



FROM THE CHURCH HOUSE

MINISTER SEARCH UPDATE

The search for a new senior minister for First Congregational Church of Evanston is well under way, with the search committee in the process of receiving and evaluating applications, reports Alan Cabbage, chair of the search committee.

“We’re encouraged by the applications that we’ve received to date and we continue to seek qualified applicants for the position,” Cabbage said.

The committee has placed ads in church-related trade journals, posted the opening on web sites run by national and local Congregational church organizations and sent information about the opening to theological seminaries. Initial screening of candidates has been completed and the committee will begin interviewing candidates soon.

“The committee members have been doing an excellent job of considering all of the candidates thoughtfully and carefully,” Cabbage said. “We’re looking forward to beginning the interview process with some of the candidates as we continue to move forward.”

Following is a chart showing the progress of the committee’s work.

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Steps in the Search Process

1. A Pastoral Search Committee has been appointed ✓
2. The Pastoral Search Committee has completed our Church Profile ✓
3. The Pastoral Search Committee is considering all potential candidates ✓
4. The Pastoral Search Committee has selected possible candidates
5. The Pastoral Search Committee has interviewed these candidates

6. One candidate is being recommended
7. FCCE will vote on the candidate
8. FCCE will join together to install our new pastor

NOTES FROM PASTOR’S DESK

- Rev. Dr. James E. Roghair,

I have completed one year as your Interim Minister, and agreed to another 1 year covenant. But, you have an excellent search committee which is very busy, and my covenant will end when they find the right match for this congregation. I thank you for your ongoing support, and pray the best for this congregation.

Meanwhile, I will work with you to be ready for new leadership. Please keep me informed of your thoughts, and I will keep working as long as appropriate.

God’s blessing for a wonderful summer. *Jim*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM THE MODERATOR

I just thought I’d pass along an excerpt from the message Lorenzo Fincher left with the congregation during his farewell service in May. Something to keep in mind as we move forward.

The Five Practices of a Successful Congregation:

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate Worship
- Intentional Faith Development
- Risk-Taking Missions and Service
- Extravagant Generosity



PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION: FCCE ART SHOW SHOWCASES GIFTS



From June 22nd through 24th, the Cora Brown Parlor in the Church House was transformed into a special gallery displaying

works of 27 local artists, including 21 church members or their relatives and six friends of the church. The First Congregational Church of Evanston Art Show provided a showcase for a range of talented individuals, including children and teens. Many visitors agreed that this was an exciting opportunity to learn about the hidden gifts of many church members. "I had no idea we had so many talented people in our midst!" said one art aficionado.

The show opened on Friday, June 22 with a reception. Light fare, beverages and the gentle strains of Vivaldi in the background created a perfect atmosphere for appreciating the wide array of works available for viewing and sale. The show closed on Sunday afternoon, netting almost \$900 in total sales. Several artists donated more than the agreed-upon percentage for the sale of their works to the church.

"This show was a win-win for everyone", said one art show volunteer. "We should do things like this more often!" The success of this effort has, in fact, generated preliminary planning for another show, perhaps in November. It's hoped that even more artists and a wider range of items will be on display.



Peggy Tinzmann, a driving force in the planning and implementation of this show, has this word for all the artists and artists-to-be in the community: "Get started on your new works now... our

next show will be coming up before you know it!"

Special thanks to all art show committee members who made this show possible. The committee included: Eric Erickson, Georgia Evans, Sheran Fiedler, Lacey Ogbolumani, Joyce Phelps, Betty Phillips, Juliet Rago, Peggy Tinzmann and Deb Shamlin. Other volunteers who helped with this show included Julia Page, Judy Shanahan, Eliza Sprague and Lyn Page.

FCCE JOINS RECORD CROWD FOR 22ND ANNUAL HUNGER WALK



Betty Phillips chats with outgoing Night Ministry President Tom Behrens and incoming president Paul Hamann shortly before "stepping off" for the walk.

On June 16th, a small contingent from First Congregational of Evanston joined a record crowd of over 4,700 walkers for the 2007 Hunger Walk, an annual event sponsored by the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Pledges for FCCE's walkers were targeted to benefit The Night Ministry, a non-denominational Chicago organization that serves homeless and runaway youth, working poor adults, uninsured people in need of medical assistance and others who have "fallen through the cracks." As a benefiting agency of the Food Depository, the Night Ministry is able to purchase food at a discount for its youth housing programs.

This year's walk kicked off from Montrose Harbor on a bright Saturday morning and covered a 2.5 mile trail along the lakefront. Many other churches from throughout the city and suburbs were represented in the crowd. Hunger Walk volunteers were posted along the route keeping the energy level high with their enthusiastic cheers and applause. After the walk, marchers were treated to

musical entertainment and a performance by the Jesse White Tumbling Team.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank, is a not-for-profit food distribution and training center providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community. The Food Depository distributes donated and purchased food through a network of 600 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to almost a half-million adults and children every year. Last year, the Food Depository distributed more than 40 million pounds of nonperishable food and fresh produce, dairy products and meat, the equivalent of more than 84,000 meals every day. Training programs and other initiatives developed by the Food Depository also work to provide men, women and children with the tools necessary to break their individual cycles of poverty.

rummage AND TREASURE SALE!

Here it is coming into July and we have been receiving donations since February. And what is especially nice is noting the high quality of the donations. We now have a few antiques and plan an "Antique Corner" in this sale.



Clothes coming in, are all on hangers and look like they are new.

There are some fun items a favorite is a Halloween Costume for an eighth year old girl. It is truly quite special.

I could go on but you get the idea. There will be many surprises.

A new promotion this year will be a FCCE table at the Farmers' Market on the Saturday before the sale. Martha Beckwith has agreed to be our agent, and will be selling the less expensive jewelry which has been donated (other non-profits will also have tables). But Martha will have a supply of hand out sheets to distribute to shoppers at the Market, giving all the relevant information about the rummage/Treasure sale one week hence.

We always welcome your donations for the sale!!! ~
Joyce Phelps

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

- 1 Donald Durkes
- 1 Mike Stanley
- 3 Chris Julcher
- 3 David Ogbolumani
- 6 Sally Myers
- 7 Stephanie Fonda
- 7 Brock Janicki
- 7 Thomas Leopold
- 7 Neal Stamell
- 11 Avery Shikanai
- 11 Nolan Shikanai
- 13 Nichole Connors
- 16 Laura Wilson
- 18 Katherine Clark
- 18 Jean Davies
- 18 Calvin Doty
- 20 William Koestring
- 21 Ryan Cunningham
- 23 Janet Leopold
- 27 Connor Doyle
- 28 Justin Bauer
- 28 David Colton
- 30 Molly Shikanai

AUGUST

- 1 Gillian Doty
- 3 Ian Janicki
- 5 Jennifer French
- 8 Betsy Hohman
- 9 Lois Robinson
- 13 Esther Brandenburg
- 13 Laima Day
- 13 Ann Mencoff
- 13 Janet Raciti
- 15 Jamie Dana
- 16 Isabella Ogbolumani
- 16 Emily Wilson
- 20 Alan Stafford
- 21 Andrew Day
- 21 Daniel Todd
- 22 Emma Schmahl
- 22 Rhonda Storm
- 23 Peach Donnan
- 24 Nina Stevens
- 27 Vosse R. Lewis
- 27 John Todd
- 31 James Robertson

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations to our college-bound Evanston Township High School graduating seniors! They are



Michael Wait, son of Christy and Randy Wait, attending the University of San Diego; Harrison Stamell, son of Trimmy and Neal Stamell, attending Tufts University; Kelly Rorke, daughter of Liz and Alex Rorke, attending Bryn Mawr College; Brian Murphy, son of Laurie and Mark Murphy, attending Amherst College; Glenn McFadden, son of Elaine Frangedakis and Patrick McFadden, attending Pomona College; Ian Janicki, son of Paul Janicki and Ann Trompeter, attending the University of Southern California; and Andrew Day, son of Kingsley Day, Laima Day, and Chris Panek, attending Northwestern University.

THE NEW SENIOR CLUB

The New Senior Club picnic held on July 2 in the Guild Room and patio saw 16 members chowing down hot dogs and other goodies. Many thanks to those who brought traditional favorites to enjoy. There was conversation about memorable Fourth of July holidays enjoyed in the past. We also shared jokes because we are such a fun-loving, social group. Join us the first Monday in August at noon in the Guild Room if you are looking for fellowship and are at least 65 years old.

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