



The newsletter of First Congregational UCC, Naperville

This Week at Church

Mon. Mar. 2

7:00 p.m. Women's Spiritual Gathering (Library)

7:00 p.m. Trustees Financial Planning Meeting (Community room)

Tues. Mar. 3

7:00 p.m. Executive Team Meeting

Wed. Mar. 4

11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch (Quincy's Restaurant)

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Rev. Mark's Lenten Office Hours at Starbucks

6:00 p.m. Lenten Family Night (Clark rooms)

7:00 p.m. PADS (Community room)

Thurs. Mar. 5

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Community room)

Sat. Mar. 7

1:30 p.m. Pick-a-Party #14 (Univ. of Chicago)

Sun. Mar. 8

2:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time (set your clocks forward 1 hour)

8:30 a.m. Community Life Meeting (Library)

8:30 a.m. Spirit Band Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship / Guest Preacher, Rev. Melissa (Riley) Douaire

10:15 a.m. Elementary Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Jr High Sunday School (Library)
6:00 p.m. Middle/Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Group

Mon. Mar. 9

7:00 p.m. FCC Book Group (Huang's home)

Tues. March 10

10:00 a.m. Women's Circle
7:00 p.m. Executive Team Meeting (Rev. Mark's office)
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Library)
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Fireside room)

Wed. Mar. 11

1:30 p.m. Rev. Mark's Lenten Office Hours at Starbucks
6:00 p.m. Lenten Family Night (Clark rooms)

Thurs. Mar. 12

11:30 a.m. Ladies Do Lunch (Colonial Cafe)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Community room)



join us on
Sunday

SERMON

Rev. Melissa (Riley) Douaire is preaching

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:32-52

LITURGISTS

Sharon Robson

Diana Lorenz

CHILDREN'S TIME

Terry Giese

GREETERS

Peggy and Steve Bradley

LEAD USHER

Mary Wiersema

FLOWERS

Mary Wiersema, in celebration of Doug's birthday and
their grandson Dylan's 3rd birthday

A Word from the Christian Education Ministry

Greetings Friends,

The Christian Education ministry continues to look for ways to increase engagement of all church members with our children. Some of our favorite events so far this school year have been:

- Chili Cook-off with Sunday school art decorating the walls and Sunday school frosted cookies for dessert
- Halloween costume parade at the Time and Talents potluck
- Christmas Pageant - thank you Cheryl! And thank you to Catherine and Jeffrey Ross for the amazing portraits decorating our Community room
- Spaghetti lunch with Bingo (thanks to everyone who joined in the fun - we had both young and young at heart playing together, which was our goal)
- Family service with children singing and helping Mark with his sermon.

Currently, the church is hosting Lenten Family Nights on Wednesdays from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. This is another wonderful opportunity to bring together our entire congregation. Snacks are welcome, but please make them simple and portable. Each night is centered around a theme:

- March 11: Music
- March 18: Building and UCC history, including the always popular building tour
- March 25: Jesus and his parables with costumes for participants
- April 1: Angola

We have an amazing group of youth at our church. A huge thank you goes out to Mark, Denise - our CE coordinator who goes way above and beyond - and everyone

who has volunteered this year to teach Sunday school and lead our youth groups for helping make our youth feel involved and included.

Please continue to donate to our Children's Time offerings which give Douglas the opportunity to go to school through our Common Hope sponsorship. His letters (with English translations) are posted on the bulletin board outside of Denise's office.

Thanks again for all the many ways our congregation supports the youth of our church!

Tom Southwood, Chair
Christian Education Ministry

Visibility Survey

The church is trying to gain some insight as to how you found First Congregational, what you like about it, and what could be done to increase awareness of our church in the community.

Through [this short survey](#), we ask that you please provide some information about the different activities you participate in throughout the community and events that you attend. This will give us an idea of potential spaces where we could have a presence as a church. Please note that our intention is not to create an outreach campaign advertising our church to recruit new congregants, but rather to increase awareness that a church like ours exists within the community for anyone searching for a church like ours. Thanks so much!

Rev. Mark's Lenten Office Hours at Starbucks

On Wednesday afternoons during Lent, Rev. Mark will be at Starbucks (860 W. 75th St., Naperville) from 1:30 until 3:00 p.m. Come hang out, drink coffee (or tea, or whatever) and talk about whatever's on your mind! **March 4, 11, 18, 25.** See you there!

Lenten Family Nights

Rev. Mark and our Christian Ed Coordinator, Denise Majewski, are putting together

an intergenerational program of activities on Wednesday evenings (**March, 4, 11 18, 25, April 1**) from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Clark Rooms. Please feel free to bring your own snacks.

Women's Circle

A Little Bit of the Irish

Bring your best Irish singing voice and wear your green on **Tuesday, March 10**, as we meet in the Community Room at 10:00 a.m. to hear Judge Don Hennessy play the accordion. He will also lead us in an old fashioned Irish sing-a-long (song sheets will be provided, so no need to worry that you don't know the words).

Don is also an accomplished pianist. He has some wonderful stories to tell about growing up Irish with a very strong mother. Don graduated from DePaul University, served in the U.S. Army in Korea, and joined the Rechenmacher law firm, after which he served as a judge from 1985 until his retirement in 1997. Don will be celebrating his 90th birthday on March 11 and, in honor of that occasion, we will have a little party with birthday cake and coffee.

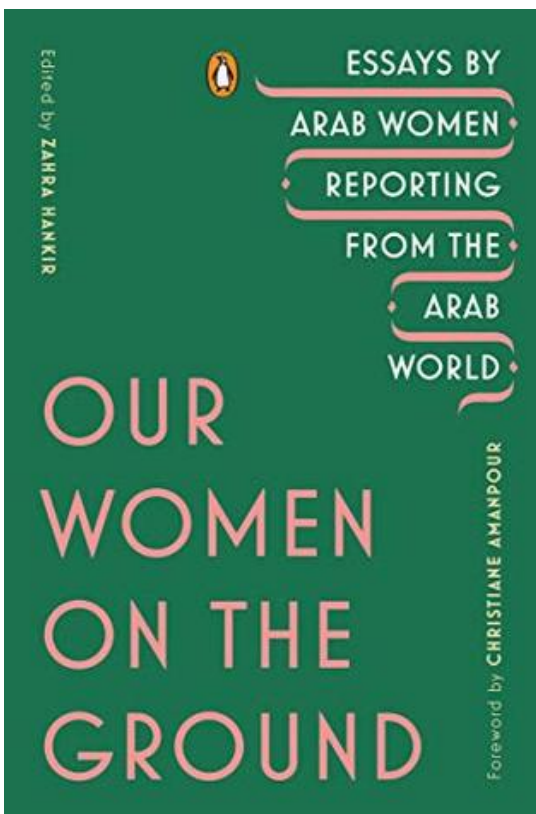
This will be a fun program and a good time to give birthday wishes to a man who has accomplished a lot in his life, served his country, and still visits with the veterans at Hines Hospital.

Please bring your friends and enjoy this fun and inspiring program.

Easter Lily Youth Fundraiser

Purchase an Easter lily to help decorate the church! Lilies are in 6" pots and have 4-6 flowers. Cost is \$15 each.

Deadline for turning in [Easter Lily Orders](#) to the church office is this Sunday, March 8.



FCC Book Group

This is a reminder that our book group will be meeting on Monday, **March 9** at 7:00 p.m. at Lee Ann and Jerry Huang's home. We will be discussing "Our Women On The Ground: Essays by Arab Women Reporting From The Arab World."

Everyone is welcome to attend!



Celebrate Birthdays

March 3

Tom George
Christy Gidlow

March 4

Matilda Zeman

March 6

Doug Wiersema
Alicia Oken
Bob Vonderohe

March 10

Scarlett Holzhauer

March 15

Julie Holzhauer

March 16

Stephen Lodwig

March 18

Sam Hus
Aaron Newman

March 19

Diana Lorenz
Dylan Wiersema

March 25

Haley Willson
Sharon Robson

March 26

Jack Holzhauer
Jon Brusha

March 28

John Healey

March 30
Everett Day
March 31
Dave Wise



Green Team Tip

Effective **March 14** SCARCE, DuPage County's premier recycling organization, is relocating to [800 S. Rohlwing Rd \(Rt. 53\), Addison, IL 60101](#), a short three-mile drive right up Route 53! Their new space is more than double the square footage allowing them to more easily run their [Book Rescue](#), [volunteer program](#), [education programs](#), and [Scarcely Used Books & Records](#).



Would You Like to Contribute to Our Church Online?

You can make credit card or direct debit payments below.



You may also donate to special offerings, as well.

Thank you!



Our Staff

Rev. Mark Winters, Minister

Denise Majewski, Christian Education Coordinator

Christopher Lorimer, Director of Music Ministry

Sue Flaatten, Organist

Barbara Bailey, Secretary

Ann Marie Gajdalo, Bookkeeper

Lay Leaders

Susan Greenwood, Moderator

Cheryl Newman and Eliseo Martinez, A Joyful Sound!

Laura Kopff, Chimeringers

Ron and Vicki Keller, Chancel Band

Deb Zelman, Spirit Band

Tom George, Stephen Ministry Leader

Dale Bryson, Diana Lorenz, Steve Kilar - Pastoral Relations

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