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Journey of Dreams

This is a continuance of the **Journey of Light** focusing on six themes: First Church's Covenant, Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. All but the first theme will be in some part and/or degree based upon Robert Schnase's book, **Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**. It is the intentional interim pastor's persuasion that these five areas plus a serious and intentionally focused review of the 'Covenant' are essential for First Church to caress its future. The following are the dates and times of the five remaining scheduled **JODs (Journey of Dreams)**. "The Covenant" was held September 21st. All sessions will begin at 7 PM in the Social Hall.

OCTOBER 5, 2011 ~ "Radical Hospitality"

OCTOBER 19, 2011 ~ "Passionate Worship"

NOVEMBER 2, 2011 ~ "Intentional Faith Development"

NOVEMBER 16, 2011 ~ "Risk-Taking Mission and Service"

DECEMBER 7, 2011 ~ "Extravagant Generosity"

Congregational Home Hosts Flu Clinic

Congregational Home will be hosting a Flu Clinic, provided by Wheaton Franciscan Home Health, on Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Flu and pneumonia vaccines will be available to all residents in the Independent Apartment complex, Assisted Living, and Skilled Care Facility, as well as to family and community members who are interested in receiving them. Medicare Part B and most Medicare Advantage insurances including United Health Care, AARP Medicare Complete, UHC Secure Horizon, and Evercare will be accepted as payment. In lieu of Medicare Part B or an approved Medicare Advantage Plan, cash or a check made out to WFHH&H will be accepted. The cost for the flu vaccine is \$30.00.

The cost for the pneumonia vaccine is \$65.00. Please note that Medicare will only pay for the pneumonia vaccine once in your lifetime. Please check your health care records before agreeing to receive the pneumonia vaccine. Each vaccine recipi-

ent will receive a receipt for the payment made, which may be used for reimbursement purposes.

Flu Clinic
Wednesday October 26, 2011
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Chapel/Auditorium

Anyone wishing to receive the flu vaccine must have the following:

1. A copy of a valid Medicare card and/or approved Medicare Advantage card
2. A signed consent/authorization form (please obtain a form by contacting Congregational Home at 262-781-0550); the deadline for the Home to receive the form is **MONDAY, OCTOBER 17**

If you have further questions about the clinic or the vaccine, please contact Brenda Marciniak - Director of Social Services or Karen Kiepert - Nurse Care Manager at 262-781-0550.

Jeff Kelling packs up the beets delivered to Feeding America from the First Church garden.



Our “High Holy Day”

Each year the month of November brings with it the celebration of Thanksgiving Day. This holiday holds special significance for Congregationalists, the descendants of those intrepid New Englanders who are our spiritual ancestors. Indeed, it has been said by some that Thanksgiving is our “High Holy Day.”

When I consider the text we sing at this time of year, I am urged to ground my faith anew in these timeless texts. “We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessings, we chasten and hasten His will to make known.” “We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land.” “For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.” These familiar words speak to us of the abundance of blessings that have been bestowed so freely upon us. I am reminded that it is then incumbent for each of us to respond to these blessings with bowed heads and thankful hearts.

I have been saddened over recent years that attendance at the Thanksgiving Day service has declined. I am not able to explain why or to outline any specific reasons for this decrease. I would, however, like to see this recent trend reversed.



Our annual service of Thanksgiving is a unique one that calls to mind some of the earlier worship traditions of our spiritual forefathers. This service, with its unadorned simplicity, recalls to us a leaner time, when sparseness was abundance. We are reminded of the blessings that have been given us.

Such generosity demands that we pause and offer our deep and genuine thanks to our benevolent and loving God for these gifts.

We all have much for which to be thankful. Our beloved church has stood fast in this community. It has opened its doors to all. It has been a source of solace, joy, sadness, and reverence. I would urge each one of us to “gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing” on this Thanksgiving Day, November 24 at 10 AM in our sanctuary. It is truly meet and right so to do.

—Lee Jacobi
Director of Music

LSP Planning Meeting - Sunday, October 9

High School teens, please meet in Friendship Lounge from 4 - 6 PM on Sunday, October 9 and bring your calendars, ideas, and enthusiasm to this informal brainstorming session.

We will plan service projects for the 2011-2012 school year. If you have an idea or an organization you would like to support, bring

along information on them. If you don't have any ideas, that is fine, too. Together we will plan fun and meaningful ways to serve the Lord and make a difference.

Pizza and beverages will be served.

—Carla Cummings

Workshop

WHAT ST. PAUL WANTED TO SHARE WITH THE COLOSSIANS

A reflective workshop on Paul’s Epistle to the church community in Colossae will be held on Saturday, October 8. All are invited. No experience in scripture is required; simply bring a Bible, a notepad, and a pen. If you have none, we have Bibles for you to use. This scripture workshop will begin promptly at 9 AM in the Chapel with morning prayer and a brief introduction to the Letter. The workshop will end at 11:55 AM.

Pastor Barry W. Szymanski, J.D., Minister of Pastoral Care, will facilitate. Refreshments will be provided during the breaks. There is no charge for this workshop, which will be held here at First Congregational Church. For further information, call 414-258-7375 ext. 226.

This Epistle was written by Paul after Epaphras established the Christian church in Colossae but later a philosophy, which was not in accord with the Christ who Paul had been preaching about, began to circulate in that community -- therefore, Paul wrote this letter.



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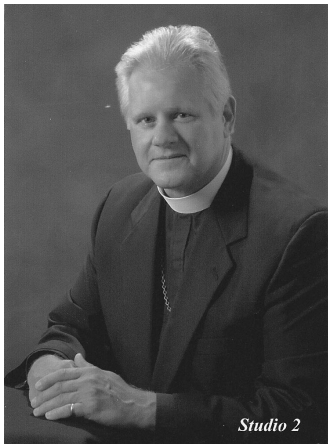
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Religion as a Library



In the May-June issue of the magazine, *Spirituality & Health*, there is a question and answer column. The column appears in every issue of *Spirituality & Health* and is written by award winning author, poet, and teacher Rabbi Rami Shapiro. The persons who write in with their questions are almost always kept anonymous, though there are on occasion exceptions to this rule. In this issue a questioner posed to the Rabbi the following question: ***“I often think of religion***

as a library. Libraries preserve the past, offer a place where people can gather to explore it, and are staffed by people expert in sifting through it. Isn't this what organized religion is like?”

Answering this interesting question Rabbi Shapiro writes the following: ***“I appreciate your analogy and wish that religions were more like libraries. For example, libraries house many conflicting opinions without insisting one is right and others are wrong; libraries are open to all people without asking them to conform to any one type; and libraries are trained to help people find what they are searching for rather than what any specific librarian thinks they ought to be searching for. So, yes, religion is like a library, just not enough like it for my taste.”***

A centerpiece of Jesus' ministry was the Judaic requirement for hospitality. Almost all of the Galilean's teachings and examples given to us in the gospel accounts have their foundation in this concept of hospitality. By Jesus' time this religious and cultural requirement has become diluted and contaminated by laws that picked apart not only how hospitality was to be offered but those who were to be offered it. And this law had become so severe in its detailing that it lacked love and compassion in its practice. Into this reality came Jesus seeking to re-establish the hospitality requirement of his religious heritage with its inclusivity and bountiful compassion – both of which were to be denied to none. This alone was enough reason for the religious authorities of his day to seek his demise. Added to this is the fact that Jesus was born into, raised as a youth, and lived out his brief adulthood in a country occupied by a foreign military power (Rome) and governed by Rome often through political surrogates who cooperated to keep themselves safe and preserve their social, cultural, and religious power. This collusion led to the killing of Jesus, amid a society where there was already a military guerrilla-movement (the Zealots – of which the disciple Judas was believed to have been one). The Nazarene's message and actions inferred that everyone was important, no one was to be left out, and the poor and disenfranchised had a special place in God's kingdom, to which everyone was accountable for their over-all care and well-being. These same teachings and examples still remain a significant part of the gospel accounts of Jesus' life, ministry, trial, death, and renewed life among those followers

who believed and trusted his way of living-for-God.

Rabbi Shapiro's hope for a religion that reflects the best qualities of a library should be reflected by the religion *Christianity*. No matter its particular tradition, there should be what can be categorized as radical inclusivity everywhere we look. Is there? Sunday morning is still the most segregated hour of the week in our society. This reality cannot be justified. Every congregation should aspire to the level of Christ's behavior assuring that everyone is free to understand their faith as they can understand it, that differing opinions are expected and reflect the mature practice of it. Sadly, this is not always the case. In every congregation following the preaching and teaching of Jesus, none of it should lead to exclusivity nor the absence of genuine love and compassion. Nor should it lead to a dictatorship of 'you-have-to-believe-this-way-or-you-are-not-welcomed-here' that in this deeply polarized society of politics and values has increasingly become the norm instead of the regrettable exception. Every man, woman, youth, and child should be free to express what they believe without condemnation. Whether such expressions are agreed with or not, they should be received with the love and hospitality of Jesus himself. And every spiritual leader (Priest/Preacher/Pastor) should be free to express in every way the Word of God they have vowed to obey and follow all their lives. This is not easy to do when there are competing versions of that *Word* coming from every conceivable source, many of them caressed by others in support of their political, economic, and societal views. I often tell clergy what they need to do is never close their minds to new insights, always be honest in what they teach and preach, be sure they both understand and 'feel' what they offer to others in God's name, and always be sure they bring to the pulpit with them 'reason.' And never put their position and its salary/security above the need to tell the Jesus Story they way it needs to be told amid the changing realities of time and circumstance.

Congregations are made better by having preachers holding different points of view with different ways of sharing them over time, so they know that there is not simply one way to believe and interpret the Christian life lived, but many – of which they themselves must constantly choose, examine, and improve over their life times. But that the core – radical hospitality and its inclusivity of race, creed, life-style, and opinion – should never cease to be striven for its perfect expression.

For this pastor, the foundation necessary to build such a House/Life of Faith begins with the careful establishment of a Christian spirituality. As described by David Augsburg, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Fuller Theological Seminary, and striven to be practiced by me, this spirituality is:

“About discovering a clear sense of self, a firm link to God, a sensitivity to others.”

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Prayer Journaling for Spiritual Growth

**'Unfurling the Old Scroll' -
Prayer Journaling for Spiritual & Personal Growth
Saturday, October 22, 2011
8:45 - 11:30 AM in the Parlor**

Prayer Journaling is the "Swiss Army knife" of spiritual growth tools. It can be extremely useful in any situation, and the possibilities are endless for any aspect of life. No creative writing skills or elaborate poetic prayers are necessary to apply this amazingly effective process in your life. A dear friend once shared this method with me, and over the past dozen years, I have seen tremendous and even miraculous growth from the use of Prayer Journaling in my own life and the lives of others. There are different types of Prayer Journaling. In this unique workshop, I will show you how to take some of the skills used by field archaeologists and apply them toward your own "inner excavations." This helps us to get down to the roots of where we need healing on a personal level and can position ourselves

to receive it. We will cover the basics and then dig as deep as time permits. We will also cover ways to use prayer journaling to serve the Lord by serving others including family and friends. (And talk about why it is so important to serve others!)

This practice will absolutely strengthen your relationship with the Lord if you put your heart into it. This can help you to be a better spouse, parent, friend, child, sibling, or co-worker. It is an awesome tool for any parent to practice and to teach their children - as even young children can do this very well.

So if you feel "stuck" once in a while, have hit some growth hurdles, or are simply ready for the next level of your journey... come take a different approach, equip yourself with a new power tool, and re-energize your walk. Please sign up at the Gathering Table in the Atrium.

—*Therese Ramseyer*

Stewardship Campaign Kicks Off in October

The First Church 2012 Stewardship Campaign kicks off in October. The Stewardship Board will be sending out our proposed budget with the stewardship pledge material in October. They will follow up in November and make calls in December to those people who haven't returned their pledge cards. In the month of October, members of First Church will

be giving testimonials regarding their involvement in Church life and what it means for them to be members of our Church. Commitment Sunday will be held on October 30th. We hope and pray that all members will make their pledges with the future of our Church on their minds. As expressed in the September 2011 Columns, money is how we run our

Church, our building, and our benevolences to other organizations. Please give generously so we can plan a successful 2012 Church year.

—*Jennifer Nitschke*
Chair, Board of Stewardship & Benevolences

Movies at First



Faith and Film

**To Kill a Mockingbird (1962) (not rated, 82 minutes)
Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 PM**

Harper Lee, Truman Capote's research assistant for *In Cold Blood*, wrote only one novel in her career... *To Kill a Mockingbird*. It was turned into one of the most iconic American movies ever made. Based on Lee's memories of her childhood in Monroeville, Alabama, the story uses warmth, humor, and drama to explore the universal themes of racial prejudice, class divisions, gender roles, and the end of innocence. The event is seen through the eyes of six-year-old Scout, who lives in a small Alabama town with her older brother, Jem, and their widower father, Atticus Finch. When Atticus is appointed to defend a black man accused of raping a white woman, he and his children discover some ugly truths about their neighbors. The movie offers redemption by the grace that comes with tolerance and empathy. Starring Gregory Peck and Robert Duvall.



Drive-in Movie

**Over the Hedge (2006) (PG, 90 minutes)
Friday, October 28, 6 PM**

Just whose backyard is it, anyway? Spring has sprung, and Verne and his woodland friends awaken from their long winter's nap to discover that a large, green hedge has cropped up right through the middle of their once-natural habitat. Enter RJ, an opportunistic raccoon who explains that the world beyond the hedge is "the gateway to the good life" where peculiar creatures called humans live to eat, rather than eat to live. Suspicious and even a little jealous of the charismatic smooth-talking RJ, the ever cautious Verne wants to keep his blended family safely on their side of the hedge. The manipulative RJ has his own reasons for convincing the woodland band that there is little to fear and everything to gain from their over-indulgent new neighbors. RJ and Verne form an unlikely friendship as they learn to coexist with--and even exploit--this strange new world called suburbia.

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8 AM Commitment Sunday Worship in the Chapel 8:45 AM Discovery Hour 10 AM Commitment Sunday Worship in the Nave/ PF/Children in Church/ Sunday School/Nursery 11 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:15 AM Covenant Class I & II	31 8 PM AA					1 9 AM Breakfast w/ the Girls
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A Response from Personnel

On July 10, 2011, Pastor Jan Kwiatkowski delivered her last sermon to First Congregational Church. In her sermon, she alleged that one of the reasons that she was leaving was due to gender issues in our church - specifically, her being a woman. From the perspective of your Personnel Committee, I rebuke and deny her claim. Jan's gender was not a consideration when we hired her. Her gender was not a consideration when we promoted her to lead minister after Rev. Peay's departure. Her compensation ignored her gender. Her gender was not part of our discussions of her performance during Personnel meetings. Her gender was not a consideration when we informed her that her time of service with us was ending. Her time with us was extended by two months when our first interim minister candidate (a woman) was unable to fulfill our position as intended. Our Moderator, John O'Meara, pointed out from the pulpit on two occasions that our financial picture did not support Jan's continuation. Moving forward, our 2012 budget for ordained ministers is asking for one full-time lead minister and one part-time minister. You are welcome to call me at 262-879-9709 to discuss this matter further.

—Mark Boettcher
Chair, Personnel Committee

Over 100 Folks Ate Heartily!



Steve Wallner and his crew, including members of the Board of Fellowship, rose early on Sunday, September 11 to roast a pig stuffed with chickens for our eating pleasure. Following the 10 AM worship service, adults and youth gathered on

Ridge Court to await the delicious pig and chicken fixins. Sides included salads and yummy desserts. People commented on how glad they were to see the Pig & Chicken Roast back on the church calendar. Thanks Steve!



Pastor Searfoss continued

.It is about choosing, not inheriting. It is a personal choice, voluntary, and personal.

.It is about doing, not high intentions. It is a set of practices for living our faith.

.It is about loving. People matter. All people matter.

.It is about linking, not individualism. It is a quest for real community.

.It is about serving, not self-care. It is something you offer, concretely, caringly.

.It is about being, not having. It is discovering authenticity and simplicity.

.It is about risking, not withdrawal. It is constructive, courageous, bold.

.It is about reconciling, not injuring. It is open to healing and growth.

.It is about suffering, not injuring. It is resolutely non-violent and constructive.

The next time you're at Barnes & Noble look for and pick up the latest issue of the magazine, *Spirituality and Health*, and look for Rabbi Shapiro's column. It is always very thought-provoking.

First Church has a unique opportunity to be a spiritual and theological library. It is my hope that whoever the new pastor will be, s/he will be free to teach and speak and preach the *Word of God* as that pastor understands it, has experienced it, and continues to fathom all of its spiritual, moral, and ethical insights, expectations, and demands, just as all of you should be.

Shalom,

Pastor (Thomas) Searfoss
Intentional Interim Pastor

Collecting Personal Care Items for Tosa Cares

Circle 7 is issuing their annual appeal for personal care/toiletry items for Tosa Cares. Tosa Cares is desperate for personal care items, and our church is their only source for these particulars. Dental supplies, soap, lotion, shampoo, tissue, hair accessories, band aids, detergent, and any other toiletry items you can stuff into a large bag would be appreciated!

Tosa area families are referred to Tosa Cares by the Police, Fire, and Health Depts. and also by area schools and churches. About

100 families (300 individuals) are being served by Tosa Cares at this time. The need is great, so please be generous.

Bring your donations to the table located under the glass bulletin board in the Atrium between Sunday, October 2 and Monday, October 10. The collected items will be delivered to Tosa Cares on Tuesday, October 11. The members of Circle 7 thank you for your support.

—Doris Nolinske



Sunday School

- *Sunday School, for ages 3 – 5th grade, will be held at 10 AM*
Children will begin in church with their families. They will be dismissed to Sunday School during the worship service.

Discovery Kids

- *Discovery Kids meets most Sundays from 8:45 - 9:45 AM in room LL5*
Kids enjoy this special time of additional activities, led by Sarah DeYoung, before their traditional Sunday School at 10 AM. Those who rehearse with the choir will join them after practice. Older youth are invited to help lead.

Faith Finders

- *Monday, October 10*
Faith Finders is a fellowship group specifically designed for students in first grade through fifth grade. Our meetings consist of several great activities including singing, games, fellowship, program time, and working on community service projects. The meetings begin with an optional dinner (pizza, salad, and garlic bread) at 5 PM, followed by programming from 5:30 - 6:30 PM. The cost of the dinner is \$3 per person. At our October meeting, we invite you to bring a friend!

PF Schedule for October

- *Sunday, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30*
Junior PF meets from 10:15 - 11:30 AM
Senior PF meets from 10:15 - 11:30 AM

PF meets during the second worship service *each* Sunday beginning at 10:15 AM. We begin in the Social Hall and then split off into two groups. Outings and other special events take place once a month.

A team of our church members have planted and maintained a garden in order to donate food to Feeding America. On October 9th, the remainder of the harvesting will be completed. I would like to make this a PF event, and yet that is the ASP presentation day, the day after the Jr. PF Fall Rally, and the first meeting day for the LSP group. I am planning on going to harvest, and I will have food available for any PFers who would like to help. The plan is to head to the garden immediately following the 10 AM worship service. Wear your "harvesting clothes" that morning. Please let me know if you can help by contacting me at toniawallner@yahoo.com or by signing up at the Gathering Table.



Jr. PF Fall Rally

- *Friday, October 7 - Saturday, October 8*
The rally will be held at Heritage Congregational Church in Madison. We will distribute fliers as soon as they are available.
—Tonia Wallner, Director of Christian Education

Discovery Adults

Discovery Hour meets beginning at **8:45 AM** this year, including Sunday Symposium, which meets in Friendship Lounge.

Phil Landis "kicked" off Sunday Symposium in September with his challenging presentation on the THE INCARNATION. October will bring more interesting subjects.

Sunday, October 9

8:45 AM - Friendship Lounge

The Appalachian Service Project team will report on their Mission Trip during Sunday Symposium on Sunday, October 9 at 8:45 AM in Friendship Lounge.

The 2011 ASP Mission Team will present photos, share favorite memories, and answer questions about their amazing faith journey. During the 10 AM service, the team will discuss highlights of their experience and then head to the Social Hall where they will give a presentation to the Sunday school.

Join the team after the service at Coffee Hour to celebrate with the teens and adults and ask more questions.

Join us every Sunday at 8:45. Sunday Symposium topics are always interesting and will be announced in The Green Sheet and posted on the bulletin board located outside the church office.

Also each Sunday in October...

8:45 AM - Chapel

A discussion of that day's lectionary will take place in the Chapel. Our Sunday School curriculum also follows the adult lectionary so folks of all ages are invited to join in the discussion.

—Jennifer Wakefield

Operating Statement Summary

Year-to-date as of August 2011

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Pledge Base Received	59.3%	58.3%
Pledge Income	\$404,981	\$454,406
Total Income	\$507,897	\$549,609
Total Expense	\$477,526	\$500,617
Net Income	\$30,371	\$48,992

Detailed financials are available at the office.

Breakfast with the Girls

Betty Holloway,
MNS, RD, CD presents
NuGenesis Farm -
Food as Medicine

Betty is a registered dietician in the area of preventative cardiology and integrative medicine and represents NuGenesis Farm, Pewaukee.

NuGenesis Farm grew out of the research and commitment made by Kathy Bero, while battling stage four inflammatory breast cancer, to the impor-

tance of food in preventing disease.

Kathy is Nancy Hayes' niece and the daughter of Mary Bero. She is now the Board President at NuGenesis Farm.



Join us on Saturday October 1, 9 AM in the Lounge. Donation: \$5. Breakfast baking is always welcome! Invite a friend or two to

join you!

—Jennifer Wakefield

The deadline for submitting articles for the next issue of the Columns is Friday, October 14 at noon.
Please email articles to Anne Callen at callena@firstchurchtosa.org.
Hard copy may be brought to the church office and left in the Columns mailbox.

Lectionary Readings

Texts Used in Worship

October 2 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Old Testament Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalmody Psalm 19
New Testament. Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

October 9 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Old Testament Exodus 32:1-14
Psalmody Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
New Testament. Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

October 16 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Old Testament Exodus 33:12-23
Psalmody Psalm 99
New Testament. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

October 23 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Old Testament Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalmody Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
New Testament. 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

October 30 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Old Testament Joshua 3:7-17
Psalmody Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
New Testament. 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

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