

Children's & Youth Announcements

Children's Ministries Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Begin today during Sunday School

Children will rehearse our Christmas Pageant for the first time! The Pageant will be presented during worship on December 15.

Sunday Night Youth Group

Next November 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Youth will be helping to serve our PADS guests dinner. Please enter through the staircase off the Travers Lane parking lot.

Dine Out for Weekday Preschool Tomorrow!

Have your meal at Buona Beef between 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. and 20% of all sales will benefit the preschool. You must show the flyer (available on the Weekday Preschool facebook page) when ordering. Thank you!

FCC FOCUS ON THE ARTS: Peter Scott, Graphic Design

Peter Scott is a Hoosier from Mishawaka, just east of South Bend. After spending his junior year abroad in Strasbourg, France where he was exposed to art, architecture, and history, he decided to pursue a career in art upon returning. After graduating from Purdue, he went to the Otis Art Institute of Parsons School of Design in Los Angeles to study graphic design for the next four years. When approaching design, Peter looks for images and type solutions that resonate with truth. Two of his major influences are Modernism and Grunge, which just happen to be polar opposites! This conflict explains the push and pull sense he feels when reconciling type versus image. He enjoys the control and structure that typography requires, but is also drawn to the sort of images that express looseness and freedom. Peter shares, "one is analytical and the other emotional. It is this dichotomy that makes design interesting to me."

CATS Men’s Bible Study (Church at the Station) Begins New Book

Join our men’s study group at the Flossmoor Station restaurant Saturday mornings from 9-10 a.m. as we begin reading *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. Books are available at Bookie’s bookstore in Homewood. Call Rich Johnson with any questions at 708-206-3127.

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.

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
- 4-5s 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

November 17, 2019



Thank you, Allison!

Since July 2015, Allison Billings has provided strong and faithful leadership as FCC’s Director of Youth Ministries. Our youth and the congregation have benefited greatly from her faith, creativity and vision. Unfortunately for FCC, Allison will be concluding her ministry here on December 15 as she has accepted a new position as Director of Youth and Family Ministry at Community Presbyterian Church in Clarendon Hills, Illinois. She will serve with the sixth through twelfth graders and their families. FCC will miss Allison’s spirit and giftedness, but we are excited she has this new opportunity to minister to youth. Allison shares, *“I am fortunate to know so many wonderful youth and families who I will truly miss. Thank you for trusting me to walk with our youth on their faith journeys, and for all your encouragement, understanding, and love. I have learned so much here and loved every minute of it.”* We wish her Godspeed in her future endeavors and will celebrate her ministry with us in worship on December 15. Staff and Personnel Committee will be working together to ensure a smooth transition for Youth Ministries, and examine how to best staff this ministry into the next year.



THANKSGIVING EVE INTERFAITH SERVICE

Wednesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join with friends and neighbors for this annual service sponsored by the South Suburban Interfaith Ministerial Association and hosted this year by FCC. In addition to prayers and hymns of praise and thanksgiving, the service will include music by the HF Viking Choir. An offering will be collected to benefit the work of Respond Now in providing social services in our community. Thank you to our Ushers & Hosts who have agreed to assist in the evening.

THANKSGIVING PIE RAFFLE To BENEFIT FCC PADS

Here is your chance to have the pumpkin pie legends are made of for your Thanksgiving spread! Raffle Tickets are \$5 each for a chance to win one of 5 pumpkin pies baked by “A Piece of the Pie” and delivered the day before Thanksgiving. Tickets are available for pre-sale at the FCC office and will also be sold at the Homewood-Flossmoor ShowOff benefitting FCC PADS on November 22 (see left). Winners will be announced at the event and contacted soon after for delivery details.



TO BENEFIT THE FCC PADS SHELTER

THIS FRIDAY
6-10 P.M.

A community night out
featuring outstanding
local talent

FREE-WILL DONATION • SPECIALTY COCKTAILS
LIVE MUSIC & PERFORMANCES • FOOD TRUCKS



Stewardship Update

Our 2020 Stewardship Campaign is off to a good start, with 86 pledges so far received for a total of \$386,176 . Thank you to all who have pledged. For those who have yet to pledge, please try to do so before the end of November. 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.

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God

In loving memory of Guy Clayton from his daughter, Susan Kapes.

The single red rose

is to celebrate the birth of Doc Fuji Tapscott. Doc is the son of Michael Tapscott and Yea-Ming Chen, and the grandson of Karen and Jim Tapscott.

Our Sympathy and Prayers

to Dan Weidman and family in the death of his brother, Emmet Weidman.

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, Fred & Char Lyon, Janice Nielsen
Stephen Nielsen, Alan Samargin
Todd Smith, Nancy Van Laten, Alice Vronay
Debbie Wheeler

Sharing Our Blessings

Thanksgiving Pies

We are looking for volunteers to make pies (our goal is 20 total) for the Jones Center Thanksgiving Dinner. Dinner is served that day to over 100 people! Pies can be delivered to Sis Flor's house by 11 am on Wednesday, November 27, or contact Sis if you need pick up. Contact Sis at 708-288-0333.

Christmas Angels

Help a local family in need experience the true spirit of Christmas giving by becoming a Christmas Angel. FCC is working to match families with Christmas Angels who can fulfill their Christmas wishes. We would also appreciate any monetary donations (by December 1, if possible) for gift certificates for groceries, shoes, and other essentials. (Make checks payable to Flossmoor Community Church, noting Christmas Angels on the memo line.) You may also provide items such as towels, blankets, sheets, toiletries, pots & pans, dishes, laundry detergent and canned goods.

To participate, simply fill out the blue Christmas Angels 2019 Sponsor Information Sheet, available at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space, and return it as soon as possible. Any questions? Please call Sis Flor at 708-288-0333 or Sue Detrick 708-707-9312.

Giving Tree

A chance to give one gift to a child. We will have gift tags with names and ages of children (ages 5-16) available in the Gathering Space and in the Preschool Hallway. Take a tag, purchase and wrap \$15 age appropriate gifts for your child. Items are due by December 10.

Mitten Tree

Bring your donations of new hats, gloves and mittens for adults and children and hang on our mitten tree in the Gathering Space. The tree will be up from December 1 through 10 and all donations will go to the Jones Center. The Mitten Tree is sponsored by Women's & Men's Association.

Toy Drive

We are collecting new unwrapped toys for children of all ages for Jones Center to add to their Family Baskets.

Penny & Dime Store

The store is an opportunity for children to "buy" Christmas gifts for their parents or siblings. We are looking for small new items (such as playing cards, mugs, balls, socks, etc.) to fill out the store.

Upcoming ADULT ED

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 in Adult Education, whether regular or occasional, is most welcome!

Responding to Stress, A Biological Perspective

Today at 11 a.m. in Bell Chapel

Audrey Weidman, Certified Stress Mastery Educator of the American Institute of Stress, will teach us about the biology of how our brains get hijacked by stress. Learn about tools you can use to assess, appreciate, and adjust to stress. You will learn about creating a recharge toolkit that allows you to respond rather than react to stress. The toolkit will enable you to stress less, recharge your own battery, and become the boss of your own brain.

Book Study: Holy Envy

Sundays at 11 am in the Family Room

Today and November 24, December 8, January 5 & 12

Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown Taylor tackles the questions and concerns that arise when we encounter anything different or "other." This study led by Trina Hayes will explore the spiritual riches God shares with us through the faith of others while we remain true to our own faith and beliefs.

Beyond Belief

Concludes this Wednesday at 7 pm in the Family Room

This course led by Pastor Fred considers what we believe in relation to traditional Christian confessions, creeds, statements of faith - and how we go beyond what we say we believe to putting our faith into action.

Youth Sports—Skill and Balance

Sunday, December 1 at 11 a.m. in Parlor

New and veteran parents of athletes will focus on the growing trend of encouraging young children to specialize in one competitive sport for 7 - 12 months per year of practice and team play. We will discuss an essay by ESPN writer Baxter Holmes, on the serious injury risks of pushing young people to focus on a sole sport in their pre-teen through pre-college years. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss their own experiences and challenges on raising children who can play a sport competitively.



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All-Church Potluck

**Sunday, December 1
11 a.m.- 1 p.m.**

All Ages will gather at 11 to help "deck the halls" of FCC. Youth & Adults will work together to adorn the Sanctuary and public areas, and children will rehearse for the pageant in the Temple room. Many hands will make light work! To complete our morning we will have a Potluck at noon, so bring a dish to share and be ready to usher in Advent in fellowship with your church family.

There will be no formal education hour on December 1.

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QUESTERS - Best New Mysteries

**Wednesday, November 20
at Noon in the Family Room**

Carol Henry will lead a discussion on the best new mystery books. If you have a favorite, bring it along. Please RSVP so our hostesses, Carol Swingle and Judy Smith, know how many to plan for. Questions, call Barbara Burleson at 708-922-0422