

Highland Highlights

September 12 - September 19, 2018

First Congregational
Church
United Church of Christ



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CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 12

4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meets (Library)

Thursday, September 13

12:00- 9:00p.m. Primary Elections (RM 10/11)

3:00 p.m. Kendal Service

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir room)

Sunday, September 16

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:20 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

11:30 a.m. Junior Handbells Rehearsal

11:30 a.m. Afterword: *"What's New in Our Children's & Youth Ministries"* By Anne Sannes

12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch (Ramada Inn)

Monday, September 17

10:30 a.m. Women's Study (Library)

Tuesday, September 18

12:00 a.m. Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Church Council (Narthex)

Thursday, September 20

4:00-6:00 p.m. Women's Tea Party @ Nancy Stewart's Home

6:00 p.m. Handbells

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, September 23

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:20 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

11:30 a.m. AfterWord: Faith Journey with
Rev. Dr. David Kaden

Monday, September 24

10:30 a.m. Women's Study

Tuesday, September 25

12:00 p.m. Bible Study

7:30 p.m. The Yarn Group Meeting @ Karen Hay's Home

Upcoming Events

Adult. Education Committee

- ❖ The adult education committee is hosting an AfterWord **on September 16th in the chapel**. This session will focus on Christian Education, especially our church's programming and vision for our growing children and youth.

Feed My Starving Children

- ❖ **Saturday September 15, 7:30PM** at St. Catherine of Siena. Our guest performers are Margaret Wakeley, Alice Saltonstall, Molly MacMillan, Doug Robison and Mike Wellen. The theme is "What the World Needs Now..." Tickets at the door: \$20 for adults, \$5 for students 17 and under. Please bring nonperishable food item for the local Food Bank. Additional donations to the Ithaca Mobile Pack will be gratefully accepted, with receipts available if needed.

Reminders:

Prayers:

There are prayer request cards on the name tag table. If you have a prayer request, fill out the card and place it in the basket provided. They will be picked up before the service and included in the morning prayers.

Lost and Found: Please take a look in the church's lost and found bin for anything missing that you may have forgotten or lost. We will be donating unclaimed items on October 1, 2018 .

Key Location: We have a key box located in the church's main office located next to Erica's work area.

Please Note

- ❖ Readers, ushers, coffee servers, and flower providers are needed. Please sign up in the narthex.

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Offering Counters: Bob Swieringa & George Schneider

Reader: Donna Bloom

Flowers: Jean Wentworth

MAKE A DIFFERENCE – OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

The Food Hub is Here and we need help!

- ❖ We are again a food hub for extra produce and eggs **from 7/15 - 10/15**. That means we need HUB HELPERS. Being a hub helper is quick, easy and helps Outreach continue this amazing hyper-local food security project.

Planning Ahead – Please Come- Help or Sign Up

Children and Youth Ministries

- ❖ Youth grades six and above are planning work trips to Appalachia for summer 2019 and are currently recruiting adult chaperones. If you are interested in joining our trip or helping us plan, please email AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org.
- ❖ Join FCCI at the Ithaca Hair and Self Care Festival on **Saturday, September 15th**. Community partners will be sharing a variety of self-care strategies throughout the weekend. Anna is hosting a workshop on Mindfulness Activities for Children at 4 pm at the Bernie Milton Pavilion. Contact AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org to become involved. More details available at: https://events.visitithaca.com/event/2018_hair_and_self-care_festival
- ❖ Join FCCI at Streets Alive! on Sunday, September 16th. The event runs from 1-5 along Plain St. from the Southside Community Center to Baker Park. We will be hosting a labyrinth walk beginning at 1:30 pm. Contact AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org to help out. More details available at: <https://www.streetsaliveithaca.com/>
- ❖ **October 21st** Intergenerational Children's Sabbath, 10:00 am The 2018 National Observance of Children's Sabbath Celebration, "Realizing Dr. King's Vision: Ending Child Poverty," takes place on October 21st. We will be joining with thousands of places of worship across the nation to affirm our shared commitment to children. All children and youth programming this day will take place within the specially designed intergenerational service. For more information or to get involved, contact AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org

Feed My Starving Children

- ❖ Announcing Outreach's return of the matching grant! This month we are collecting for the final push for **Feed My Starving Children and the mobile pack happening October 11-14th at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Center (309) Siena Drive)**. Every year the host group aims to raise enough money to leave \$10,000 for seed money for next year's pack. We are hoping to give St. Catherine's the final push and fund that seed money for next year's pack. Outreach will match, dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 all funds raised through our September special offering. *Please use the envelopes in the pew backs for your donations and make checks payable to FCC marked for FMSC.*
- ❖ The Ithaca Mobile Pack is all set for YOU. Join in this fun and meaningful work. Give two hours of your time to pack on **Saturday, October 13 from 1:30-3:30** OR if you are part of the Youth Program, **Sunday, October 14 from 1:30-3:30**. The Pack will be held at St. Catherine's of Sienna on Sienna Drive Ithaca. Sign up in the narthex on the sign up sheet. You won't regret it.

Women Ministries

- ❖ **Women's and Girls' Tea Party (rescheduled from spring)! Thursday, September 20 from 4 to 6 PM**, sponsored by Women's Ministries at Nancy Stewart's home, 509 Coddington Road, Ithaca. **All women and girls of FCC** are cordially invited to join us for all or part of this event. Various teas and snacks will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring an object to share which reminds them of a joyous moment in their childhood which gave them positive energy and happy memories. Sign up in narthex. Transportation available. *(Nancy Stewart's house is about 3/4 mile past the back entrance of Ithaca College coming from town, on the left, between Rich and Troy Roads. Coming from East Hill on Burns Road, the house is on the right 1.2 miles after turning onto Coddington. Brown house with red doors.)*
- ❖ Save the date! FCC Fall Women's Retreat will be **Friday, October 19 starting 5 PM through Saturday, October 20 at 3 PM** at the home of Karen Hays. More information will be forthcoming.

Knitters, weavers and crocheters unite !

- ❖ PCM - **Protestant Cooperative Ministry at Cornell** - has requested prayer shawls. They have purchased yarn for 20 shawls, which can be found in our library. Help yourself! Each shawl takes 3 skeins to complete. Directions are found in the library, or feel free to create your own fabulous design! If you have any questions please contact a "Yarn" group member. Thank you!

FCC Action Group

- ❖ **FCC Action Committee:** If you missed Mary Dudley's Afterword on August 26th, you have another opportunity to hear her speak. At the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Ithaca (FUSIT) on **September 25th, at 6pm**, she will be speaking along with a representative of the Border Angels. The Border Angels work along the Mexican-US Border leaving water and other lifesaving supplies in the desert for people entering the US on foot. For more information, call FUSIT at 273-7521.

World Communion

- ❖ **World Communion Sunday, October 7th** – You are invited to bring produce, breads baked from various cultural recipes, baskets to hold the food and to wear clothing from around the world on World Communion Sunday. We would love to have a cornucopia of foods and bread to adorn the communion table! World Communion Sunday is a moment in the liturgical year when we celebrate the cultures of the world, and remind ourselves that the body of Christ is not bound by time, place, faith, culture, language, ethnicity, etc. It is inclusive and welcoming of all! So, we want our liturgy, hymns, communion table, and clothing to reflect this beautiful, gospel reality! Produce and basket would need to be at the church by the morning of Saturday, Oct 6.