

Returning Friday, March 13 7-9 pm @ the Community House



Back by popular demand, it's the return of FCC's BYOB Bingo! BYOB and snacks and come out to try your hand at luck on the unluckiest night of the luckiest month during a fun Adults Only BINGO night with split-the-pot cash prize! \$5 entry includes your first card. Additional cards are \$2 (cash only).

Our last event raised nearly \$800 for Flossmoor Community Church. When we have this much fun together, everyone wins.

Must be 21+ Sponsored by the Board of Congregational Connections.

Coffee, tea, lemonade, sweets... something for everyone!

Fellowship time takes place in the Gathering Space, behind the Sanctuary following worship and offers all an opportunity to spend time visiting with one another in Christian fellowship.

Our weekly treats are provided by volunteers like you! If you are interested in providing treats, please sign up in the Gathering Space or email Megan Maginity at mmaginity@fccfaithful.org.

FCC FOCUS ON THE ARTS

THE ART OF SOFT PASTEL

On display in the Gathering Space are selected paintings from a remarkable group of artists working with Marikay Peter Witlock, a Union Street Gallery artist in Chicago Heights. Several of these artists are members of FCC.

Please enjoy the works of...

Carole Joy Brejcha	Susan Johnson	Karen Leader
Sharon Madderom	Laurie Rentschler	Lynn Ruedger
Eleanor Shanklin Truex	Donna Wickstrom	Marikay Peter Witlock

Children In Worship

FCC loves to have people of all ages present for worship! We have worship activity bags in the Narthex, a Children's Message each week, and the "Prayground" in the front corners of the Sanctuary where our youngest children can play, relax and witness worship up close. We ask that parents sit near the Prayground to remind children to play quietly.

WORSHIP WIGGLERS

On non-communion Sundays, Children age preschool and younger may leave worship following "Time with Children" to be escorted the Nursery.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

On non-communion Sundays, Children age 4 and above may attend Children's Choir Rehearsal following "Time with Children".

11 a.m. Education Hour for Children & Youth

Promised Land Sunday School for children 2 yrs – 5th grade begins together on the 2nd floor in the Temple. At noon, children need to be picked up from the following classrooms:

- 2-3s 1st Floor Teddy Bear Room
- 4-5's 1st Floor Snoopy Room
- Grades 1-5 2nd floor of the Education Wing

Youth Groups for grades 6-10

- Tribes (6-8th grade) meets in Room 22 (2nd floor).
- Quest (9th/10th grade) meet in Room 23 (2nd floor).
- Highschool juniors and seniors assist the younger groups.

Faith Family Matters

February 16, 2019



You Matter 2 "We Bake For Change" Bake Sale Today

You Matter 2, a community Philanthropy Youth Group which uses our facility for their meetings, are hosting a bake sale today in the Gathering Space following worship. With wildfires ravaging Australia, animals are at their most vulnerable. All proceeds from today's sale will be donated to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSCPA) New South Wales for their bushfire appeal to protect animals.



Join FCC for a volunteer opportunity at Feed My Starving Children's Aurora facility packing food that brings children back from the brink of starvation around the world. See Phil Courington in the Gathering Space after worship to sign up or ask questions. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Community House. **THERE ARE A FEW SPOTS LEFT, BUT must be reserved TODAY!**

Sponsored by the Board of Faith in Action

Nominating Committee seeks your help!

Your wisdom and input is most welcome and appreciated as Nominating works to create our next slate of officers. Blue forms to suggest individuals to fill positions for the 2020-2021 program year are available at the desk in the Gathering Space, or online at www.fccfaithful.org.



MOVIE SCREENING

JOB

Next Sunday, February 23
at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary

All are invited to a movie screening and discussion of this adaptation based off the book of JOB, written and directed by FCC's own Nate Grant.

This film for all ages is told from a millennial lens with a primarily millennial cast. Religious beliefs are put to the test, but this is a testament to the endurance of one man who would not dishonor himself or his belief in God. A successful contractor miraculously gets the opportunity to bid on a multi-million dollar project, but the possibility of making the 45-day deadline is looking bleak as his faith is tested by one obstacle after another, each becoming increasingly insurmountable.



Stewardship Update

143 pledges

\$549,059 total

Thank you to all who have pledged. For those who have yet to pledge, please try to do as soon as possible. We're counting on everyone to participate in "Our Story" by financially supporting the mission and ministries of FCC. Help us to continue to make a difference for Christ in our congregation and the world around us.

Greeting us today Trina Hayes

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God

In memory of June & George Terp from their family.

Current concerns

David Ranlett (hospitalized)

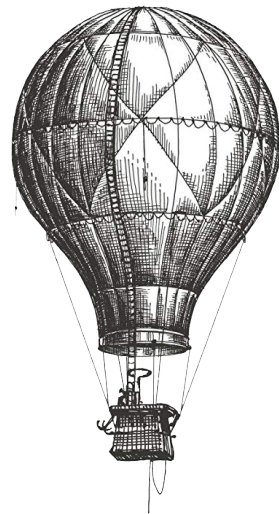
In our continued prayers

The Pastor Search Committee
Sue Bertram, Bill & Louvenia Bright
Gloria D. H. Butler, Amy & Sydney Carlson
Stephanie Carrero, Rich Dehn
Leo Gaitor Jr., Sandra Gaitor
Irene Guerra, Jim & Ginny Hartley
Cardy Jones, Ian Lilly, Fred & Char Lyon
Janice Nielsen, Stephen Nielsen
Mary & Charlie Ranlett, Alan Samargin
Joan Smith, Todd Smith
Nancy Van Laten, Alice Vronay
Debbie Wheeler

QUESTERS Soup Luncheon

**Wednesday, February 19
at Noon in the Family Room**

Hot soup and hot air! Balloons, that is. While sharing several pots of soup and dessert, we will be enjoying the music of Peter, Paul and Mary as well as viewing a DVD of the hot air balloon fest in Albuquerque, NM. You're welcome to contribute to the menu! Tickets will also be sold to our March 18 theatre excursion to see "American in Paris" at Drury Lane (\$62 each.) Please call Barbara Burleson with any questions, at 708-922-0422.



FCC Welcomes Pianist, Matt Chelich to Staff

We are thrilled to announce that Matt Chelich, who has recently played beautiful pieces for us in worship as well as accompanied the congregation, has accepted a position with FCC Music Ministries as a pianist. Matt will play for us every other Sunday. Please welcome him!



MAINTAINING GOD'S CREATION Restoration of Bartel Grassland

Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m. in the Family Room

Find out why native plants and prairie restoration are so important; YOU can make a difference for our local environment through native seed dispersal! Join Shari Sweeney, and staff from Audubon Great Lakes, for a brief presentation and seed mixing, followed by seed dispersal & a bird walk at Bartel Grassland (10 minutes west on Flossmoor Road) from 2:30pm-4pm. Refreshments, gloves, and loaner binoculars will be provided – please dress for the weather! All ages are welcome. Signup in the Gathering Space or contact Shari Sweeney at 708-646-6237, or sailonandon@gmail.com.

ADULT ED

Black History Month

REMEMBER, EDUCATE, CELEBRATE

Black History Month Course:

Excerpts from *The 1619 Project*

Sundays in February @ 11am / Family Room

Led by Adult Education Committee

Our Black History month course curriculum will rely heavily on the August 18, 2019 issue of the *New York Times Magazine* called "*The 1619 Project*". The living artists, writers and scholars who contributed to this magazine issue and broader project will receive the primary focus and place of honor as our course teachers. We will take time during each Sunday morning class to appreciate, in general, their broader life work, but also the courage and care they offered in wrestling with a particular topic or event of US Black history to make their individual contribution to the Project.

Black History Month Book Study:

Dear Church:

A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US

Wednesday evenings in February @ 7pm / Family Room

Led by Pastor Fred Lyon

The black preacher and author is Lenny Duncan. The whitest denomination is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Duncan is now an ELCA pastor. But his often reckless youth and young adulthood would have predicted him ending up otherwise. One reviewer of *Dear Church* writes: "Duncan brings the truth about being black in the whitest church in the USA, about being queer in a queerphobic context, about the stigma brought against formerly incarcerated folk. Lenny reminds the church of our call from God to be church not just for the margins, or to the margins, but recentring ourselves in the margins." If you're up for a challenging read that generates compelling conversation, this may very well be the study you're looking for.



You are encouraged to shop local and order your copy of the book through Bookie's Book Store in Homewood. A limited number have been pre-ordered and are already available at the shop.

PLEASE NOTE:

The FCC Office is closed tomorrow, February 17 in observance of President's Day.



FCC Weekday Preschool

Family Fun Event

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Saturday, February 22
from 10-11:30 a.m.**

Families, come join your friends at this free* event! Enter through the Weekday Preschool doors and head upstairs. We'll have rooms with the following:

Serendipity Yoga

sessions begin at approximately
10:05, 10:35, & 11:05 a.m.

Hand Print Tiles by Art 4 Soul

*Available for \$5 each – cash only –
paid directly to Art 4 Soul.

Ukulele by Gigi Wong-Monaco

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10:05, 10:35, & 11:05 a.m.

Nothing Bunt Cakes

*Available for \$5 each or four cakes and an insulated bag for \$20 cash or card paid directly to Nothing Bunt Cakes