

The Messenger

November 4, 2020



Advent Events

As the season of Advent approaches, we are beginning to plan our events for this special time of year. We hope you'll be able to join us for these services. All of our services will be livestreamed on our [FCC Garland Facebook page](#). Watch for our next newsletter for more information about December events.



Advent

EVENTS

NOVEMBER 29TH

10:00AM

LESSONS AND CAROLS
SERVICE



DECEMBER 13TH

10:00AM

CAROLS OF THE SEASON
SERVICE



DECEMBER 24TH

7:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Disciples Women

We always look forward to the Thanksgiving potluck and bake sale every year, but this year has required some changes. Since we're not holding gatherings or sharing meals together at this time, the Disciples Women Ministry will be having a **"Bakeless" Bake Sale fundraiser**, now through November 22nd. Members are asked to send in a monetary donation similar to the cost of a baked item. Please make your check out to "Disciples Women" and put 'Bakeless Bake Sale' in the memo. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Many is the time I heard you say
I would rather give a "dollar" than bake today.
And so, we are asking you to help more or less,
To make our Bakeless Bake Sale a great success!

You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
Of ingredients, heat, and the time you've lost.
Baking for sales is extra hard work.
Yet nobody really wants to shirk (Thanks COVID)!

So we've thought of a plan that's really grand,
And feel quite sure you'll understand.
In an envelope, if you like, please include the price
Of a pie or cake or anything nice.

Without fuss or bother, you've done your part.
We hope you'll give with a willing heart.
Wishing success for our Bakeless Bake Sale,
This is the end of our little tale.

Outreach Update

Good Samaritan will not be giving out Thanksgiving meal bags this year due to COVID. They are requesting FCCG assist them in an alternative project for the holidays. They would appreciate a \$25.00 grocery gift card placed in a holiday card with a personal message. If you have a child or grandchildren, allow them to write a caring Christian message, whether it be for Thanksgiving or Christmas, letting those less fortunate in our community know they are cared about. There will be a "red gift bag" marked Good Samaritan on the buffet in the Narthex of the church and also in the church office for your cards. Cards with your grocery gift cards are due back no later than Sunday, November 22nd.



Thank you for your Christian love.

Outreach Ministry

Brenda Crosthwaite,
Chair

Mike's Kids

Outreach Ministry is now collecting clothing for the Mike's Kids project. Please bring your clothes of all sizes in bags/boxes to the Fellowship Hall. These donations will be picked up and taken to people in need at the Texas border. A deadline to have your donations in will be announced at a later time. Last year they were picked up the first week in December, and it is expected they will be again around that time. Thank you for your participation in helping these people in need of your donations.



Spiritual Development Offerings

Many of us are spending more time at home—but there's several options for spiritual enrichment available to us. Read about what's coming up.

Study of Ephesians

Rev. Dr. Douglas Skinner, member of our congregation, invites you to a Bible Study.

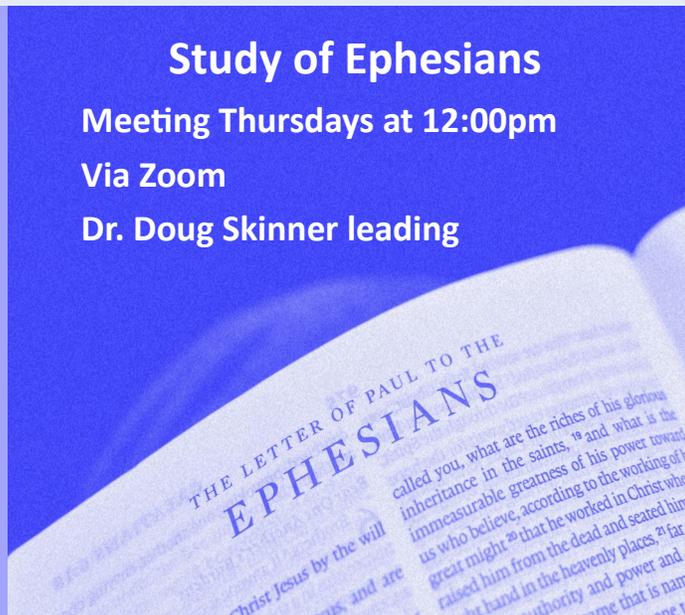
The class will meet weekly, Thursday at noon. Check your email each week for the link to the Zoom meeting.

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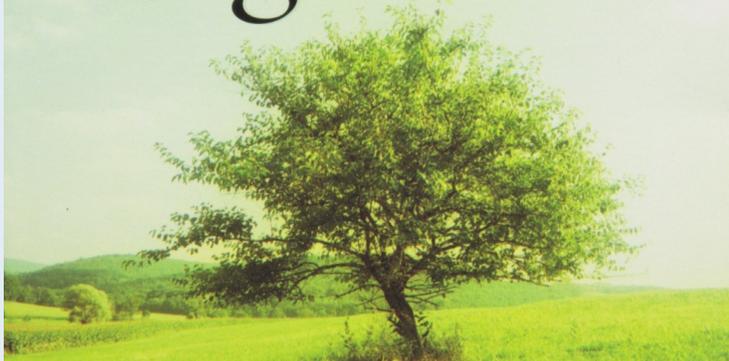
Meeting Thursdays at 12:00pm

Via Zoom

Dr. Doug Skinner leading



Life Together



A Study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Life Together—Study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Beginning Monday, October 5 through November 16

Via Zoom

7:00pm

Rev. David Hargrave leading

Mid-Week Pause

Midweek
Pause
Each
Wednesday at
3:00pm

Be sure to check out Dr. Dan and Rev. Dave every Wednesday at 3:00pm for their **Mid-Week Pause**. These are days of high anxiety for us as a Church. It's a hard time for so many. Quite frankly, we could all use a break—just a minute or two to refocus and get some perspective. Take a few moments each week for a meditation and spiritual renewal from your ministers. Watch on the [FCC Garland Facebook page](#) or on the [FCC Garland YouTube channel](#).

Communion Elements



If you have exhausted your supply of pre-filled communion cups and wafers and would like some more as you take part in worship at home, please contact the church office 972-272-5423 or officeadmin@fccgarland.org. There are kits assembled and we'll make an arrangement for you to come to the church to pick some up.

In Sympathy

We extend our condolences to Nancy Worden and the family of

Rev. David Worden

who passed away on Thursday, October 8th.

No services are planned at this time.

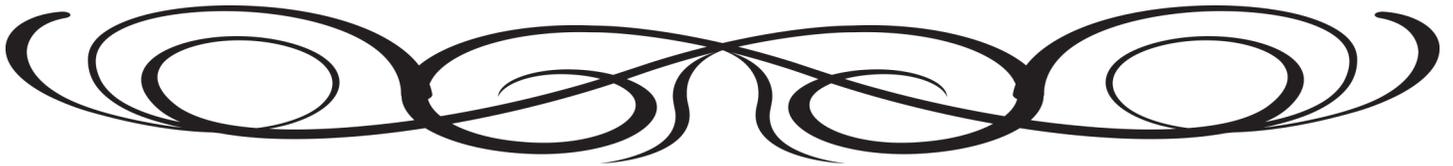


We also send prayers of condolence to Kim Whalin, Michael Whalin, and Allie Traylor and the family of

Mike Whalin

who passed away on Saturday, October 17th.

No services are planned at this time.



We also send prayers of condolence to the Julian Olalde Jr. and family on the loss of his father,

Julian Olalde Sr.,

who passed away on Thursday, October 22nd.

A memorial service was held at FCC Garland on Saturday, October 31st.

YOUTH EVENTS

The following youth meetings will happen in person at the church in the Fellowship Hall.

November 8th 4:00pm-5:30pm ChiRho

November 15th 4:00pm-5:30pm CYF

November 22nd 4:00pm-5:30pm All Youth

Thank you

Thank you, church members, for all the expressions of caring you have extended to me. The cards, memorials, food, and phone calls have uplifted me in my grief. So many cards had scripture or special poems which have been my rock. It is a difficult life experience but you have helped carry me through. Blessings to each one of you.

Nancy Worden

How can I give to the Church?

You are asked to place your offering into an offering plate as you enter the sanctuary. We will not be passing an offering plate during the service. We encourage all who can to use direct deposit or regular mail to our CPA for your offering:

[Click here to give online!](#)

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WHEN IS IT SAFE FOR ME TO RETURN TO CHURCH?

When determining whether to attend an in-person worship service, we understand it is a personal decision that each of us must make based on our comfort level. We understand that while everyone may not have the same level of comfort in returning to the building, some are comfortable and ready. Therefore, we will continue offering online services while we add in-person services.

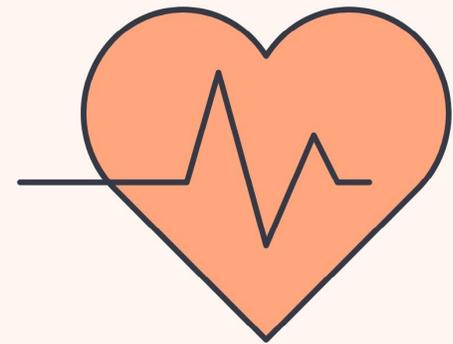
Steve Sutton has provided the following guidance which we believe may be helpful to you in making your decision.

It is suggested to evaluate your health-status by:

- Communicating with your Primary Care Physician's office regarding your medical history and risk factors for high-risk illness associated with contracting COVID-19.
- Is it safe for you to risk herding and exposure to COVID-19 in public specific with your medical history?
- Do you have any of the following known high-risks for hospitalization associated with COVID-19?

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| ◇ Coronary Artery Disease | ◇ Immune Deficiency (HIV/AIDS, Auto-Immune Disease(s), others, etc.) |
| ◇ Heart Disease | ◇ History of Deep Vein Thrombosis |
| ◇ Blood Clotting / Embolism History | ◇ Cancer and Risk for Hypercoagulable (Blood Clotting) Disorder |
| ◇ Stroke History | ◇ Pregnancy |
| ◇ Congestive Heart Failure | ◇ Obesity |
| ◇ Cardiac Arrhythmias | ◇ African American |
| ◇ Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease | ◇ Sickle Cell Disease |
| ◇ Respiratory history, Reactive Airway Disease / Inflammatory Diseases | ◇ Immobilization |
| ◇ Diabetic | ◇ Prolonged Travel |
| ◇ Advanced Age | |

High-risk individuals based on age or predisposed health conditions may decide to not to attend the in-person service and wait a little longer before coming to the church. We are dedicated to making sure all members have access to a weekly service whether in person or online. Please reach out to the church office (officeadmin@fccgarland.org) if you need assistance connecting with the church.



IS IT SAFE?