

Highland Highlights

November 7 – November 14, 2018

First Congregational
Church
United Church of Christ



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CALENDAR

Thursday, November 8

- 3:00 p.m. Kendal Service @ Kendal
- 6:00 p.m. Handbells
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal @ Choir room

Saturday, November 10

- 1:30 p.m. Patricia Hanna Memorial Service @ FCCI (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 11

- 9:00 a.m. Children & Youth Committee
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Ministries
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:20 a.m. Committee Meetings
- 11:20 a.m. Junior Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Lock-In

Monday, November 12

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

Tuesday, November 13

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Discussion @The Royal Court Restaurant
- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 5:15 p.m. Growth & Membership

Thursday, November 15

- 6:00 p.m. Handbells
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir room)

Friday, November 16

- 7:00 p.m. Youth Movie Night

Sunday, November 18

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:20 a.m. *AfterWord*: Stephen Yale-Loehr
- 11:20 a.m. Junior Handbells Rehearsal
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch @ Ramada Inn

Monday, November 19

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

Tuesday, November 20

- 12:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council (Narthex)

Please Note

Children & Youth We have started providing child care for AfterWords and before and after the service on Committee Sundays. No RSVP is required. Just bring children to classroom 1/2 (past the office), and sign them in.

Looking for drivers We are looking for Sunday morning drivers to provide rides between Kendal and church. Drivers will need CDL license, with a passage endorsement. We are willing to provide training. We will have access to a van. For more information, please contact Cindy Marschner @ 793-1461.

Stewardship Please prayerfully consider what you value about this church and what value you derive from this church. Consider how much those values might expand in the tomorrows to come. Help us wrap up the 2019 Stewardship campaign by returning your blue pledge card this **Sunday, November 11** (or as soon as possible)!!. OR, for convenience make your Pledge On-Line at: <https://fccithaca.org/pledge/> or scan.



❖ Readers, ushers, coffee servers, greeters, acolytes, offering counters, and flower providers are needed. Please sign up in the narthex or online through SignUpGenius. SignUpGenius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849aaab2ba3fa7-sunday2>

Sunday November 11, 2018

Offering Counters: George Schneirder (1 slot open)

Reader: Paul Viscuso

Greeters: Len Johnson, Misao Johnson

Flowers: Members of the Hanna & Menzenski family

Coffee: Joyce Billing

Ushers: Michael Kazarinoff, Holly Kazarinoff, Steve TenEyck, Becky TenEyck

Acolytes: (1 slot open)

November Events

Children and Youth Ministries

- ❖ This **Sunday November 11**, please pick up a tag by the front door to donate an item for the Thanksgiving baskets that the children will assemble on November 18. All items to be donated must be brought to church by 9:50 a.m. on Sunday, November 18, and the baskets will go to families identified by Family and Children Services of Ithaca's DAP program.
- ❖ The youth lock-in will be held this **Sunday, November 11** with drop-off at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Pickup is at 9:00 a.m. Monday morning. Email AnnaSannes@fccithaca.org if you would like to help!
- ❖ Youth are invited to a movie night on **Friday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.** Eat dinner ahead of time, but snacks will be provided!
- ❖ Save the date! On **Saturday, December 1st**, we want your help decorating the church for the season. Decorating will begin upstairs at 5:00 p.m. The youth will host a dinner with free will donation for their work trips beginning at 6:00 p.m., accompanied by some family crafts.

AfterWord

- ❖ **November 18 Afterword: Legal Issues for Churches Involved in the New Sanctuary Movement.** Our congregation is in a discernment process regarding our formal involvement in providing sanctuary for persons at risk of deportation. On November 18, Cornell professor and immigration law attorney **Stephen Yale-Loehr** will present an Afterword that will provide essential information for our discernment process. Please attend to learn how the current administration has changed who is at risk of detention, the process an immigrant goes through when they are arrested or detained, the distinction between public and private sanctuary, and how public sanctuary can assist an immigrant in receiving a legal stay of deportation. Overall, this presentation will help us understand the legal risks and protections we will take on--as individual members and as a congregation as a whole--if we choose various levels of participation in the New Sanctuary Movement.

Annual Multi-faith Thanksgiving Service

- ❖ **Sunday November 18th, 3:00 pm** at Temple Beth-El, 402 N. Tioga St, Ithaca: Local faith leaders will speak on Area Congregations Together: Celebrating 50 years in Service to Our Neighbors in Need. The Ithaca Children's Choir will sing and reception with food and fellowship will follow the service. All are invited.

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.

Altar Flowers:

Celebrate a special occasion, or honor a loved one, by choosing a Sunday to provide flowers for the church sanctuary. So that your flower contribution is included in Sunday's bulletin, please sign up at church or online. On the form, be sure to say to whom the flowers are dedicated. Indicate if you will be taking the flowers home after service, or you're choosing to have the Caring Team take them to a shut-in. Here's how: The donor phones the order in to one of the local florists, all of whom have keys to the church. You will be billed by the florist. OR, you may bring in your own arrangement of flowers.

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!

Make a Difference

November Special Offering for Kitchen Cupboard

- ❖ The Kitchen Cupboard began in 1969 to provide emergency and supplementary food for the people living in Ithaca. With the help of area congregations, local families in need can receive up to a 3 day supply of meals each month at no cost. This year has seen a dramatic increase in the number of families and individuals needing support from the Kitchen Cupboard. As we head into the holiday season please help us support the Kitchen Cupboard. Monetary donations can be made in the envelopes in the pews, and late season vegetables such as kale, squash and potatoes are still welcome. While donations of non-perishables are always welcome and accepted throughout the year, cash donations are farther reaching. The Kitchen Cupboard is able to use those cash donations to then purchase food very inexpensively from the Food Bank. Thank you from the Outreach Committee.

FCC Outreach

- ❖ Syracuse welcomes refugees and winter is coming! For many newly-arrived immigrants, and refugees who have been here for more than 3 months, it is unusual for more than food stamps and Medicare to be covered. Then there are immigrants who for various reasons do not qualify for government help. For families in these three groups, the needs are great indeed. They may not have winter clothes for themselves and their children; they often do not have sheets or warmer blankets. Our needs at this time of year are mostly for winter clothing and warm bed-clothes. The west side is known to be one of the poorest communities in NYS, if not in the country. We ask that all items for donation be clean, gently-used or new. If you won't use it due to its condition, we can't use it either. Donations will be sent directly to the Westside Learning Center in Syracuse for distribution. If you have items to donate please contact **Janet Locke** at **607 220-7848**.

Action FCC

- ❖ **December 1st, 6-8p.m. at First Baptist Church:** The Ithaca Sanctuary Alliance is partnering with the Tompkins Co. Immigrants Rights Coalition to raise money for a legal fund to assist immigrants in Tompkins Co. If you are an artist and would be willing to help out by donating an item (a painting, pottery, woodworking, knit or crocheted items) to a secret auction at the dinner, please see a member of the Action FCC committee by Wednesday, November 21st.