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## *First Things*

### **Connection... with Commitment**

One clear characteristic of the First Congregational Church of River Edge is our valuing of one another in our community. There is an obvious loving awareness of one another and an interest in each other's lives. Yet sometimes—in the rush of life—people and needs get missed; we don't follow up on our relationships the way we wish. We lose track of things; we risk losing track of one another!

A number of FCC folks have seen that potential gap, and they have voiced their desire to "mind the gap." Thus, in the past month, they have come together to form our Care Ministry—a committed ministry of connection and visitation with one another. Currently there are six care givers, coordinated by Terrie Clark, who will seek to keep regular contact with people of the congregation who might be homebound, who might be in a time of need, or who might value a personal connection.

To some, the concept may sound familiar. Not so many years ago we were engaged in Stephens Ministry, a highly formalized system of care, with intense training and intensely involved relationships. This new care ministry may share some of the same core concepts, but is much more informal.

Our goal is to seek to nurture natural relationships as brothers and sisters in the body of Christ. That, quite simply means to "rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another." (Romans 12:15-16)

Our new Care Ministry helps us to be just what the church is supposed to be. Their visits will offer care, a listening ear, and the opportunity to pray together. I will be blessed by the support The Care Ministry gives to our pastoral care. I often feel that I'm not able to get to enough people often enough. This sharing among more members of the body of Christ will allow me to focus more effectively on critical needs and emergency pastoral care, as well as ongoing needs.

Already, the Ministry is out there among you offering care. And I have personally experienced the gift of the Care Team, in the midst of my frustrations with my newly-broken hand (now if I could just get them to type for me!)

The Care Team has committed to gathering regularly to (confidentially) coordinate contacts and to hone the gifts of listening and caring. Should you wish a visiting relationship for yourself, or for a need of which you are aware, please contact the church office, Terrie Clark, or me.

Godspeed,  
Dennis

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The Heinzinger Family is pleased and proud to announce the graduation grandson, Brad Owens Heinzinger from Cornell University. Brad graduated Magna cum laude with a degree Bio engineering.



Congratulations to Kate Arena and John Guico on the birth of their daughter Callie Rose, born on May 11, 2018.

## CARE MINISTRY GROUP

The Care Ministry Group has been newly formed at First Congregational Church of River Edge under the heading of The Membership Team, with the leadership of Pastor Dennis. This ministry group has been created for the purpose of connecting with anyone within our church community who may need a visit, call or just a note to remind them that they are always in our thoughts and prayers for wellbeing. We will also keep Pastor apprised of any special needs or requests for communion. Anyone interested in joining this group, can speak with myself or Pastor. If there is someone you would like us to add to our visiting list, please share their name(s) with us. You are also most welcome to join us at the next meeting on June 7 at 1:00 pm in the church parlor as we discuss our care interactions with Pastor.

Terrie Clark  
Care Ministry Group Coordinator

## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



**The Progressive Dinner** is Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>!

Please consider hosting and/or attending this event as the dinners are a truly wonderful evening of fellowship, food and fun!

See Russell Van Wetering at Fellowship Time or contact him at [aprilsky@optonline.net](mailto:aprilsky@optonline.net) or (201) 261-1795 to sign up.



**Lemonade in the Parlor** commences Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>! Please contact Russell Van Wetering at [aprilsky@optonline.net](mailto:aprilsky@optonline.net) or (201) 261-1795 to host Lemonade and/or to Greet this summer.

Russell Van Wetering  
Moderator

## DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that FCCRE is on Social Media? Please like and follow us on the **First Congregational Church of River Edge** Facebook page.



Do you know that our Church webpage is a valuable site for information, programs, events and activities here at First Congregational Church?

Please contact Helen Koons at [helenknkk@aol.com](mailto:helenknkk@aol.com) if you have anything you would like to be included on the webpage.

[www.fccriveredge.org](http://www.fccriveredge.org)

## EDUCATION

### Save the Date

Please mark your calendars with a very important date in the lives of our children. Church School Sunday will be on **June 10, 2018**, and all of our children will be participating in some capacity. Plan on attending this wonderful service to support our children and watch them SHINE! The Mission Team will be hosting an ice cream social during Fellowship time to celebrate!

### Childcare 2018

June 2018

June 3-Kate Jerome  
June 10-Pat Canzani  
June 17-Anabelle Babington  
June 24-Cathy Raffa

### Summer Childcare

As you know, FCC offers childcare to families in the summer months. This is extremely important for families who may have guests visiting or for new families just visiting our church. Please contact me if you are willing to do just one Sunday this July or August. I will also be reaching out to past helpers via email. Thanks in advance for your support!

### Summer Book Club for Adults & Children

Do you enjoy a good book? Many of us look forward to a lighter summer schedule, so maybe we could fit in some summer reading. I would love to get together to form a summer book club for adults and one for children as well. Please let me know if you or your child are interested and join me on Sunday June 10 after worship in the parlor for a brief meeting to discuss our plans for this summer.

### Summer Programming

Since the Education Team had a successful summer program last year, we are interested in planning some fun activities this summer as well. If you have any ideas or suggestions for us, please feel free to contact me. Also, if you are willing to help organize or facilitate a trip or event, please let me know. I can always use the help and input!

### New Church School Curriculum

The Education Team has settled on a new church school curriculum for the 2018-2019 church school year. After much research, we have chosen a curriculum that best suits our children currently enrolled in our church school program. It concentrates on the full biblical narrative and focuses on building a lasting foundation of faith and Bible engagement.

**Ages 3-5yrs** will be using the **Frolic Preschool** curriculum. This program offers both Old and New Testament lessons and spreads one lesson over 2 weeks in order to give the children more time to explore the stories.

**Grades 1-6** will be using the **SPARK All Kids** program with lessons that are intentionally designed for children ages 6-11 to learn together in one classroom. This gives them the opportunity to explore the Bible stories while the older children can lead the younger ones in buddy activities and relationship building moments.

Parent information sessions will be held in August and September to help familiarize them with the new program, so look out for those dates. In the meantime, feel free to check out some samples at [www.wearesparkhouse.org](http://www.wearesparkhouse.org).

**Grades 7-8** will be participating in a Pre-Confirmation program which will include worship time and involvement, community service, youth group participation and assisting with church school classes. More details to follow.

### Teachers needed for 2018-2019 Church School

If the new curriculum sounds like something you want to be a part of, please consider volunteering some time with our children. I am hoping to get a solid team of volunteers in order to avoid a teacher from having to commit to every Sunday. The new curriculum doesn't require too much preparation, if any, and no teaching experience is necessary. Contact any member of the Education Team if interested.

~Nicole Babington

## CHURCH INFORMATION

At First Congregational we seek to serve you in any way we can. Below you will find contact information when you have questions or needs.

### **Information about programs for children and youth?**

Call Nicole Babington, for information about Church School, Youth Group and other programs (201-261-1712 ext. 103).

### **Do you want to receive our newsletter, *The Congregator*?**

Call the Church Office (201-261-1712 ext. 100).

### **An illness, hospitalization, birth, wedding or death in the family?**

Call the Church Office any time (201-261-1712).

### **Questions about baptism, membership or adult education?**

Call the Church Office (201-261-1712) to make an appointment with Pastor TeBeest.

**For any question or concern not on the list – please call us anytime. We are here for you!**

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## **SUMMERCHOIR IS BACK!!**

During the months of June, July and August, the SummerChoir will sing for our services of worship starting June 17.

Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to show up at 9:15 a.m. for a brief rehearsal of the anthem for that day. All ages are welcome, and the ability to read music is *not* required.

A special invitation goes out to folks who like to sing but are unable to commit to Thursday evening choir rehearsals during the regular choir season. Come join us any summer Sunday you're available!

Gloria Norton  
Minister of Music

## **WORSHIP SERVICES FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

If you aren't able to get to church, or if you know someone who is homebound or nursing home bound, you or they can still enjoy the church services at First Congregational.

Do you know that you can request a CD-ROM (audio) of the entire service? It's free of charge and someone can deliver it to you if you can't get out. Call the Church Office and leave your name (201-261-1712) or fill out a request form which can be found with the devotionals etc. in the Narthex (or ask an usher). Or you may have another reason to want a CD of a service which you want to refer to again.

And do you know that if you can't get out for a Communion service for an extended period, Pastor TeBeest and a member of the Worship Team will bring the sacraments to you? Call the Church Office to leave a message for the Pastor.

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## **CONGREGATOR DEADLINE**

The deadline for the **July/August** 2018 issue of the Congregator is Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

## **THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC!**

THANK YOU to all the musicians and volunteers who helped to make Bells & Whistles XVIII a resounding success!

Special thanks to all who attended and made donations to our community food bank.

Gloria Norton  
Minister of Music

## **MISSION TEAM NEWS**

### **Family Promise Hike and Bike**

**Family Promise Hike and Bike Results** – Our Team, the *First Congregational Flyers*, raised **\$2,976** making us the 4<sup>th</sup> place Team in terms of funds donated. We had 19 officially registered hikers or bikers (including one very young baby!) who participated, plus one unofficial dog and her handler who did the whole route with us.

Some of the \$2,976 came in a little late to make the official count but it all helps the homeless families. Thank you to all who sponsored our Team and to all who came out and hiked or biked with us!



### **Family Promise Hosting**

Our next hosting opportunity is Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's. As always, we need your help with providing food for dinner, set up, serve and clean up, plus to spend time with the families and children. Please sign up at Fellowship Time.

## CHURCH REGISTER

### Funeral Service

Vernoy Joret – April 30, 2018 (d.)  
Service – June 7, 2018  
Officiant – Rev. Dennis TeBeest

Robert Kearns – May 12, 2018  
Service – June 2, 2018  
Officiant – Rev. Dennis TeBeest

We extend our sympathy to Ronnell and Rylie Kearns, at the death of Robert Kearns, Saturday, May 12. A memorial service of witness to the resurrection in the sanctuary is scheduled for Saturday, June 2 at 11:00 am.

## LEGACY OF FAITH

A meaningful way to remember/honor loved ones and friends is to make contributions to the Memorial Fund, Renovation Fund, Music & Arts Fund or the General Fund of the First Congregational Church of River Edge.

### CHILD CARE AREA

There is a dedicated space for child care. Babies and toddlers up to three years of age may be brought to Pilgrim Hall on Sunday mornings. Cribs, furniture, toys and books have been selected for this area so that children will be comfortable while parents are attending worship. Ask an usher or greeter for assistance.

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please contact our Flower Coordinator, Carole Meeks at 201-262-3020. The donation for flowers is \$25.00. Flowers can be taken home after the service or given to one of our shut-ins. The deadline for ordering altar flowers is the Sunday prior to their being placed on the Altar.

## WORSHIP TEAM

The ushers will be welcoming you midway in the Sanctuary with the bulletins, large print bulletins and printed copies of the hymns. There are 4 stations where they are located – one in each aisle.

Please use the prayer list located in the Narthex for any names of relatives or friends that may need our prayers for joys or concerns.

The “flower room” refurbishing is in progress!

### COMMUNION

Sunday, June 3: Communion will be served. The bread is gluten free.

Please join us as we share the Lord’s Supper.



### JOYS & CONCERNS LIST

Each Sunday, on the table to the right of the double doors to the Sanctuary, there is a place for you to write any prayers requests that you might want included during the service.

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Janet Arena  
Worship Team – Leader

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### SHAWL MINISTRY



The next regular meeting of the Shawl Ministry will take place on:

*Thursday, June 14, at 1:00 pm*

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us in making shawls...or bring your current yarn project and spend a relaxing afternoon in the Parlor with us. Everyone is welcome. For information, please contact Alice Rushforth at 201-265-1062.








LOVE SUMMER READING?

JOIN A BOOK CLUB!

A Book Club interest meeting  
will be held on 6/10 after worship to:

-  Discuss book selections
-  Decide on meeting times
-  Recruit members



Does your child have required summer reading?  
A youth book club will also be forming to include rewards!



## June 2018

**Sunday**

**Monday**

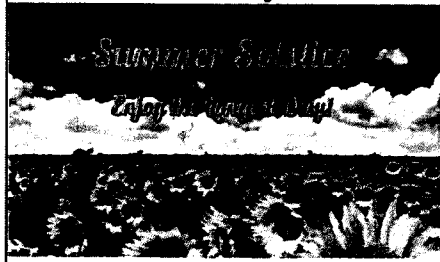
**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**



**3**  
9:15 Chancel Choir  
9:30 Carol and Nowell Choir  
10:00 Worship Service/Communion/  
The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Church  
School/Child Care  
11:00 Fellowship Time  
12:00 Korean Baptist Church

**4**  
12:00 Noon Al-Anon  
3:30 ATWAS  
  
7:00 Worship Team  
  
7:00 Step by Step NA

**5**  
7:00 Mission Team

**6**  
7:00 AA  
  
7:00 Education Team  
  
7:00 Boy Scouts

**7**

**1**  
7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal

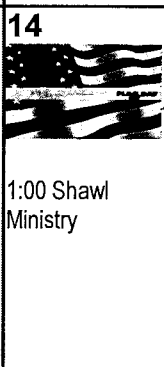
**2**  
8:30 KWIS  
7:00 AA

**10**  
**Church School Sunday**  
9:15 Chancel Choir  
9:30 Carol and Nowell Choir  
10:00 Worship Service/  
The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Church  
School/Child Care  
11:00 Fellowship Time/Ice Cream Sunday  
11:30 Summer Bookclub  
12:00 Korean Baptist Church  
4:30 Second Sunday

**11**  
12:00 Noon Al-Anon  
  
1:30 Women's Fellowship/Executive Board  
  
3:30 ATWAS  
  
7:00 Step by Step NA

**12**

**13**  
7:00 AA



**15**  
7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal

**16**  
**Progressive Dinner**  
8:30 KWIS  
7:00 AA

**17**  
**Happy Father's Day!**  
9:15 Chancel Choir  
9:30 Carol and Nowell Choir  
10:00 Worship Service/  
The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Church  
School/Child Care  
11:00 Fellowship Time/Lemonade in Parlor  
12:00 Korean Baptist Church

**18**  
12:00 Noon Al-Anon  
  
3:30 ATWAS  
  
7:00 Step by Step NA

**19**  
**CONGREGATOR DEADLINE**  
  
7:00 Leadership Council  
  
Family Promise Hosting (St. Peter's)

**20**  
7:00 AA

**21**  
**First Day of Summer**

**22**  
7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal

**23**  
8:30 KWIS  
7:00 AA

**24**  
9:15 Chancel Choir  
9:30 Carol and Nowell Choir  
10:00 Worship Service/  
The Rev. Dennis TeBeest/Church  
School/Child Care  
11:00 Fellowship Time/Lemonade in the Parlor  
12:00 Korean Baptist Church

**25**  
12:00 Noon Al-Anon  
3:30 ATWAS  
  
7:00 Step by Step NA

**26**

**27**  
7:00 AA

**28**

**29**  
7:00 Tri-County Pipe & Drum Rehearsal

**30**  
8:30 KWIS  
7:00 AA

## **JUNE 2018 COMMITMENT REMINDERS**

### **Sunday, June 3, 2018**

COMMUNION TEAM/USHERS - Michelle Heinzinger, Russell Van Wetering, Alice Rushforth, Jane Silane, Vic Babington  
COUNTERS – Robert Owens, Diane Lento, Russell Van Wetering, Don Huggett, Tom Rushforth  
GREETER – Bill Clark  
LAY READER – Jane Silane  
ALTAR GUILD – Dona Berg, Jean Babington  
CHILD CARE – Kate Jerome  
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Ferrentino Family

### **Sunday, June 10, 2018**

USHERS – ☒ Wayne Placek, William Fordham, Tom Rushforth, Diane Rolfs, Barbara Placek  
COUNTERS – Chet Price, Rom Rushforth, Kathy Caughlan, Bill Hamilton, Don Huggett  
GREETERS – Church School  
ALTAR GUILD — Dona Berg, Jean Babington  
CHILD CARE – Pat Canzani  
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Ice Cream Sunday/Mission Team

### **Sunday, June 17, 2018**

USHERS - ☒ Gary Schaechinger, Heather Schaechinger, Charlie Schaechinger  
COUNTERS – Cindy Fordham, Barry Arena, Tom Rushforth, Art Caughlan, Don Huggett  
GREETERS – Volunteers needed  
LAY READER – Linda Stark  
ALTAR GUILD – — Dona Berg, Jean Babington  
CHILD CARE – Anabelle Babington  
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Volunteers needed

### **Sunday, June 24, 2018**

USHERS – ☒ Jenn Young, Inge Reist, Richard Metz  
COUNTERS – Betty Hogan, Michelle Heinzinger, Terri Clark, Don Huggett, Tom Rushforth  
GREETERS – Volunteers needed  
LAY READER – Joanne Hernandez  
ALTAR GUILD – Dona Berg, Jean Babington  
CHILD CARE – Cathy Raffa  
FELLOWSHIP TIME – Volunteers needed

☒ **Team Leader**