



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*No matter who you are, or
where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome home! We celebrate being a Just Peace making church with an Open and Affirming covenant supporting the LGBTQ community since 1994.

We welcome first time guests and include **all ages** in our worship service. We believe we are called by Jesus to be a transforming presence for God in the world. We are a place to **belong**, a place to **heal** and a place to **love**.

Pastor Sarah's Office Hours	Shannon's Office Hours
Monday – Sabbath Day	Monday – out of office
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Thursday – UCC General Synod	Thursday – UCC General Synod
Friday – UCC General Synod	Friday – UCC General Synod

Pastoral Care:

Pastor Sarah will be serving the wider church at General Synod in Milwaukee, WI from June 20-26. During this time, Pastor Carol can be reached at (317) 496-9732 or at casowle@gmail.com.

We celebrate the team of people called to serve on our church staff:

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Pastoral Care Associate, Pastor Carol Sowle
Office Administrator, Shannon Abbott
Music Designer/Organist, Sean Baker
Choir Director, Julie Houston

We celebrate the team of people elected to lead our church:

Rich Gibson, Moderator
Lianna Campos, Vice Moderator
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk
Jim Lootens, Treasurer
George Meier, Financial Secretary

We celebrate those who serve in today's worship service:

Bread for the World Team: Katie Booth, Sue Chapman, Nancy Dickinson, Jessica Kramer, Karen Walker, and Sandy Wood
Jazz Quartet: Sean Baker, Julie Houston, Mike Kessler, Thomas Brinkley

JUNE 16, 2019

BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY

11 A.M.

Please speak the **bold**-printed words in unison.

Asterisk (*) indicates those who choose to may stand.

WE GATHER

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 145, selected verses

Sue Chapman

God is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O God, and all your faithful shall bless you.

God upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

God is near to all who call on God, to all who call on God in truth.

God fulfills the desire of all who fear God; God also hears their cry, and saves them.

*OPENING SONG #8

Come to the Banquet

Sing! Prayer & Praise

LITANY

Prayer for Our World

Jessica Kramer

The leader will indicate each time the congregation will respond with:

Lord, teach us to respond with your justice, love, and mercy in our endeavors.

THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

JAZZ REFLECTION

Jazz Quartet

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:6-11
Matthew 22:39-40

Katie Booth

MESSAGE

Love for the World

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG (insert)

We Are Bread for the World

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern. Please share your name so that people might get better acquainted. In the power and presence of God we share your joy/prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father *or* Our Mother *or* Our Creator *or* Our Sacred Presence, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO LETTER WRITING

Nancy Dickinson

OFFERING of LETTERS, GIFTS, and TITHES

*DOXOLOGY (778) and OFFERING PRAYER

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you have called us, through your prophets and your Son, Jesus Christ, to live out your vision of a world without hunger. Trusting in your love and mercy, we lift our voices and pray alongside all those who suffer from malnutrition and its devastating impacts. We share your deep love and concern for all who experience hunger and poverty, and we desire that all may prosper and be in good health. Bless these letters that our words may touch the hearts and minds of members of Congress and embolden our elected officials to increase our nation's commitment and investment in global nutrition programs. With gratitude for our nation's leadership and the world's progress in ending hunger, we present these letters in the name of Jesus Christ, the source of all our hope. Amen.

WE GO

*CLOSING SONG #123

Draw the Circle Wide

Sing! Prayer & Praise

*BENEDICTION

BFW Team

May the God of love, who loves us freely, strengthen us in our love for others;
May Jesus Christ, who is the true bread from heaven,
grant us grace to speak out for those who have no voice.
May the Spirit, who dwells in us,
empower us to go out into the world to work for change,
bringing God's justice and hope to all. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated for the postlude or leave the sanctuary quietly. Everyone is invited for coffee, refreshments, and conversation in the church parlor.

CALLS to SERVE

"Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Adult Class – Sunday, June 23, 9:45 a.m. – will continue to read and discuss the book, *Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism*.

United Church of Christ General Synod, June 21-25 - You are invited to join First Congregational members and staff Lianna Campos, Pastor Sarah Lund and Shannon Abbott at the United Church of Christ General Synod, June 21st-25th! Check www.ucc.org or www.synod2019.org for live streaming. The *Breaking the Silence Sunday Resolution*, co-sponsored by First Congregational, will be included in the Synod's agenda for discussion and vote.

Buzz and Pitch-In, June 30th, following worship - Reflect on the Playground. Come with your thoughts, questions and feedback about our experiment with a space in our sanctuary where all ages can gather to experience worship. We started the Playground the first Sunday of Advent and we want to hear from you.

Spiritual Explorers, Sunday, July 7, 12:15 PM (in the library) - FCC Spiritual Explorers will discuss which spiritual practices to focus on in coming months, such as silence, gratitude, poetry, journaling, music, and ways God is calling us. All are welcome!

Green Team Tip – Find a green hotel. Reuse the sheets and towels, take short showers, turn off air conditioning and switch off the lights when you go out. (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.)

June Mission of the Month: Damien Center - Founded in 1987, the Damien Center is the oldest and largest organization in Indiana addressing the health needs of individuals with HIV.

Currently the Damien Center serves over 4,000 individuals affected by HIV/AIDS through a comprehensive and innovative approach to HIV care and prevention.

Even though we hear of the many achievements in medications used to treat HIV here are a couple statistics to keep in mind. In the general population, 1 out of every 6 persons infected with HIV does not know it. 51% of youth between 13 – 24 who are living with HIV, have never been tested. Let's help keep HIV testing and education accessible to Central Indiana through our support of the Damien Center.

Pantry Items of the Month - During June we are collecting the following items: pudding mix, jello, canned vegetables, soup and toothpaste.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Tuesday, June 18	1:30 p.m.	Circle IV
Thurs, June 20 - Wed, June 26		UCC General Synod in Milwaukee, WI
Sunday, June 23	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, June 23	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sunday, June 23	12:30 p.m.	Worship & Faith Meeting

BREAD FOR THE WORLD—OFFERING OF LETTERS



To the parents of our young children: God put the wiggle in children, please don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. You are invited toward the front using the Playground if you like. Keep children engaged by quietly explaining the parts of the service, actions of the pastor, worship leaders, and musicians. Sing, pray, and speak the responses; children learn worship behavior by copying you. The way we adults welcome children in church directly affects how they respond to the Church and to one another. Let all ages know that they are at home in this house of worship. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

To the members of our congregation: The presence of children is a gift to our church and to our community. They remind us that we are to share and pass on our faith. It is a gift to have children among us. Please welcome our children and encourage their parents with a warm smile.

Thank you.



Hunger doesn't take a vacation

1 in 6 | Only 1 in 6 low-income children who ate a school lunch during the regular 2013-2014 school year were reached by Summer Food Programs.

 **breadfortheworld**
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Infographic by Doug Fuller/Bread for the World

Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

Isaiah 58:5-11

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator^[a] shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Matthew 22:39-40

³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."



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