

CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

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JANUARY 2018



WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

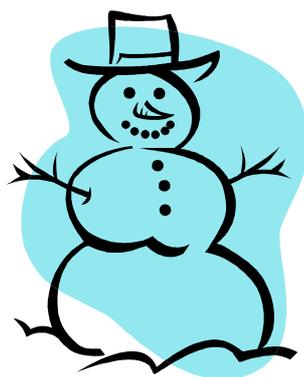
2018 WORSHIP PLANNING – January

Jan 7 – Camp Sunday - Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Scriptures - Psalm 29, Mark 1:4-11
Sermon - “Heaven Torn Open”

Jan 14 - Communion Sunday
Scriptures - Psalm 139:106, 13-18, John 1:43-51
Sermon - “Follow the Son of Man”

Jan 21 - Anniversary Sunday
Scriptures - Psalm 62:5-12, Mark 1:14-20
Sermon - “Good News!”

Jan 28 - Scriptures - Psalm 111, Mark 1:21-28
Sermon - “Jesus Quiets the Negativity”



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Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – Noon

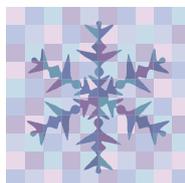
Sunday Worship Services:

Morning Brew – 9:30am

Worship Hour at 11:00am

Nursery Provided

Senior Minister:	Rev. Marijke Rossi
Moderator:	Tom Simons
1st Assoc. Moderator:	Marge Kimes
2nd Assoc. Moderator:	Wendy Haupt
Treasurer:	Scott Hanson
Financial Secretary:	Mike McIntire
Church Clerk:	Ken Rockwell
Board of Trustees:	Mike McIntire
Board of Deacons:	Carla McIntire
Outreach Board:	Diane Forster-Burke
Christian Education:	Pam Svikhart
Membership Board:	Cissy Wolff
Parish Nurses:	Diane Forster-Burke, Marge Kimes, Lynne Calame
Camp Fellowship:	Christine Madsen and Shaun McIntire
Garden of Grace:	Scott & Jeanne Hansen
Choir Director:	Devon Bettolo
Organist:	Teresa Clawson
Church Secretary:	Kristi Hanson



FROM THE REV...

Rev. Marijke Rossi

Happy Blessed New Year to all!!! Have you made any resolutions? I don't usually do this but I think it is a great motivator. The New Year feels like a fresh start. The importance of starting again is in allowing for forgiveness. Forgiveness toward ourselves for what we feel we didn't accomplish last year and forgiveness for others who we may have felt disappointed us. When we feel forgiven it is much easier to forgive others. Whatever your resolution, be good to yourself. Every moment of every day is a new start. Let us embrace the newness and make this year the year we feel fulfilled.

CLARION DEADLINE



February Clarion Deadline will be January 17th. You can email your articles or leave them in the church office. firstcongo@qwestoffice.net

CALENDAR



The Calendars in this issue give information about church activities as well as building use by groups. While any building use should be coordinated through the office, this should help you make appropriate plans if you need to use the church.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas season so special for our young people. We had help with luminaries, the Sunday School Pageant, a soup luncheon, a very special visitor, and the Christmas Eve Nativity scene. Thanks again for supporting our youth.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY



Thank you all for your kind words and cards during the Christmas season. I have loved hanging those cards up at my house and being reminded of how wonderful you all are, and how much I love working for you and the church. I hope you all had a memorable Christmas season and I hope you all have a happy new year.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY CELEBRATION JANUARY 21st – Our actual anniversary date is January 22. That is when the first service was held of the group of people who became the First Congregational Church. The Reverend Norman McLeod preached. We will have a special Anniversary Dinner following the service.

From the Deacons- Flowers

Written by Carla McIntire

As most of you are aware Skyline Floral, where we got our flowers for the church, closed their doors about a year ago. They transferred their business to Sky Floral who provided flowers for us for a few months. The bouquets of flowers were costing us \$15.00 a week. Sky Floral then told us that they could not deliver the flowers for an order less than \$40.00 a week. That was a cost that most people were not willing to pay, especially since not all the weeks of the year were covered by people signing up for flowers and the church could not carry that burden.

So... The Deacons decided to purchase an artificial arrangement to use on the table in front of the church. That was done and carried us through the spring and summer months. A fall arrangement was then made which we have used this autumn. We would like to have a couple more arrangement to use during the winter and to alternate with the arrangements we have. We will still have poinsettia for Christmas and lilies for Easter. If

anyone would like to make a donation towards flowers, that will be used to make or purchase new arrangements.

After some discussion we have decided to continue to put up a flower calendar for the New Year, but it will be for people who want to make a dedication to a person(s) or group, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Feel free to sign up if you want to make a dedication and that will be listed in the bulletin. If you want to have fresh flowers for a week you have signed up for you are free to order them from your favorite floral shop. However, you will be responsible to pick them up, pay for them and bring them to church. You should also let Kristi in the office know that is what you are doing. I hope this clarifies things, but if you have any questions, please feel free to talk to one of the deacons or call Kristi in the office.

January Outreach Project

LifeStart Village is a program through the Family Support Center. It is located in Taylorsville. The mission is to move single parents with children from dependency to self-sufficiency. In FSC's LifeStart Village, single parents and their children move from homelessness or near homelessness into safe, stable housing where they develop the necessary skills to create a stable, nurturing environment.

In the dorm-like Phase I and under the direction of a full time director, the parents learn to become self-sufficient. They receive Life Focus training, parent education, financial budgeting education, are assisted in completing their GED, and acquiring and maintaining adequate employment.

Upon completion of Phase I, the parents graduate to a self-sufficient rental town home or cottage (Phase II) and may ultimately have the opportunity to become the owner of a CROWN (rent to own) twin home in Phase III.

Parents must have custody of their children and meet resident requirements prior to moving in. All residents are required to

abide by a strict code of conduct and program participation. Upon completion of these 2 Phases, transitional housing is available in LifeStart Village for a total of 54 families. Financial donations are needed to help purchase baby items, children's clothing/shoes, and children's toys.



Parish Nurse Health Tip

Written by Lynne Calame

Burial Choices

Death is inevitable, but some people don't want to spend their eternity buried in a grave in the ground. Some do. However, you will be amazed at the choices your earthy remains have to spend their afterlife! Buckle Up! The following list is not all-inclusive, but one that will get you thinking.

No matter if you go the traditional route or non-traditional, you still have choices to make. You will be hearing Diane, Marijke, guest contributors, speakers, and Lynne begging you to make these choices known to your family members **now**. Have a family discussion. Write them down. Have them notarized. Have a lawyer get them in order for you. Don't put this off. Don't leave your family members to do all the work when they are in the throes of mourning. What do you say!? Hop to!

If you wish to go the TRADITIONAL ROUTE, you will need to:

- ✓ Purchase a grave or plot
- ✓ If you want burial to be with a loved one, then you will need to purchase a double plot, side by side, or one plot, one on top of the other
- ✓ Or you could purchase a family lot
- ✓ Now decide where to be buried? Cemetery? Religious cemetery?
- ✓ A cemetery where you can or cannot have a headstone?
- ✓ Purchase a casket, grave liner, burial vault, and a head stone or grave marker

If you want a SEMI-TRADITIONAL burial, some choices:

- ✓ A mausoleum is an external freestanding building constructed as a monument enclosing the internment space or burial chamber of a deceased person or people. A monument without the internment is a cenotaph. A mausoleum may be considered a type of tomb, or the tomb may be considered to be within the mausoleum.

- ✓ Can also be a building with crypts stacked, sometimes called community mausoleums.
- ✓ Green Burial: Green burial is legal in all 50 states, but rules and regulations for dealing with human remains must be followed. Most state laws do not require embalming; a green burial occurs when "the body is buried, without embalming, in a natural setting, with any shroud or not. The casket that is used must be biodegradable, nontoxic, and of sustainable material. It could be as little as a cardboard box. Many are choosing the pinewood box. The wicker basket has become very popular. However is a bit costly, but very homespun and beautiful; a Moses like quality.



- ✓ You could choose cremation. For a cremation, you will need to decide whether to have a full funeral service. The other main decision is what you wish to do with the cremated remains: Keep for a loved one, bury, or scatter. There are many urns on the market for cremated ashes. Here is something to think about. A Barcelona company invented a biodegradable urn called the, Bios Urn, that houses cremated remains and uses the ashes to help germinate and grow a tree. Beautiful idea. But instead of paying the \$145.00 for this urn, have your loved ones, bury your ashes along with a tree, bush or perennial flower.

Body Donation:

- ✓ Donate your body to science, to a medical school for dissection. My aunt had one of the very first pace makers put in at the Mayo Clinic. She asked them if they would like to study her body as a result of this implant. She was very proud that she was going to donate her body for this research. My son-in-law recalls a very moving and powerful ceremony during his first year of medical school. It is called the Anatomical Donor Memorial Ceremony. It is where the students thank the families of the body donors.
- ✓ Donate your body for the amazing exhibition of muscles called, Plastination, much like mummification. Plastination involves preserving the body in a semi-recognizable form and is also used in medical schools and anatomy labs to preserve organ specimens for education.
- ✓ Donate your body to a "body farm", which is a research facility where decomposition can be studied in a variety of settings. The aim is to gain a better understanding of the decomposition process, permitting the development of techniques for extracting information such as the timing and circumstances of death from human remains. Body farm research is of

particular interest in forensic anthropology and related disciplines, and has applications in the fields of law enforcement and forensic science. By placing the bodies outside to face the elements, researchers are able to get a better understanding of the decomposition process. There are seven such research facilities in the United States.

Are you ready? Here goes! Some NON-TRADITIONAL burial choices:

- ✓ Cryonics: Cryonics is the process of freezing a person's body in the hopes that later medical science will make it possible to revive them, personality and memory intact. Yes, it still is a thing . . . For a mere two hundred thousand dollars. HmMMM.
- ✓ Space Burial: More symbolic than actual burial in space. Not like in the movies - as only a tiny amount of your ashes gets to experience space flight and circle the earth for an exorbitant amount of money.
- ✓ Mummification: A religious organization called Summum, founded in 1975, offers mummification services beginning at \$63,000. The hope is that your preserved DNA will enable future scientists to clone you and give you (or at least your genes) a second shot at life.
- ✓ Freeze-Drying: Just like it sounds. Like cremation, sort of, only at the opposite end of the spectrum.
- ✓ For a mere \$4,000, you can have your ashes compressed into a sparkling “LifeGem”. The “memorial diamonds” can be made into a variety of colors, and then placed into settings. Like cubic zirconias, the gems are made by compressing carbon matter — but instead of compressed minerals, LifeGems are made by compressing you! The gems can then sparkle on a ring or necklace, and be worn next to your loved one’s heart.
- ✓ When life reaches the end of “Side 1”, wouldn’t it be great if you could just turn it over? Music lovers can keep it spinning with *And Vinyly*, a service that presses your ashes into a vinyl record. Speak to them from beyond the grave, by recording a message, last will and testament, or your exit music. The service even offers an in-house band for custom written tracks! I couldn’t find a cost.
- ✓ Eternal Reefs: Like marine life? Have your relatives recycle your body into a living reef, and you yourself can become a life-supporting vessel for all eternity. Eternal Reefs help restore the fragile ecosystems off our coasts, providing an environment that supports coral and microorganisms. Your ashes are mixed with cement, and then placed off the coast in a military style ceremony, supporting marine life for at least 500 years. Cost? Don’t know. Sorry.
- ✓ Cremation Pencil Urn. Okay. I must admit. This is my favorite. I love, love, love this one, as I love pencils and I love to doodle. I want this! But as it turns out, I would not be able to enjoy this one myself! Dang! Nadine Jarvis has created the ultimate afterlife memento for authors and scribblers everywhere. Coming in a flat wooden box, Jarvis creates a set of pencils from human ash. The special

container allows only one pencil to be withdrawn at a time. The pencil is sharpened on the side of the box, which holds the ash sharpenings. When the last pencil is used, the box becomes an urn, holding the remaining ashes. Cost: ?

- ✓ Cremation Ashes of Your Favorite Tchotchke: 3-D printers are all the rage, making the replicator from Star Trek a reality. Using this exciting technology, designer Wieki Somers has made a comment on our attachment to objects in life by turning human ashes into objects after death. Spending our lives acquiring objects, it could seem fitting to become our favorites after death. Cost: ?
- ✓ Shelves During Life For Your Coffin: If you are one of those people who plans ahead, then Shelves for Life by William Warren are for you. While you're still "kicking", the shelves handsomely hold your books and tchotchkes that decorate your life. When your "number is called", the shelves can easily disassemble into your final resting place. The upcycled coffin will save your grieving family money, and let you bring a little something familiar into the afterlife. Cost? But you could make one yourself, Yah!
- ✓ I had one more, the Ceio Biodegradable Infinity Mushroom Suit, but I simply couldn't bring myself to include a description. If you are truly interested, go to the web. I do have its cost: \$1,500.



Sources: Inhabitat News: 6 Eco Burial Options For a Green After Life, 10/31/2013, EverPlans, 2017, Types of Burial Options, National Funeral Directors Association 2017, Funerals 360°

January 2018 FCC Community Movie Schedule

Please come and experience some great movies and presentations.

As always, popcorn will be served. **Please note: The movie will NOT be shown on December 27th. It will be shown instead on Wed. January 3rd.**

Date	Movie	Description
Wed. December 27th	-----	NO MOVIE – Rescheduled for the new year on Wed. January 3rd
Wed. January 3rd 6:30 p.m.	<u>Pocketful of Miracles</u>	Frank Capra remade his own movie, <u>Lady for a Day</u> , in this funny, screwball 1961 comedy set in the Prohibition era. Bette Davis, Glenn Ford, Ann-Margaret (in her film debut) and an all star cast delight in this feel good story. 136 minutes
Wed. January 10th 6:30 p.m.	<u>Something the Lord Made</u>	In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Mos Def & Alan Rickman star in this true story about Vivien Thomas. Thomas forever changed the treatment of blue babies. You won't want to miss this incredible story. 110 minutes
Wed. January 17th	-----	No Movie due to Council Meeting
Wed. January 24th 6:30 p.m.	<u>Shroud (of Turin) Encounter</u> <u>CSI: Jerusalem</u>	Russ Breault's presentation of his research on the Shroud of Turin where science, history and faith meet to explore this mysterious Jewish burial cloth. Approximately 90 minutes
Wed January 31st 6:30 pm	<u>Going in Style</u>	Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine, & Alan Arkin star in this comedy about retirees whose pensions become a corporate casualty. 96 minutes

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Morning Brew 9:30am Each Sunday Traditional Service 11am Each Sunday	1 AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room New Year's Day	2 Deacons Meeting 7pm Trustees Meeting 7pm	3 Men's Breakfast 7am Community Movie Night "Pocket Full of Miracles" 6:30pm	4 Book Review Group 1:30pm Heritage Room Choir Rehearsal 7pm Madeleine Choir School Basketball Gym Rental 7-8:30pm	5	6
	7 Noisy Buckets TAKING DOWN THE GREENS Camp Sunday Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	8 AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room	9	10 Community Movie Night "Something The Lord Made" 6:30pm	11 Book Review Group 1:30pm Heritage Room Choir Rehearsal 7pm Madeleine Choir School Basketball Gym Rental 7-8:30pm	12
14 Communion Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	15 AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room	16	17 Council Meeting 6:30pm Clarion Deadline	18 Book Review Group 1:30pm Heritage Room Choir Rehearsal 7pm Madeleine Choir School Basketball Gym Rental 7-8:30pm	19	20
21 ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY AND LUNCHEON	22 AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room	23	24 Community Movie Night "Shroud (of Turin) Encounter CSI: Jerusalem" 6:30pm	25 Book Review Group 1:30pm Heritage Room Choir Rehearsal 7pm Madeleine Choir School Basketball Gym Rental 7-8:30pm	26	27
28 Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	29 AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room	30	31 Community Movie Night "Going In Style" 6:30pm			

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Morning Brew 9:30am Each Sunday Traditional Service 11am Each Sunday				1 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Book Review Group 1:30pm Heritage Room Madeleine Choir School Basketball Gym Rental 7-8:30pm	2	3
4 Camp Sunday Outreach Meeting Following Worship Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	5 AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room	6 Trustees Meeting 7pm Deacons Meeting 7pm	7 Men's Breakfast 7am Community Movie Night 6:30pm	8 Choir Rehearsal 7pm PEO Meeting 9:30am – 11:30am Fireside Room/Kitchen (Diane Simons) Book Review Group 1:30pm Heritage Room Madeleine Choir School Basketball Gym Rental 7-8:30pm	9	10
11 Communion Adult Sunday School 12:30pm	12 AA Meeting 6:30pm Fireside Room	13	14 Ash Wednesday Service 6pm Community Movie Night 6:30pm Valentine's Day	15 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Book Review Group 1:30pm Heritage Room Madeleine Choir School Basketball Gym Rental 7-8:30pm	16	17
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TREASURER'S REPORT

For Period Ending November 30, 2017

CHURCH GENERAL FUND	November	Fiscal Year-to- Date
Unrestricted Contributions	\$8,794.75	\$56,039.95
+ Other Unrestricted Revenue	\$5,087.42	\$25,175.95
+ Transferred to General Fund from Designated Accounts, Memorial Fund & FCC Trust	\$579.00	\$2,061.34
= Total Income	\$14,461.17	\$83,277.24
Total Expenses	-\$18,965.87	-\$91,841.67
= <i>Net General Fund Surplus (-Deficit)</i>	<i>-\$4,504.70</i>	<i>-\$8,564.43</i>

Data for comparison

YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions	\$65,700.00
YTD Budgeted Total Income	\$91,274.00
YTD Budgeted Total Expenses	-\$97,442.00
Amt YTD Surplus is ahead of (+) or behind (-) Budget	-\$2,396.43

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

Designated Contributions	November	Fiscal Year-to- Date
All Outreach Contributions	\$475.00	\$2,790.00
Other Designated Contributions	\$42.00	\$577.74
= <i>Total Designated Contributions</i>	<i>\$517.00</i>	<i>\$3,367.74</i>

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