

October 6-13, 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.*

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



## Inquirers' Gathering This Sunday! Following Worship, at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Please join us Sunday, October 6th for a wonderful time of fellowship where you can learn more about the First Church community and the United Church of Christ. Whether it is your first Sunday or you have been with us for a while, we welcome you for conversation, sharing, and fun.

## Michael Joseph: Protestant Churches and the Peace Process in Colombia

All are invited to a briefing and reception with our friend and peacemaker Michael Joseph on Tuesday, October 8th, 3 - 4:30 pm at the UCC Justice and Witness office, Suite 330 in the Methodist Building (100 Maryland Ave, NE, WDC). Michael, a UCC Mission coworker and member of First Church, will discuss the role of Protestant churches in the Columbia peace process. For more information, please contact Barbara Gerlach at [gerlachba@gmail.com](mailto:gerlachba@gmail.com). Refreshments will be served.

## All-Church Retreat on October 27: Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future

Hold the date of Sunday, October 27 for an all-church retreat from 10:30 - 3:30. We will begin with worship at our usual time, followed by small group and plenary sessions designed to help us plan our future. This time together will help us strengthen our church community and build a wonderful foundation as we prepare for the arrival of our new designated minister. Lunch and child care will be provided. For further information, contact Nan McConnell at [nancyfmconnell@aol.com](mailto:nancyfmconnell@aol.com) or Karen Byrne at [revkarenbyrne@gmail.com](mailto:revkarenbyrne@gmail.com).



*Sankofa Bird from Ghana*

### Prayer List

Jesy Young • Rosa Gutierrez

Pat Ashbrook • Ruth Shinn

Don Bassler

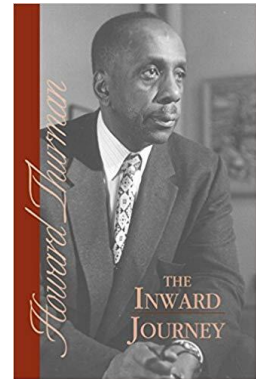
Rev. Sam McFerran, Associate Minister  
Rev. Karen Byrne, Minister  
John Horman, Director of Music  
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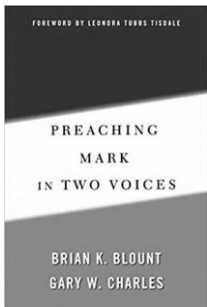
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## Theology Book Group: Oct. 29th

The Theology Book Group will next meet on Tuesday, October 29, at 6:30, to discuss Howard Thurman, The Inward Journey. This book contains some of the great African American theologian's meditations on spiritual searching and fulfillment. All are welcome!



## Bible Study: How Our Lives Shape Our Understanding of Mark



Please join us for this Bible study of sharing and community-building. In addition to the Gospel of Mark, we will be reading Preaching Mark in Two Voices by Rev. Dr. Brian K Blount and Rev. Gary Charles. In this enlightening book, Rev. Blount and Rev. Charles share how their own experiences growing up in America - one white, one black - not only informed their understanding of the Gospel, but also encouraged them to construct their sermons towards the social, economic and cultural context of their congregation and the world.

Please contact Sam McFerran if you would like a copy of the book. The next biweekly session is Sunday, October 13th at 9:15 a.m.

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Andrew Hamilton	James Estes		
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### Sound

Anisa Heming	
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### Ushers

Anne Mascolino	
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## Calendar

### Sunday, October 6

- 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 Potluck Luncheon, *Community Hall*
- 12:00 pm Inquirers' Gathering, *Chapel*

### Monday, October 7

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

### Wednesday, October 9

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

### Thursday, October 10

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

### Friday, October 11

- 7:00 pm Worship Night at The Table

### Sunday, October 13

- 9:15 am Bible Study: Mark
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 10:15 am Child Care provided, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*  
Rev. Ron Hopson preaching
- 11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, *Narthex*
- 12:00 pm Care of Parish Comm., *Chapel*

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Rev. Dr. Sidney D. Fowler, Senior Minister  
Rev. Sam McFerran, Minister of Faith Formation  
John Horman, Director of Music  
Rev. James Ross II, Social Action Community Organizer  
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