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A Moment's Reflection

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord . . . to give you a future with hope."

-Jeremiah 29:11

Jeremiah's great statement of hope will be the theme of this year's Stewardship Campaign. But of course, the prophet's words speak about more than money and budgets. Jeremiah's reminder of God's promise frames the meaning of all that we do today and in the coming months.

We have made it through 18 long months of pandemic exile. Though we still feel the pandemic's reach, we can see some light at the end of a long emotional tunnel. We can begin to say, with greater confidence, that the story of our lives, our church, does not end in exile. By the grace of God's resurrection hope, it begins a new chapter of life and creation.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to my colleague, Rev. Dave Hargrave, for having helped us make it this far. His partnership in ministry has been invaluable. As such, it's been somewhat a grieving process for me to mark the end of his tenure. Dave has not only served our church well. He has been a personal source of strength. I have enjoyed our little asides and seasoned-minister-knowings.

Yet, God promises us "a future with hope." Rev. Dr. Shaun Brown embodies this hope. His freshness, his intellectual curiosity, his willingness to partner with us in both understanding our long traditions and in bringing vitality to this history, is a breath of fresh air. Shaun will forgive me for saying—I see my younger self in him. It pleases me that a new generation of faith is beginning to emerge with his coming. I will covet your loving him as much as I remember the people of my younger days loving me and my young family.

Two occasions are planned in the coming weeks. On September 26, we will mark Rev. Dave's last Sunday with us as our Interim Associate. Then, two weeks later, on October 10, we will celebrate the official installation of our newly called Associate Minister, Rev. Dr. Shaun Brown.

In both these moments of coming and going, we will give thanks for the Lord's presence. God provided for us well during a long pandemic stretch. Now, God is turning his attention to create "a future with hope."

Thank God for this great hope!

-Dan



Calling All Volunteers

Our church has continued to open up activities to our members, guests, and outside groups. As more parts of our church become available, there are new responsibilities that we need your help with. Please explore the volunteer opportunities here and contact Cyndy Smith if you'd like to lend a helping hand.

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship is scheduled to resume sometime in the month of September. Volunteers are needed to deliver this service to the church. There are four tasks which must be performed each week, so multiple volunteers would be nice and would spread the work among many hands.

Task 1: Coffee Fellowship Set Up – this job is usually performed on Friday or Saturday. It involves getting out the coffee urns and making the coffee, not just turning on the urns. Setting out the sugar and creamer, tea packets (for hot tea), donation jars...etc. Setting out an urn for water (right now we will not be making tea) If dirty dishes in dishwasher, turn on the dishwasher to clean them. This usually takes about 30 minutes to an hour.

Coffee Fellowship Sunday morning – 11:00 am, however coffee can be turned on at 8:30 am by Dale.

Task 2: 9:00 am - 9:30 am make sure coffee urns are turned on, put out ice (will need refreshed at 11:00), fill water urn, empty dishwasher, etc.

Task 3: Pick up donuts – usually have the donuts at the church between 9:00 and 9:30 am.

Task 4: Clean up – can be performed after Sunday School – wash and put away all items used for Coffee Fellowship – wipe down tables and countertops – place dishes in dishwasher and turn it on to wash.

If possible, it would be nice to have two volunteers for each Task, 1 – 3, and four volunteers for Task 4 so that we can set up a rotation schedule.

UV Lamps

UV lamps are used in various parts of the church as an added layer of protection. These lamps are set out on Thursday nights (after dark) and picked up and returned to their boxes on Friday mornings. Setup on Thursday nights takes two people about 20 minutes. Pick up on Friday mornings for one person takes about 30 minutes.

Volunteers are needed to rotate these responsibilities.

Narthex and Avenue A Supply Tables and Kitchen Counter

For the added protection of our church members, supplies are set out each week in three locations: the Narthex, Avenue A entrance and the kitchen counter. These





supplies are masks, tissues, water bottles, gloves, and take home communion elements. This task can be done on Friday, Saturday or Sunday morning (prior to worship service). Please volunteer if you would like to join a rotation of these tasks.

Scout Program

Beginning soon, the Scouts will be resuming their weekly

meetings at the church. A protocol guideline has been added for the protection of the scouts, our church members, and the church building. We will be having a church member available on the nights the scouts are using the building. Their meetings are usually on Tuesday nights throughout the school year. We would like to have about four volunteers so that this responsibility can be rotated. The main job of the church member is to answer questions the scout leaders may have about the church, but to also help with ensuring scouts keep to their designated areas.

Save the Date: Volunteer Training

According to FCCG Bylaws, it is mandatory for volunteers and employees working with children and youth in any capacity to attend education seminars covering topics about sexual abuse, prevention, and mandatory reporting procedures. Training must also include CPR/AED/first aid training for infants, children and youth.



The Education Ministry has confirmed November 13th for these trainings. Please plan to attend.

November 13, 2021 from 8:00 to 11:00 am – CPR/AED/first aid training for infants, children and youth

This training must be renewed every two years. Most likely everyone will also need to renew their CPR certification since we did not have a class last year during the pandemic. Please check the expiration date on your certification card.

November 13, 2021 from 11:00 to 12:00 pm – Safe Church Training

CPR training will be open to the entire congregation. The church will cover the cost of mandatory training for employees and volunteers only. Other individuals wishing to attend must pay \$40.00 each.

More information and reservations will be made available as we get closer to the November 13 date.

DWM Meeting

You are a vital part of our Disciples Women Ministry.

**Raising the White Flag, Part 1—Study of
Jeremiah chapters 1-6**

Speaker: Leasa Wolf

Spiritual Color: Yellow

Cleansing of our soul

Memorabilia: Sand Cross

September 13	9:30am	Morning Circle
September 14	6:45pm*	Evening Circle
*Childcare will be available for this session		

Come have fun, fellowship, and weave us together.

Outreach Update

Your Outreach Ministry would like to say "Thank You" for all you give to others. Your generous giving speaks highly of FCC Garland and your Outreach Ministry proudly represents you.

- Thanksgiving for Good Samaritan and Thanksgiving meal boxes are in late October, early November.
- Christmas Angels will be provided as soon as available and are due back the first week in December.

Thank you for keeping these final events of 2021 in mind. Details to come for each event.

Faith & Family Night On Ice

F★ITH & F★AMILY NIGHT



OPENING NIGHT - OCTOBER 23rd

\$20 TICKETS

POST GAME TESTIMONY WITH PLAYER OR TEAM EXECUTIVE

VIDEO BOARD RECOGNITION

CONCOURSE TABLE - 50 TICKETS SOLD

FAITH AND FAMILY IN-GAME ACTIVITIES

**— ALLEN —
AMERICANS**



This is a chance for a fun night of hockey with your family and friends from church. If we can get more than 10 people to sign up, we can get \$20 tickets. Youth, their families, and other interested members are invited to attend. Please let Rev. Shaun know by September 15 if you're interested so that we can order tickets.

Spiritual Development Offerings

Looking for a way to stay connected to your church? Log on to some of our spiritual development courses. Have questions? Confused about how to get the Zoom link to work? Contact the church office at 972-272-5423.

Study the Gospel of Mark - Thursdays at 12pm

Rev. Dr. Douglas Skinner invites you to join his continuing bible study. Having completed a study of the Book of Ephesians, the course will continue with a study of the Gospel of Mark.

The class will meet weekly, Thursdays at noon. Check your email each week for the link to the Zoom meeting.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MARK

A Good Sermon to Get Fired With Mondays at 7:00pm via Zoom

Rev. Dave will continue Monday Night Study on the Sermon on the Mount. You can find this in Matthew, chapters 5-7, and Luke's shorter "Sermon on the Plain" in Luke 6:17-49.

This is a Zoom study – beginning each Monday at 7:00pm and running through September 27th. (We'll negotiate on Labor Day)

Each week, I'll be sending you a study guide on the portion we'll be discussing. No extra books are needed – only your Bible.

I look forward to seeing all who would join us. If you are planning on participating, please call the office and let us know, or contact me directly. Until then . . . Shalom,

Pastor Dave dave@fccgarland.org

Streams of Living Water: A Seven Week Study in Christian Spirituality

Based on Richard Foster's *Streams of Living Water: Celebrating the Great Traditions of the Christian Faith*

The Contemplative Tradition: The Prayer-Filled Life
The Holiness Tradition: The Virtuous Life
The Charismatic Tradition: The Spirit-Empowered Life
The Social Justice Tradition: The Compassionate Life
The Evangelical Tradition: The Word-Centered Life
The Incarnational Tradition: The Sacramental Life

Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM on
Zoom

October 6–November 17

Led by Shaun Brown

shaun@fccgarland.org



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5TH**

Come get to know the new Associate Minister, Shaun Brown, and his family and kick-off the new school year.

1:00pm~3:00pm CYF

3:00pm~5:00pm JYF and ChiRho

Swim parties will happen at the home of Bruce & Kristen Nowlin. For more information and details, contact Rev. Shaun.

Labor Day Parade

The 72nd Labor Day Parade and festivities are presented by the **Noon Exchange Club of Garland**, and will be held **Sept., 4 at 9 a.m.**

Come out and see local bands, sports groups, and floats during the parade through historic downtown Garland. The route begins at the intersection of Glenbrook Drive and Avenue D, then heads north on Glenbrook toward Main Street then east on Main and north on Fifth Street. The parade will continue down Fifth and will end near the Granville Arts Center. Our church is an excellent location to watch the parade and support our youth!



prayer REQUESTS

Circle of Fellowship

Judy Grasham
Eddie Richardson
Eulah Stiles

Fishers of Families

Bill & Jeanne Dunn
Nancy Langford
Marty Rogers
Stan & Judy Shwartz

God's Messengers

Shirley Miller

Hands of Faith

Gerry Cooper

Shepherds

Lee MacDonald

The Grapevine

Larry & Judy Ross

The Handbell Choir is looking for some new members. If you're interested, please contact Virginia McBee at mvmcb0453@aol.com

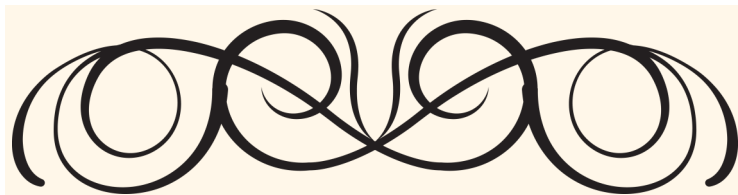
Handbell Choir



Muffin Mix Donations

First Presbyterian, Garland provides breakfast each Saturday morning for anyone who shows up. Currently breakfast is being provided by placing 2 breakfast burritos and 2 muffins in a sack. Kim Whalin has been baking 40 muffins each week. DWM has decided to help Kim by providing **muffin mix**, **quart-sized Ziploc bags**, and other items as needed. Bins for these donations are in the narthex and the Fellowship Hall. Also for those who wish to make a monetary donation, an account is set up for that purpose.

In addition, the Presbyterian Church gives Bibles to anyone who asks. If you have any new or used Bibles that you would like to donate, please bring them and put them in or next to the bins.



IN SYMPATHY

We give our sympathy to the family
of

Julia Ashcraft,

who passed away on August 13,

