

CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

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AUGUST 2021



First Congregational Church

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday: 8:00am – Noon

Sunday Worship Services:

In Person Worship at 10:00am

Follow Us on Facebook for Live Online Sunday Worship at 10:00am

Interim Minister:	Rev. Janie Gebhardt
Moderator:	Mike McIntire
1st Assoc. Moderator:	
2nd Assoc. Moderator:	Bill Brown
Treasurer:	Paul Kelley
Financial Secretary:	Mike McIntire
Church Clerk:	Ken Rockwell
Board of Trustees:	Scott Hansen
Board of Deacons:	Diane Forster-Burke
Outreach Board:	
Christian Education:	
Youth Director:	Molly Connor
Membership Board:	
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 DEACONS – Diane Forster-Burke

We have returned to regular services with removed tape separating where people sit, singing from the hymnals, and serving Communion in the traditional manner for those who wish to participate that way. We do have a limited amount of “kits” and for those who are uncomfortable with passing the elements for Communion; they can always bring their own bread and juice. As with every activity that we integrate into our worship, we welcome feedback from members. We are very grateful for our “tech” crew who continue to record and post our services on Facebook for those who cannot attend in person.

Marge Kimes and I continue to watch the reports on Covid and the Delta variant in order for us all to be safe. So far, being fully vaccinated is sufficient to be protective against hospitalization for Covid. If you still have not been vaccinated, please do so. If you have questions, please ask your health care provider or parish nurse.

We are very grateful to Carla for scheduling special music this summer and for those individuals who have performed for us. Teresa Clawson and Devon Bettolo are planning on the resumption of choir with practices on Thursday evenings at 7:30 beginning Sept 9th. We will sing during service the following Sunday.

CLARION DEADLINE



September Clarion Deadline will be August 18th. You can email your articles to firstcongo@qwestoffice.net

ZOOM Coffee with the Pastor – *Will Resume August 11th Wednesdays at 10:00am. Please email the church if you are interested in joining in and we will get you the information you need to get online and chat with other members/friends and pastor of FCC.

ZOOM BOOK GROUP will resume in September watch for email updates.



AUGUST OUTREACH – GRANITE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Outreach donations for the month of August will go to the Granite Education Foundation. This organization fosters programs, alliances, and resources that impact student learning and assist educators within the public school system. Its programs improve student achievement, lessen student dropout, and provide assistance and opportunities for students of low income families, support creative classroom projects, and honor individuals who have made an impact in the schools.

COFFEE HOUR

After the success of coffee hour after the annual meeting and the great outdoor service Council discussed the possibility of continuing coffee hour. We felt that people enjoy socializing after the service and with most of us being vaccinated we would like to continue the practice of having a coffee hour after our service again.

Of course this will be dependent on having volunteers willing to provide the coffee and something cool (even ice water) each week. The coffee can either be made down in our kitchen or a box purchased at Einstein's Bagels (about \$17.00). Cookies or other treats are optional.

Because we are sharing our church with Ekklesia, who is using the gym and fireside room, we will need to continue to have our social time up in the narthex. We have carts in the kitchen that can be used to transport the coffee, cups, and condiments to the elevator and upstairs.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or you can contact Marge Kimes, Glenda LeHoux, or Carla McIntire to volunteer or if you have any questions. Thanks for your participation.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – AUGUST 4TH @7AM

The men of our church community are invited to breakfast and fellowship this Wednesday morning, August 4th. This month, we will be meeting at Sharon's Café in Holladay again (2263 E Murray-Holladay Rd) at 7:00 a.m. We have verified that they will be open this time!



Treasurer's Explanation of the Church Financial Report – June 2021

FCC ran a \$6,257 deficit in June. Over the full fiscal year ending June 30 the deficit was \$15,995. A \$27,145 deficit was budgeted for the year, so the actual result wasn't as bad as anticipated. The general fund balance fell from \$199,490 on June 30, 2020 to \$183,495 on June 30, 2021.

Unrestricted Giving was \$4,810 in June, \$2,892 below budget. Unrestricted Giving for the full fiscal year was \$82,198, \$33,802 less than the \$116,000 budgeted.

Total church revenue was \$15,788 in June and \$249,241 for the full year. Reimbursements from the FCC Trust accounted for \$2,130 of the month's and \$59,210 of the year's revenue, respectively. During the past year we received \$32,893 of miscellaneous income from cell companies' back property tax reimbursements and our PPP loan forgiveness.

Expenses year-to-date were near budgeted amounts in most categories. Utilities and Inside Maintenance expenses combined were about \$5,800 below budget. Outside Maintenance was \$63,480 below budget because a couple major projects slated for this year were deferred.

Revenue from the Trust, building rentals, and cellular antenna leases ("building revenue") exceeded building and ground costs over the fiscal year. Revenue from those sources totaled \$127,530 - \$38,519 more than Building and Grounds expenses. Congregational giving, interest income and miscellaneous revenue fell short of covering the cost of employees, administration, and church activities by \$54,515. Over the whole year these non-building expenses exceed Giving alone by \$87,469.

Clearly, FCC is being sustained by our past savings. We drew down our General Fund by nearly \$16,000 last year. While our General Fund balance is a healthy \$183,495, it is sobering to realize how much less it would be if we hadn't received \$27,601 of one-time revenue (PPP loan forgiveness and back property tax reimbursements from cell companies) and \$59,210 for building maintenance expenses from the FCC Trust. Absent those two items the General Fund would have fallen to \$96,684, roughly half of its June 30 value.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Period Ending June 30, 2021

CHURCH GENERAL FUND	Fiscal Year-to-	
	June	Date
Unrestricted Contributions	\$4,810.00	\$82,198.00
+ Other Unrestricted Revenue	\$8,548.30	\$160,484.25
+ Transferred to General Fund from Designated Accounts	\$2,420.00	\$6,558.50
= Total Income	\$15,778.30	\$249,240.75
Total Expenses	-\$22,035.10	-\$265,236.15
= <i>Net General Fund Surplus (-Deficit)</i>	-\$6,256.80	-\$15,995.40

Data for comparison

YTD Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions	\$116,000.00
YTD Budgeted Total Income	\$310,421.00
YTD Budgeted Total Expenses	-\$337,566.40
Amt YTD Surplus is ahead of (+) or behind (-) Budget	\$11,150.00

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS

Designated Contributions	Fiscal Year-to-	
	June	Date
All Outreach Contributions	\$535.00	\$5,825.00
Other Designated Contributions	\$100.00	\$220.00
= <i>Total Designated Contributions</i>	\$635.00	\$6,045.00

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Live Stream and In Person Worship Service – Guest Preacher Ekklesia Worship Service 11am	2 AA Meeting 7pm in Fireside Room	3	4 Men's Breakfast @7am – Location TBD No Zoon Coffee With Pastor – Minister at Camp Fellowship	5 Campers Return	6 Counselors Return	7
8 Camp Fellowship Sunday 10:00am Live Stream and In Person Worship Service Ekklesia Worship Service 11am	9 AA Meeting 7pm in Fireside Room	10 7pm Deacons Meeting Zoom CE Meeting 7pm	11 10am Zoom Coffee with Pastor PEO in Heritage Room @1pm (Glenda LeHoux)	12	13	14
15 10:00am Live Stream and In Person Worship Service Ekklesia Worship Service 11am	16 AA Meeting 7pm in Fireside Room	17	18 Clarion Deadline 10am Zoom Coffee with Pastor 7pm Council Meeting	19	20	21
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			1 Men's Breakfast @7am Place TBD Zoom Coffee with Pastor @10am	2	3	4
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