


FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A vibrant sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. The sky is filled with colorful clouds in shades of red, orange, and purple. In the distance, the silhouettes of a man and a child are visible on the shore, looking out at the sunset.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 18TH, 2017
9:30 AM**

UNITED IN GOD'S LOVE

**No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey ...**

You are welcome here!

A SPECIAL WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

- Thank you for joining us today! We hope that you feel the warmth of God's spirit here as we worship together! Please complete the form (in the pew) to let us know a little more about you and place it in the offering plate. As our guests this day it is the only offering we ask. If you should have a prayer concern or would like to meet with the Pastor please indicate this next to your name. Thank you!
- Following worship please join us in Fellowship Hall for an informal Continental Breakfast.
- Please note our worship services are online and televised, your participation in the service may be visible during these live ministries. If you should not wish your child to be on screen, please refrain from sending them forward during the children's time or have them sit directly in front of the pews in the front.
- Children are welcome in worship; however, should your child grow restless feel free to sit with them in the Parlor at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- Nursery/childcare is available for children up to age 2 and is located on Level 2 just beyond the Chapel.
- Children are invited to attend Sunday School following the Children's Message. Classes are offered for all ages.
- Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher.
- An elevator is at your disposal for all levels; our west entrance has a ramp.
- Our Church Website is <http://www.uccd.org>
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"He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside. He came to those who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words: "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is." ~**Albert Schweitzer, *The Quest for the Historical Jesus*, 1906**

"Where will the call to discipleship lead those who follow it? What decisions and painful separations will it entail? We must take this question to him who alone knows the answer. Only Jesus Christ, who bids us follow him, knows where the path will lead. But we know that it will be path full of mercy beyond measure. Discipleship is joy." ~ **Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Discipleship*, 1937**

"Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea, Day be day that voice still calls us, saying 'Christian, follow me.'" ~ **Cecil Alexander, 1852**

God is still speaking . . .

PRELUDE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN #71 *Praise the Lord Almighty (v. 1,2,4)* -Gesangbuch

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Rev. John H. Thomas

Leader: The Psalmist of ancient times invites us to praise today: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth."

ALL: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

ALL: **God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

CHILDREN'S SONG

Jesus Loves Me (1st Verse)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

John Hall

The Lord's Prayer (read in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SONG *Jesus Loves Me (2nd verse)*

**Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give,
Light and love to all who live.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Kyle Hall

Matthew 9:35 - 10:8

MUSIC MINISTRY

Living Years

- Mike & The Mechanics
The Band

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

MESSAGE

"Summoned to Serve"

Rev. John H. Thomas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. John H. Thomas

Silent Prayer
Prayer

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Pastor Cathy

Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory
Special Offertory Music *Finally Home*

- Mercy Me
The Band

*Presentation of the Gifts with Praise (sung in unison)

**To God, all glorious heavenly light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise,
Our joyful song of thankful praise.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Cathy

* CLOSING SONG #21 *This is My Father's World*

Babcock/Sheppard

*BENEDICTION *Ancient Words*

- Michael W. Smith

One of our worship traditions to show our solidarity and love in community is to join hands and sing. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to join us in song and in spirit

POSTLUDE

Always

-Riverview Church
The Band

**OUR TIME OF WORSHIP TOGETHER HAS ENDED.
NOW MAY OUR CHRISTIAN SERVICE BEGIN!**

THE BAND

Vocals: Kelley Calpin, Anthony Berg

Cello Aaron Kaplan Bass: Conor Roe

Piano/ Percussion: Sarah Younker & Justin Kono

PRAYER CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY JOYS

Susan Harris and Family for the recent loss of her mother, Gini Welsh Patti Miller's sister

Today's Sunday School: Today, all of our children will be staying in the adult worship service. Today is VBS Sunday and our Vacation Bible school children will be presenting two of our VBS songs for your enjoyment. We hope you enjoy our presentation and we wish to say: "HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!" to all of our dads.

GREETERS: Dirk & Peggy Gutzke, John, Skylá, & Kyle Hall

USHERS: Gail Jaroski, Fred Rensch, Lindsey & Corinne Rensch

HEAD USHER: Dirk Gutzke

COUNTERS: Pat Lockett, Bill Lockett, Sr.

(Lead Counter) Pam Swick

This week's altar flowers are in memory of Martha Johnson from Sue Larsen, Brian, Jennifer, Madison & Lexi Reed.

Bob and Char Wild celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 17th. Please join us in the Parlor for cake and fruit to celebrate with them. We will have some old photos and a book for you to write a funny memory or wish to them. There will be no continental breakfast served today.

This Week's Announcements

Sabbatical: Pastor Scott will be taking a well-earned sabbatical this summer. It is a time for rest, rejuvenation and further study, and Pastor Scott will be doing all of those things. He will be continuing mission work in South Africa, reconnecting with a former colleague in Kenya, continuing his ministry studies and even brushing up on his fluency in Spanish. He will also be spending quality time with his family. It will be the first full sabbatical of his ministerial career and, considering that he has done much of the work of two ministers for most of his tenure with First Congregational, with all of the demands on his time, it is a well-deserved one. Pastor Scott will be away from our church from May 26 through Sept. 5. During that time, Pastor Scott will NOT be doing any of the following: preaching on Sunday or at Grounds of Hope, attending church activities, leading mission trips, orchestrating the church's numerous outreach programs, leading the confirmands, visiting the sick, speaking at funerals, preaching at weddings (except for one prior commitment), or doing the myriad of other things he does at FCC on a daily basis. Also, if your birthday falls between May 26 and Sept. 5, please note that he likely will not be calling you to extend birthday wishes, but you will be in his thoughts. In his absence, we will be in excellent hands with the support and leadership of both Pastor Kim and Cathy Sanders, our Minister of Pastoral Care and Visitation. We wish Pastor Scott the best on all of his summer endeavors.

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. Volunteers from First Congregational United Church of Christ will be working at the Aurora facility of FMSC at 555 Exchange Court on Friday, July 28 from 6:00-7:30pm. We have committed to 25 volunteers. Linda Schranz will be signing up volunteers after church service during all the Sundays in July. Please see her in Fellowship Hall or call/text her at 630-464-0426 with any questions.

Summer Pilgrim: The summer Pilgrim will be the July & August edition, which is due on June 19th.

New Church App: Please download our new app on your –iPhone or Android NOW! Just search for our church name. The app will keep you connected “real-time”.

Church Business Office Volunteers Needed: We are looking for several volunteers to work in the church's administrative office, Friday's between 9:00 am - 12:00 pm to answer phones starting June 2nd. We receive very few phone calls during this time, so feel free to bring a laptop or crossword-puzzle. If you are interested, please contact Leslie at 630.968.0358 ext 221 for more details.

MANNA- NEW MERCHANTS: If you did not already know we now stock Caputo's, Mariano's and Chipotle (\$10 and \$25) cards at the Manna Table. There is now a Chipotle at Saratoga and Ogden. Remember, buying MANNA CARDS helps the church budget. And Manna is simple to do: you purchase a gift card for the face value. The merchant donates a percentage back to the church. For instance, if you buy a \$25 Chipotle card the church receives \$2.75.

Greater Chicago Food Depository Wednesday Night Repack: Join church members each Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 9:00 pm for a food repack session. The Greater Chicago Food Depository is located at 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, which is just off the Stevenson Expressway at Pulaski Road. For more information, contact David Hersemann at dah5@comcast.net, or Laurel Carlson at lacduke@comcast.net

Christian Witness in Society: Make a positive difference. UCC.org examines current justice issues within the call to be the hands and feet of Jesus in today's world, and offers opportunities to take personal action. Receive weekly justice action alerts from the UCC by going to ucc.org. Click on "Advocate for Justice," then click on "Take Action." You can receive justice alerts by email or text. Sign up. You CAN make a difference in the world.

Women's Fellowship - Ladies of the Morning and Evening: June 23 - 9:30am is our Stitch and Chat at someone's deck or porch. In the summer we usually meet at someone's home once a month and bring food to share for breakfast. This is a very casual gathering. Come if and when you can, even if for only a few minutes. Questions? Contact Peggy Gutzke Home: 630/971-1382 Cell:630/632-3014 peggy.gutzke@gmail.com.

Amazon Smile: When you shop @AmazonSmile, Amazon will make a donation to First Congregational United Church of Christ. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2361106>

Habitat For Humanity could use your help for a few hours! Join us on Saturday, June 24th from 12:00 - 3:00pm at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, 4100 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora, where we will be helping with various tasks such as sorting, organizing, receiving, or cleaning merchandise. We'll be carpooling from church at 11:15am. If you're interested, please contact Gail Clark at gclark214@comcast.net or 630-881-3362. (Volunteers must be 16 years or older.) You don't have to pound nails to be a part of providing safe, affordable, decent housing for families. Habitat for Humanity Fox Valley ReStore sells new and used building materials, furniture, lights, appliances and more. Proceeds fund the building of houses for our local neighbors in need. Volunteering at ReStore has a direct impact on supporting this cause.

Pride Parade: This year's PRIDE Parade in Chicago is on Sunday, June 25th at Noon. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Kim at pastorkim@uccdg.org

ALL CHURCH PARENT EDUCATION MEETING: NAMI Presenter: June 25
Our community as well as area towns have been coping with the recent loss of our youth to suicide and additions. NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness) is coming to create an awareness to our families on Sunday, June 25 at 11:00 am. This

event will be held in the Parlor. We invite all within our congregational community to attend. Please invite friends and neighbors; anyone whose lives has been tragically impacted by loss. It's an opportunity to become aware of short and long term responses to suicide. NAMI will also share real life recovery stories of hope. Please contact Dena Provenzano with any questions at dprovansano@uccdg.org or April Prescott at amprescott@sbcglobal.net.

THE NIGHT MINISTRY OF CHICAGO: Outreach & Mission! Sunday, June 25th we will serve our friends in Humboldt Park. Please meet in the church kitchen to prepare a meal at 2:00 pm. We will head to Humboldt Park at 3:00 pm & begin serving at 4:00 pm. Any questions, please reach Dena Provenzano denapro@comcast.net.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Wednesday, June 21st, All junior high & high school youth needed to help hang signs for the Rotary Club's Grovefest! Please meet at 7:00 pm at the west entrance of the church. All volunteers will receive a fun outing later in the summer. Please bring your friends! Any questions, please reach Dena Provenzano denapro@comcast.net.

FCC Book Club: Our book selection for July is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Our meeting date is Wednesday, July 5 at 6:30 PM. For July, we will meet in the party room of Linda Schranz's condo - 6585 Main Street in Downers Grove. Linda will provide beverages along with cheese & crackers. Anyone coming may bring an appetizer or snack of their choice. You can call or text Linda at 630-464-0426. Everyone is invited! Just read the book and come ready to discuss.

Business Directory Version 2.0! Finance and Budget is in the process of updating our business directory. It is our hope to expand this year's directory to include Downers Grove businesses. We also have a Services section planned which will include activities like dog walking, house sitting, child minding, etc. If you would like to renew your ad or insert a new one, please contact Jan Hessler or David Hersemann.

The church kitchen has been cleaned and reorganized. Please be respectful of our kitchen and all the various groups that use it. Please do not leave anything behind after you use the kitchen - no food, no dishes, no plastic ware - and clean up when you leave, having the kitchen look just as it did when you arrived. We will continue to monitor the kitchen to ensure it stays in good order. If some item is left behind, we will hold on to it for two weeks and then either donate the item to the garage sale or toss it away. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please see Jenni Hallman, Barb Hammack, Linda Schranz or Dan Swick.

Sanctuary Angel wanted for the summer: Joyce Nerud has been volunteering as sanctuary angel for many years and in need of an assistant to volunteer once a week for one hour. The duties are: to check and fill each pew with offering & memorial envelopes in each pew slot, sharpened pencils in each slot, pick up any bulletins, or Communion cups left in the pews, and straighten the name tag board. There is a plastic container where supplies are kept in the ushers' cabinet in back of the Sanctuary. Please contact Joyce Nerud at joyneru@comcast.net or (630) 606-1361 for more information.



COMING THIS SUMMER!



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First Congregational Church of DG, IL

Capital Campaign as of April 30, 2017

	Total	Status
<u>Funds Received</u>		
Pledges / Reserves	929,614	
Endowment Loan (Quarterly interest only @ 3.00%)	200,000	
SBA Loan (monthly payments @ 2.85% interest)	6,069	
Winnetka Loan (monthly payments @ 2.00% interest)	17,825	
Total Funds Received	<u>\$ 1,153,508</u>	
<u>Expenditures Paid</u>		
Safety, Compliance & Efficiency Issues	91,565	Complete
Office Renovation including asbestos, move & furniture	257,061	Complete
Driveway, Sidewalks & Railings	323,076	Complete
Roof Replacement	125,046	Complete
HVAC Controls & Upgrades	165,151	Complete
Consultants & Misc	77,583	Complete
Rooftop HVAC Units	46,808.00	In Progress
Interest Payments Endowment & Winnetka Loans	13,385	
Total Expenditures Paid	<u>\$ 1,099,675</u>	
Net Funds Available	<u>\$ 53,832</u>	
<u>Balance of approved expenditures</u>		
Rooftop HVAC Units	71,500	
Total Additional Expenditures Approved	<u>\$ 71,500</u>	
Funds Needed for approved Capital Campaign projects	<u>\$ (17,668)</u>	
Other Projects Planned for 2017 - assuming funds are available		
Sanctuary Lighting Improvements	\$ 20,000	
Security - Install exterior cameras	\$ 8,000	
Funds Needed for Planned 2017 Capital Campaign projects	<u>\$ (45,668)</u>	
Total Pledges/Reserves to Date	\$1,327,329	
Total loan principal outstanding	\$224,564	

First Congregational Church of DG, IL

<u>Operating Budget through March 31, 2017</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Contributions	140,579	133,969
Endowment	32,383	32,381
All other revenue	18,232	11,525
Total revenue	<u>\$ 191,193</u>	<u>\$ 177,875</u>
Church payroll and benefits	135,006	134,499
All other expenses	75,710	74,121
Total expenses	<u>\$ 210,715</u>	<u>\$ 208,620</u>
Net income/(loss)	<u>\$ (19,522)</u>	<u>\$ (30,745)</u>



Member Non-Member

I give my permission to allow photos (no names) of my child/children to be used on the church's media sites.

I DO NOT give my permission for my child/children's photos (no names) to be used on the church's media sites.

VBS

REGISTRATION FORM

LAST NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____

CHILD: _____	AGE: _____	DOB: _____	GRADE: _____
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MOM'S NAME: _____
PHONE: _____
CELL: _____
EMAIL: _____

DAD'S NAME: _____
PHONE: _____
CELL: _____
EMAIL: _____

BEST E-MAIL ADDRESS TO USE: _____

Please list any allergies, health concerns or special needs your child may have that the teachers and directors should be aware of: _____

Coming Up This Week

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

FATHER'S DAY

Youth Mission Trip-Denver, Colorado

9:30 AM - 10:30 PM Kid's Church 1st -6th Chapel

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM HS Discussion-Library

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

VBS WEEK

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Parlor

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

VBS WEEK

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House

10:00 AM Adult Coloring Group-Parlor

6:30 PM CE Meeting-Library

6:30 PM MCB Joint Meeting-Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Personnel Committee-Pastor Scott's Office

7:00 PM Finance & Budget-Rm 503

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal-Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017

VBS WEEK

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study (at members' homes)

11:00 AM Church Staff Meeting-Library

12:00 PM Administrative Deadline for Bulletin

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Cooling Center

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Greater Chicago Food Depository Wednesday Night Repack

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grounds of Hope Worship Service-Coffee House

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alanon meeting-Coffee House

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

VBS WEEK

GroveFEST

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM FCLC Jumpbunch Parlor

6:30 PM Cabinet meeting-503

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

7:00 PM Last Thursday-Two Way Coffee House Open Mike

7:00 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017

VBS WEEK

GroveFEST

6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House

9:30 AM Ladies of the Morning-Stitch & Chat-(Someone's Deck/Porch)

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Chapel

8:15 PM Two Way Street Concert-Coffee House

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

GroveFEST

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Martial Arts Parlor

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM All Bridge Saints-Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Habitat For Humanity

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bluegrass Jam!-Coffee House

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Each and every member of our church has a ministry!

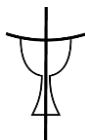
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Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Fridays by appointment.

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In pastoral emergencies, Pastor Scott can be reached at 630-432-0380.

*Visit our weekly Sunday Service on channel 6 each Sunday at 11:30am.



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