

THE BELL

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MARSHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Gathered 1632 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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SENT INTO THE WORLD

In His prayer to the Father in John 17, Jesus prays for the protection of His flock, but He also indicates the direction they should be going: "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world." Well, we know the way Jesus was sent into the world. We celebrate it at Christmas time and all throughout the year. But it's more about the "why" the "how" here, isn't it? Why, for what purpose had Jesus become human for us? This speaks to the why of our being sent by Jesus. Just as the Son points to the Father, we are called to point hearts and minds to the Son, that all may know God's love and be changed forever.

Grace and peace, Pastor Joel

NEW! THE BIBLE AT THE BEACH

- 1st Wednesday of the month

Put on your summer smile and join us for a new all-ages, outdoor series *The Bible at the Beach*. This monthly, interactive series is being offered in 4 sessions to take place in-person (masked and social distanced) at Burke's Beach/Green Harbor. Gatherings will be held on the 1st Weds. of the month. This series highlights scripture passages which focus on or take place near water. Bring a beach chair and a sandwich/light supper to enjoy outside at 6:30pm. Program to start at 7pm. For those without a Marshfield beach sticker, you may connect with someone in town to carpool (cars without a sticker may be parked at the Post Office on Beach St.). Sessions will be held on June 2, July 7, August 4, and Sept. 1. <u>Click here</u> to signup online. Hope to see you there!

BIBLE STUDY: LETTERS OF JOHN

- Wednesdays at 1pm (started April 28)

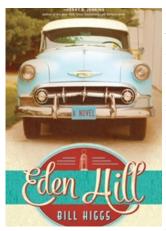
Join us in our Bible Study on the Letters of John, meeting Weds. online via Zoom at 1pm. These nine studies on The Letters of John from NT Wright help us become believers who are "walking in the truth" in our own day - people in whom the very life of God is at work for all to see. Study guides are available for a suggested donation of \$8 (Let BCE know if you'd like a copy. Books are available in the office.). <u>Click here</u> to signup and join us as we explore God's Word in 1 2 3 John! <u>Click here</u> to join the Zoom meeting (Password: 087699), or call +1 312 626 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!

FCCM CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 (office is closed on Fridays) Pastoral Office Hours: Tue—Thurs. 9:30am-12:30pm (Mondays are Pastor's day off). Church Cancelations: Please watch FOX25 and www.myfoxboston.com. Also you can listen on WATD radio.



EDEN HILL *By: Bill Higgs*

Welcome to Eden Hill, Kentucky in the early 60's, when times were simpler and family values were the norm and where the time was slower-paced and more community focused. The characters in the story are everyday people who are facing mid-life, what-if questions, racial disputes and the struggles of making ends meet. Humor abounds as you read about fried spam, Lux dish soap, Tang, Kelvinator refrigerators, and beauty parlors! The story keeps reader wondering what will happen next.

This is a story of Christian love and fellowship and how we can sometimes let every-day life get in the way of our walk with God. Eden Hill is a story of redemption through the lens of ordinary people as they seek forgiveness and second chances and learn that ultimately God's grace covers it all.

One of the rare fictional selections chosen for Bookworms, we are lightening it up a bit, since this year's playlist has been a bit intense!

We will celebrate year's end with a cookout in conjunction with our "Eden Hill" discussion. Join us Friday 6/18/21 (4pm) @ the Chrisman's, 13 Mountain Ash Drive in Kingston. Please bring your own meat, drinks and a main dish to share; you may also bring your spouse or a friend. Dessert will be provided. Call Georgia @ 781-361-1290 for directions. Note the time change from last Bell.

HEAVENLY BOOKWORM - COUCH-POTATO STYLE!

Be a Couch Potato and skip the discussions. If you like to read, Bookworm books are inspiring and will take you to places around the world while introducing you to exceptional Christians who have done incredible things. Pick up a book from Georgia; journey with our Bookworms; but stay on your couch the nights of discussion.



FROM YOUR DEACONS

Many of you are wondering when our congregation will be allowed to sing again in worship, when the choir will return, when we will return to traditional communion and coffee hours... Please know that your Deacons are aware of your concerns and are carefully watching the guidance from the state. Even with the vast majority of our congregation being fully vaccinated there is still a wide range of comfort levels on these things. Please be patient. We will return as soon as it is safe and prudent to do so. Many of our sister churches have still not returned to in person worship. We have been offering in person worship and Facebook Live broadcasts since last July without a single covid transmission attributed to the church.

We hope that you have noticed the improved audio for our Facebook live broadcasts. Many thanks to Dave Riley for his help and expertise on this.

We are blessed to have such willing and talented lay ministers and preachers in our congregation. Thank you to Dr. Susan Taylor for filling our pulpit while Pastor Joel was on vacation on May 16th. Please plan to come to worship on Sunday June 27th when Frank Wilkins will fill the Pulpit for Pastor Joel.

With the warm weather approaching, our plan is to offer outdoor worship starting Sunday July 4th and running through the end of August. Like last year we will gather on the green beside the parish hall with our own lawn chairs. Watch your weekly Pilgrim newsletter for more details.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

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

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.

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.) Sunday School's last day is June 13th, but don't worry! Kidz Club starts soon afterwards!

SUNDAY MORNING KIDZ CLUB

July 18 through August 29 – 7 Sundays (9:30am-10:30am) Ages 4 through children finishing 6th grade in 2021

Kidz, grandkidz, & friends of FCCM kidz...come join our Sunday morning club! It meets each Sunday at the "Clubhouse" in Parish Hall for an hour of fun, music, Bible stories, crafts, and outdoor activities. We may get dirty and we may get wet, but we don't care, 'cuz kidz just want to have fun!

Come see what club leaders Georgia Chrisman and Janet McGrath have planned! For sure, we will paint; we will glue and glitter; we will plant; we will hear some cool music; we will explore God's words; we will play outdoors! Kidz, please invite your friends to join Kidz Club too. Meetings start soon; *so get your Club Membership Card from Miss Georgia at Sunday School on June 13 or any Sunday after*! Questions: Georgia Chrisman (781-361-1290).

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!

THANK YOU TO TOM OF EAST COMPUTING!

The First Congregational Church in Marshfield would love to thank Tom Campbell, of East Computing in Marshfield! The office was having some computer trouble that could not be fixed in-house. Tom came in on a Wednesday and instantly got to work. He ended up needing to bring the computer back to East Computing, and he made sure it was running just like new when it came back to the office on Monday!! Please help us say thank you to Tom for all he has helped us with!

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 MACCC and Marshfield: School and Youth Fellowship; development of COVID-19 vaccines, wedding of Sarah Fuller and Bruno Marcolino this month.

<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, Gloria Chrisman, David McGrath Sr, Jack Pattison, Krista Gottschlich and Kaylee, George and Barbara Irvin, Stephanie, Daniel and for young Noah, Rex Hayden, Pat Taylor, Carl Titus, Barbara Coville, Kurt Sundwall, Bethany Andreson (Cindy Riley's granddaughter), Bonnie Titus, Jay Prendergast, Jill Titus, Howard Hill, Eileen, Evelyn, Joanne Mallot, Anne Sylvester, Ethyln Balkam, Thomas Davis (Paul Tomeo's grandson), d ave Chrisman

<u>Comfort:</u> families of Matthew Poppel, Kenneth (cousin of Mary Ellingson), Peter Sylvester, Karen Campbell, Nancy Tatten (sister of Janet McGrath).

<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, John Coombs, Cheryl and James, people of India, Myanmar, and Mozambique, leaders of our nation, our unhoused youth in Marshfield, Melia Spear, students, teachers and staff at Furnace Brook Middle School and Marshfield High School as they moved towards in-person school on April 5.



PRAYER PALS ON MONDAY EVENINGS

Prayer PALS pray for you, our church and our world Monday evenings 6:30-7:30pm in the church library. Pals start with a brief devotion, discuss prayer needs and then pray about those. Join them; numbers strengthen the petitions! If you can't, but have a prayer request, place it in the offering box, in an email to pastorfccm @gmail.com or call Georgia (781-361-1290). "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your prayers to God." Ph.4:6 NIV

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 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. We continue to be 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!

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NACCC DUES

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.

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 Shane and Shane, Elevation Worship, and Rend Collective.

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.

VACCINE INFORMATION

As you may know, COVID vaccinations are now available for those 65 and older and with two or more health concerns (see official list for details). The vaccine is available at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. <u>Click here</u> to signup for a vaccine. <u>Click here</u> for the latest vaccine info from the Town Board of Health. <u>Click here</u> to preregister for the vaccine in MA.

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, pastorfccm@gmailto:

JULY/AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- Articles due by Tuesday, June 15

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

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (LBS)

We are having meetings every Tuesday at 10 am.

NACCC LAY MINISTRY TRAINING

This course of study supports the Congregational value of a learned laity. It provides basic training for people who desire to serve the church more fully, either as a lay minister or as a lay leader. The program assists in the spiritual development of individuals and enhances knowledge in areas of biblical knowledge, theology, worship, Congregational history and polity, pastoral care, Christian education and others. Online Class Registration and payment information for accepted program applicants coming soon. Class fees will be set at \$200 per session and scholarships are available through the Vitality Ministry Council. <u>Click here</u> for more info.

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.

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.

FROM YOUR TRUSTEES

It was a very productive month for the Trustees. Donna helped negotiate lower contract price for our Alarm system when we upgraded to the new 5G WIFI connection in the Parish Hall and this let us drop one of our phone lines. She also worked with the phone company to upgrade us to a new generation of phones and service, which will be implemented shortly.

We also added insulation in the Sanctuary ceiling which will help us save on our heating costs going forward. We got estimates to insulate the walls in the Sanctuary which ranged from \$8K-15K, but haven't moved forward on this until we decide next projects.

Greg is working on replacing the Parish Hall downstairs door to the main parking lot. The new design would replace the double door, with a single wider door and a window which is estimated at around \$2,000. Fund raising is underway and anyone who would like to contribute to this effort please send along a check made our to FCCM and on the memo line put either building fund or door fund. We would like to complete this fairly soon.

Greg is also investigating enclosing under the ramp as a place to store the snow blower and lawn mower. This should also be where we can store some of the yard tools.

Kind regards, Your Trustees – Doreen Taylor, Greg Prendergast and Donna McCue

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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.

VENDOR D	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: <u>The Good Neighbor Fund</u>

Name:

Address:

Contact number: Email:

MISSION PROJECTS FOR JUNE

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 winter 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.

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.

MISSIONS UPDATE

Hello all from Missions! Although this year our budget is a bit tighter, we are pleased to announce we were able to help the Marshfield Food Pantry with a \$500 donation this May. We are all looking forward to an ease in restrictions soon to plan a project for some group participation! Blessings from your missions committee!

Congregation Involvement

During the Annual Meeting held May 16th, the congregation approved a trial period until the Annual Financial Meeting in February to use Task Forces and Work Groups (Action Teams) to support the diverse ministries of our Church. The Congregation Involvement Ad Hoc Committee and the Church Council will be assessing effectiveness of this organizational model. Parishioners are encouraged to seek and respond to Task Force and Work Group opportunities identified via various communication channels and to provide feedback on successes and suggestions for improvement. Most boards and committees will continue according to the by-laws with the same or fewer members serving during this trial period.

Overall Goal: Increase involvement and fellowship of church members and friends by reorganizing the responsibilities of Committees and Boards into shared organized tasks.

We hope that volunteering at FCCM will continue to enrich our lives with fellowship and friendship as well as provide opportunities that will assist with the outreach of the ministries of our church. Boards and committees provide the framework for fulfilling the mission of the FCCM; Task Forces and Work/Action Teams are the muscle to meet those goals.

Task Force – A Task Force is a group established to consider a single defined task, activity or specific problem in the ministries of our church. Task forces are short in duration and specific in focus with an end goal. If there is not a board or committee already responsible for a task, activity or problem, then a task force would be appointed by the Church Council with a specific charge and proposed deadline. (An example of a Task Force would be in identifying individuals interested in a Church Fair. These individuals plan and present the concept, scope of the Fair, and the organization of a Work Group to successfully implement the Fair.)

Work Group / Action Team – A Work Group / Action Team is established to assist with a specific project the Task Force identifies. They may consist of volunteers with a variety of skills. They work on the specific project but do not become members of the work group's parent entity. (An example of a work group would be individuals assisting with the Palm Sunday Brunch. The Christian Fellowship Committee hosts the brunch, yet many people in a work group from the congregation provide the food and help with preparations and clean up after the event.)

Communication: Opportunities for involvement should be communicated through all available avenues. These may include church-wide emails, the Pilgrim, text messages or announcement in church. One clear avenue for response should be provided. Needs and opportunities should be presented as far in advance as possible. Parishioners should be able to easily ascertain the type and scope of the task, activity or problem. New members and friends of the church should be invited and encouraged to participate in Task Forces and Work Groups (Action Teams).

Suggestions

- 1. Each Board and Committee should recommend the number of active members for optimum function.
- 2. Boards and Committees should work with the individual(s) coordinating the opportunities available.
- 3. All members and friends should be encouraged to familiarize themselves with opportunities in areas that they are willing and able to serve.
- 4. Summary Note: Trustee requests for assistance with the maintenance of our properties are good examples of using this model to complete the projects needing attention.

Respectfully,

Ad Hoc Involvement Committee (Bonnie Conant, Jean Hight, Carrie Sylvester, Audrey Taylor)

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)!

Here are some Cartoons for the month of June and Father's Day!



"For Father's Day, I'm giving my dad an hour of free tech support."

Before John the Baptist became the man who cried out in the wilderness "Prepare the way of the Lord. Mt 3:3... he was a boy who cried in the wilderness... "Sorry dad!"

UPCOMING MARSHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURES: FCCM

FCCM has an opportunity to tell our story and let Marshfield know how we care. Tim Davidson of the Marshfield Historical Association has contacted Pastor Joel and the church to ask about some of the life of the church and the town. The people who gathered to pledge their best efforts, financial contributions and hard work to the Winslow Village Inc. was of special interest to Tim since he passes it everyday. It occurred to him that many people in town might not know that FCCM sponsored Winslow I and Winslow II and continue to serve on the board. A recent brief review of modern activities was held by "The Historical Committee," consisting of Greg Prendergast for general knowledge, Lisa Brown for Communications expertise, Becky Bates McArthur, and myself, with recommendations from Kim Kimball, our education specialist.

Our discussion revealed some interesting developments including:

- Winslow I and II affordable elderly housing for independent living in Marshfield.
- Good Neighbor Fund
- Mission donations to Community Christmas, Boys and Girls Club and the Good Neighbor Fund
- Saturday free pancake breakfast
- A bell tower that rings the time for the community
- Youth:
- Sponsoring dances for Jr. High students
- Sponsoring retreats and Christian education for teenagers
- Visiting nursing homes and shut-ins during holidays
- Working with other youth groups to provide free home improvements to those in need of otherwise costly home repairs.
- LBS

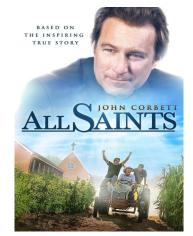
We spoke with Tim this past month (in May) and he would like FCCM to present 3 lectures on these topics. One every year.

This is a time when we can bring our values and missions to the community and it may allow more people to understand the practical manifestations of our spiritual values as we follow Christ in our church in our lifetimes. This project should be an all-in attempt to accomplish these tasks. Your assignment, if you accept, is to communicate your participation in any or all of the discussions about these subjects. Thanks to Ernie Chandler for pitching in to tell me all he and his family have done for Winslow I and II. More to follow.

We will have the topic-for-the-day discussions at Coffee Hour sponsored by LBS every third Tuesday at 10 AM and catch-up-time at Coffee Hour for those interested. Pastor Joel has agreed to help us present the lectures, however we need to combine everyone's knowledge about these subjects and give it our best.



SAVE THE DATE Christian Fellowship Movie Matinee! June 5, 2021 @ 3:30pm



We can gather again! The Christian Fellowship invites you to join us for a movie matinee on June 5, at 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be watching ALL SAINTS. The movie is based on the inspiring true story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock, the church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia as they plant seeds for a future that just might save them all. Rated PG and under two hours. A recent Bookworm read that we found inspirational. Please respond to Audrey Taylor if you plan to attend.

rick.audrey@verizon.net



WORK FORCE/ ACTION TEAMS NEEDED FOR SUMMER FAIR Save the Date! July 10, 2021

We have our Fair Task Force Leaders. Now we need Action Team Leaders and workers for our summer fair! We need your help for our Fair to be successful.

Available Opportunities: Sweets, Books, Plants, Kids Activities, Thrift & Gift workers, as well as people to bake, set up, clean up.

Volunteers please contact: <u>Jean Hight</u>, <u>Audrey Taylor</u>, <u>Judy Johnson</u>, or <u>Georgia</u> <u>Chrisman</u>

JUNE 2021

First Congregational Church of Marshfield, Inc.

SAT	5 3:30pm Christian Fellowship Movie: All Saints	12	19 (NACCC Virtual Annual Meeting) Youth Fellowship Can Drive 10am-2pm	26	
FRI	4	11 4pm Book Discussion with cookout at Chrismans	18	% //:/######	
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WED	2 1pm – Bible Study (Zoam) (Sarah off) 7pm Bible at the Beach	9 1pm – Bible Study (Zoom)	16 1pm - Bible Study (Zoom)	23 1pm - Bible Study (Zoom)	30 - C The study (Zoom)
TUE	1 10am – LBS 7:30pm Confirmation Leader mtg	8 10am – LBS 6:30pm – Mutual Mtgs (Zoom) 7:50pm – Council Mtg (Zoom)	15 10am - LBS	22 10am = LBS (Pastor Joel vacation thru 27%)	29 10am-LBS
NON		7 6:30pm Prayer Hour	14 6:30pm Prayer Hour	21 6:30pm Prayer Hour	28 6.30pm Prayer Hour
SUN		6 Communion Sunday 9:30am Worship, S. School 4pm – Youth Fellowship	13 9:30am Worship, <i>las</i> t day of S. School 4pm – Youth Fellowship	20 Father's Day (NACCC Virtual Annual Meeting) 9:30am Worship	27 9:30am Worship (pulpit supply: Frank Wilkins, preaching)



Rummage Sale April 24th









Youth Group trip to Starland!



THE GREEN SHEET

(A monthly message from our youth team)

Greetings from the FCCM Youth Group! Well, the weather is getting a little warmer!, 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:

June's Schedule:

Sun., June 6- Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - Outdoor Activity (weather permitting) Sun., June 13 - End of the Year Party – time and place to be announced Sat., June 19 - Youth Fellowship Can Drive – at Parish Hall - 10am—1pm

Looking Ahead:

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 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

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