



First Congregational United Church of Christ
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*An Open and Affirming, Just Peace,
 Multiracial/Multicultural Congregation*
 Worship Sunday 1:00 pm, 4th and E NW
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 Weekly Email Newsletter - July 16, 2009



"Immerse Yourself" is the theme of worship this coming Sunday, July 19, 2009. Karen Byrne and Barbara Brown Zikmund, who were among seven members of FCC who attended all or part of the United Church of Christ General Synod in Grand Rapids, Michigan, have planned a service that explores what it means for First Congregational UCC to be part of the United Church of Christ. The prayers, music and scriptures echo moments of worship at Synod. Karen will lead the prayers and BBZ will preach.



Congregational Hearings and Meetings

As Ron Hopson so aptly pointed out last Sunday, the lectionary may locate us in ordinary time, but this is truly an extraordinary time in the life of our congregation. We are looking forward with eager anticipation to calling a new pastor, while at the same time engaging with one another in a "holy conversation" (which is also a very difficult conversation) about how to proceed with our site development. Our discernments and decisions need everyone's contributions. Here are the opportunities:

Candidating Weekend Events

Friday, July 24th

7 p.m. Potluck at the home of Byron Adams.
 RSVP byronadams@verizon.net

Saturday, July 25th

11 – 1 Potluck brunch at the home of John and Carolyn Marsh.
 RSVP john_marshall@datatel.com
 5 – 8 Potluck for families with children or youth, at the home of Susan and Doug Anderson.
 RSVP sdgrmt@verizon.net

Sunday, July 26th

12:30 p.m. Children's Worship
 1:00 p.m. Worship
 2:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
 2:30 p.m. Special Coffee Hour/Reception

Site Development Events

Sunday, July 19

2:30 p.m. Continuation of Congregational Hearing from July 12

Sunday, August 2

2:30 p.m. Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote on proposed new Purchase and Sale Agreement regarding our site at 10th and G

(Note: between July 19 and August 2, our email conversation about site development will be continued)

Summer Mementos - An Invitation from the Worship Commission



During the summer months we know you First Churchers cave to your wanderlust and travel near and far. Worship Commission would like to invite you to collect a natural memento from the places you travel – a vial of water, some dirt, a stone, etc. In the fall at our Homecoming Sunday worship service on September 13, we will gather together the bits and pieces with one another's.

Summer Contact Information

Summer office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. During the summer, the quickest and best way to contact Interim Pastor Doug Clark is via cellphone, **443-852-2439**.

Pledges

Churches sometimes face cash flow problems toward the end of summer, when many congregants are on vacation and haven't kept up with their pledges. Our church is no exception. Our Treasurer, Joe Zikmund, is asking all of us to be especially attentive to keeping up with our pledges throughout the summer months.



QuickNewsNote

Game Night at Peg Lorenz's: August 15

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