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Festival to Engage Community
and Benefit Restoration Needs

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A chalkboard-style graphic with a dark background and white text. At the top, a banner reads "Sunday, September 8". Below this, the text "NEW SEASON SUNDAY" is written in a large, serif font. To the right, the times "9:45 a.m. WORSHIP" and "11 a.m. Education Hour" are listed. At the bottom, a quote reads: "We step off into our new program year ready to face the future with new energy, faith and intention to be the church that God desires. Join us and discover your part in FCC's future!". Decorative white line drawings of leaves and branches are scattered around the text.

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2020 VISION

A NOTE FROM FRED

Because our upcoming program year takes us into 2020, I've been thinking about 2020 vision—2020 vision in terms of what our vision is for the year 2020, and 2020 vision in terms of having the clarity of a kind of spiritual eyesight that equips with the wherewithal to view life with faith, hope, and love. Flossmoor Community Church's Vision Statement is "Inspired by the risen Christ we seek—connect—serve." What is your, what is my, personal vision for 2020 when it comes to participating more fully in seeking—connecting—serving? How do we strengthen our vision to see more keenly what needs to be done to serve God with every fiber of our being and our neighbor as ourselves? I don't have complete answers to these questions, but I have a suggestion about where to start as we enter 2019-2020.

Come to worship. Regularly.

Come to learn. Regularly.

Come to share fellowship. Regularly.

Come to serve. Regularly.

In the Apostle Paul's first letter to his Christian sisters and brothers in Corinth, he writes: "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Join together with your sisters and brothers in Christ at FCC, join together regularly enough to discern how the Spirit is working in our lives to uphold the common good. Regularly enough to be part of making a difference for Christ in the world around us.

Show up—often—and see how your 2020 vision comes into focus.

Peace,



gratitude.

On behalf of Lighthouse and the LGBTQ community, we want to shout out loud a huge rainbow colored THANK YOU to Flossmoor Community Church.

FCC's presence at the Lighthouse 2019 Pride Party was nothing short of A-Mazing! The sunglasses! The photo booth! The posters! The magnets! The energy and the love! Everything was on full technicolor display! But the part that you can't see, the part that you can't measure or quantify is the affect that all of that visual acceptance might have on individuals who so often feel marginalized and diminished. For those few hours they got to experience a community coming together in support of, and in celebration of, the LGBTQ family. We are proud to be part of a church that has led the way on issues of LGBTQ inclusiveness in the southern suburbs.

FCC walks the walk 12 months out of the year and not just in the month of June.

Saying thank you isn't enough, but it will have to do.

With love,

The Lighthouse Team

SATURDAY AUGUST 31 5-10 PM

Community House Fest

TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND

1. Benefits the preservation and repair of our aging Community House
2. The Community House is vital to FCC and our surrounding communities for important gatherings, celebrations, and support of the arts
3. Fantastic live music by M.G. Bailey and TimeLess
4. Free bouncy house for the kids - they'll play while you play!
5. Our popular bubble show and face painting artist will be back!
6. FOOD TRUCKS! Lots of yummy choices - come hungry!
7. 100% of beverage, face painting, and raffle sales benefit the cause!
8. Chance to mingle with community members and give a warm FCC welcome! You never know who might come back for church!
9. No vacation plan for Labor Day weekend? YOU'RE WELCOME.
10. WINTER IS COMING. Soak up the summer fun while you can!

If you can you give us an hour of your time while you're attending Community House Fest, volunteer online at fccfaithful.org or contact Brooke King-LaBreck at bking@fccfaithful.org.

Love,
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FAMILY FUN LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
GAMES RAFFLES FOODTRUCKS DRINKS



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ADULT EDUCATION PREVIEW SUNDAY

Join us in the Sanctuary on **September 8 at 11 a.m.** for an audio-visual preview of the Adult Education courses and classes offered for the 2019-2020 program year. We have planned a variety of course series, book talks, and individual presentations offered on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m., and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

We never become too old to grow, learn, and connect while being formed and informed for following the Way of Jesus. Your presence and participation, whether regular or occasional, is most welcome!

SUNDAY MORNING DROP-IN CLASSES

Sunday mornings @ 11 a.m. in Bell Chapel*

A series of stand-alone classes, chats, and presentations which do not include a commitment of several consecutive weeks or assigned readings for class preparation. Each session will fit in with one or more of the following umbrella categories: Supporting Children and Families, Promoting Diversity and Safe Spaces, Developing Bible Literacy, and Community Engagement.

My Life's Path into Local Activism

Sept.15 Danielle Nolen-Ragland, an administrator of Action for a Better Tomorrow's South Suburbs Chapter, will tell the story of how she moved into leadership and organizing for social justice on the local level, in spite of that inner self-talk that is a common barrier for many of us: "but I don't know enough yet to get involved, or to be a vocal leader. What if I do it wrong?"

***this class will be held in Fellowship Hall**

Diversity and Safe Spaces: Slurs, Epithets, Jokes

Sept.22 An overview of a parenting resource from an Anti-Defamation League blog called *Table Talk: Family Conversations about Current Events*. The article "Slurs and Biased Language" provides a list of open-ended questions that caregivers can use as discussion starters with children, and ideas of how anyone could respond when in the presence of slurs or biased language being used to target someone.

Family Chat: Carving out R&R Time in Weekly Cycle

Sept.29 This drop-in class will give parents a chance to chat about routine challenges and exchange their pro-tips about protecting rest and recreation time in our weekly life cycle. Sleep time, downtime, unscheduled time, unwinding time for the parents as well as the kids. Which goals or boundaries are helping us? What tends to push against our goals and boundaries?

SUNDAY MORNING & WEDNESDAY EVENING COURSES

Adult education courses usually run for several consecutive weeks on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings and are designed to build community through shared reading and discussion of a longer text or book. Drop-in attendees are welcome to come any week, as the discussion will be enriching whether or not you've read the assigned selection!

Life Together

WEDNESDAYS Sept.18 - Oct.16 @ 7pm / Family Room

This book study led by Pastor Fred Lyon will be an exploration of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together*. Bonhoeffer, a German pastor, wrote this book during the late 1930's as Third Reich party leaders were requiring support from Germany's church leaders. He wanted to guide young pastoral leaders into helping Jesus's church flourish through their habits of interacting in community together. Some 80 years later, Bonhoeffer's Christian witness remains relevant to pastors and parishioners alike today.

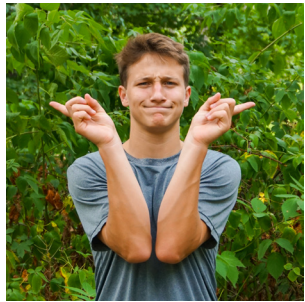
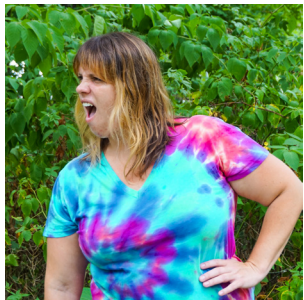
New Testament Bible Study: Acts and the Epistles

SUNDAYS Sept.29 - Nov.3 @ 11am / Family Room

Last year's Bible study course led by the Phil & Rebecca Courington took us through the four gospel books of the New Testament. This course will continue that path with a few weeks of reading and discussion of the New Testament book called *The Acts of the Apostles*. We will follow that with several weeks of attention to the New Testament's epistolary books, which are a collection of pastoral letters sent from Jesus's first evangelists to various Christian households and house churches throughout the lands bordering Mediterranean Sea.

We encourage you to shop local and purchase the books featured by FCC Adult Education at Bookie's Bookstore in Homewood.





TRIBES (Grades 6-8)

Lay Advisors

Marc Billings, Annie Detrick,
Marie Maass, Carly Mayer

Staffers

Ella Ermshler, Ellery Homrich,
Lucia Malfeo, Charlotte
McManus, Veronica Predny-
Kalas, Chad Readey, Peyton
Reich, Finn Ryan, Joe Sullivan,
Christian Van Voorhees

QUEST (Grades 9 & 10)

Lay Advisors

Allison Billings, Josh Grenard &
Emma Hanzelin

Staffers

Boaz Epperson, Caleb Hoereth,
Lizzie Lipscomb, Tai Shonkwiler,
Anna Thompson, & Jack Williams.

Sept. 8

All Youth & Children's families
are invited to join us for lunch in
the Community House @ 11am
on New Season Sunday. Take a
hour to have lunch with other
families in our church, meet your
lay advisors & staffers, and see
your youth rooms! We can't wait
to see you!

Sept. 15

Our first youth group meeting
will be Sunday September 15.

Quest & their parents will meet
in the Chapel @ 11am for an
informational meeting about
Confirmation.

Tribes will meet @ 11 am in
Room 22 (upstairs).



Children's Ministries

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28
from 6-7:30 pm

Families are encouraged to come to our Open House to get a taste of the exciting things in store for Sunday School this year! We will have the upstairs rooms open for crafts, drama sessions and music. Snacks and registration forms for the 2019-2020 program year will also be available.



What a Summer!

WooHOO Wednesdays were a BLAST! We started the summer off with a dance party and popsicles and ended the summer with a movie night! The kids had a ball!

VBS was out of this galaxy with 108 enthusiastic kids! They completed their mission to Mars and Beyond; they went beyond with Faith, Kindness, Boldness, and Hope and learned that we can do anything with God's power at work within us. Thank you so much to all of those who volunteered, helped with meals or donations. We never could have done it without the assistance and amazing support of the congregation.

New Season Begins

New Season Sunday is September 8, and Children's and Youth Ministries will be coming together in the Community House for fellowship and fun @ 11 am! Lunch will be provided. Everyone will have a chance to meet their new Sunday School teachers and Youth Advisors, see their classrooms, and chat about the new year. We can't wait to have you back!



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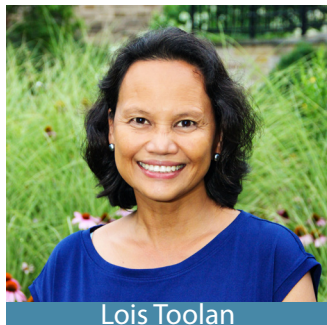
The staff at FCC Weekday Preschool are so excited for new school year!

We have been busy prepping classrooms, sprucing up our outdoor space and adding new teachers to our Weekday team! We happily welcome the return of former Weekday teacher Janice Gislason, and new faces Amy Dillman and Diane Shaw.

School begins September 3 & 4 - help us welcome FCC's youngest faces after church on Sunday, September 1! Chalk will be available in the Gathering Space after church for you to chalk the walk with kind & encouraging words on the sidewalks leading up to the Weekday Preschool doors. While you're there, check out our beautiful new Weekday Preschool sign!

Weekday Preschool provides tuition assistance through the Chris Floyd Memorial Scholarship Fund for families in financial hardship. This year, we were able to assist 8 families and 11 children for the 2019-2020 school year. Contributions can be made out to FCC Weekday Preschool, with "Chris Floyd Scholarship Fund" written in the memo line. Thank you!

The Search is On...



Lois Toolan



Charlotte McManus



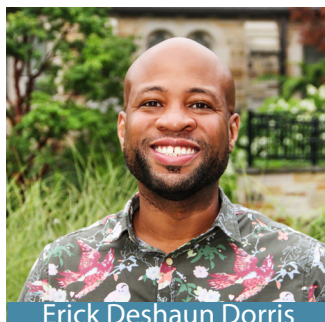
Chris Dolan



Doug King



Lori Tozer



Erick Deshaun Dorris



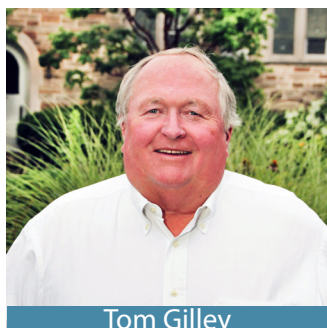
Esther Jenkins



Jeff Groen



Karen Cheung



Tom Gilley



Caleb Hoereth



Sue Durkin

The Pastor Search Committee (PSC) is grateful to those who participated in the Congregational survey and is thankful to God for the progress collectively made so far. Prayers from the congregation are appreciated for wisdom, guidance and discernment for the PSC, as they put together the “pastor profile”, explore options for posting and marketing the position opening, and review market research pertaining to compensation and benefits.

There is much important work ahead, and we are lucky to have this amazing Committee of FCC members at the helm. Be sure to visit the bulletin board in the Gathering Space to see more information on the profiles of the committee.



We celebrate the births of

Martin John Miller, born August 7.
Martin is the son of Theresa Gibbons and Dan Miller.

Harrison Douglas Flor, born August 10.
Harrison is the son of Andy & Donna Flor and the grandson of Sis & Walter Flor.

Our Sympathy and Prayers

to the friends and family of Donna Smith, who died July 16 .

to Deborah Harper Brown in the death of her sister, Elaine Bell, on August 12.

to Lois Glasgow in the death of her cousin, William McCoy, on August 14.

to Kathy and Larry Kane and family in the death of Kathy's father, Sheral (“Sully”) Sullivan, on August 19. Sully was also the beloved grandfather of of Amelia Cox, Jordan Kane and Maddy Kane.

to Jan and Denny Johnson and family in the death of Jan's brother, Lowell Kelsey, on August 21.

to former FCC Administrative Assistant, Mary Ann Bock and family in the death of her husband, Vern, on August 22.



We Make Beautiful Music Together.

Rehearsals begin in September for the New Season.

Come, be a part of a joyful noise.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Directed by Mike Rugen, the Chancel Choir is made up of around 30-40 singers. Rehearsals are at 7:30 pm every Thursday in the Bell Chapel. Chancel Choir is open to highschool age up, and performs every other Sunday. Show up and you're in!

PRAISE ENSEMBLE

This select group of musicians perform every other Sunday. The group is audition-only and rehearses Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Please contact Katie VanHeel to arrange for an audition. We are seeking a bassist, drummer, keyboardist and additional singers.

CHANCEL RINGERS

The art of handbell ringing is a sacred one. It's not as hard as you think it sounds, and you couldn't ask for a better crew. Directed by Mike Rugen, Ringers rehearse at 6:30 pm on Thursdays in Rehearsal Room B.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This one's for the kiddos! Kids Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to join the Children's Choir for some fun singing and dancing. They perform once a month, with rehearsals each Sunday morning (with the exception of Communion Sundays) from 10:30-11a.m. in the Temple Room. Directed by Katie Van Heel.

Questions? Contact Katie Van Heel, Music Coordinator, at kvanheel@fccfaithful.org.

Save the Date...

Fall Bazaar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Head down to Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee, sweets, and a mini fall bazaar featuring Halloween and fall items to decorate your home.

All proceeds benefit Children's and Youth Ministries. We'll be open until 12:30 p.m.



WMA

WOMEN'S & MEN'S ASSOCIATION

LUNCHEON & PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 9

12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Featuring Folk Singer, Mark Dvorak

