

# THE BELL

# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MARSHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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**332** 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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#### FOLLOWING HIS LEAD

Living in a country like America, we can often feel as though everyone around us is a leader of some sort or other. In many ways this is a blessing. It highlights the freedom and liberty which we've been blessed with. Yet, as we know in Congregationalism, it also points towards the responsibility we have both as individuals and as a united people. When Jesus calls His disciples, saying "Follow me," He's not saying they should do so when they get the chance or when they feel like it. Jesus calls us to follow with the highest authority—the power of God. Perhaps this is why His disciples drop everything to follow Him when called. Indeed, Jesus Himself dropped everything in fulfilling the Father's plan, loving and serving unto death on the cross, that we might have life in His name. As we live into 2021, tired as we may be, may we keep our eyes on Jesus and follow His lead into the coming kingdom.

Grace and peace, Pastor Joel

#### **ONLINE LECTIO DIVINA**

#### - Fri., Feb. 5 (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 Feb. 5. *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; <u>click here</u> to signup for Feb. 5. <u>Click</u> <u>here</u> to join the Zoom meeting (Password: 061411), or call +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 408 638 0968 or +1 669 900 6833. Meeting ID: 815 3577 0028. All are welcome!

#### ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING

#### - Sun., Feb. 21 (11am via Zoom)

Calling all FCCM members! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our Annual Financial Meeting to be held on Sun., Feb. 21 at 11am via Zoom. Please contact the moderator or minister with any questions. Thank you.

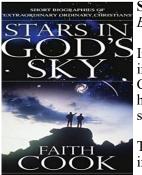
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**Church Office Hours (***Note Updated Schedule; by appointment only***):** Monday 9:00am-3:00pm; Tuesday 9:30am-12:30pm; Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm; Thursday 9:00am-1pm

**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.



## STARS IN GOD'S SKY

By: Faith Cook

In her typically engaging and enchanting style, Faith Cook shows us how God graciously works in individuals' lives. Here are nine superbly written 'short biographies of extraordinary, ordinary Christians.' Many of them highlight "out-of-the-shadows," unsung heroes with unfamiliar names; however, all of these men and women served God in their generation in remarkable and sometimes very unexpected ways. These true stories make for uplifting and enjoyable reading.

The discussion for February's book will be Friday 2/26/21 (7p) via Zoom - call Georgia for Zoom instructions - 781-361-1290. Book is \$4 (call Georgia) or order from Christianbook.com.

#### Are You a Couch-Potato who likes to Read?

Become part of this exclusive group to skip those discussions! Books are about real people and things...inspiring, interesting and informative. Read about amazing Christians and events. One can find earlier selections in our Library. Questions? (781-361-1290)



#### FROM YOUR DEACONS

Happy 2021! The Deacons would like to thank everyone who helped to take down and store the Christmas decorations. Hopefully when we bring them out next year we will be able to celebrate with hymns and singing and without masks and distancing. We would also like to thank our own Frank Wilkins and T.C. Coronite who so capably filled our pulpit while Pastor Joel was on Vacation.

We are working hard to keep our church open and safe for in person worship as the Covid 19 virus continues to threaten us. We are grateful to everyone for adhering to our guidelines and for sturdily enduring as we have lowered the heat and opened the windows during worship. We are happy to report that the cushions have been returned to the pews for your comfort. There are, on average, 30 faithful worshipers joining us each week with many more following on Facebook live. Derik Noland and Doreen Taylor have joined Mike Rydberg on the Facebook Live filming team to insure the continuation of this vital ministry.

Lent begins on Feb. 17th, 40 days before Easter. As Rick Warren points out in "The Purpose Driven Life", when God wanted to prepare someone for his purposes, he took 40 days to do it. Noah was transformed by 40 days of rain, Moses was transformed by 40 days on Mt. Sinai, Nineveh was transformed by 40 days of Jonah's preaching, Jesus was transformed by 40 days in the wilderness...We will continue our tradition of recognizing Lent with our ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE at 7 pm on Feb. 17th. We hope that you will join us! Anointing with Ashes will be optional and CONTACTLESS!

#### To God be the Glory,

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

#### FROM YOUR TRUSTEES

We are glad to have successfully completed a very difficult year fiscally sound. Thanks to the many fundraisers that helped supplement our budget and the blessing of the PPP loan/grant that helped us sustain all our employees through this very difficult year.

Your Trustees are working diligently to help prepare for the upcoming Financial meeting on February 21st at 11AM following our normal worship service. We will be sending out a Zoom invitation so that everyone can participate safely from your own homes. For those of you who don't have computer access to join us with video, there will be call in numbers so you can listen to the meeting and unmute if you wish to ask a question to clarify something or make a change recommendation.

With 2021 already looking to be another difficult financial year, and have no opportunity for another business loan. We have been blessed to have many committees working with us to help us balance the budget and we would like to thank you for your assistance.

To help with your comfort during the worship service in the Sanctuary, we have purchased some hand warmers and lap blankets for those who may forget to bring one along. We are getting estimates for adding more insulation to the ceiling in the Sanctuary and will be providing more information as we receive it.

# We will reconsider moving into the Parish Hall, if the temperatures outside make it too uncomfortable in the Sanctuary.

Kind regards,

Your Trustees - Doreen Taylor, Greg Prendergast and Donna McCue

#### 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.

#### **MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

#### - Articles due by Monday, February 15

Please submit any articles/submissions for the March issue of *The Bell* newsletter to the church office by Feb. 15. You may also submit your article via email to <a href="mailto:secretaryfccm@gmail.com">secretaryfccm@gmail.com</a>. Thank you!

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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**

#### - Sundays at 4pm

Youth Group had a great start to the new year! 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

#### 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!

#### FLOWER DEDICATION SIGN-UP SHEET

Please see the clip board at the front of the sanctuary, to the left of the exit door and add your name for dedicating an arrangement. We have availability for the winter season, from January through March 28, 2021. Questions please call Liz Vaillancourt @ 781-837-8114 or church office @ 781-834-7664.

#### 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.





#### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

<u>Thanksgiving/Joy:</u> Christ's faithfulness to FCC Marshfield for 388 years, the gift of engaging in both in-person and online Worship, churches in Marshfield: Our Lady of the Assumption; Sunday School and Youth Fellowship; development of COVID-19 vaccines, Blessings for a happy and healthy 2021!

<u>Healing:</u> 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, Jack Pattison, Katrina, Gloria Chrisman (Georgia's sister-in-law), Jay Prendergast, Krista Gottschlich, Peter Sylvester, Pat Taylor, Dave McGrath Sr, Lisa Unangot (Sue Taylor's daughter), Malcolm Gale, Chuck Frohnapfel, Justin Rydberg, Joey, Chris Prendergast's brothers Richard and David and cousin Donna, Lisa D., Cindy Riley, David Lindsay, Sarah Murphy, Carol Gesner <u>Comfort:</u> families of Dexter Gasper, David Dill, Donal Staples, and Linda Nickelson

<u>Homebound Church Family</u>: Roz Novinsky, Marie King, Kathy Bryan, Alberta Bezanson, and Mary Ellingson. <u>Guidance & Protection</u>: 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, leaders of our

nation, for unhoused youth in Marshfield



## 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 6:30-7:30pm, usually via Zoom. One may call Georgia (781-361-1290) for details. One may place a prayer request in the offering box, via email to Pastor Joel at pastorfccm@gmail.com, or by calling Georgia. "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!

#### ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING REPORTS

Boards and Committees are encouraged to start thinking about putting together their reports for the Annual Financial Meeting to be held on Sun., Feb. 21. 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 Wed., Feb. 10. Thank you.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

#### - Wed., Feb. 17 (7pm)

All are welcome to join us for Ash Wednesday Worship, Feb. 17, at 7pm in the FCCM Meeting House (dispensation of ashes will be optional; ashes will be previously prepared using gloves and places in individual cups in each pew).

#### **IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICE**

#### -Sundays at 9:30am

NACCC recommendations on indoor Worship indicate that ventilation is key if we are to keep our churches open and safe from COVID-19 virus transmission this winter. Please be advised that in observance of this recommendation, we will be keeping the narthex entry door and the four windows at the front of the church OPEN during Worship for ventilation. The congregation is encouraged to dress warmly and keep hats, coats and gloves on to stay comfortable during Worship as the weather gets colder. The Meeting House thermostat has been lowered to 50 degrees. This will help with ventilation while also avoid wasting heat. There will be no corporate singing of hymns and bulletins will not be printed and handed out. (You may print you own or access on your mobile device.) Between services an industrial disinfectant sprayer will be used to sanitize the Meeting House. All of our services will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook Live and available for viewing later. While we are very excited about staying open this winter, we are also fully aware of our obligation to ensure the health and safety of all who attend. We will continue to encourage online sign-ups. All are asked to sign up in advance by either calling the church office or sign up online through The Pilgrim email. Note that our capacity will be limited as per state guidelines, and that masks and 6-foot social distancing will still be required (Only two persons allowed per pew, although members of the same immediate household may be seated together). There will be no fellowship time following service. Childcare will not be provided at this time. All over the age of 5 are asked to wear a mask. Washing stations and restrooms will continue to be made available on the lower level of the Parish Hall. We look forward to joining you in Worship!

#### Adult Education: GOLIATH MUST FALL A Series on Facing our Giants

All are welcome to join us for Goliath Must Fall, a six session series by Pastor Louie Giglio. While they may look different than the Goliath who David had to confront, we face many giants in our daily lives. Whether they are anxiety, addiction, fear, or abuse, these "giants" can block out the sunshine and make us feel alone and disconnected. In this series, facilitated by Pastor Joel, we will explore ways to reconnect to God by focusing on the real giant slayer: Jesus. Study guides (recommended but not required, \$10) are available for purchase through BCE. Sessions will be held via Zoom on Sundays (7:30pm) Feb. 21, March 7 and 21, April 11 and 25, and May 9. Click here to signup online or call the office at 781-834-7664. Click here to join the Zoom meeting (Password: 258899), or call +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 876 9923 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 408 638 0968. Meeting ID: 833 8055 4153. All are welcome!

#### NACCC DUES

It's that time of year, our NACCC dues are coming due. The NACCC has helped us in many different ways, including providing funds to help us replace our roofs, and assisting us in finding Pastor Joel. The membership dues are \$15 per a member. We greatly appreciate anyone who can afford to donate toward this association.

#### **New!** WORSHIP SONG OF THE WEEK

Each week in our *The Pilgrim* email, we will now be featuring a Worship Song of the Week. Recent selections have included music by The Brilliance, Wendell Kimbrough, and Shane and Shane.

#### UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS

We have not renewed our subscription to the printed Upper Room Daily Devotionals. For those of you who miss the devotions, please know that they are available for FREE online at <u>https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals</u>

#### 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. Contact your Town Board of Health for available resources.

#### Lenten Sermon Series: SEEK THE LORD AND LIVE

During Lent, Pastor Joel will preach a Sermon series inspired by our weekly Bible Study on the books of Jonah, Joel and Amos, all of which speak the message seek the Lord and live. As we live into the season of Lent, we are continually reminded that to truly live it is Jesus we must seek, with all our heart.

#### **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: <a href="mailto:secretaryfccm@gmail.com">secretaryfccm@gmail.com</a>, <a href="mailto:pastorfccm@gmail.com">pastorfccm@gmail.com</a>, <a href="mailto:pastorfccm@gmail.com">pastorfccm@gmailto:pastorfccm@gmailto:pastorfccm@gmailto:pastorfccm@gmailto:pastorfccm@gmailto:pastorfccm@gmailto:pastorfccm@gmailto:pastorfccm@gmailto:pastorfccm@gmailto:pastorfccm

#### February 2021

#### LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (LBS)

We are having ZOOM meetings about every other Tuesday at 10 am.

*New!*: Linda Ashley, former member of the church and author of the Church's history, will be giving a ZOOM talk about "The History of the LBS" on Tuesday, February 16th at 10:30 am. Anyone in the church interested in attending the Zoom Meeting should let Audrey Taylor know.

## LBS CHRISTMAS FAIR

#### - Thank you!

The Ladies Benevolent Society would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Fair held on Dec. 12 th . The officers of the LBS also give special thanks to all of the members and friends of LBS who helped in someway to make the Christmas Fair a success. We thank those who made the fudge and cookies, those who created the handiwork, the crafters, the group who made the wreaths and arrangements, the crew in the Thrift and Gift Shoppe, our contact tracing monitors, our traffic coordinators and the folks who helped with the advertising. Everyone played an important part in making this year's fair safe and successful. It was a real "Congregational" (team) effort. We also have to thank the men who helped to lay out the traffic pattern in the hall, and then came back after the fair to help clean up and sanitize the hall for Sunday School and the Youth Fellowship. Thank you all for your hard work. God bless you all.



#### February 2021



#### THE GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

Contact Us: GNFMarshfield@gmail.comhttps:\\GNFMarshfield.wix.com/gnf-website or P.O. Box 826 Marshfield, MA 02050 Donate On-line: https:\\GNFMarshfield.wix.com/gnf-websiteGoodNeighborFund.net Purchase GL Scrip Gift Cards: GNFMarshfield@gmail.com or First Congregational Church, 781-864-7664

#### 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 GNFMarshfield@gmail.com.

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Whole Foods Market	s \$25.00/\$100.00	3%			

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#### **MISSION PROJECTS FOR FEBRUARY**

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

<u>Food Pantry</u> - 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 winter clothing and sleepwear.

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

<u>Helping the Homeless</u> - 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.

#### **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.

# Kids' Korner

*This is a new section!* 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)!

Click here or see below to see if you can solve this John 3:16 Crossword Puzzle made by Judy Johnson

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## John 3:16 Crossword

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

Made by: Judy Johnson



Rev. T.C. Coronite (above)

Guest Preaching at FCCM

Frank Wilkins (below)





*Worship Assistants in the Meeting House* 

Liz Vaillancourt, Michael Rydberg, and Rick Taylor





# THE GREEN SHEET

(A monthly message from our youth team)

Greetings from the FCCM Youth Group! Well, the weather is getting a little chillier, and the Youth Group is gearing up and getting excited for 2021!

Things will look a little different this year, but we will be meeting in person (with safety measures in place !) We will be having our meetings via Zoom when the schools are doing remote learning.

Let it Shine/

#### Here's what's coming up:

#### January's Schedule:

Sun., Jan. 31 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - 4-5:30pm

#### **February's Schedule:**

Sun., Feb. 7 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - 4-5:30pm Sun., Feb. 14 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - 4-5:30pm Sun., Feb. 21 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - 4-5:30pm Sun., Feb. 28 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - 4-5:30pm

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 winter and spring, 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