



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	Monday – Sabbath
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 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Friday – working off site	Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care:

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

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 leading us in worship today:

Bob Cook, Worship Leader & Hand bell Choir Director
Mike Kessler, Percussion
Jesse Wittman, String Bass

AUGUST 25, 2019

11 A.M.

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

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

WE GATHER

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Variations on Little Prelude in C J. S. Bach, arr. S. Baker

WELCOME and PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL to WORSHIP Bob Cook

Call on God and God will answer

God says, "Here I am"

Offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the need of the afflicted

Then our light will shine and we will rise

God will guide us

We will be people of God's transforming power

*OPENING SONG #25 O God, Our Help in Ages Past *New Century Hymnal*

*THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

SPECIAL MUSIC Fanfare in Three Michael Joy

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 58:9-14 Bob Cook

SERMON Pastor's Protest Fast Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #170 We Share a Hunger *Sing! Prayer & Praise*

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. Loving God **hear our prayer.***

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (NRSV)

**Our God in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one. Amen.**

INTERLUDE

A Powdered Wig

H. Mancini, arr. S. Baker

OFFERING of GIFTS and TITHES

CALL TO OFFERING and SERVICE

We invite those who desire to share a service opportunity to do so briefly if the announcement is not in the bulletin. Please see the "Calls to Serve" for volunteer opportunities.

*Guests, please fill out a **Connect Card** found in the pew holders so that we might learn more about you. The cards may also be used to for prayer requests that will be shared through our weekly prayer chain. Please place Connect Cards in the offering plate.*

*DOXOLOGY (778)

**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.**

WE GO

*CLOSING SONG #451

Be Now My Vision

New Century Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Minuet in G Major, BWV Anh. 116 J. S. Bach, arr. S. Baker

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

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.

CALLS to SERVE

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

Adult Class – Sunday, September 1, 9:45 a.m.

TODAY!!! Nicaragua Buzz & Pitch-In - After church join us in a Buzz conversation with pitch-in lunch in Global Ministries mission co-worker, Jeanette Salley's honor and learn about her work as a Christian educator in rural Nicaragua.

Choir Rehearsals - Hello FCUCC folk! Hope everyone is having a good summer. The choir will be starting back up soon. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 PM beginning Sept 5th. Our first Sunday service is September 8th with the usual pre-service rehearsal time of 10:15 AM. We welcome new members. If anyone is interested in joining the choir, please email Julie at juliehouston@comcast.net. We would love to have you join us!

Advent Alternative Worship - Are you interested in joining a creative group to plan and implement an Alternative Worship experience for Advent? Do you want to plan a series of small group studies/experiences? Large group sessions that might include yoga, guided meditation, massage, Reiki, Frankincense and Myrrh? Something else? Any and all creative people welcome! Please see Elizabeth Price after worship this Sunday or email her at eprice235@gmail.com The group will convene on **September 8th** after church.

Green Lunch on Sunday, September 8th - On Sunday September 8th, the Green Team will host a lunch featuring foods with a low carbon footprint. The lunch will include salad, soup, an entree and dessert. During the meal, diners will get tips and advice about cooking and eating sustainably. We want a good count to we prepare the right amount, so please RSVP at your earliest convenience to Rich Gibson, hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.

Green Team Tip – Last summer began with no rain, then too much came. This year was the reverse; a very wet spring well into June, then almost a drought. The weather is just going to get more extreme and variable, so be prepared for both! Rain barrels and drip irrigation, rain gardens or sand gardens--think ahead, have a plan. (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.)

August Mission of the Month: CEPAD (The Council of Christian Churches in Nicaragua) CEPAD helps Nicaraguans in rural communities escape from cycles of poverty and hunger. Women and the elderly are among the most disadvantaged. Pastors receive training to help their communities recover from emotional and physical trauma suffered in their communities this last year. First Congregational Church members participate in the program for those who wish to send delegations and form partnerships to help local communities. Your contributions will aid CEPAD's work.

Pantry Items of the Month - During August we are collecting the following items: canned peaches and pears, canned beans, ramen noodles and white bathroom tissue.

Flower Calendar - The 2019 Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board by the garden doors. Flowers can be for any occasion, and can come from the store, florist, or from your garden. The cost is \$25.00 from our florist. Any questions, please email Sally Coombs at sallysews73@gmail.com or call 317-446-2853. You can also let Shannon Abbott know the occasion at shannon@fcindy.org or call the church office at 317-257-5397.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, August 25	12:30 p.m.	Nicaragua Buzz & Pitch-In
Wednesday, August 28	6:30 p.m.	Calling Circle
Sunday, September 1	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, September 1	11:00 a.m.	Worship



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HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

Isaiah 58:9-14

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. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.



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