

# Highland Highlights

September 19 - September 26, 2018

First Congregational  
Church  
United Church of Christ



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## CALENDAR

### 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  
12:00-1:30 p.m. Youth Group Diaper Drive Service Project  
(Youth Room)

### Monday, September 24

- 10:30 a.m. Women's Study

### Tuesday, September 25

- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. Yarn Group Meeting @ Karen Hay's Home

### Thursday, September 27

- 5:30 p.m. Action Group  
6:00 p.m. Handbells  
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Sunday, September 30

- 10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:20 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

### Monday, October 1

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

### Tuesday, October 2

- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee

# Upcoming Events

## Women Ministries

- ❖ Women's and Girls' Tea Party (rescheduled from spring)! **Tomorrow 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.)

## Children and Youth Ministries

- ❖ **Sunday, 9/23, 12:00-1:30 pm.** The youth will meet in the youth room to re-package diapers for distribution from the community-wide diaper drive. Email Anna to help with lunch, and bring some of your favorite music to accompany our packing!

## 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 .

## Please Note

- ❖ Readers, ushers, coffee servers, greeters, acolytes and flower providers are needed. Please sign up in the narthex or online through SignUpGenius.

**Sunday, September 23, 2018**

**Offering Counters:** Bob Swieringa & George Schneider

**Reader:** Chris Dietrich

**Ushers:** Michael Kazarinoff, Maryellen Stewart, Nancy Weislogel, Andy Weislogel

**Flowers:** Jean Wentworth

**Coffee:** Holly Kazarinoff (refreshments)

# Office Reorganization Updates

Our church office has been reorganized to create a more welcoming and comfortable space, and to make it easier for our members to access materials they might need. Here are a few changes:

- **Key Box:** all of our keys are now labeled and organized in a box close to Erica's desk.
- **Mail Boxes:** the mailboxes for staff, church officers, and committees have been rearranged and sorted alphabetically, and commonly used forms (e.g., tax-exempt forms, reimbursement request forms, printed photo directories, welcoming materials, etc.) can be found in the slots.
- **Other Materials:** materials that members may want to access are now available on top of the mail slots (e.g., a copy of policies and bylaws, insurance information and certificates, Human Resources materials, an OSHA Handbook, AED written materials, emergency staff contacts, and a local phone directory).
- **Office Closet:** the main office closet has been reorganized and everything is now labeled for easy access.
- **Office Hours:** the office is open daily between 9am and 1pm when Erica is in, but all staff can be reached via email or by leaving messages on their personal voicemail (607-257-6033).

## 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](mailto:AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org).
- ❖ We have recently updated our children and youth newsletter! If you are not receiving our weekly updates and would like to, please email [AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org](mailto:AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org) to be added to our list.
- ❖ We have scheduled our summer work trips! Middle school students (grades 6-8) will travel to Jonesville, VA from July 20-July 27. High school students (grades 9-12) will travel to Guyan Valley, WV from June 29-July 6. **On October 7th**, all are invited to a work trip information session from 9:00-9:45 am in the youth room. All participants (grades 6+), families, and interested adult chaperones are invited to learn and ask questions about this summer's middle school and high school work trips. This is not required for work trip participation. Please email [AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org](mailto:AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org) if you are interested in chaperoning.
- ❖ **October 21st** Intergenerational Children's Sabbath, 10:00 am  
The 2018 National Observance of Children's Sabbath Celebration, "[Realizing Dr. King's Vision for Every Child: Lives of Hope, Not Despair](#)," is officially in the planning stages! 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](mailto:AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org)

## Culture of Love Book Event

- ❖ **Wednesday October 3, 2018**, Buffalo Street Books is hosting Dr. Luvelle Brown, superintendent of the Ithaca City School District, to introduce his new book, *Culture of Love: Cultivating a Transformative and Positive Organizational Culture*. The event, scheduled for **5:00-7:00 pm**, will include Ithaca is Books Ambassador Dr. Sean Eversley Bradwell interviewing Brown and moderating a discussion with attendees. There will also be the opportunity for book signing at the DeWitt Mall book store, 215 N. Cayuga Street. For more information, visit [www.luvellbrown.com](http://www.luvellbrown.com)

## 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 all funds raised through our September special offering, up to \$5,000. *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.

## Women Ministries

- ❖ 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 to come.

## Yarn Group

- ❖ Will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.** at Karen Hay's home, her address is *65 Janivar Drive in Lansing Village*. Everyone's welcome, please come and join us.

## 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!

## Festival of Ministries

- ❖ **Sunday, November 4, 2018** Mark your calendars for this lighthearted, informative event that will take place immediately after the service and in conjunction with the dish-to-pass lunch. More details to follow!

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>** – You are invited to bring produce, breads baked from various cultural recipes and 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 breads 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. 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.**