

In the Life of the Church

January 22-February 5

Sunday, January 22 - Food Drive Bag Distribution & Collection

8:45 a.m. - Infants - 4's - Nursery
 9:00 a.m. - Worship
 10:15 a.m. - Fellowship Time
 10:30 a.m. - Worship
 10:30 a.m. - Discovery Forum - Family Room
 10:30 a.m. - Adult Ed Drop In - Parlor
 11:45 a.m. - Welcome Reception for Pastor Carla Jo
 12:00 p.m. - New Member Seminar - Family Room
 6:00 p.m. - PADS - Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 23

12:00 p.m. - Women's and Men's Association
 Executive Board Meeting - Family Room

Tuesday, January 24

9:00 a.m. - Bazaar Workshop - Multipurpose Room
 10:00 a.m. - Family Matters deadline
 10:30 a.m. - FCC Leadership Staff Meeting - Parlor
 7:00 p.m. - Bazaar Workshop - Multipurpose Room
 7:00 p.m. - Governing Board - Family Room

Wednesday, January 25

11:00 a.m. - Yoga with a Spiritual Vein - Spirituality Center
 4:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir - Bell Chapel
 4:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir - Family Room
 7:30 p.m. - Youth Leadership - Bell Chapel
 7:30 p.m. - Foundation Board - Family Room

Thursday, January 26

6:30 p.m. - Chancel Ringers - Rehearsal Room B
 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir - Bell Chapel
 7:30 p.m. - Yoga with a Spiritual Vein - Spirituality Center

Friday, January 27

9:30 a.m. - Yoga with a Spiritual Vein - Spirituality Center
 Youth Depart for World Religions and Sophs Retreats

Saturday, January 28

8:00 a.m. - CATS Mens Bible Study -
 Flossmoor Restaurant

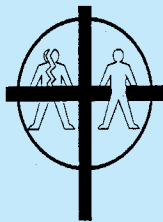
Sunday, January 29 - Food Drive Collection

Youth Return from World Religions and Sophs Retreats
 8:45 a.m. - Infants - 4's - Nursery
 9:00 a.m. - Worship
 10:15 a.m. - Fellowship Time
 10:30 a.m. - Worship
 10:30 a.m. - Discovery Forum - Family Room
 10:30 a.m. - Adult Ed Drop In - Parlor
 11:45 a.m. - Mid-Year Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
 12:30 p.m. - Mid-Year Congregational Meeting Potluck -
 Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. - PADS - Fellowship Hall

Caring Ministries

So that we may better care for our hospitalized members, please remember to notify the church when a family member or friend is hospitalized.

If you wish to request the prayers of the **Prayer Chain** at any time during the week, call or email your request to Diane Margita at dmargita@fccfaithful.org.



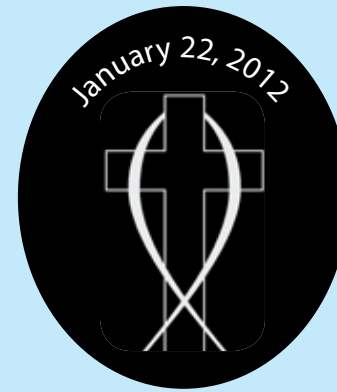
If there are struggles in your life right now or you're feeling somewhat alone, Stephen Ministers are church members trained to give confidential support and care. Please contact a Pastor following the service or by phoning the church office.

Worship Notes

You are encouraged to observe our "5-minute rule" which invites all FCC members to spend the first 5 minutes following worship in conversation, not with family and friends, but with someone they have not yet had the privilege of meeting.

Compact discs and printed sermons of recent Sunday worship services are at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space. CDs may be obtained for a donation of \$3, but are complimentary to our visiting guests.

Handicap Parking is designated in the back parking lot, along Travers Lane and in the Community House parking lot. Members are encouraged to leave "close-in" parking spots for our mobility-challenged members and our guests.



Serving Us Today

Ushers

9:00am

Capt. Sue Detrick
 Carole Brejcha
 Jane Redman
 Jack Watt
 Ann Gardner

10:30am

Steve Baker
 Philip & Phyliss Royster
 Bonnie Bracy
 Jean Roos

Greeters

9:00am

Sofia Panzica, Maddi Wians
 Ted Wick, Griffin Wright

10:30am

Sue Detrick

Hosts

9:00am

Geri Bayles
 Shel Keenan
 Sharon Madderom
 Jan Johnson

10:30am

Jim Collins
 Katie Sullivan
 Cathy Bridges
 Tim Sullivan

Sound

Nate Grant

Faith Family Matters

Flossmoor Community Church

Mid-Year Congregational Meeting

NEXT Sunday, January 29

Please plan on attending a Mid-Year Congregational Meeting & Potluck lunch following the 10:30 a.m. worship service NEXT SUNDAY. The purpose of this gathering is to celebrate the ministries and mission carried out at FCC, with the Governing Board reviewing highlights of the first half of the church's year and previewing hopes for the second half. The Governing Board is committed to keeping the congregation well-versed and up to date on the many programs we support through the commitment of our talent, time, and treasure. It will be a time for getting more information about the Christian life we share together, gearing up for ongoing service, and having some good fellowship in the process. Potluck sign-ups are in the Gathering Space.



WELCOME CARLA JO TODAY!



We celebrate the call extended to the Rev. Carla Jo Howlett as FCC's settled Associate Pastor. Carla Jo was elected at the congregational meeting held on December 11, 2011. She is a native of Evanston, IL who received her M.Div. from Vanderbilt Divinity School and comes to FCC with twenty years of pastoral service ministering in congregational, hospital chaplaincy, and hospice settings. Carla Jo began serving FCC on January 9. Please join us for a reception welcoming Carla Jo **TODAY** following the 10:30 a.m. service in Fellowship Hall, and please be sure to wear nametags in the weeks ahead to help her get acquainted! There is

a sign-up at today's reception to attend coffees in members' homes. These will afford an opportunity to chat informally with Pastor Carla Jo.



NEW MEMBERS SEMINAR TODAY

Whether you have joined FCC recently or anticipate joining in the near future, please come to the New Members Seminar TODAY from noon to 2:30 p.m. in the upstairs Family Room. A light lunch will be provided and we will spend time in fellowship getting to know one another and exploring the Christian life that we share together as members of FCC.



Rehabilitating at Prairie Manor:
Carol Swingle

Ongoing prayer requests

- Sarah Diane Babincsak
- Mary Bardell
- Cari Biamonte
- Amy & Sydney Carlson
- Lynda Clayton
- Barb Cotter
- Katie Detrick Rice
- The Duplessis Family
- Natalie Wannell Ford
- Aleece Fulton
- Leo Gaitor, Jr.
- Brian Gannon
- Edward Gordon
- Jordan Gowland
- Donna Hendrickson
- Richard Hoekstra
- Josh Holer
- Cardy Jones
- Susie Lambert
- Dewey Lang
- Julie Lindstrom
- Jordan & Ken McMillan
- Cooper and Finley Motlong
- Carol Nielsen
- Janice Nielsen
- Juanita Nielsen
- Stephen Nielsen
- Karson Pound
- Donna Reising
- Jane & Patrick Wannell
- Bertha West
- Debbie Wheeler
- Jane Wiersema
- Pat Zvan

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God from Jane Edwards in memory of her husband, William. After worship, our Deacon ministry will deliver these flowers to one of our hospitalized or homebound members.

Sign-up TODAY for One Book, One Church!



The church is not ours. The church is God's. The story is not ours. The story is God's. We are simply stewards of God's story. God's story tells us what God is up to, and God is up to the work of transformation. Transformation happens in the church not because we are so smart or good at what we do. Transformation happens because God is good and is still at work reconciling the world through Christ. After all, the church's claim is not "He was risen," but rather, "He is risen!"

The passage above is quoted from Rick Barger's *A New and Right Spirit: Creating an Authentic Church in a Consumer Society*, which the Governing Board read and discussed last spring. Barger's call for renewing church life generated such fruitful and meaningful conversation among the Elders that the Governing Board decided it would be a valuable experience to share this book with the congregation using the "One Book, One Church" (OBOC) format. *A New and Right Spirit* is much more of a "why to" book than a "how to" book. Yet it is written with a clarity of insight and vision that spurs further study and inspires action.

SIGN UP TODAY IN THE GATHERING SPACE. The book is available for purchase at a cost of \$15. Sessions are designed to run for four weeks and will get underway at the opening of February. Please contact Pastor Fred if you have any questions at flyon@fccfaithful.org.

**FCC Board of Outreach
Winter Food Drive**

Grocery bags are being distributed today. Please take a bag (or two!) home and fill them up with much-needed non-perishable food items. Return your bags of food today and next Sunday to the van parked in front of the church to receive donations. This food will be taken to Respond Now to help with their outreach mission.



Singers invited . . .

Singers are invited to join the Chancel Choir in preparing Faure's *Requiem* for worship on Ash Wednesday worship service on February 22 at 7:30 p.m. In 1902, Faure had the following to say about his masterwork, "It has been said that my Requiem does not express the fear of death and someone has called it a lullaby of death. But it is thus that I see death: as a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards happiness above, rather than as a painful experience." Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings in Bell Chapel at 8 p.m. under the direction of Michael Rugen.



During Sundays in February, the **Children's Ministries Bible Class** will focus on where the Bible came from, who wrote it, what's in it and how to use it. Bibles will be awarded to children who complete the class on Sunday, March 4 at the 9 a.m. service. All 3rd graders are invited to participate; however the class is also open to older children in grades 4-6, who have not received their Bible from FCC. Please contact Belinda at kids@fccfaithful.org or call 798-2800 ext. 16 for information and/or to register your child for the class.

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ADULT EDUCATION

Please sign up for opportunities at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space.

DISCOVERY FORUM
Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room

The Discovery Forum continues discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World*. Reading the chapters prior to the meeting will enhance the participant's experience but is not required.

TODAY:
Chapter 5: The Practice of Getting Lost – Wilderness

ADULT ED - DROP-IN DISCUSSIONS
Sundays beginning TODAY
at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Please join the new Adult Ed offering which will be held each Sunday. Each week a different topic will be covered. The session will consist of a short video followed by a lively topical discussion. The purpose of these gatherings is to allow anyone to join us without feeling the need to do any preparation. Drop on in!

