

March 31-April 7, 2019 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 10th & G Streets, NW | www.firstuccdc.org



This Sunday at First Church: This Sunday we welcome Rev. Laura Johnson, who is a Palliative Care Chaplain at MedStar Washington Hospital Center and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Following her desire to be a minister since middle school, she received her M.Div. from Duke Divinity School, and completed two chaplain residency years at Duke University Hospital and the University of Virginia Health System. She is deeply passionate about providing spiritual and emotional support to those facing serious illness and end of life.

Inquirers' Gathering This Sunday Following Worship Getting to Know You... Getting to Know Us...

Please join us for a wonderful time of fellowship where you can learn more about the First Church community and the United Church of Christ. This is a time for guests, visitors, curiosity seekers, and a group of great new folks to get to know each other and the church a bit better. Bring your questions, your hopes, and your own story. Please contact Ann Bushmiller at abushmiller@yahoo.com or Rev. Sam McFerran at mcferran.sam@gmail.com.

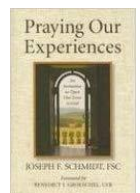


Easter Flower Orders

This year we will order lilies and a variety of colorful spring flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter morning, and to give to members and friends who are homebound or experiencing special sorrows or joys. You may either donate your plant to the church, or take it with you after the Easter service. Order forms are attached to this newsletter. Please fill out the form completely. You may mail your order to the church office or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. **The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 1.**

Theology Reading Group: Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 PM

The Theology Reading Group will next meet on Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30, to discuss a classic book of spiritual direction concerning prayer, *Praying our Experiences* by Joseph Schmidt. The author's premise, presented in direct and succinct prose, is that we can come to know God through reflecting on the emotional and ethical character of our individual experiences. Everyone is welcome.



New Church Directories Available Now

The updated church directory has been printed and is now available for you to pick up in the church office. Please take only one copy per household. If you would like an electronic copy, please contact the church office at churchoffice@firstuccdc.org.

Ushers

Anisa Heming	Janneke Ratcliffe
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Coffee Hour Hosts

Fredda Sparks	Sandy Sorensen	Karen Pence	Peter Tracy
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Sound

Mike Zawada

Calendar

Sunday, March 31

- 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*
Rev. Laura Johnson preaching
- 11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, *Narthex*
- 12:00 pm Inquirers' Gathering, *Comm. Hall*
- 12:00 pm Finance Comm., *Living Room*

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

- 6:00 pm Church Council, *Comm. Hall*

Wednesday, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

- 6:00 pm Worship Commission, *Chapel*
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

Sunday, April 7

- 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*
Rev. Mike Durst preaching
- 11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, *Narthex*

Prayer List

Stefani Filak and Barbara Rice on the death of Stefani's mother, Georgann Tims Filak

Cindy Dobbs, on the death of her mother, Cathryn Sensenig

Bruce Hanson

Rosa Gutierrez

Alexis Joy Hayes • Pat Ashbrook • Ruth Shinn

First Church Staff