

April 28-May 5, 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.

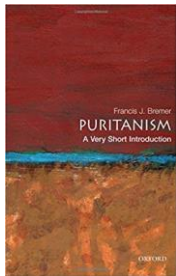
Worshipping Sundays 10:30 AM at 10th & G Streets, NW | www.firstuccdc.org



The Art of Fostering Belonging in Communities An Inter-generational Nurture: April 28 at 12 PM in the Community Hall

Please join Rev. Sam McFerran, Lynaya Morris and Troy Bent for this important nurture on belonging. Belonging is the foundation of creating communities built upon creating a safe place where individuals feel safe, known and that their gifts and voices are valued. As we continue to build beloved community, let us take a deep breath and reflect upon what it means to belong.

We will explore this topic in scripture, stories, and art! This should be an important and fun nurture – both of deep listening and sharing. We hope you can make it! Please contact Rev. Sam if you have any questions at mcferran.sam@gmail.com or 202-294-5437.



Theology Reading Group May 14, 6:30 PM

The Theology Reading Group will next meet on Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30, to discuss *Puritanism: A Very Short Introduction*, by well-regarded historian Frank Bremer. Come discuss whether or how the preoccupations of our denominational ancestors persist today. Hint: they wanted to build a civil society that more closely resembled the Kingdom of God!

Young Adult Pilgrimage to Palestine-Israel

The Olive Oil Ministry (OOM), which sponsored First Church's olive oil sale during Advent 2018, is leading a 10-day Young Adult Pilgrimage (ages 18–35) to Palestine-Israel for members of the Ministry's 23 partner congregations. Overlake Christian Church in Redmond, Washington is organizing the October-November trip in conjunction with Churches for Middle East Peace. The trip combines guided visits to important holy sites in Bethlehem and Jerusalem, learning and hearing first-hand the contemporary, multi-narrative story of the people of the Holy Land, and 3 days of volunteer work and residence at Tent of Nations, a Palestinian Christian family-owned farm near Bethlehem supported by the OOM. The Ministry is offering a limited number of \$1,000 scholarships.

There will be two information sessions for interested persons:

Sunday, April 28 – Rock Spring UCC, Arlington, VA at 12:45 PM in Room #205

Sunday May 5 – St. Albans Episcopal Church, Washington, DC at 12:30 PM in the Library

Please see <http://www.westmorelanducc.org/2019-pilgrimage> for trip details and application materials. Contact Robert Mertz (ramertz@gmail.com or 301-229-0973) for updates and questions.

Rev. Michael C. Durst, Interim Minister
Rev. Sam McFerran, Minister of Faith Formation
John Horman, Director of Music
Byron Adams, Building Manager
Cindy Dobbs, Administrative Assistant
Lynaya Morris, Dwight Davis, Members in Discernment

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Music and Activism at *Music Without Borders* Concert on May 17

In a free concert organized by First Church's Sanctuary Working Group, [Lilo Gonzalez](#) and his band will share their uplifting Latino music and his experiences as a former undocumented immigrant who fled from civil war in El Salvador to the United States in the 1980s. *Music Without Borders/Musica Sin Fronteras* will be held at First Church at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 17. All donations will support [Sanctuary DMV](#) and the [Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition](#). Please visit [eventbrite.com](#) (search term Lilo Gonzalez) where you can donate to support the cause even if you can't attend the concert. We hope to see you on May 17 for a fun evening of music and activism!



Ushers

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Coffee Hour Hosts

Ann Mascolino	Tom Mascolino	Susan Saudek	
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Sound

Raine Anderson

Calendar

Sunday, April 28

- 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. Sam McFerran preaching
- 11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, *Narthex*
- 12:00 pm Nurture on Belonging, *Comm. Hall*

Monday, April 29

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

Wednesday, May 1

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

Thursday, May 2

- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

Sunday, May 5

- 9:15 am Bible Workbench
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 9:45 am Christian Ed. Commission, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:15 am Child Care provided, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Sunday School, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*
Rev. Michael Durst preaching
- 11:30 am Potluck Luncheon, *Comm. Hall*
- 12:00 pm Finance Commission, *Living Room*

Prayer List

Jeffrey Catts, on the death of his mother
Bruce Hanson
Rosa Gutierrez
Alexis Joy Hayes • Pat Ashbrook • Ruth Shinn