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Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M.

Second Helping Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

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Sabbath: It's Still a Good Idea

After about six weeks of online worship, clergy in my circles started to talk about how and when to take a Sunday as vacation time. Exhaustion was setting in in a serious way and my colleagues were starting to feel on a new level that this is a marathon we're running, not a sprint. A couple of colleagues said something like, "Well, I'm not sure if I want to take a vacation this summer. After all, I can't go anywhere, so what's the point?"

The point, of course, is Sabbath. And whether that happens in an exotic location or your own home, Sabbath is critically important. Not just for pastors or others who have paid work, but everyone. Sabbath is a commandment, not a suggestion. And I feel certain God wants us to continue to seek opportunities for Sabbath even in the midst of a pandemic.

Of course, finding space and time for true unplugging presents unique challenges right now. Many are balancing caregiving roles with work-from-home. Others are so tired *[continued pg. 2]*



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of being stuck at home (Groundhog Day, anyone?) and find it difficult to imagine relaxing there. And so many are on a hamster-wheel of news consumption and worry.....how can we ever shut off our brains long enough to simply rest and enjoy time with the Holy?

As we move into summer, I want to encourage each of us to do a Sabbath check in. Sometime this next week, make an appointment with yourself and God (don't worry, her schedule is wide open, so literally any time that works for you will work). Light a candle or go to your favorite thinking spot. Ask yourself, "when was the last time I had a full day off from anything that feels like work?" If the answer to that question is, "I can't honestly remember," then start to ponder what obstacles are standing in the way. Find someone close to you who can help you sort through how to remove some of those obstacles. And if finding a whole day once a week seems insurmountable, see if you can cultivate moments of Baby Sabbath each day. A walk outside, a dance break, a long bath, a cup of tea on your patio, a ten-minute session of prayer or singing.

Sabbath is important for so many reasons. It helps us remember to take a break from our adult cares and tap into the joyful spirit of childhood. It teaches us that we are not God - and that we really can walk away from our tasks for a time and the world won't stop spinning. The benefits of Sabbath are reaped the other six days of the week when we find we are restored and better able to focus on the tasks that do need to be completed.

Sabbath is still a good idea. Even during a pandemic. Let's not forget about it this summer. I think we might need it more than ever.

Pastor Caela

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be added to the First Congregational e-mail prayer chain, please contact office@uccmanhattan.org. It is a quick and easy way to stay up to date with your church family.



Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concerns

- For more information, please contact the church office

Evelyn Keller is Turning 100

Long-time First Congregational member Evelyn Keller turns 100 years old on June 13, 2020. To celebrate, friends and family are honoring her with a card shower.

Please send cards to:
Evelyn Keller
c/o Leonardville Nursing Home
P.O. Box 148
Leonardville, KS 66449



An Update from Your Church Leadership Regarding Regathering in Our Building

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we want to share an update about how your church leadership is prayerfully discerning our path forward as at a congregation. You may remember that our Cabinet has appointed a COVID Task Force: Sue Gerth, Kerri, Keller, and Jeff Watson. This group meets regularly to review information, make decisions, and make important recommendations to the Cabinet. In addition to carefully following guidance from state and local health officials, the Task Force is also consulting guidance documents prepared specifically for churches by regional/national organizations. At our May Cabinet meeting, we adopted Pandemic Ministry Values as a touchstone for our decisions moving forward. We invite you to read this document, as well as check out links to some of the other information guiding our decisions on our website at uccmanhattan.org/covid.

Since March, we have rejoiced in the resilience and faithfulness of our members, leaders, and staff. Our God is good...and invites us into creativity! The Spirit continues to move among us in new and fresh ways. We have consistently had higher attendance at online worship than we did in our sanctuary and we hear over and over again that the ministry we offer together is healing and helpful during this crisis. Thank you for being a part of it all. We anticipate that much of what we are learning now will continue to enhance our ministry for many years to come, and we give thanks for Christ's faithfulness in our time of need.

Even as we celebrate the joys of Being the Church together, we acknowledge that it is hard to be physically apart. We miss one another. We long for the day when we can safely gather together again in our sanctuary and do so many of the things we took for granted before: gather around Christ's table, watch the children light the candles at the beginning of worship, hear our choir sing.

Deeper than that longing, however, is our love for one another and for the most vulnerable in our community. As we continue to learn more about this virus, one of the things that is currently very clear is that large, in-person gatherings like in-person worship are

uniquely dangerous. As UCC Conference Minister Mike Denton writes, “the number of people in our congregation who are at high risk, the way the spaces in which we gather for worship are set up, and what we do when we are together make it unlikely that it will be safe for us to gather in the same place for some time.”

At our May Cabinet meeting, we spent some time talking over the recommendations we are receiving and acknowledged the painful reality that if we were to choose to attempt to return to in-person services in the next few months it would look very different than what we are accustomed to. Family units would need to sit six-feet apart, of course, but that’s not all. Everyone would need to wear masks. Most of our worship leaders are in the high-risk category. Current recommendations state there could be no singing (we are learning that singing is particularly dangerous). Additionally, we could not pass the peace, pass the offering plates, or share Communion in traditional ways. Children would have to stay with their families in the pews throughout the service, meaning: no nursery care, no Prayground, KidsWorship, Sacred Space, no Word for Children on the steps. Some recommendations state that we should keep our bathrooms closed (or figure out how to sanitize them every 15 minutes). After worship, ushers would have to dismiss people by rows to leave the building directly. No fellowship hour or staying to mingle.

We know that once we do decide to return to in-person worship, we will want to continue to provide an excellent online option for those who aren’t able to attend in-person services. Creating two quality worship services each week would require significant shifts in how we allocate our time and energy as a congregation.

And so, for now, we plan to continue with online worship for the foreseeable future. How long? We aren’t sure. We trust that, with the Spirit’s guidance, we will be able to faithfully discern our path forward together. As we start to see other congregations in our community return to in-person gatherings, we want you to know how much thought and care is being given to our own process.

As the Pandemic Values document states: “While a ministry of embodied presence remains largely out of our grasp, we will pour our energies into making genuine personal connections with our community.” We will continue to gather for prayer, fellowship, and learning via Zoom. We will keep filling *[continued next page]*

the Blessing Box and feeding folks at the Second Helping. We will tune into the Life & Creativity Podcast and learn about others in our congregation. We will check in with our Neighborhood Groups and make new friends. We will visit the church grounds for prayer and create art there together. We will continue to Love Loudly - advocating for justice and peace for all of Creation.

We will continue to Love Unconditionally, Challenge Spiritually, and Minister Fervently together. Through it all, we will trust in the good news of God's message of hope to the Israelites as they lived in Exile: "For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "Plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

In love and thanksgiving...

Pastor Caela

Sue Gerth, Moderator

Kerri Keller, Past-Moderator

Jeff Watson, Moderator-Elect

Building Updates

Our staff members continue to work from home, but the office phone is being rerouted during office hours so please use the church phone number for questions (785-537-7006). Office mail is also being rerouted so donations may be mailed to the church at 700 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan KS 66502.

The only things happening in the building right now are Second Helping preparations and the 12-step recovery groups that meet in our building are beginning to meet again in person with safety precautions. We also have two church leaders who walk through the building each week to make sure everything is in order. As the COVID task force continues to make decisions about reopening our building we will keep everyone informed using the church e-mail list.

Social Media Highlights

If you don't follow us on Facebook, you might have missed some of our recent Facebook Live events! In the past month, we've shared the following on Facebook...and the good news is, you can still watch these now, even without a Facebook login. Just go to [facebook.com/uccmanhattanks/live](https://www.facebook.com/uccmanhattanks/live) and scroll through the archived videos.

- Backyard Birding interview with Linda Thurston
- Prayer 101 with the Revs. Ben Konecny & Caela Simmons Wood
- Centering Prayer with the Revs. Ben Konecny & Caela Simmons Wood
- How to Access Books & More without Going into the Library with staff from MPL
- Daily devotionals from the Stillspeaking Writers Group shared by Jim & Marilyn Mock, Brittani Frost-Shank, Janet George, Kerry Priest, and Pastor Caela
- A week of daily spiritual practices focused on leaning into God's love, using music from the Rev. Tracey Howe Whispelwey
- Pastor Caela took us on a quick trip inside the building to check on things

Need Help?

Please reach out to the church office or Pastor Caela if you are in need. We have volunteers to help pick up groceries and medication or help you learn how to order online for delivery/pick up. If you are being adversely affected by loss of income, please let us know. If you are ill or need prayer, please let us know. Sandy and Caela continue to check e-mail on their days in the office and can also be reached by phone (please use Caela's cell phone).

Virtual Offering Plate

While we may not be together on Sunday, the work and mission of First Congregational UCC continues. Please continue to financially support the church as we offer sanctuary and support to each other and the wider community.

Options for giving:

- 1) Mail your contribution to 700 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502.
- 2) Donate online via PayPal (no login required). Go to uccmanhattan.org and scroll down to the DONATE button.
- 3) Setting up a recurring online gift is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to the church. Your bank may be able to do this for you OR you may contact the church office for a copy of our authorization form and we can set it up for you.



Thank you for your continued support and please contact the office if you have questions.

Did You Miss Worship? Worshiping Online Not Your Thing?

Every Monday we post the previous days' service on our website at <http://www.uccmanhattan.org/news-and-updates/category/worship>. You can view the live worship from Sunday, listen to the audio-only version, or even access a written manuscript which you can use to have your own self-guided worship at home. Please also remember that you can always CALL IN for audio-only on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. If none of these options are meeting your needs or you need help accessing them, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Caela so we can find out what might work better for you



Congratulations 2020 Graduates



Malek Harris, Manhattan High School, plans to attend Manhattan Area Technical College and study Construction.

Madison Lillich, Council Grove High School. plans to attend Kansas State University to study Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology.

Savannah Lillich, Council Grove High School. plans to attend Fort Hayes State University to study Secondary Education and Theater.

Nick Clark, B.A. in Music from Kansas State University.

Krista Danielson-Rolles, MA in English/Creative Writing from Kansas State University.

Rachel Hunt, MS in Music Education from Kansas State University.

Cassidy Moreau, MS in Social Work from Washburn University.

Did we miss your graduate? Please contact the church office to announce the information in the July newsletter.

Yard Signs: Our Gift to You!

Want to share the First Congregational UCC love? Miss your church fam? We would like to give you a gift to help us all feel connected AND let other people in the community know about our congregation. Yard signs are available and we will deliver them to your house (contactless, of course). They are 18x24 corrugated plastic with a metal stand. Locally printed by Thomas Sign Company. These signs are two-sided, so you can display

your favorite message or set up the sign so that both sides can be seen. We hope to have them by the end of May, so just let us know if you'd like one delivered. You can contact your Neighborhood Captain or simply e-mail Sandy (office@uccmanhattan.org).



Pastor Caela Beginning Spiritual Director Training Program

Caela is now in year five of the ten-year-long NGLI (Next Generation Leadership Initiative) program through the United Church of Christ. Years 1-4 provided two weeks of continuing education each year with her cohort. Years 5-10 of the program are centered on an individualized learning plan. Beginning this month, Pastor Caela will be participating in the Souljourners program. From their website:

Souljourners is an ecumenical spiritual formation program for those seeking access to the nourishment of the deep wells of spiritual treasure in their tradition. Based at Sophia Center, a spirituality center sponsored by the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, Kansas, this program has the unique gift of Benedictine hospitality where students are embraced by a living, praying community. Coming together monthly in this setting, Souljourners form a community within the community. Souljourners provides a compact three-year opportunity to explore and develop the ministry of spiritual direction/companionship for those who feel a call to perform the service of “holy listening” with people on the spiritual journey.

The program begins with a weeklong residency from June 15-21st. Due to COVID, the residency is happening online this year but Caela will still be away from her work with us that week. If you'd like to learn more about Souljourners you can visit <https://www.mountosb.org/souljourners>.

Directory

With the all of the stay at home orders and online communications, we are finding more members using our online church directory. We would like to encourage our church family to add their pictures to the directory. This is just one more way we can stay connected. If you would like to add or update your photo, just email it to office@uccmanhattan.org. Sandy is also available to help you learn how to access the directory. You can email her or call her during regular office hours (the office phone is forwarded).



Weekly Connection Points

Practice Physical Distancing....not Social or Spiritual Distancing. Join us online! If you have trouble accessing any of these resources, please contact the church office so we can assist.

Sundays: Worship at 10:45 a.m. via Facebook Live or call 1-669-900-6833 and dial meeting ID 921-954-012# at the prompt for audio only. Meeting password is 66502. To find us on Facebook: go to our Facebook Page at 10:45 a.m. and scroll down until you see the most recent post. Look for the read box that says "Live" or "Premiere."

Fellowship Hour immediately following worship via Zoom | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link

Mondays: Monday night fellowship from 6:30-8:00 led by Deane Lehmann. Stop in and say hi or stay the whole time, show us your projects, color with us, hang out. | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link

Tuesdays: Tuesday Book Group from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. via Zoom | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link

Wednesdays: Youth Group for middle and high school youth from 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link

Thursdays: Prayers & Fellowship at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link

Kids are also meeting (but not weekly) and Brandy sends out e-mail to families to share resources. If you're not receiving those updates, please email brandy@uccmanhattan.org.

A graphic with a background image of hands clasped together. On the left, the text 'WEEKLY CONNECTION POINTS' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. On the right, a dark red vertical bar contains a list of weekly activities in white text. At the bottom of the red bar, the website 'UCCMANHATTAN.ORG/ONLINE' is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font.

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| Sundays: | Worship & Fellowship Hour |
| Mondays: | Monday Evening Fellowship via Zoom |
| Tuesdays: | Bible Book Club via Zoom |
| Wednesdays: | Youth Group via Zoom |
| Thursdays: | Prayers & Fellowship via Zoom |

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Summer Worship Series - Unraveled: Seeking God When Our Plans Fall Apart

Unravel (v.): Untangle, unsnarl, unwind; elucidate, decipher, reveal, clarify.

What happens when our world falls apart? What does it look like to search for God in the gray area of our lives? How do we press onward when our tightly-knit plans unravel into loose threads?

Sometimes we need to be unraveled—from shame, fear, patterns, or identities that cause harm. To unravel is to acknowledge and grieve what has fallen apart to allow God's newness to unfurl.

This worship series explores 12 stories of unraveled shame, identity, fear, grief, dreams, and expectations. These are stories where God meets us in the spiraling, unraveling our plans—and us—into something new.

This series from A Sanctified Art includes a devotional/study guide, which we hope you'll want to use in June, July, and the first part of August. This printable study journal explores 12 stories of unraveling. For each scripture, we include: original visual art inspired by the text, an artist statement reflecting on how the scripture inspired the art, prompts for visual meditation to engage the art, prompts for individual or group reflection on the scripture, a prompt for journaling in response to the scripture, and a short closing prayer.

You can download and print the journal now at uccmanhattan.org/unraveled OR simply e-mail office@uccmanhattan.org and we would be happy to print you a copy and put it in the mail.



Summer Prayers @ 700 Poyntz

As we continue to worship online, we've learned in tangible ways that "real good church" can happen anywhere. Many have told us they kind of like worshipping in their PJs or cuddled up with family and pets on the couch! We also know that many of us miss the connection with have with our church building. It is a sacred space and something about being there opens our hearts to the movement of the Spirit in real ways.

If you are missing that connection with our church building or simply need a "set aside" place to pray, we invite you to spend some time in prayer outside our church building at 700 Poyntz.



You could bring a picnic blanket and sit on the lawn or bring a lawn chair from home. You might want to gaze up at the cloud floating overhead beyond our limestone walls or watch people pass by on Juliette or Poyntz. The front steps of the church, the big limestone sign, and the space outside the Juliette entrance are all nice places to find some quiet. As you come to the property to pray, we ask that you do not congregate with other people. If you notice someone else is praying, please come back at a later time.

We encourage you to snap a photo and/or write down your prayer to share via social media. You might even want to record a video of your prayer time. You can share these in the Facebook group or upload on our website at uccmanhattan.org/photo-video-portal. Please note if you do NOT want your post shared publicly via our Facebook page. Think about how neat it would be to see a prayer from one of our members every day this summer. Even though we can't be together in the sanctuary right now, we are still united through the Spirit.

Christian Education

Please contact Brandy McDonald (brandy@uccmanhattan.org) or Brittani Frost-Shank (brittani@uccmanhattan.org) for more information about options for children and youth.

Midweek Bible Book Club

Tuesdays 11:30 to 1:00: “The Meaning of Mary Magdalene”

Please consider joining us for the midweek ZOOM class. We are reading Cynthia Bourgeault’s book *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene*. Mary Magdalene is probably the most famous character in the Bible about whom the least is known. Bourgeault’s book seeks to address that, starting by looking at what the Bible does say about her and how church tradition, art, and legend have added – and frequently distorted - the picture we have of Mary. In addition, Bourgeault introduces her readers to *The Gospel of Mary Magdalene* and other lost gospels and demonstrates how these lost writings have altered our perspective of her. What has emerged in recent years is a serious re-evaluation of Mary Magdalene’s place among Christ’s followers and Bourgeault thoroughly examines that new perspective.

The book is available at Amazon in either paperback or Kindle form. If you have trouble obtaining a book, please text or call Pastor Sue. Please join us!

We Have a Podcast!

Have you listened to our new podcast yet? If not, you should! Host Chad Moreau chats with one of our members each week about Life & Creativity. This is a great opportunity to get to know some people in the congregation you might not have met yet. Most conversations are about thirty minutes long and you can subscribe to the podcast on Apple Podcasts or Stitcher. Just search for “Life & Creativity with First Congregational MHK.” You can also listen anytime from our website at uccmanhattan.org/podcast.



Sending Notes To Check In

During this time when we are unable to meet together as a congregation, it's particularly important to maintain connection. Many of us are Zooming, texting, Facebooking, and phoning on a regular basis...but there's nothing quite like the joy of receiving a piece of REAL MAIL in your mailbox.

The Ministers of Care invites everyone to consider sending cards, pictures you've colored or other artwork, or articles of interest. If your kids want to get involved, they could color a page and mail it or leave it on a neighbor's porch.



Do you want to connect but don't know who would appreciate your efforts? Check with a ministers of care member or your neighborhood captain and we can share some suggestions with you. There many be members of our congregation who are particularly isolated and would especially enjoy a note in the mail.

Ministers of care members

Julie Appino
Elaine De Smedt
Gayle Doll
Deane Lehmann
Gretchen Lewis
Brent Maner
Cassidy Moreau
Stephanie Reeck

Important Reminders about the U.S. Mail

Yes, we are still able to receive mail at the church's address! Mail is being rerouted, so we ask that you send things to 700 Poyntz, just as you normally would. Please don't drop items off through the mail slot at the church, as it is not being monitored regularly. Please ensure that you write a return name and address on any correspondence you send. We do not open mail that is missing a return address and we want to make sure your letter reaches its intended recipient.

Cobb Corner — Going Green

“To go fast, go alone. To go far, go together” – African proverb

I think I've used this quotation before and I don't know where I got it, but it seems apt. For some time, I've been thinking of the curious impact of this pandemic. Leslie Bell sent me an email earlier this month that captured how incongruous our situation is.

He noted how close we all feel spiritually even as we are physically more distant than ever. He also emphasized just how many of you are involved in making our church services happen via Zoom. The music, word for children, scripture, sermon, offertory, technical arrangements are all more challenging during this time.

Then Sunday evening there is the preparation and serving of the Second Helping meal and the next day's food. The work of Sandy, the church committees, the filling of the blessing box, yard care, burials, the list goes on. More time each week is unstructured, but there's just as much church work to be done and under more difficult circumstances.

There are other paradoxes to this pandemic: The planet's climate is healthier than it's been in years as we've polluted less. Yet, we individually feel more vulnerable, sick, or in grief.

The zoo is closed, but if you are like me, you've never been so aware of the birds and their songs, your pets and their antics and in our case the personalities of the bunnies and raccoons in our neighborhood.

The *New York Times* has itemized 98 decisions of the Trump administration that have weakened or gutted environmental regulations but it also notes the increasing success and vigor of organizations that have fought back against these decisions. *NYT*, May 10, 2020, pp. 29-30, national section.

Meat has become more scarce which is a boon to the environment and personal health, but it comes as a result of conditions in meat-packing facilities and slaughter houses which have led to workers getting Covid-19. President Trump has used the Defense Production Act to order workers back to processing meat regardless of the danger. The Act has been until now used to produce items vital to national security rather than grocery items.

On the other side of this pandemic, what will happen with these paradoxes? Will the disease have resulted in our faith and feelings of closeness remaining stronger, our commitment to pro-climate policies and personal health continuing and our respect and joy in the natural environment flourishing? Let's hope so.

– Linda Richter

Share ideas for future Cobb columns with Linda Richter.



Neighborhood Groups are up and running. If you've not heard from your Neighborhood

Captain via e-mail or phone, please contact the church office so we can get you connected. These groups are an informal way for members and friends to stay connected to one another during the COVID pandemic. Groups are communicating via e-mail, text, and phone call to share about their lives and check in on one another.

If you're having trouble accessing worship or any of our online activities, please contact the church office.

The Second Helping

Our Second Helping ministry continues to be a wonderful way in which our church extends its mission to the community of Manhattan. We regularly serve 30-40 people each week. Many of you have helped with this mission in a variety of ways, and that is much appreciated!



New Volunteers Needed

I am seeking to find volunteers for the Sunday evening 2nd Helping dinners. Traditionally, many of our volunteers are more mature congregants or college students from K-State. Given the physical closure of the University and the high-risk factors associated with the Coronavirus, we are finding ourselves short on volunteers, therefore I am reaching out to ask each of you to consider your willingness to volunteer at 2nd Helping.

Currently, the meals are prepared in the church, but are distributed outside of the church in to-go containers to help minimize the risk to our outside volunteers and neighbors. There are also a number of other protocols being put into place for the purpose of safeguarding all involved with 2nd Helping.

Further, while we value anyone who is willing to volunteer, for the safety of all we ask you not to volunteer if you are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID meet any of the quarantine criteria below. We also strongly recommend that those in the high-risk category not volunteer as well.

If you are unable to volunteer at Second Helping, we still welcome your support. Monetary donations can be made via PayPal on the website or mailed to the church (First Congregational UCC, 700 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502). Thank you for your support of this important ministry,

Di Hinrichs-Toburen, Ph.D.
Second Helping Volunteer Coordinator

Community News

Wear Orange Day June 5

Wear Orange Day began when 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed on a Chicago street in 2013. Her grieving friends wore orange in her honor. Several national organizations involved in gun-violence reduction adopted the color as they commemorate National Gun Violence Awareness Day on the first Friday in June to reduce the senseless slaughter that is America's gun-violence crisis.

Instead of gathering on June 5, 2020, orange-painted rocks are being placed around town through June 6, to raise awareness in our community. Moms Demand Action is also hosting a private Facebook event to share information about gun violence and organizations in our community which assist those at risk or affected by gun violence.

Community members are encouraged to spread the word by painting rocks orange and putting them in highly visible places, such as near your curb or on walking trails around town. On the rocks, you can include messages such as "end gun violence," include the name of a loved one affected by gun violence, or even wearorange.org.

To join the Facebook event go to wearorange.org, find the Manhattan event, and RSVP or e-mail andisue@hotmail.com.

Mission Statement

The Mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ is

- To love and accept others unconditionally as God loves and accepts us, and by example, to encourage others to do the same.
- To challenge ourselves to grow spiritually through worship, education, nurture, reflection, discussion, fellowship, and outreach.
- To minister to others locally, nationally, and globally with the same fervor as we minister to ourselves, through the sharing of our talents, gifts, and resources.

We hold ourselves accountable before God for this mission.

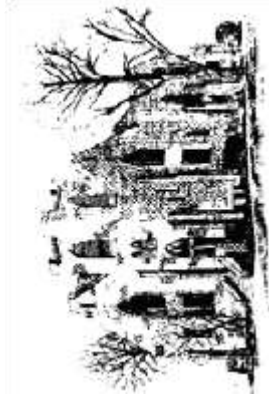
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