



March 1, 2020

First Congregational
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

An Open and Affirming Congregation



Order of Worship

First Sunday in Lent March 1, 2020

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

 Ringing the Bell

 Welcome and Announcements

 Prelude *Dialogue* L. Clerambault

* Call to Worship (responsive, from the Abingdon Worship Annual 2020)

 One: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

All: Happy are those who receive God’s mercy.

 One: Rejoice and be glad, you upright in heart.

All: Shout for joy, you people of God.

 One: Let us worship the one who gives strength to resist temptation in the wilderness of our lives.

* Hymn No. 284 *Gather Us In*

 Prayer of Confession

 Words of Assurance

 The Savior’s Prayer (on screen, from UCC Book of Worship)

 Chancel Choir *Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days* arr. Lani Smith

 Storytime for All Ages Vicki Harris

Following Storytime, youth go downstairs to Sunday school or remain in worship; the childcare room in the main hallway is available for children age 5 and younger.

 Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

 Pastoral Prayer
 Holding prayer beads and worry stones; you will find these in the small bowls in the pews.

* Song (insert) *Leaning In* Christopher Grundy

 Invitation/Sharing of Gifts

 Offertory *Andante* J. Stanley

* Doxology (unison, sung)

**Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread,
 may we, your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led.
 Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe.
 Unite us in your service; may seeds of justice grow!**

* Prayer of Dedication

 Scripture Readings Psalm 32 and Matthew 4:1–11

 One: This is our sacred story.

All: Thanks be to God.

 Message for the Wilderness Time “Bedeviled” Rev. Nikki Shaw

 A Moment for Silent Reflection

Celebration of Holy Communion

 Invitation to the Table

* Hymn No. 417 *We Place upon Your Table, Lord*

 Prayer Consecration

 Sharing of the Elements

 Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Benediction

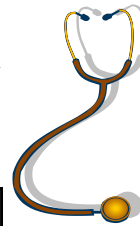
* Postlude

Mission Opportunities

Cahoots Teen Coffee House - This coffeehouse is located at 218 W. Maumee St. and provides a safe place for youth to "hang out" and fill their time with fun and healthy activities. On the weekend, Cahoots hosts a free open-mic night to all musicians, unless they've scheduled a concert featuring touring musicians! Cahoots has a full line of coffee beverages, lunch and snacks. Volunteers from our church include: Marj Lilley, board member; and Lauralee MacLeod and Mark Elliott, mentoring program. Come grab a cup of coffee or visit cahootscoffeecafe.com for more information!

Mason House of Hope - The site of the CHOICE Program, which offers post-high school training to special-needs young adults through the Northeast Special Education Co-Op.

Faith Community Health Clinic - Open on the first, third and fourth Wednesday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m., this community clinic is located at Holy Family Episcopal Church. The clinic's director is our own Dr. Teresa Smith, supported by many volunteers from our church and others. The clinic offers medical care to those who are uninsured in our community.



New Member/Covenant Classes

Pastor Nikki will be leading new member classes that will be held at 9 am on April 19, April 26, and May 3. New members wishing to join our church after completing the classes will be recognized and received during worship on May 24. If you are interested in participating, call the office or email Pastor Nikki at PastorNikki@angolaucc.org.

Soup & Scripture



At Cahoots, Tuesdays at 11:45

March 3: Psalm 121 & John 3:1-17

March 10: Psalm 95 & John 4:5-42

March 17: Psalm 23 & John 9:1-41

March 24: Psalm 130 and John 11:1-45

March 31: Matthew 21:1-11 & 26:14-27:66

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iPhones have a QR code reader in the built-in Wallet app.



FCUCC Weekly

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Welcome Visitors!

Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ (FCUCC), a progressive Christian community sharing the love of God and seeking to serve the community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ! First time worshippers are encouraged to pick up a **"Please Return"** packet which can be found on the Information Table at the east entrance to the sanctuary and in the vestibule of the main entrance. Greeters are available to assist as needed.

Please, after worship join us downstairs for refreshments and conversation!

Questions about FCUCC? Visit our website at AngolaUCC.org or our Facebook page. You can email the church office via info@angolaucc.org. Pastor Nikki is on site on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and available via PastorNikki@angolaucc.org. Or you can call the church at 260-665-9362.

Children and FCUCC: A childcare room is available on Sundays for children age 5 and under. It is located on the main hallway of the church's educational wing. **Activity bags** for children to use during worship are located at the Information Table.

Today at FCUCC

Those participating in this morning's service include: liturgist, **Marj Lilley**; greeters, **JoAnn and Rod Lewis**; youth storytime, **Vicki Harris**; usher, **Jim Harris**; offering counter, **Marge Mueller**; clarinet, **Michael Eyster**; accompanist, **Phil Zimmerman**; choral music director, **Sara Mowrey**; and our Pastor, **Nikki Shaw**.

- Thanks to **Group Seven** for preparing this morning's refreshments.
- The **childcare room** is available today, for children five and below, down the main hallway; children are also welcome to stay in worship. There are **activity bags** for children to use during worship located in the entrance to the sanctuary.



Basket Offering

Our Basket Offering this week will go to **Cahoots** which provides help for members. Toss your dollars in the baskets, which are located at the exits of the sanctuary. Thanks!

Lenten Practices

We will have a **Lenten Candlelight Taize service each Thursday from 7 pm to 8 pm**. We will also participate in **corporate prayer every Tuesday at Ten**. Wherever you find yourself on Tuesday mornings at 10 am, please join us silently or aloud, in the following prayer, a sign that we are one family in Christ who carries each other in prayer.

Prayer for Lent

(adapted from Arianne Braithwaite Lehn)

Redeeming One,

You came, Jesus, to show me the best way to live and walk this path.

You let yourself feel the depth of need surrounding you.

You kept a purity of focus. You always, always chose love.

I need you, Jesus, to walk beside me as I reflect, confess, prepare.

This Lenten path puts before me the questions and realizations I so often stuff away. With each step, I'm recognizing barriers built through my rote habits and unrealized prejudices, my baseline grudges and routine neglects that drew me further away from my own soul and your calling.

But, I'm coming back home.

Hone my desires to that pure focus you held. Help me fast from self-absorption, finding sustenance in the rich profundity of suffering-love. Draw my heart and feet forward on this path that's both total mystery and innate to who I am in you. Help me walk, Savior Lord, with hope amid heaviness, alert for resurrection. I will welcome my mortality and the potential in ashes and dust, the stuff from which God called forth life. Amen.

Our Mission Statement

First Congregational United Church of Christ, as an inclusive and caring Christian community, welcomes into its full life and ministry persons of every race, ethnic background, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, criminal history and faith background, as we serve those within our church family, the community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate each person's uniqueness and look forward to the gifts they bring to us.



This Week at FCUCC: March 1 - 8

Sunday	10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship / Holy Communion Youth Sunday School Coffee Hour Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary Classrooms Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall
M-F	8:00 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Men's Breakfast Soup & Scripture AA/Al-Anon	Mama's Place Cahoots Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Chancel Choir Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Taize Worship	Sanctuary
Friday	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
Sunday	10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Youth Sunday School Coffee Hour (Group 8) Council Meeting Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary Classrooms Fellowship Hall Community Room Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

Thursdays in March	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Taize Worship	Sanctuary
March 13 –16		Pastor Nikki on Vacation	
March 29	11:30 a.m.	PULSE with Sarah Franzen	Sanctuary

Our Staff

Rev. Nikki Shaw, *Pastor*
Rita Lechleidner, *Licensed Minister*
Michelle Armstrong, *Office Manager*
Sara Mowrey, *Director of Choral Music*
Phil Zimmerman, *Accompanist/Director of Hand Bell Choir*
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