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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

e-pistle for the week of November 8, 2018

Minister's Message

Dear First Congregational Family,

Join me this Sunday morning at 9am for “Fearless Dialogues,” a time for all of us in the church to be together as we are led by nationally recognized speaker and author Rev. Dr. Greg Ellison. You don't want to miss it!

As we continue to grow into who God is calling us to be as a faith community, I am confident that knowing how to engage in “Fearless Dialogues” is a key part of our vitality and health.

Dr. Ellison has taken “Fearless Dialogues” around the world and is in Indianapolis this week as part of the Lilly Endowment programming and he is carving out extra time in his trip to be with us at First Congregational, so please help to welcome him and his team. To learn more, go to their website: <http://fearlessdialogues.com/>

See you Sunday!

Blessings,
Pastor Sarah

Worship for Sunday

Adult Class - 9:00am (NEW TIME THIS WEEK!)

This Sunday, the Adult Class will host Fearless Dialogues with Rev. Dr. Greg Ellison. (See more in "What's Happening at FCC" below.)

Traditional Service - 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Sarah will preach on "Your Greatest Gift."

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44

New Creation - 5:30 p.m.

This Sunday in New Creation Worship we continue our focus during Stewardship season on the question, "What shall we bring?" As we explore the scripture passage from Mark 12:38-44, we'll consider how our financial giving to the church reflects our beliefs and values. Discussions of money don't always have to be totally serious, though, so some light-hearted fun will be a part of this service as well. All are welcome.

What's Happening at FCC

Lonesome No More - TODAY, November 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Explore the ways different faith communities deal with loneliness and its effect. Learn how you can help and get connected!

The evening will feature American journalist William Bole, co-author of *The Life of Meaning: Reflections on Faith, Doubt, and Repairing the World*, in conversation with Rev. John E. Denson, Jr., our own Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, Dr. Halima Al-Khattab, and Rabbi Kate Briggs.

**LONESOME
NO
MORE**
through faith communities

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 6-8 PM
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. FREE PARKING AVAILABLE.
CONGREGATION BETH-EL ZEDECK
600 W. 70TH ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46260

A Spirit and Place Festival Event
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Hosts are Rabbi Dennis C. Sasso of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and Julia Whitehead, Founder & CEO of the Kurt Vonnegut Museum & Library.

Artist Kyle Ragsdale will unveil a painting that he created based on and during the moderated conversation. Refreshments provided.

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Presented by Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library, Center for Interfaith Cooperation, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, and National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) FaithNet. Supported by Mickey and Janie Maurer and Congregation Beth-El Zedeck's Judaism, Arts, Interfaith and Civic Engagement Fund in honor of Rabbi Dennis and Sandy Sasso.

This event is Free and open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome, and RSVPs are encouraged at www.spiritandplace.org

Congregation Beth-El Zedeck
600 W. 70th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Fearless Dialogues - November 11, 9:00am

Fearless Dialogues is coming to First Congregational Sunday, November 11 from 9-10:30am in the Mayflower Room, we will finish in time for 11am



worship.

Join Professor

Greg Ellison of Candler School of Theology and author of the book *Fearless Dialogues*, for a transformative, interactive experience where we engage in practicing the skills we need for having “fearless dialogues” about topics we are passionate about. This event is co-sponsored by Worship and Faith and Witness and Welcome and is open to all who wish to be challenged and to grow.

What Shall We Bring?

We continue to ask ourselves this question as we prepare our pledges for conservation during worship on November 18th.

Alternative Gift Event at Hoosier Village - November 18, 2:00-6:00pm

Members and friends of FCC are invited to attend this first annual event to be held at the Chapel of Hoosier Village on Sunday, November 18 from 2-6p.m. The goal of this event is to bring together non-profit agencies who serve the poor and disadvantaged and those

with special needs in the Indianapolis and Zionsville area. Hoosier Village is located just off of W. 96th St., at 9875 Cherryleaf Dr., between Michigan Rd. and Zionsville Rd.

If you come to the Alternative Gift Event, you will have the opportunity to meet representatives of 12-16 non-profit agencies. You will learn about their mission and the variety of services they provide and be able to make donations in the name of your loved ones. In return for a donation, you will receive a personalized thank you card noting the agency you are supporting and the name of the person you are honoring with your gift. If you have questions, please contact FCC members Rev. Daryl or Anne Greene or Sue Chapman, who serve on the event planning team.

Songs at 7171: Rhythm Quest, November 18, 3:00pm

Music and rhythm have played a role in nearly all of the world's religions. On November 18 at 3:00 PM percussionists Julian Douglas and Michael Rutherford will share some of the common characteristics that make music an indispensable part of many religious experiences and how we can use rhythm to make deeper spiritual connections. No one should miss this opportunity for immersion in Rhythm Quest's spiritual journey, so please plan to bring whatever drum or rhythm instruments you may have access to. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Learn more about Rhythm Quest at www.rhythmquest.net. And of course, no one should miss the Thanksgiving snacks that will be part of this gathering!

Flowers Needed

Flowers have a way of bringing beauty into the worship service. There are several empty Sundays on the Flower Calendar located on the bulletin board by the garden doors. Will you sign up for a Sunday? The flowers can be for any occasion and come from the florist, store, or your garden. The cost is \$25 from our florist. If you have any questions, please email Sally Coombs at sallysews73@gmail.com or call 317-446-2853. You can also let Shannon know the occasion at shannon@fcindy.org or call the church office at 317-257-5397.

The following dates are currently available in the Flower Calendar:

December 9, 16 and 30

Foundation - 1857 Society

The newly formed **1857 Society** is up and running. All of us who include First Congregational in our wills or estate plans are eligible to join. Doing so strengthens the church's long term financial base, allowing us to do more of God's work. Consider if this is something of enduring value in which you'd like to participate. Commitment forms are available in the narthex or from the office.

Guided Meditation at Hoosier Village - Saturdays at 7p.m.

FCC members and friends are invited to attend guided meditation sessions at Hoosier Village. The Meditation Circle meets every Saturday (except Thanksgiving) at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall Conference Room. Use the Chapel parking lot and turn right after entering the hallway. We are listening to Guided Imagery Meditations to let go of stress and find peace and healing. No previous meditation experience necessary. Contact Anne or Daryl Greene for more information.

Green Team Tip

Save gas by keeping your tires inflated to at least their recommended pressure. For even more mpg, fill your tires with nitrogen.

November Mission of the Month is Merom Camp & Retreat Center

Merom Camp & Retreat Center, Inc. have a Capital Campaign with goals to ensure the use of College Hall, for maintenance work to be done on Hatten Chapel (100 years old) and to build a cabin with 56 beds all to help Merom continue to grow and better serve all who come. Support Merom by putting a donation in the Missions envelope or write a check to FCC with Merom in the memo line.

Pantry Items of the Month

During November we are collecting the following items: fruit cocktail, spaghetti sauce, quick oats, and toothpaste.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Sarah may be contacted at (386) 478 - 9012 or at pastorsarah@fcindy.org.

This Week at First Congregational

Sunday, November 11	9:00 a.m.	Fearless Dialogues with guest, Rev. Dr. Greg Ellison
Sunday, November 11	11:30 a.m.	Traditional Service
Sunday, November 11	12:15 p.m.	Worship & Faith Board Meeting
Sunday, November 11	5:30 p.m.	New Creation Worship Service
Wednesday, November 14	6:30 p.m.	Church Counsel
Wednesday, November 14	7:30 p.m.	New Creation Planning Team
Thursday, November 15	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, November 15	7:00 p.m.	Indianapolis Green Congregations
Thursday, November 15	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, November 18	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class

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3:00 p.m. Rhythm Quest Workshop

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5:30 p.m. New Creation Worship Service