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FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

Where Christ is Central and Diversity is Cherished

October 2011



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 2, is World Communion.

Our annual World Communion Special Offering will be received Sunday, October 2. Each year, FCC directs the Special Offering to two organizations—one local and one global—to promote the Outreach Ministry of our congregation. This is in keeping with one of our core values: *“Compassion that is local and global.”*

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

RESPOND NOW (respondnow.org)

Respond Now exists to provide immediate relief for residents of Chicago's south suburbs who are in need, while maintaining their dignity and affording respect. They help people through their temporary emergencies with financial assistance by providing food to families and individuals in need, sound referrals and counseling for other needed services, and much more.

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS (doctorswithoutborders.org)



Doctors Without Borders is an independent, international medical humanitarian organization that delivers direct medical care to people in more than 70 countries who are enduring armed conflict, epidemics, natural/human-made disasters, or insufficient health care. They also speak out against the causes of suffering that prevent people anywhere in the world from receiving basic medical aid.

Please prayerfully consider giving your generous support to these ministries through the Special Offering.

The Board of Congregational Life
Invites You To an FCC



Saturday, October 15

5 p.m. - Meet at church for instructions
6:30 p.m. - Cilantro Restaurant for buffet dinner, picture viewing and prizes

WHAT YOU NEED:

Group of 4 people* with one car and one driver. One digital camera.

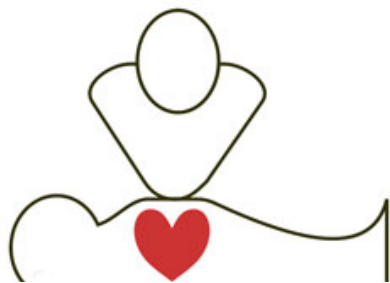
*We will match up singles and twosomes with other groups.

COST: \$20 per person for buffet dinner at Cilantro and prizes. Cash Bar (\$3 beer and \$5 margaritas)

WHAT IT IS: Your group will drive around town taking pictures of random things (ex. a picture of someone in your group next to an out of state license plate) from a list provided. Prizes will be awarded for the group(s) who get the most things on the list in digital pictures within the allotted time.

Adults 21 and older!

Sign-ups will be between services in the Gathering Space October 2 and 9. Space is limited! Questions? Please contact Susan Wick at stptwick@msn.com or by calling 798-9596.



CPR and AED Training

The Properties Committee will again be offering training and certification in CPR and use of the AED device. This important training is free to interested FCC members and will be offered in late October.

If interested, please contact Doug King at revking77@comcast.net or 708-285-1186. Your interest in training could someday save a life!



Women's & Men's Association

Check It Out Before
You Throw It Out!



**Luncheon & Program
Wednesday, October 12
at Noon in Fellowship Hall
Tickets: \$10**

Rex Newell's motto, "Check It Out Before You Throw It Out!" will be the focus of this very interesting topic. He shares his life as an antiques collector and appraiser. Rex specializes in 1950's modern furniture, art work, coins, and timepieces. Find out what's hot in the antique market, how to research and evaluate your family heirlooms, and hear some interesting anecdotes. The first 25 people in attendance may present one item for appraisal.

Sign up at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space or call either 754-2683 or 798-8295 for your reservation.

Save these dates!

Wednesday, November 9

Historian and author Rich Lindberg, will feature a Powerpoint presentation entitled, "Chicago's Historical Crime Tour". Learn about the high profile Windy City gangsters and infamous crime scenes.

Wednesday, December 14

Celebrate the traditions of the Christmas season with actor Terry Lynch (of HFK Presents) in The Legend of St. Nicholas.



Fear Not! God's Love Shines Bright was the message shared at the Fall Kick Off (pictured above and below.) Kids may be afraid of nightmares, fire, death, bad grades, trouble with friends, terrorists, being alone, or vacuums, just to name a few. We read from Isaiah 41:10 and heard that God promises to be with us all the time and he will make us strong. We don't have to be afraid. Our fears may be real or imaginary, but God will help us no matter what. He is our powerful, mighty God. The morning concluded with juice and cookies. It's great to be back!

Weekday Preschool is off to a fabulous start! Have you visited the preschool halls lately? We invite you to take a peek and visit our happy hallway to check out our musical bulletin board where "Every note is needed to make our FCC Weekday Preschool Melody Complete"!

We also kicked off a new school year with our annual Popsicle Social held on the playground, where parents and kids had the opportunity to meet with a treat, while enjoying our beautiful outdoor space.

"Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious hand."
Isaiah 41:10



All age groups will be studying in Genesis the first two months. Our offering for the year will be collected for Heifer International. Each child has received an "ark bank" and animal. The biblical concept of the ark offers rich imagery as a place of refuge against disaster. Today, the concept of an ark of refuge against storms of hunger and poverty is also meaningful. The children have been instructed to name their animal and create a story about it. Throughout the year we'll talk about our animals and then in May we'll vote which animals will be purchased for the ark. Will it be a pig? A trio of rabbits, cows? If you'd like to know more about Heifer International – ask a child or call Belinda at 798-2800 ext. 16 or email, kids@fccfaithful.org.

Interested in donating to the Chris Floyd Memorial Scholarship Fund? Each year we provide monetary assistance to those families in need of extra resources for preschool. As you can imagine the need has grown over the past few years; we appreciate your consideration and donation to this continuing successful ministry of Flossmoor Community Church. Thank You!

YOUTH MINISTRIES



OCTOBER YOUTH EVENTS

October 2

Youth Family
Apple Picking Trip

October 21 - 23

Disciples & Sophs
Fall Retreat to Tower Hill

October 23

Exodus Youth Group
serves dinner to PADS



Youth-Family Apple Picking Trip to County Line Orchard

Sunday, October 2

Departing from the Community House immediately after church

Enjoy the crisp Fall weather and journey with us to County Line Orchard in Hobart, IN for an afternoon of apple picking and other harvest activities! County Line is about 30 miles away and has a variety of apples available and other attractions (corn maze, kids farm, train, etc). Basic admission is \$1/person, and attractions and purchasing apples are extra. Please visit www.countylineorchard.com for pricing and other information. Financial assistance is available; please contact Betsy for more info.

We invite families to carpool and would like to leave after the 10:30 a.m. worship and youth groups. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board, or by contacting Betsy Hanzelin (798-2800 or bhanzelin@fccfaithful.org) so we can plan accordingly. If you have extra room in your vehicle for others, please let us know... we would love to include everyone!



ADULT EDUCATION UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT FCC

Over the course of the year, Adult Education hopes to offer you a series of classes and opportunities that reflect the interests you expressed in our survey last year. Please join us and don't hesitate to reach out and let us know if there is a topic you would like to cover or are interested in teaching!

DISCOVERY FORUM

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

In October, discussion will focus on religion's impact on a variety of subjects. Each topic will be self-contained and will include hand outs.

- October 2: Seeing "the other" as human
- October 9: Poverty, charity and justice
- October 23: Beauty at the core of human religious experience
- October 30: Abraham and the "family feud"

On October 16, the group will have a book discussion of Tove Jansson's 1972 Scandinavian classic novel, *The Summer Book*.
Hosted by Trina Hayes

WALKING THE LABYRINTH

**Sundays in the Parlor through October 23
at 10:30 a.m.**

The labyrinth is a powerful symbol and tool for our spiritual and psychological development that has been taking on modern significance and we are seeing labyrinth designs in churches, hospitals, corporate centers and public parks all over the country and the world. Long symbolizing transformation and renewal, the labyrinth offers to us a chance to reflect on our journey to the Spirit center. This series will use discussion, guided meditations and utilize our very own FCC labyrinth to explore our call to come full circle.
Hosted by Priscilla Boyd

THE BEATITUDES: DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL CHARACTER IN A MODERN WORLD

**Sundays in the Family Room
through November 20 at 4 p.m.**

The Beatitudes is probably the best known teachings of Jesus. Given as a Sermon on the Mount, it expresses ethical standards that as Christians we are to attain. It is probably the least understood and the least obeyed. It is Jesus' own description of what he wanted us to be and to do. The eight beatitudes which begin the sermon will be the focus of the class.
Hosted by Nadine Rosier

EXPLORING AND EXPANDING OUR IMAGES OF GOD

Sundays in the Parlor, October 16 - 30 at 6:30 p.m.

For millions of years, our ancestors remained very close to nature and saw the entire web of life infused with divinity... As we travel the universe in our "Blue Boat Home" how do we live day to day as pilgrims who travel with all that is around us?

As we navigate through our lives together in the universe, we encounter different images and symbols that point to a larger reality and at times capture who God is for us at any given moment. Often as we live through different experiences in life, we realize that we need to expand our understanding of who God is...and let God be God!

Together we will acknowledge those images of God that have captured our experiences of God and look to the Wisdom of Creation for insight and revelation!

Hosted by Fr. Terry Johnson

A NEW KIND OF CHRISTIANITY

**Sundays in the Spirituality Center, beginning
October 23 through December 18 at 10:30 a.m.**

This class will be the study of Brian McLaren's book which examines 10 questions in our world today that are transforming our faith. These topics include, "What is the overarching story line of the Bible?", "How should the Bible be understood?", "What is the Gospel?", "Can we find a way to address human sexuality without fighting about it?", among others.
Hosted by George Francis

COMING SOON IN NOVEMBER...

COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE

Sunday, November 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Hiebert was a part of the team that created this new translation. He will review the process and talk about what were the influences on this translation.

Hosted by Dr. Ted Hiebert



INTERFAITH COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE

Our Sanctuary was full of members from the Homewood-Flossmoor Community on the afternoon of September 11.

The South Suburban Ministerial Association sponsored an interfaith community service marking the 10th anniversary of the horrific events of September 11, 2001. Clergy representing local Episcopalian, Jewish, Lutheran, Methodist, Islam, Presbyterian, and our own Flossmoor Community Church faith families all participated in the service of remembrance of the victims with prayers and readings for peace and tolerance.

The Viking Choir and Viking Orchestra from H-F high school, conducted by Dr. Michael Rogers and Mr. Michael Rugen, contributed a beautifully appropriate repertoire for the occasion. It appeared to be a meaningful blessing to all in attendance.



October 2011 Calendar of Events

Worship from 9-10 a.m. & 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Adult Education: 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time: 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Youth Groups: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Promised Land Church School: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Preschool Groups: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Nursery Care: 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Sun	Oct 2	World Communion Sunday Youth-Family Apple Picking (offsite)	11:45 am
Tues	Oct 4	Diaconate (PA) Adult Ministries (Rm. 23) Children's Ministries (A2C) Outreach (Rm. 22) Personnel (FR)	6:30 pm 7 7:30
Mon	Oct 10	Columbus Day	
Tues	Oct 11	Finance (LB) Properties (Rm. 23) Worship & the Arts (GS)	6:30 pm 7:30
Wed	Oct 12	Women's & Men's Association Program & Luncheon (FH)	12 pm
Sat	Oct 15	November Narthex Deadline FCC Scavenger Hunt (offsite)	12 pm 5
Tues	Oct 18	Stephen Ministries (FR) Stewardship (SPO)	7:30 pm
Fri	Oct 21	Youth Disciples & Sophs Depart for Retreat	
Sun	Oct 23	Youth Disciples & Sophs Return from Retreat	
Mon	Oct 24	Women's & Men's Association Executive Board Meeting (FR)	12 pm
Tues	Oct 25	Governing Board (FH)	7 pm
Wed	Oct 26	Foundation (FR)	7:30
Mon	Oct 31	Halloween	



SPECIAL WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS		
Mon	Associate Pastor Search Committee (FR)	7 pm
Tues	Bazaar Workshop (MP)	9 am
	Yoga with a Spiritual Vein (SC)	9:30 am
	Staff Meeting (FR)	11 am
	Bazaar Workshop (MP)	7 pm
Wed	Chair Yoga (SC)	11 am
	Yoga with a Spiritual Vein (SC)	12:30 pm
	Cherub Choir (FR)	4
	Jubilate Choir (CP)	
	Youth Leadership (CP)	7:30
Thurs	Chancel Ringers (RRB)	6:30 pm
	Chancel Choir (CP)	7:30 pm
	Yoga with a Spiritual Vein (SC)	7:30 pm
Fri	Yoga with a Spiritual Vein (SC)	9:30 am
Sat	Men's Church at the Train Station (CATS) - Flossmoor Station Restaurant	8 am
Sun	PADS (FH)	6 pm



Save the Date: Jan Hodes and Louise Hawkley are giving a vocal recital on November 6, at 4 p.m. in Bell Chapel. Both Jan and Louise are students of Al Jackson. They will be performing selections of Bach, Monteverdi, Schumann, Saint-Saens, and others. Come and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music!

CALENDAR CODES

A2C	Acts2Crew (Rm. 10)	GS	Gathering Space	OAS	Oasis (Rm 11)	SPO	Sr. Pastor's Office
CP	Chapel	GE	Genesis Room	PA	Parlor	TR	Tower Room
CH	Community House	LB	Library	PEGs	Parent Education Groups	TP	Temple (Room 12)
CS	Creation Station (Rm. 15)	MPT	MasterPeace Theater (Rm. 14)	RRB	Rehearsal Room B	WMA	Women's & Men's Association
FR	Family Room	MPR	Multipurpose Room	SA	Sanctuary	WPS	Weekday Preschool
FH	Fellowship Hall	NU	Nursery	SC	Spirituality Center	YC	Youth Crossings

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In September we focused on Christian Education during worship. In October we will turn our attention to Outreach, starting with World Communion Sunday on October 2.

As is the case with many congregations like ours, Outreach at FCC is the case with many congregations like ours, takes us in many directions—locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. But I would like for all of us to think about Outreach that starts on a very personal level.

In Philippians 4:5, the Apostle Paul writes: “Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.” Maybe the key to Outreach—the key to reaching out to the world with the good news of Christ—is behaving not *as if* Jesus were nearby, but behaving *precisely because* Jesus is nearby, in our midst, all the time. Our risen Lord is always near us, near our families, near our friends, near our workplaces, near our neighborhoods... always already nearby wherever we go.

When it comes to Outreach, we do not take Jesus to others so much as Jesus leads us to others. Paul calls you and me to let our gentleness be known to everyone because Jesus is already nearby everyone, already waiting for you and me to clue into his presence.

Outreach can take us far. But it starts much closer to us than we tend to realize, because Jesus is always already closer than we suspect.

Outreach has a lot to do with being on the lookout for Jesus. So be on the lookout for signs of the risen Christ all around. Then look for opportunities to reach out with gentleness to share what signs you have seen and how you have experienced the good news of Christ’s presence in your life.

Peace,