

Worship this Sunday, January 23: What's Your Ministry?

The message this Sunday is entitled: "What's Your Ministry?" We'll have time for you to reflect with someone else what your ministry is these days. We'll learn what Paul has to say about our ministry gifts.

There will be special music provided both by Diane and Lisa as well as Adam. Our Chancel Choir will sing. Our worship will conclude with hearing a special song from our children.

Join us in person (masked) or on Facebook Live at 10:30. You can also watch the service afterwards on Facebook. We value our online community of members and friends. It is a safe alternative for those concerned about Covid. It's also a wonderful way for people living now in other parts of the country to connect with our church.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday:

Worship at 10:30 in person and on FB **Tuesday:** Prayer Group, 1:30 p.m. (Zoom) **Wednesday:** Women's Brkfast, 9 a.m. at Six Chicks Men's Breakfast, 9 a.m. in FH Adult Class, 7 p.m. (Zoom and in person) **Thursday:** Men's Coffee, 9 a.m. in FH Thurs. Night Supper, 6 p.m. (drive-thru)

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 10 a.m. to Noon—Food Pantry

Church Office Hours 9:30-1:30 p.m.

Contact the church office if you are interested in joining any of these events.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School for all children sixth grade and younger has resumed during our worship service. Our children will go directly to Sunday School this Sunday, January 23rd. They will be joining us at the end of worship by singing a song they are practicing during Sunday School. They will also be talking in Sunday School about their special ministry gifts.

We thank Sarah Peterson for leading our children's ministry and Sunday School. *There will be no Sunday School on January 30th.*

Youth Ministry

The 6th-12th grade youth are planning on meeting by Zoom this Sunday, February 6th at 6 p.m. The subject will be Growing Our Faith thru the Arts.

Contact Rick Olsen for the Zoom invite.

New Book Study Coming! Chris Valentine will be leading a Book Study on the book, "Jesus and John Wayne" which was written by Calvin University professor Kristin Kobbs DuMez. The subtitle is: "How white evangelicals corrupted a faith and fractured a nation." It is a controversial look at the history of the evangelical movement from Billy Graham to Donald Trump. Join in the Zoom discussion on February 24, March 3 and March 10 at 1:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Mike at <u>michaeljamestupper@yahoo.com</u> for the Zoom invite.

Dear friends,

Many thanks for all your prayers, emails, cards and meals. I am home from the hospital where I had some extensive surgery on my foot. I will need to be off of my right foot for some time. I will have home health care coming in three days a week to provide care.

For the time being I will be at home. My plan is to be at worship on February 6th. I will be using a wheelchair at that time. During this time, I will be attending Prayer Group, Bible Study and meetings by Zoom. I will be making phone calls and checking in with people as well. Some of you might want to come and visit, I appreciate that. These next couple of weeks I ask for no personal visits. You are welcome to call if you wish (269-214-8924). After two weeks you are free to visit but please call first to make sure I'm not scheduled for any PT, or such.

Many thanks, Jeffrey Dick

Free at-home COVID-19 tests

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Go to <u>covidtests.gov</u> to order.

On Friday, February 11 at 7pm, Diane & Lisa will celebrate love in its many facets with a concert of upbeat and heartwarming songs at First Congregational. This will be a fun night out for friends and families. Come and join us! Donations will be accepted at the door.

Tuesday Prayer Group

If you have prayer requests, please let the church office know. These will be added to the Tuesday and Sunday lists.

Please hold the following in your prayers:

Elaine Stephens Ross McNicholas Lori Tupper Jeffrey Dick Joan Gruber Ted Guimond Paul Rood Bonnie Deke Dave Wellever Novella Barden Chip Harris Margaret Guimond Sharon McNicholas Joy Church Elsie Hoffman Danah Peterson, sister-in-law of Janice Peterson.

Please keep in your prayers our brothers and sisters at **First Congregational in Union City.**



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