

THE BELL

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MARSHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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Vision Statement

Growing in faith by...worshipping God, loving all, joyfully serving others

Covenant – We covenant one with another to seek and respond to the word and the will of God. We purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshipping God, and striving for the truth, justice and peace. As did those who came before, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

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BLESSINGS FOR A NEW CHAPTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Following Worship Sun., Aug. 22, our mutual ministry came to a close as we begun new chapters in serving our Lord. Know that while my time serving as your pastor has ended, my prayers will always be with you. Our time alongside one another has been one of celebration and facing great challenges (who could expect a worldwide pandemic?). I pray that you feel as I do, that we have been blessed to bear witness to God's love for His people, to praise Him, and to be a beacon of His love through Jesus as we cared for our community in faithfulness. I pray for Rev. Richard Bartlett as you join him in a season of interim ministry, and I pray that you continue to take great comfort and assurance of God's on-going blessing of this church, having tended this flock for nearly four centuries through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for welcoming Heidi, the kids, and me into your lives and hearts. May our loving God richly bless you as you serve through this new chapter in Jesus' name. God bless you.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Joel

EXCITING NEWS!

**The First Congregational Church Of Marshfield Has A New Interim Pastor:
Reverend Richard Bartlett!**

The Interim Task force worked quickly and efficiently to fill our Interim position considering 7 qualified candidates. The task force unanimously voted to give Rev. Richard Bartlett the call, their decision being unanimously approved by the Deacons and the Church Council. Our moderator and Trustees have prepared a contract which Reverend Bartlett has graciously accepted.

Reverend Bartlett is well known to our congregation having been a long-time member for many years. Reverend Bartlett was chosen for his experience, his preaching, and his familiarity with and love for our church. He is a hardworking, driven and compassionate minister who clearly loves the Lord.

But don't take our word for it. Come and see for yourself. **Reverend Bartlett will be celebrating his first service with us on Sunday September 5th at 9:30 am.** Don't miss this opportunity to be led in the Lord's Supper and share communion with your new Interim Minister.

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

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FROM YOUR DEACONS

The Deacons are profoundly grateful to Pastor Joel for his leadership and his ministry in these last 3 years. We are certainly a better church for his efforts. We pray that God will continue to bless Pastor Joel and his family, bless his ministry and everything that he puts his hand to and continue to answer his prayers.

Thank you to everyone who came to Pastor Joel's farewell party, to everyone who helped with preparation, food and decorations and to everyone who contributed to the party. Pastor Joel and his family were well loved by the congregation and your affection was on full display. Surely he will fondly remember your love and affection.

The Congregation should be greatly encouraged that The Interim Task Force has finished their work and has found an interim minister who will be in place on Sunday September 5th. **PLEASE JOIN THE DIACONATE IN WELCOMING REVEREND RICHARD BARTLETT AS OUR NEW INTERIM MINISTER.** Reverend Bartlett is well known to our congregation and was chosen for his experience, his preaching, his familiarity with and his love for our church. Reverend Bartlett will lead us in worship and Communion on Sunday September 5th. We will resume our traditional Communion elements starting with this service. The Diaconate will sponsor our "Welcome Richard Bartlett" Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall on that Sunday. Please, please, please plan to be there for worship on this important and festive Sunday.

Please bear with us in this time of deep transition. Your patience is greatly appreciated as we navigate our new ministry and our return to normality amid the uncertainty of the Delta variant. Remember that Jesus is with us. He will not forsake nor abandon us.

"Let us not give 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 10:25

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

FROM YOUR TRUSTEES

The Trustees have been very busy this August working with our new interim minister and his financial package and contract. We are blessed to have Rev Richard Bartlett joining us September 1, 2021.

Greg is working with Lew to start the installation of our new Parish Hall door, thank you all who contributed to help make this happen.

Our next Trustee project is the removal of some dead or dying trees around the Parish Hall and branches that are overhanging our roof. This project is estimated to cost \$800 and we would welcome donations to the building fund to help cover these costs. We already have raised half of the money and hope to have this work done in late September.

The Trustees have upgraded the phone system in the Parish Hall, introducing some new features that should benefit our staff.

Soon we will be working on our Fall cleanup list and asking for your help. Look around and let us know if there is something you can help us with.

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.

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!

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Thank you to everyone who has continued to honor your pledges throughout the summer, we truly appreciate your blessings. As we move into the fall our heating costs increase and we are expecting some relief from the new insulation in the Sanctuary. For those who may be a bit behind on your pledges, feel free to contact Doreen Taylor 617 281-7693 to get an update on your status.



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 will be available in the Sanctuary starting on Sunday September 5th. You can still access the daily devotional 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!

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. Click here for more info.

HEAVENLY BOOKWORMS: SEPTEMBER 2021

Hurt Road: The Music, the Memories, and the Miles Between - By: Mark Lee

Hurt Road is the true story of Third Day guitarist Mark Lee, who as a teen found in music a refuge from the uncertainties of life... Who tried to discover a better way to live than always struggling to make sure life turned out the way he planned... Who stopped substituting "what's next" for "what's now" and learned the truth--that coming or going, God's got us.

Moving, funny, and thoughtful, Hurt Road dares anyone feeling knocked down or run over by their circumstances to give up control to the One who already has the road mapped out.

Join us Friday 9/24/21 (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 you can pick one up at church on the hutch in the Hall's front "parlor." Just put your payment in the envelope provided and grab a book.

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, Ethyln Balkam, Derek Pugh, Joan Chubbs, Anne Sylvester, Ed Zadrozny, Sue Ritucci, Glen Ellingson, Bethany Andreeson, Faith Jean, Louise Nelson, Scott Rogers, Richard Smullen, and James Dooley.

Comfort: families of Bonnie Titus, Nancy Tatten, Tom Spear, Brian Olsen, Danny Sheehan, Nancy Ellis, Gary Kronsberg, and Dave Morrill (Barbara Murray's Nephew).

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, 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, 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

UPDATED! 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. Starting Sunday September 5th, the traditional communion elements will be re-introduced. The retiring offering will continue to be observed and we will continue to enter through the Narthex and exit through the handicap ramp for the time being. We are working on the logistics of re-introducing the traditional offering and exiting. A limited number of printed bulletins will be available. We can print more as attendance rates go up. Bulletins will be offered online, in advance for you to print or access on your mobile device. Please feel free to use the hymnals and sing along with hymns, Gloria Patri, Doxology, and Benediction. 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!"

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- Articles due by Wednesday, September 15

Please submit any articles/submissions for the October issue of *The Bell* newsletter to the church office by September 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 on Friday evenings, Heavenly Bookworms invites you to be a Couch Potato version. Ya'll don't have to participate in the discussions, but can enjoy the same books. Our selections are interesting and inspiring. Many of our earlier selections are in our church library waiting for you!



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THE GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

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

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TOTAL CARDS PURCHASED: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

Please make checks payable to: The Good Neighbor Fund

Name: _____

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 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

The missions committee is looking forward to a new year of in person worship and the hope of group service projects resuming once again. Thrift and gift has been continuing to collect goods and recently filled 30 bags of summer and light warmer wear clothing to send to Mexico which are distributed to 4 missions, and 50 bags of less serviceable soft goods to benefit locally based Kingston Care Works! Paul Tomeo delivers goods to Mexico, and Greg has been delivering bags for Kingston Care Works. Thank you both from FCCM!

Sunday Morning Kidz Club Summer of 2021



Kidz Club concluded its summer on August 29. Our 7 meetings focused on Jesus' miracles:

- 1st meeting: Jesus' life from cradle to heaven.
- 2nd meeting: The miraculous "raising" of Lazarus.
- 3rd meeting: That awesome fishing expedition.
- 4th meeting: The catch of that fish with the gold coin in its mouth.
- 5th meeting: That awful storm.
- 6th meeting: Cancelled due to Hurricane Henri.
- 7th meeting: The King's amazing walk on the water!

So sad the Kidz missed Meeting 6 to say their memory verse (Jn 14:2) for the congregation, and bid farewell to the Boyd children. However, if you were able to make the Pastor's farewell party on the 21st, you heard them recite it there.

No more summer meetings this year, but regular Sunday School begins Sept. 19, when our kidz continue their journey through God's Word. Our youth's Christian education is so important in helping them navigate this world. If you have any questions or comments about FCCM's Kidz Club or other education programs, you may call Georgia Chrisman @ 781-361-1290.

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)!



"I downloaded them from a cloud."

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Summer Blessings Fair July 10



Pastor Joel's Going Away Party August 21



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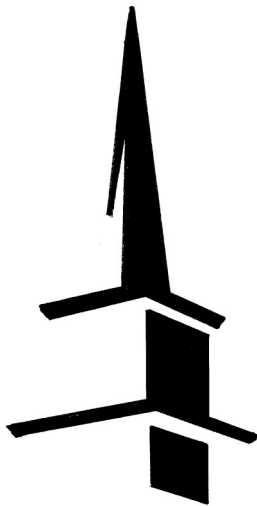
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>5 Communion Sunday Rev. Bartlett's First Sunday as Interim Minister 9:30am Worship</p>	<p>6 Labor Day Office closed 6:30pm Prayer Hour</p>	<p>7 6:30pm – Mutual Mtgs (Zoom) 7:50pm – Council Mtg (Zoom)</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12 9:30am Worship</p>	<p>13 6:30pm Prayer Hour</p>	<p>14 10am – LBS</p>	<p>15 Deadline to submit Bell articles</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 3pm BCE Meeting</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9:30am Worship and Sunday School Begins! 10:30am Homecoming Picnic! 4pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>20 6:30pm Prayer Hour</p>	<p>21 10am – LBS</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:30am Worship and Sunday School 4pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>27 6:30pm Prayer Hour</p>	<p>28 10am – LBS</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>		

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(Mondays are Pastor's day off).

Worship Service & Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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