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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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THE LORD IS ALWAYS GOOD

When times are great and everything is running smoothly, it can be easy to shout out thanks to God all the time. But when you've lived through part of a pandemic, it can often be challenging to stay focused on gratitude and to remember God as much as we should. Yet God is good at all times, even if we don't understand what's going on. Scripture shows us this time and time again, that God loves us and is with us through everything. God has a plan for us, and God desires the best for us. Of course, as Jesus tells His disciples (and us as well), it won't always be easy, in fact, it may be really hard sometimes. Even though it isn't quite Easter time, we can remind ourselves that there is no resurrection without the cross. There is sacrifice, and it may be hard, but the Lord is always good. As we enter a fall of new normals and adapted schedules, may we take His hand and trust in His Word.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Joel

MEETING HOUSE IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICE - Resuming on Sun., Sept. 6 (9:30am)

On August 11, the Council ratified the Diaconate vote to resume with in-person Worship in the Meeting House beginning on Sun., Sept. 6 at 9:30am. We will continue to livestream Worship via Facebook Live, so friends and family can join us wherever they may be. While we are very excited about this transition, we are also fully aware of the safety guidelines that will need to be observed and are diligently making preparations to ensure the health and safety of all who attend. As with our outdoor Worship services we will continue to encourage online sign-ups (see your weekly The Pilgrim email or call the church office to sign-up each week). Note that our capacity will be limited as per state guidelines, and that we masks and 6-foot social distancing will be required. Washing stations and restrooms will continue to be made available on the lower level of the Parish Hall. There will be no fellowship time following service, and childcare will not be provided as per the state guidelines. All over the age of 5 are asked to wear a mask. We look forward to praising God together once again in our Meeting House. Please contact the Pastor or Diaconate with any questions. Thank you.

THRIFT AND GIFT SIDEWALK SALE

Upcoming Thrift and Gift sidewalk sale on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9am to 12pm, as part of our ongoing church fair commitment.

FCCM CONTACT INFORMATION

(Note: Staff are working remotely during the COVID-19 crisis)

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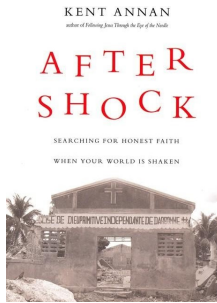
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Church Office Hours (Note Updated Schedule): Monday 9:00am-3:00pm; Tuesday 9:30am-12:30pm; Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm; Thursday 9:00am-1pm

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' SEPTEMBER 2020 SELECTION

After Shock: Searching for Honest Faith When Your World Is Shaken

by Kent Annan

Kent's book grabs you at page 1 and doesn't let go. His honest and transparent struggle with faith and God's nature, justice and mercy are woven through the pages of his experience in Haiti, post-earthquake. He and his wife lived and worked with the Haitian nationals, before it was "cool" to go there. The destruction, loss of friends, and mass devastation, as a result of the earthquake, had a profoundly personal impact on him. But his struggles with faith are somewhat universal, and so the book will resonate deeply within your heart.

The discussion for September's book will be Friday 9/25 (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 \$3 (see Georgia) or order from Christianbook.com.

Are You a Couch-Potato who likes to Read?

Then...read Bookworm selections on your couch! Skip the discussions! Books are inspiring, interesting and often informative. No clunkers to date! Bookworm books will take you all over the world, introduce you to amazing people, and broaden your horizons. Former selections are available on our church library's counter. Borrow some!



FROM YOUR DEACONS

The Letter Missive for Pastor Joel's Vicinage and Ordination/Installation was sent out. We have confirmed our Moderator, Scribe and the Constituting prayer. Four Churches have RSVP'd. We need 7 for a quorum. An invitation has been sent to the congregation. (Saturday September 19th, 2020 at 10:30 am for the Vicinage and Sunday October 18th at 3:00 pm for the Ordination and Installation.) Due to distancing/contact tracing requirements and lunch and dinner reservation you MUST sign up in advance.

We resumed our in-person worship with an outdoor service on July 5th and are pleased with the response. We have moved from the parking lot to the shade on the green and have averaged 21 participants at each of our Summer services, with 8-10 watching live on Facebook. (Hundreds more engage the recorded version on FB later.) Thank you to Andy Chandler for our weekly Audio set up.

The Deacons have unanimously voted to restart worship in the Meeting House starting on Sunday September 6th . We will be following all the State's guidelines and protocols so worship will look and feel a little different. Masks are required. There will be music, but no singing. You may print your own bulletin or follow the monitors. Families may sit together, otherwise only two people will be allowed per every other pew. (One couple or two singles.) Ushers will seat and dismiss to allow for 6 foot distancing. Please, please, please use Sign Up Genius or call the church office to sign up in advance. We understand that many are not yet comfortable with in person worship so we will continue to offer the entire service on Facebook Live and will also have the recorded service available later.

At this writing there is still much work to be done and many details to be worked out. Please bear with us. Look for more details in the weekly Pilgrim Newsletter.

To God be the Glory,

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

FCCM ONLINE WORSHIP

Each Sunday, during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been continuing to offer a digital Online Worship service accessible through the church website, church Facebook page, and through the weekly The Pilgrim email. Online Worship has featured links to announcements, prayers, Scripture readings, Sermons, and Worship Music. In-Person Meeting House Worship services will resume on Sun., Sept. 6. We will continue to offer Online Worship livestreamed through Facebook Live. The 9:30am service will be accessible via the church Facebook page and will also be available later through our website, Facebook page, and weekly email. The Spirit unites God's people wherever they may be. May God bless you and your family in Christ Jesus.

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 still planning on having a ZOOM meetings and it will begin on Sept 15th at 10 am.
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.

VICINAGE COUNCIL AND ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

- Sat., Sept. 19 (10:30am)

An Ecclesiastical Council of the Vicinage will be assembled in the FCCM Meeting House on Saturday September 19th at 10:30 am to consider Pastor Boyd's request to be Ordained and Installed. A vote to accept the recommendation of the Vicinage Council will be held afterwards followed by a light lunch. The Congregation is invited to attend the Council, vote and luncheon. You will be required to sign up in advance and can do so by clicking on the link [here](#) (or contact the church office). Due to distancing and reduced capacity mandates only the first 25 respondents will be allowed to attend. Please respond by September 5th.

ONLINE LECTIO DIVINA

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. Look for more dates to follow soon for our next online *lectio divina*. We will be meeting online via Zoom.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- Articles due by Tue., Sept. 15

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESTART

- Sun., Sept. 20 (9:30am)

Our 2020-2021 Sunday School year will be kicking off on September 20th. Parents will need to escort their child(ren) into the Parish Hall, stay for a brief health screening, and then come back inside after class so that your child(ren) may be returned directly to you. (Nursery Care will resume sometime after Massachusetts moves into Stage 4 of COVID-19 recovery.) Look for detailed startup information to follow in upcoming announcements!

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, Engagement of Sarah Fuller and her fiancé Bruno Marcolino, Engagement of Alex Hamberger (Heidi Boyd's brother) and Tara LiAna We give thanks to God for the birth of babies Caleb Gregory Rydberg and Van Everett Rydberg (Michael Rydberg's grandsons), Wedding of Russell Ellingson and Lori Romero on July 21 in California, We give thanks to God for our brother Ernie Chandler as he celebrates his 95th birthday on Aug. 26 and congratulate Ernie on his retirement as FCCM organist these many years, Churches in MACCC and NACCC.

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, Carol Gesner, John Coombs, Chris Lord, John Ritucci, Jack Pattison, Danny Sheehan, Katrina, Kendall Smith, Gloria Chrisman (Georgia's sister-in-law), Charlie Sylvester, Dave McGrath Sr, Joan Morrissey, Mercedes (Eliana Kimball's mother), Dave Chrisman, Alberta Bezanson, Joan Jordan, Susie Bonnel (Jayne Bowman's sister), Sarah Fuller's grandparents, and Krista Gottschlich.

Comfort: those impacted by Hurricanes Isaias and Laura; families of Bob MacDonald, Jean Crane, Herb L. Brown (Lisa Brown's father), Barbara Winokur, Betty Dubois, Elizabeth Gledhill, Jordan Phinney, Velna Roberts, 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: Men and Women in the military and our first responders, families struggling with addictions, stigma of mental illness, all refugees, George Irvin and Barbara Irvin Stovold (Pam Drouin's parents), John Coombs, leaders of our nation, for unhoused youth in Marshfield, the people impacted by the explosion in Beirut, Jacob Blake and his family and all those impacted by the unrest in Kenosha, WI, families, students and teachers returning to school year of new normals.



PRAYER PALS

DURING THIS STAY-AT-HOME time, we have become Couch-Potato Prayer Pals, holding prayer via internet (Zoom) Monday evenings 6:30-7:30pm. If interested, please let Georgia (781-361-1290) know and she will help you get connected. New pals always welcome! If you would like the Pals to pray for you or loved ones, drop a prayer request card into the offering plate (when we are in-person worshiping) or call 781-361-1290 with your request.

“And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us.” 1 John 5:14 | KJV

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

Financially, we are still concerned for the lower pledge contributions during the summer, please make an effort to catch up if you can as we go into the fall and have higher expenses.

The Trustees have finished the Sunday school room in the Parish Hall. Thank you to Brendan Carr who fixed the plaster on the ceiling and patched the walls where all the shelves were removed. He also painted the ceiling and walls. We look forward to Pam moving in for the start of the new Sunday school year.

Thanks to Barbara Murray and Doreen who restored the wrought iron railings on the west side of the Parish Hall. A shout out to thank Bob Murray for helping weed the beds in front of the Parish Hall, they look so much better.

CELEBRATING CONGREGATIONAL HERITAGE

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.

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



FALL PLANT SALE — Sat., Sept. 12 (9am-Noon)

Heads up to all plant lovers and gardeners! Our fall plant sale is planned for Saturday, September 12, 9am to noon. We will combine it with our Sidewalk Sale. Peruse your gardens and flower beds for those perennials that need thinning. Then pot, **label** and bring them to the church the week beginning Sunday, 9/6. Leave them in the shade under the handicap ramp of Parish Hall. **Plastic Pots will be available there beginning 8/30; please help yourself!**

Consider also digging up those unwanted “volunteers” that the squirrels and birds have planted, such as evergreens, maples and oaks, herbs and even bulbs, to name a few. Instead of putting these in the compost pile, pot them for our sale.

We hope some of you have house plants and home-grown vegetables, too. A great addition to our sale these would be. AND, we welcome **garden art** of any kind. Perhaps you have gone Zen and that goofy frog no longer belongs. To summarize: we need plants, including bulbs, herbs, small trees/bushes, vegetables, houseplants, and garden trinkets, etc. Anything that makes one’s garden grow.

We made \$500+ at our spring sale; help us do the same this fall! Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts. You are the best!

"GREATER THAN GOLD" - Fall 2020 Sermon Series

With in-person Worship resuming in the Meeting House this Sept., Pastor Joel will be preaching a Fall Sermon Series on 1 Peter throughout the month. This series, "Greater Than Gold," will center on what it means for us to be a people of God, alive in the Holy Spirit, who are called to love deeply above all else. In these ways, 1 Peter shows us how the faithfulness of the Church is of "greater worth than gold."

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Address: _____

Contact number: _____ Email: _____

MISSION PROJECTS FOR SEPTEMBER

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.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP THIS FALL

- Starting Sun., Sept. 20 (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. Hope to see you soon!

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

CELEBRATING 400 YEARS OF AMERICAN CONGREGATIONALISM

Learn more about our Congregational History at naccc.org

Did you know Calvin Coolidge...

Born John Calvin Coolidge, Jr., our last Congregationalist president, and the only president to be born on the Fourth of July. He was born in Plymouth Notch, Vermont, in 1872.

The presidency came as a surprise to Coolidge. After a busy career in Vermont state politics, he had been elected as Warren G. Harding's vice president. In the wee hours of the morning on August 3, 1923, while he was visiting his father in Vermont, Coolidge learned of the president's death. His father, a notary public, lit a kerosene lamp and administered the oath of office to his son, whose hand was on the family Bible.

Famous as a man of few words, he once heard a young woman tell him she had bet that she could get him to say at least three words. Coolidge simply answered, "You lose."

Summarizing the view of a Congregationalist writer whom he admired, Coolidge wrote about "a standard of righteousness that might does not make right, that the end does not justify the means, and that expediency as a working principle is bound to fail. The only hope of perfecting human relationships is in accordance with the law of service under which men are not so solicitous about what they shall get as they are about what they shall give."

...was a Congregationalist?

Historical story by: Rev. Robert Hellam

Did you know Edward Beecher...

Edward Beecher was the son of Rev. Lyman Beecher, brother of Henry Ward Beecher, Harriet Beecher Stowe and others. With Isabella Porter he had eleven children. After studying at Yale and Andover he became minister of Park Street Church in Boston and, later, President of the newly founded Illinois College.

He was a close friend of Elijah Lovejoy and is said to have been present when the pro-slavery mob rioted and killed Lovejoy and destroyed his anti-slavery press. Beecher's appeal from the pulpit of the First Congregational Church (the Brick Church) in Galesburg, Illinois, inspired Mary Anne Ball Bickerdyke to become Mother Bickerdyke and the Florence Nightingale of America.

...was a Congregationalist?

Historical story by: Rev. Will Lange

Did you know John Brown...

Descended from Puritans, John Brown opposed slavery and aspired to Congregational ministry. Illness derailed divinity studies; instead, he followed his father's footsteps as a tanner. But he did become a noted abolitionist. His Pennsylvania tannery was a major stop on the Underground Railroad, aiding an estimated 2,500 escaping slaves.

Influenced by the 1837 murder of editor Elijah Lovejoy, the 1850 Fugitive Slave Law, and the 1856 sack of Lawrence, Kansas, Brown embraced violence to oppose slavery. He led the slaughter of five pro-slavery men at Pottawatomie Creek, Kansas—touching off that "bleeding" territory's worst period of pre-Civil War bloodshed.

Leaving Kansas, Brown organized an armed revolt, on funds provided by wealthy Northeastern friends "with no questions asked." On October 16, 1859, he led eighteen men in an attack on the U.S. Arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, hoping to spark a general uprising of slaves. He was soon isolated and was captured by U.S. forces under Colonel Robert E. Lee.

Unwavering in defiance, Brown was hanged in 1859. A song extolling his sacrifice, "John Brown's Body," became an unofficial anthem to which abolition-minded Union troops marched into battle two years later.

...was a Congregationalist?

Historical Story by: Rev. Larry F. Sommers



**The Fairless Fair did recently end.
Upon its receipts we did depend.
We thank you for its great success;
Donations could have been much less!**

**September 6 we will give our report
To reveal amount of your generous support.
If you're still waiting to participate;
We want you to know, it's not too late.**

A huge thank you to all our FCCM members and friends who supported our Fairless Fair. We hope you enjoyed the spirit of it. We now can look forward to 2021's summer fair.

If you are still pondering a donation, we would gladly and gratefully accept it. You may bring it to Sunday worship or mail to

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Thrift and Gift *Sidewalk Sale!*



September 2020

THE GREEN SHEET

(A monthly message from our youth team)

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! 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 !)

Here's what's coming up:

September's Schedule:

Sun., Sept. 20 - *First Regular Meeting – place to be announced* - 4-5:30 pm

Sun., Sept. 27 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall (outside) - 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.

October's Schedule:

Sun., Oct. 4 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall (outside) - 4-5:30pm

Sun., Oct. 11 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall (outside) - 4-5:30pm

Sun., Oct. 18 – Meet at Parish Hall for Pastor Joel's Ordination – time to be announced

Sun., Oct. 25 – Halloween Party (more info to follow !)

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

