

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 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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TO YOU, FROM PASTOR BARTLETT

Last month was the Celebration of Life Service for Jack Pattison. There was a great deal to celebrate, but mostly how God enabled Jack to touch so many lives through his teaching of art, his building of bird houses, his participation in the leadership of the church youth group and his church offices of Deacon and Sextant. Jack will be missed greatly and our prayers for comfort go out to Kathie, her two sons: Adam, Daniel, and their families.

We are now moving forward on the Pastoral Church process through the committee that has been established. As a preamble to the actual search, we are updating our church membership. There is an online link in the Pilgrim to update your membership status and a paper form in the Sunday Bulletin to complete and return to the church office. Sadly, our membership records have not been maintained properly for many years, making it a difficult task to bring things up to date. However, we are making great strides in that direction.

As I have mentioned previously, we are not under great pressure at this time to find a settled pastor. It is a case of first things first. The continuance and reinvigorating of our efforts to grow the church remain a major priority as many of our boards committees, and ministries are understaffed.

May we grow together as we contemplate the mission of the church and unite to fulfill that mission in the days that lie ahead. Blessings to all!

Richard Bartlett
Interim Minister

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES SEPT. 11, 2022

After a brief intermission for KIDZ CLUB, SS resumes. We will pick up where we left off in June, which is at the Red Sea. September's lessons:

- Sept. 11: "Stand Off at the Red Sea" – God has our back
- Sept. 18: "Mumble, Grumble" – God helps when we are in trouble
- Sept. 25: "Carried on Wings of Love" – God has brought us to him

Sunday School *IS* children's church, where kids learn, on their level, that our God is their God too. Blessings from Miss Georgia & Miss Pam



HOMEcoming PICNIC

September 18th right after service! See more info inside!

SILENT AUCTION—SANCTUARY WINDOW FUNDRAISER

September 23rd 6:30-8:30pm. See Flyer on page 7 for more details!

FCCM CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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FROM YOUR DEACONS

Your Deacons have been working and praying for our church and members, serving communion and sponsoring coffee hour this summer. We extend our appreciation to Mike Rydberg for the last two terms he has served, gladly and diligently, on the diaconate board and with the confirmation class as head deacon. Best Wishes to Judy Johnson as she becomes head deacon starting in September. Mike has agreed to remain with us on the diaconate and support and advise the group. Welcome aboard to Deacon Susan Taylor, no stranger to our church, serving as a deacon the first time this year. Many thanks to Deacon Rick Taylor, treasurer, for donating the flexible signs in front of the Meeting House. Our secretary, Lisa Brown has added Vice Chairman to her duties on the Board of Deacons. Lisa is enrolled in the Lay Ministry Training Program, first year cohort. Judy Johnson is enrolled in the second year cohort of the LMTP. Please encourage these students in the pursuit of further religious education and forgive their enthusiasm and any mistakes. Lisa and Judy are encouraged by our Pastor who keeps tabs on their reports. Any and all members of the congregation are encouraged to look into this LMTP for a chance to walk closer to the Lord and study scripture more deeply. We are looking forward to many blessings this year. Please remember if there is a financial difficulty, or spiritual need, we are here for you and you may confide in us. We trust in the Lord Jesus. Respectfully Judy Johnson.

FROM YOUR TRUSTEES

The Trustees have been busy with the hall rental for the early voting and appreciate all who have helped sign up to cover some of the time the hall will be open. We are really excited to have the hall look inviting and a nice space for community folks to want to use our space. This one usage will cover our projected budgeted amount for the whole year.

The fair was very successful and has done financially very well this year raising \$6,650 toward operating budget and \$750 for scholarships due to everyone's hard work. Thrift and Gift has exceeded expectations again this year already raising \$10,290. These are both essential financial support to our annual budget and we really appreciate all the hard work that is required to clean, sort, display and price the thousands of items each year. We appreciate all that you do.

We are also working hard on the Fundraising activities for the new Sanctuary window, we still need to raise \$31,500. Our next event is the silent auction planned for Friday Sept 23 at 6:30PM at the Winslow House. We are asking for donations that will support this very important fundraising event. Audrey will have sign ups for the food (appetizers and desserts) and drinks (beer, wine and water) for that evening. We need the food to be small sized items that will help the evening go smoothly without the need for sitting down or cutting the food.

We are in the process of determining a list of items for our Fall clean up, please look around and if you see something you can help us with let us know where you can serve. We hope to publish this list by mid September and have people help sign up to handle the tasks at their own convenience. We may schedule a clean up date if tasks warrant it.

Your Trustees – Doreen Taylor, Greg Prendergast and Donna McCue

FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

We are currently doing very well and our current situation is only a \$68. Net Loss. Some people have paid more than their pledges thus far year to date there are a some who have fallen behind. If you would like to know your personal situation, just give Doreen Taylor a call at 617 281-7693 and you can get an update.

FROM THE LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (LBS)

The intrepid members of LBS, having staffed the Summer Blessings Fair as crafts people, plant saleswomen, lunch and sweet table sponsors, have returned to 10 AM to 12 noon working hours on Tuesdays. We met cheerfully in backyards, thank you Christine Prendergast and Janis Deloach, and on our town green for bring your own picnic lunches. Back to work for our Christmas Fair we are bringing out needle, thread and scissors for new fun projects. New ideas are always welcome. The first Tuesday of the month is a business meeting when we will talk things through and plan for the winter season and workshops. The Second and Fourth meetings are workshops. The third Tuesday is coffee hour at 10 AM followed by a brief talk by President Judy Johnson on the Friendship Doll Exchange between First Congregational Church of Marshfield Primary Sunday School Department and Senmaya Japan Elementary School. So bring your favorite doll or Teddy, have some tea or coffee and hear a good story on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Judith Johnson President LBS

HAVE A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH?

If you have a birthday this month we would like to suggest or challenge you to donate your age's dollar amount to the Endowment Fund, Good Neighbor Fund, or to one of our ministries this month! A few members of our congregation have been doing this for years and wondered if others were up to the challenge!



**SAVE THE DATE!
HOMECOMING PICNIC: SEPT.18TH AT 10:30AM**

The Christian Fellowship Committee will be hosting the annual Homecoming Picnic on September 18th to welcome everyone back from their summer activities. Please join us for hot dogs and munchies after our regular church service. Contributions and assistance are welcome. Audrey, Nancy, Jayne

HEAVENLY BOOKWORMS: SEPTEMBER 2022

CHRISTMAS JARS

By: Jason F Wright

Just like It's a Wonderful Life, Christmas Jars is American storytelling at its best. Christmas Jars tells the story of Hope Jensen, an aspiring journalist who uncovers the remarkable secret behind a holiday phenomenon: money-filled glass jars anonymously given to people in need. Hope desperately wants to post the story, but doing so would be a breach of trust to the family who entrusted her with the secret. What she decides to do will change her life forever. A heartwarming story that will restore your faith in humanity and make you want to start your own Christmas Jar tradition.

Date for discussion of this book will be Friday night, September 30 @ 5:30 in Kingston at the Chrisman's, 13 Mountain Ash Drive. Books are \$5 for those who plan to attend our discussion. These can be picked up from the counter (near front) in our library. Call Georgia @ 781-361-1290 to RSVP, or for more info. One may purchase a book for \$1 after our Bookworms' discussion.



BOOKWORM COUCH-POTATOES

Become a Couch Potato Bookworm if discussions are not your "bag." After June, enjoy all of the "Heavenly Bookworms" selections for only a buck! Previous books can also be borrowed from counter in our church library and returned at your leisure. Questions? Call 781-361-1290.

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS

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

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

Note: Prayer requests will be printed for 4 weeks in the Bulletin and the Pilgrim and once in The Bell and may be renewed by placing a Prayer Request in the Sunday offering plate, by clicking the link in the Pilgrim, or by calling the Church Office.

Thanksgiving/Joy: Christ's faithfulness to FCC Marshfield for 390 years, the gift of engaging in both in-person and online Worship, churches around the world; development of COVID-19 vaccines

Comfort: Family and Friends of Robert Nelson and Jack Pattison

Healing: Those impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, including the medical teams and officials working to keep us safe. Edna Robie, George and Barbara Irvin, Rex Hayden (Dave Riley's grandson), Louise Nelson, Chris Conant, Kimberly Polvere (Brad and Phyllis Willis' daughter) John and Sue Ritucci, Bob Jackson, Barbara Irvin, Bill Jones, Tom Richard, Thomas Balcum, Bob and Kathy Sachs, Steve Coville

Homebound Church Family: Alberta Bezanson, Mary Ellingson, John Coombs, Pat Taylor, Faith Jean, Brad Willis

Guidance & Protection: Men and Women in the military and our first responders, families struggling with addictions, stigma of mental illness, leaders of our nation, our unhoused youth in Marshfield, a time of transition here at FCC Marshfield, for people of Ukraine, our troops and their families, the people affected by the recent mass shootings.



PRAYER PALS ON MONDAY EVENINGS

Join them on Mondays 6:30-7:30pm in the church library; A brief devotion, discussion and then sharing of prayer needs, they pray to God, giving thanks and offering petitions. Join Pals weekly or as able. If you can't come, request a prayer for yourself or others by placing a request in the offering plate, the Prayer Box (Hall parlor), email to secretaryfccm@gmail.com, or call 781-361-1290.

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you. – 1 Peter 5:7 NLT

OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- Articles due by Thursday, September 15

Please submit any articles/submissions for the October 2022 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!

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.

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICE

-Sundays at 9:30am

We are ready to welcome everyone back to worship! As vaccination rates soar and Covid hospitalizations plummet we are ready to reinstate the traditional Passing of the Peace. You will no longer be required to stay in your pews but are free to roam and greet people. Masks will still be available for those who desire one and we will continue to review our practices to keep current with the changing Covid situation, Please plan on joining us for "Fellowship Hour" in the Parish Hall after worship. All our services will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook Live and available for viewing later. Childcare is not available at this time, but our nursery is being cleaned out in preparation for offering childcare in the near future. We look forward to joining you in Worship!

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THE GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

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

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

Purchase GL Scrip Gift Cards: GNFMmarshfield@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 GNFMmarshfield@gmail.com.

VENDOR	DENOMINATIONS	%	# ORDER	AMT DUE
Shaw's Supermarkets	\$25.00/\$100.00	4%		
Roche Bros. Markets	\$25.00/\$100.00	3%		
Stop & Shop	\$25.00/\$50.00/\$100.00	4%		
Whole Foods Markets	\$25.00/\$100.00	3%		

TOTAL CARDS PURCHASED: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

Please make checks payable to: The Good Neighbor Fund

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact number: _____ Email: _____

MISSION PROJECTS FOR 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.

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.

CANNING JARS FOR MISSIONS

Hi all from Missions! Huge kudos to all who helped to make our holiday giving to Samaritan's Purse boxes and our socks, underwear, hats, and mittens such a great success!

In preparation for an upcoming participation project we're in need of canning jars: common sizes with standard mouth size. Hoping we can kick this project off soon, so check your pantries to see if you have any to spare. Please leave any jars upstairs in Parish Hall.

Thanks!

SUMMER BLESSINGS SUMMER FAIR REPORT

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SUMMER FAIR 2022

RECEIPTS:

TABLE

THRIFT & GIFT	\$2,713.60
BOOKS	\$625.00
KIDZ	\$103.00
LBS	\$277.00
FOOD	\$757.00
SWEETS	\$1,187.00
RAFFLE	\$234.00
PLANTS	\$682.50
CRAFT VENDORS	\$175.00
HAIR SHIMMERS	\$342.00
C STRAZDES	\$584.00
DONATIONS	\$475.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,155.10

EXPENSES:

SIGNS	
SUPPLIES (food)	\$353.15
VENDER FOOD VOUCHERS	\$40.00
TENTS	\$359.12
	<u>\$752.27</u>

NET FAIR **\$7,402.83**

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EVENING OF
HORS D'OEUVRES
&
SILENT AUCTION



Fundraiser for new sanctuary windows

Winslow House

Friday Sept 23, 2022 ♦ 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Don't miss FCCM's upcoming fundraiser for our new sanctuary windows. **\$15 admission offers a drink, an array of yummy appetizers and finger desserts.** Enjoy conversation with friends and other visitors and peruse the Silent Auction items. We have been provided the Winslow House, a wonderful venue, where free tours will be offered as well. We are very excited about the auction items; below is a sampling:

- 2 Red Sox tix for a home game of one's choice in 2023
- Blackstone 4-burner gas griddle
- Coastal decorated and lit 3' Christmas tree
- Framed array of lottery tickets
- 3-4-hour Sail for up to 11 people on a 35' catamaran in 2023
- Kayak
- Sports memorabilia
- Nautical shell wall or door hanging
- Vintage Indiana, Iridescent "Garland Blue-Carnival" Glass (3 pieces)
- Swarovski Touchstone Chrystal necklaces
- Freshwater pearl necklace
- Specialty item gift baskets (tea, coffee, wine and cheese, new baby, Cincinnati chili)
- Restaurant and store Gift Certificates
- And more....

Help make this fundraiser a success. Bring yourself and your friends to what we know will be a really fun evening at the historic Winslow House. Tickets will be available soon so put it on your calendar, get your tickets, invite your friends and join many of your church friends and others. Questions? Call Doreen Taylor, 617-281-7693





God makes a path through the Red Sea. Exodus 14:1-31

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First Congregational Church of Marshfield, Inc.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 8am-7pm Early voting @ Parish Hall	2 8am-5pm Early voting @ Parish Hall	3
4 Communion Sunday 9:30am Worship	5 6:30pm Prayer Hour	6 10am LBS	7	8	9	10
11 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School	12 * <i>New office Hours Starting</i> 6:30pm Prayer Hour	13 10am LBS	14	15 Deadline to submit Sept. Bell Articles	16	17
18 Homecoming Weekend 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Homecoming Picnic	19 6:30pm Prayer Hour	20 10am LBS Coffee Hour	21	22	23 6:30pm: Silent Auction at Winslow House for Window fundraiser	24
25 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School	26 6:30pm Prayer Hour	27 10am LBS	28	29	30	

NEW Office Hours*: Monday: 8:30a-3p; Wednesday: 8:30a-2:30p; Thursday: 8:30a-12p

Pastoral Office Hours: By Appointment Only

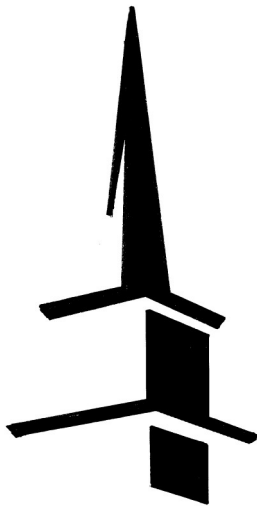
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*New hours starting September 12th

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NEW! Church Office Hours: Tuesday 9:00am–3:00pm; Wednesday 9:00am-2:00pm;
Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm
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All Are Welcome — Nursery Care Provided

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