

July 8-15, 2018 at

First Congregational United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Worshiping Sundays 10:30 AM at 10th & G Streets, NW | www.firstuccdc.org



July Potluck: July 8 following Worship

The July potluck luncheon will be held on Sunday, July 8, following worship. The theme is summer picnic food. Your potluck hosts – Peg, Judith, Polly, and Byron – invite you to join us for some summer fun, including s'mores and bingo. All are welcome!

Second Sunday Offering: Strengthen the Church

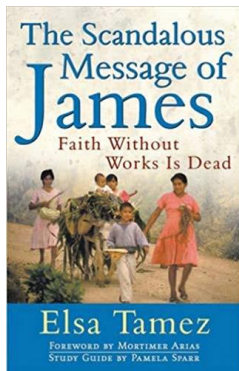
Today's Second Sunday Offering supports Strengthen the Church (STC), an offering of the United Church of Christ to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.



Following Pentecost, we reflect on how God calls our congregations to be the "church" in new ways. Your generosity will –

- Seed new churches that bring hope to people on the margins who wouldn't set foot in church otherwise.
- Help established churches begin projects working with refugees and immigrants.
- Fund creative ideas experimenting with new ways Christian millennials are gathering.

Strengthen the Church funds will also be used to award grants to help congregations communicate the "God is still speaking" message.



Theology Reading Group, July 17 at 6:30 PM

The Theology Reading Group will meet next on Tuesday July 17 at 6:30 (always the third Tuesday) to discuss Elsa Tamez, *The Scandalous Message of James*, a study of the Epistle of James, a key scripture for social justice Christianity. Our plan is to read Elsa's book minus the "study guide" (p. 89-146) and the Epistle itself, which is not long. Everyone is welcome!

To help you lay hands on the book, here is a listing of used versions for sale through Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/0824519418/ref=sr_1_1_olp?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1529597850&sr=1-1&keywords=elsa+tamez

Rev. James Ross II, Minister of Justice Formation
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Coffee Hour Hosts

July 8	Peg Lorenz	Polly Gordon	Judith Gray	Byron Adams
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Ushers

July 8	Dan Thayer	Ann Mascolino
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Calendar

Sunday, July 8

- 9:15 am Bible Workbench
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 10:15 am Child Care provided, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Sunday School, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*
- 11:30 am Potluck Luncheon & Bingo,
Community Hall

Monday, July 9

- 6:00 pm Downtown Drop-In Center
for Homeless Youth

Tuesday, July 10

- 6:30 pm Church Council, *Living Room*

Wednesday, July 11

- 12:15 pm Break Away Meditation, *Chapel*

Sunday, July 15

- 9:15 am Bible Workbench
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 10:15 am Child Care provided, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Sunday School, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*
- 11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, *Narthex*

Prayer List

Susan Goodmans' brother, who is in Hospice care.

Sam McFerran's aunt Crystal, who is in Hospice care.

Karen Tramontano on the death of her uncle.

Carol Malone, on the death of her grandson, James Christopher Davern.

Jennie Hunt, recovering from a fall.

Alexis Joy Hayes • Don Bassler • Pat Ashbrook • Ruth Shinn

First Church congregation and staff during this period of transition.