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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

E-pistle for the Week of January 3, 2019



Minister's Message

Pastor Sarah's morning meditation on the beach...



I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday!

Blessings,
Pastor Sarah

Worship

Adult Class - 9:45 a.m.

January 6 - In January we will be discussing current events and articles from Christian Century or Sojourners.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. - Epiphany Sunday

This Sunday Pastor Sarah will preach on "Dreaming of Justice and Peace."
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12



What's Happening at FCC

UnHanging of the Greens - THIS Sunday!

Plan to remain after worship on Epiphany Sunday to sing the last carols of the season and help to dismantle the Advent/Christmas decorations. Kings' cake with its hidden symbols will be served.

Serving on a Board in 2019



A great way to serve God and our church is to be involved with one of our Boards. These include Trustees, Worship & Faith, Witness & Welcome, Care & Connection, and Outreach & Service. We are also looking for a Vice Moderator as well as a new Financial Secretary, who is responsible for recording and depositing our weekly financial gifts. If you are not currently on a board, and you have interest in serving, please contact Wendy Baldwin, Chair of Care & Connection. We hope to have a full slate to present for approval to the congregation at our Annual Meeting on Jan 27th.

Thank You for Your Generosity.

Thanks to your generosity Outreach & Service was able to deliver 28 gift cards worth of total of \$700 to Family Promise for the After-Care families before Christmas. From the "Mittens and More" collection we delivered 6 large bags of winter clothing: 5 coats, 17 scarves, 27 pairs of gloves, 2 pairs of mittens, 11 pairs of socks, 2 shawls, 1 headband

and 76 hats!

Green Team Tip 

Make a New Year's resolution to find new ways to alleviate climate change. Join Nature Conservancy, Earth Justice, Friends of the Earth, Indiana Earth Charter, Sierra Club, Citizen's Climate Lobby, or Hoosier Interfaith Power and Light. Magazines of these groups may be found in the coat room and in the library.

January Mission of the Month is The Open & Affirming Coalition



The Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ has been operating for over 30 years with the responsibility for the church-wide ONA movement. As of January 1, 2019, there are now 1,500 ONA congregations! The ONA Coalition is an independent, non-profit organization and receives no regular funding from OCWM. 75% of its operating budget relies on donations from individuals and contributing ONA churches. Thank you for your support of this Mission of the Month.

Pantry Items of the Month



During January we are collecting the following items: Bread, Soup, Applesauce, and Shampoo.

Pastoral Care

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Thursday, January 3	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, January 6	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday Class
Sunday, January 6	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, January 6	12:30 p.m.	Unhanging of the Greens

Wednesday, January 9	6:30 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
Thursday, January 10	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, January 10	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal