



Sunday, November 19 , 2023

(November/December Reaching Out Focus: Mental Health)



**“When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time,
he asked him, ‘Do you want to get well?’”**

- John 5:6

Welcome to our church family!

Gathering Music

Tolling of the Bell - our reminder to quiet ourselves inside *and* out for worship

Welcome

Opening Hymn - #81 “We Gather Together”

1st Scripture Reading - John 5:1-13, *offered by Denise Fate*

Music for Reflection

2nd Scripture Reading - Mark 14:32-41, 50, *offered by Denise Fate*

Morning Message - “My Difficult Relationship with the Holiday Season”
Offered by Toby Jones

Sermon Hymn - #487 “Kum Ba Yah,” *see Alt Lyrics “Come, You Hungry Ones”*

Offering

Offertory Music

Doxology - *“Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Her above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen”*

Morning Prayers

*“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”*

Closing Hymn - #84 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past,”
See Alt Lyrics, “O God We Rage at Hurtful Things”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE TODAY!

Poinsettia orders are due today. If you want to purchase a plant to decorate our Sanctuary on December 24, please fill out the form on the table near the Sanctuary. Checks should be made out to "1st Congregational UCC" with the words "Poinsettia Order" in the memo line. We will also accept cash. Orders can be placed in the collection plate, or just put on Stacey's desk in the church office.

Please remember to take your plant with you after service on Christmas Eve. You can keep it for yourself, or you may wish to share it with someone who might need a lift this Holiday Season.

**Please note that orders received after November 19th may not be able to be honored due to supplier requirements.*



A Seat At The Table

Wednesday, December 6th

or

Friday, December 8th

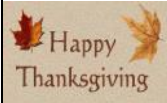
Reaching In's next round of A SEAT AT THE TABLE is in December. Both dates are dinners. The purpose of these small group gatherings, held in fellow participants homes, is to create a deeper sense of community at First Congregational United Church of Christ.

It's a simple concept. Sign up for a date of your choosing, offer to bring a side dish or dessert and then let the fun begin! You will be notified a week before your selected date where to go with all the particulars.

Sign up forms are located on the table outside the Sanctuary.



Sunday 11/19	Mon 11/20	Tues 11/21	Wed 11/22	Thurs 11/23	Fri 11/24	Sat 11/25	Sunday 11/26
10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship 11:30a Coffee Hour 11:45a Church Council Meeting	6p Personal Pantry	10a Scripture Discussion Group - Live & via Zoom 11a-2p CMA Hours	5:30p Uke Group	NO CMA OFFICE CLOSED 1p Community Thanksgiving Dinner - <i>Community Reformed Church</i> Happy Thanksgiving!			10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship 11:30a Coffee Hour <i>Hosted by The Morris Family</i> 11:45a Trustee Meeting



**Prayer Requests/
Celebrations:** To submit a
Prayer Request
please visit our website at
chxucc.org or call the office
at 231-547-9122

Please be sure to get
permission from the person
needing prayers.

Please pray for those who struggle with the holiday season: those who are alone, those who are grieving, those who are depressed, and those dealing with broken families.

Please continue to pray for the victims, hostages, and the leaders on both sides of the war in Israel.


Please continue to pray for the family of Ken Biddick, most especially his wife, Julie, as they cope with his sudden passing.



**Please join us for
Coffee Hour in
Ransom Hall
after service**



**Max Carthew
&
Mary Duggan**



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