new eyes! Rabbi Sobel's insight into the Hebrew language, culture, and heritage will open your eyes to the Bible like never before. If we do not understand the culture and times of Jesus, we miss much of the depth and richness of the Gospel. That, combined with the rabbi's understanding of the Hebrew language, gives a clearer understanding of what the Bible is actually saying from the point view of the people who lived with Jesus.

Join our Bookworms Friday 11/26/21 (7pm) @ the Chrisman's, 13 Mountain Ash Drive in Kingston. Call Georgia @ 781-361-1290 for directions. Coffee, Tea and Dessert will be served. Books are \$5 and can be picked up on the hutch in the Church Hall's front "parlor." You can put your payment in the envelope provided and grab a book!



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FALL CLEAN UP TASK FORCE

The Church Council has created a task force for the impending cleanup of our church facilities and properties as the leaves start falling. Over the next few weeks, the council would like to hear from any individuals in the congregation who might be interested in serving on this task force which will be planning and organizing the Fall Clean Up. We anticipate that Work Groups will be formed and scheduled for these various seasonal activities. If you are interested in joining the Fall Clean Up Task Force or any of the work groups, please contact Steve Hight, Greg Prendergast, or any member of the church council.

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, churches around the world; development of COVID-19 vaccines.

Healing: 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 Coombs, John Ritucci, Sr, Jack Pattison, Krista Gottschlich and Kaylee, George and Barbara Irvin, Stephanie, Daniel and for young Noah, Rex Hayden, Pat Taylor, Barbara Coville, Jay Prendergast, Jill Titus, Howard Hill, Ethyl Balkam, Derek Pugh, Joan Chubbs, Anne Sylvester, Ed Zadrozny, Sue Ritucci, Glen Ellingson, Bethany Andreeson, Faith Jean, Louise Nelson, Scott Rogers, Karl Peterson

Comfort: family and friends of Marcia Laffin

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

Guidance & Protection: Men and Women in the military and our first responders, families struggling with addictions, stigma of mental illness, John Coombs, people of Haiti, South Africa, and Myanmar, leaders of our nation, those affected by the recent storms in the area, our unhoused youth in Marshfield, a time of transition here at FCC Marshfield, for people of Afghanistan, Patricia Bean's son (US Marine serving in Afghanistan), our troops and their families.



PRAYER PALS ON MONDAY EVENINGS

Prayer PALS pray for you and others around the world on Monday evenings 6:30-7:30pm in the church library. After a brief devotion/discussion; the group reviews prayer needs and then presents those needs to our Lord. Join them regularly or occasionally when able; numbers strengthen prayers! If you can't pray with the Prayer Pals, but need a prayer for yourself or another, place your request in the offering box, or in an email to secretaryfccm@gmail.com or call Georgia (781-361-1290).

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29:12

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICE

-Sundays at 9:30am

We continue to be fully aware of our obligation to ensure the health and safety of all who attend our services and are closely watching the state guidelines and the Delta variant. Given the high vaccination rate of our congregation we feel no need to burden the congregation with extra restrictions. For the time being we are allowed to gather at full capacity without Masks or distancing. If you feel safer with a mask on, please feel free to wear one. Everyone's decision to wear or not wear a mask will be respected. We will observe a reserved "Passing of the Peace" with limited physical contact. Hand sanitizer continues to be available in the pews. Traditional Communion and elements resumed on September 5th. Starting on September 19th Andy Chandler and the Choir will return. The Congregation is invited to stand sing accompanied by the Choir with Andy Chandler on the piano. Printed bulletins will be available, and the online bulletin will continue to be offered in advance for those who wish to access on their mobile device. Please feel free to use the hymnals and pew bibles. All of our services will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook Live and available for viewing later. All are welcome to gather for "Fellowship Hour" in the Parish Hall after worship. Childcare will not be provided at this time. All unvaccinated children in Sunday School are encouraged to wear a mask. Washing stations and restrooms will continue to be made available on the upper and lower level of the Parish Hall. We look forward to joining you in Worship!"

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- Articles due by Monday, November 15

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

BOOKWORM COUCH-POTATOES

If you'd rather (or have to) stay on your couch at discussion time, Heavenly Bookworms invite you to be a Couch Potato Worm. While Couch Potatoes miss the interesting discussions, they still can enjoy all the same inspiring books. FYI, most of our earlier selections can be borrowed from our church library! Also, copies can be purchased for \$1 after the discussion.



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THE GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

Contact Us: GNFMmarshfield@gmail.com https://GNFMmarshfield.wix.com/gnf-website or P.O. Box 826 Marshfield, MA 02050

Donate On-line: https://GNFMmarshfield.wix.com/gnf-website GoodNeighborFund.net

Purchase GL Scrip Gift Cards: GNFMmarshfield@gmail.com or First Congregational Church, 781-864-7664

Good Neighbor Fund Gift Card Order Form

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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 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.

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.

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.

MISSION TASK FORCE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

A limited number of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be available after the beginning of October. We will have information available on how to fill each box and a list of suggested items to be put in the boxes. **They will be due back by November 14th.**

Due to the limited budget of the Church Mission Committee, we are encouraging a \$9 donation with each box to help pay for the shipping and the expenses of the program.

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CONFIRMATION TIME IS HERE

This year's class will begin October 19 at 4:30pm and continue every month on the 3rd Tuesday through May.

Program requirements will include:

- 8 monthly, ninety-minute classes (October–May) reviewing “The Case for Christ” by Lee Strobel, followed by a Bible discussion. *Strobel’s book and a new Bible will be gifted to the confirmands*
- A winter workshop
- A spring retreat
- Sunday worship participation as acolytes, ushers, worship assistants (elective), and Sunday school assistants
- Service project to be selected by the class
- 1 or 2 fun activities and/or field trips

Confirmation advisors will be Rev. Dick Bartlett and Georgia Chrisman, with cameo roles by Mike Rydberg, Frank Wilkins, Carrie Sylvester, Judy Johnson and others too.

Confirmation continues our baptism that called us to be witnesses for Jesus Christ. The message of faith will be shared in a more profound way with the focus on Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for strengthening the community in loving service.

Confirmands will gain wisdom to help them see the world more from God’s viewpoint, avoiding the illusion that the “winds” of current times is their only guide. Above all, confirmation will convey an awareness of God’s love for them, and will grow their relationship with Him.

We are committed to make this a meaningful and inspiring experience for the confirmands. It is a fact that youth, connected to a church, fare better than those who are not. In today's world, faith can be one's lifeline. About 3,000 years ago the very wise King Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs, in which he wrote in chapter 22, vs. 6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." That holds true today.

If you have, or know, a young person in grades 9-12, who might be interested in our program, please contact Georgia (782-361-1290/2onmountainash@gmail.com) or Mike Rydberg (508-246-3037/rydbergmichael@hotmail.com). He stands at the door and knocks. (Rev. 3:12 reference)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our 2021-2022 IN-PERSON Sunday School year kicked off on September 19th in the Parish Hall:

- * **Parents, please continue** to escort your child(ren) into the Parish Hall via the downstairs doorway and stay for a brief health screening before crossing to the Sanctuary.
 - * Please also continue to come back inside after class so that your child(ren) may be returned directly to you following class.
 - * Masks will be provided at the time of arrival for children without one, so don't be concerned if you forget one any day.
 - * We will be practicing safe-distancing and every child will be provided with dedicated supplies. In addition, we will continue the practice of sanitizing Sunday School space and supplies prior to and following each class.
 - * The Nursery will remain closed until the end of the pandemic, including variants.
- *** As we continue to study Old and New Testament soldiers who show us how they suited up in the Armor of God, this year's Sunday School Theme is *Warriors of Faith. We are looking forward to continuing our Journey together!*

[Click here to register your child\(ren\) for Sunday School!](#)

Kids' Korner

Here you will find either a fun cartoon or a Puzzle for you to try to complete (whether you are a kid in age or a kid at heart)!

THE KNOWING GOD PODCAST FOR KIDS

Episode 38

Life with Leftovers (Part 1)



MEMORY VERSE:

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."
(John 10:10 ESV)







REVIEW QUESTIONS:

What does the word *abundantly* mean?

LIFE ABUNDANTLY

Word Search

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BONUS QUESTION:

Read Philippians 4:19 in your Bible and fill in the missing word below:

My God will supply all your _____

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30pm Prayer Hour	2 10am – LBS	3	4	5	6 5:30pm Pot Luck Dinner
7 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 9:30am Worship and Sunday School 4pm Youth Fellowship	8 6:30pm Prayer Hour	9 10am – LBS	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> (Office Closed)	12	13
14 9:30am Worship and Sunday School 4pm Youth Fellowship Special day trip	15 <i>Deadline to Submit Bell Articles</i> 6:30pm Prayer Hour	16 10am – LBS	17	18	19	20
21 9:30am Worship and Sunday School 4pm Youth Fellowship (Food Drive)	22 6:30pm Prayer Hour	23 10am – LBS	24	25 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> (Office Closed)	26	27
28 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 9:30am Worship and Sunday School	29 6:30pm Prayer Hour	30 10am – LBS				

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Let it Shine!



THE GREEN SHEET

(A monthly message from our youth team)

Greetings from the FCCM Youth Group!
Well, the weather is getting a little COOLER!, and the Youth Group is gearing up and getting excited for more Fall adventures !

Here's what's coming up:

November's Schedule:

Sun., November 7 - Regular Meeting – 4:00 – 5:30

Sun., November 14 – Special Day Trip – 4:00 - ??

Sun., November 21 - Regular Meeting – 4:00 – 5:30 (Food Drive – bring non-perishable items, more to be announced)

Sun., November 28 – NO meeting (Happy Thanksgiving weekend !)

Looking Ahead:

Berea Retreat Weekend – Martin Luther King Weekend – January 14- 16

We are currently saving cans and bottles throughout the weeks. We will be holding a Can Drive on the 4th Saturday (but not always) 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!

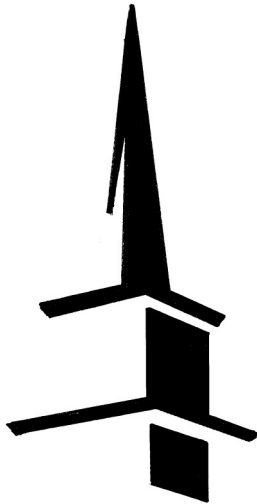
Thank you and God Bless!

Your Youth Group Advisors,
Scott Rogers, Carrie Sylvester, Josselyn Sullivan and Reverend Bartlett

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