

August 5-12, 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.

Worshipping Sundays 10:30 AM at 10<sup>th</sup> & G Streets, NW | [www.firstuccdc.org](http://www.firstuccdc.org)



## Message from the Moderator, Andy Raver:

We have had an excellent summer exploring "What is Church?" from a number of different points of view. I'm incredibly grateful to all of you who have shared your voices, your perspectives, and your truths in such a wonderful and meaningful way. And there are still more to come! We are also deeply thankful for the deep commitment of our staff and the Worship Commission to carry an extra load during this transition period. Thank you so much to all of you!

I'm also very excited as we enter the next stage of our transition very soon. Rev. David Grishaw-Jones will celebrate his first service as our new Senior Pastor on August 19. Please plan to join us if you are able! Dave is eager to join the conversation as we continue to explore our "What is Church?" theme and our own choices in this. I look forward to seeing all of you on August 19 or whenever your summer vacations end. Travel safe and be well!

## Welcome Potluck August Potluck Luncheon on August 19



Rather than the first Sunday of the month, as is our custom, the August potluck luncheon will be on Sunday, August 19, as we welcome our new senior pastor, Rev. David Grishaw-Jones. Please be sure to bring a favorite dish and join us in welcoming him!

**August 12 Second Sunday offering** will be split 50/50 percent between *Life Asset* and *Just Neighbors*. Please see the July/August issue of *Gabriel's Horn* for more details about both organizations.



### Life Asset

The mission of Life Asset is to help alleviate poverty in Washington, DC by empowering people through affordable financial products (e.g., microloans), services, and education, thereby promoting self-help and self-respect and expanding social and economic opportunities for lower income residents. The target population is low-income entrepreneurs in the Washington DC area, who are underbanked and underemployed and are having difficulties qualifying for an affordable loan to start or expand a business.

### Just Neighbors

Just Neighbors is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that serves and supports the immigrant community of Northern Virginia. Just Neighbors provides immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and fosters mutual understanding between immigrants and the larger community.



Rev. James Ross II, Minister of Justice Formation  
Rev. Sam McFerran, Minister of Faith Formation  
John Horman, Director of Music  
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## Ushers

August 5	Brendan Taylor	Matthew LaGamma
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## Calendar

### Sunday, August 5

- 9:15 am Bible Workbench
- 10:15 am Child Care provided, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Sunday School, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*  
First Church Youth
- 11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, *Narthex*
- 12:00 pm Christian Ed. Commission,  
*Ed. Suite*

### Monday, August 6

- 6:00 pm Downtown Drop-In Center for  
Homeless Youth
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Task Force, *Comm. Hall*

### Tuesday, August 7

- 6:30 pm Worship Commission, *Chapel*

### Wednesday, August 8

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

### Sunday, August 12

- 9:15 am Bible Workbench
- 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*

*Deadline for September Gabriel's Horn: August 24*

### Prayer List

The family of Makiya Wilson

Moira Jones

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.

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.