

The Old Sloop's Log

*A Monthly Publication of
The First Congregational Church of Rockport, UCC*

The Reverend Derek Van Gulden, Pastor



Our Covenant

We the members of this congregation welcome you with gladness into our lives. We renew our covenant of faith and offer you our support, encouragement and love to the end that all of us may grow in the boundless mercy of God. By loving and being loved, forgiving and being forgiven, serving and being served, let us go forward together with courage as Christ's disciples glorifying God by being fully alive.

Open and Affirming Statement

We the members of the First Congregational Church of Rockport are called upon to love one another as God loves us, freely and unconditionally. Therefore, we covenant to become an open and affirming congregation welcoming persons of every age, ability, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, and ethnicity into full membership and participation in our community life and ministry. We embrace and support those who experience rejection and exile from spiritual community and commit ourselves to the struggle against injustice.

OUR SABBATICAL JOURNEY



Through March 25, while our beloved pastor, Reverend Derek, takes time for personal renewal and to develop his skills as a storyteller, we will be exploring and sharing our own faith stories through the theme, "Anchored in Faith Navigating New Horizons."

You are invited to enter into the spirit of sabbatical, to see this time as your sacred journey, too! To help inspire and grow your faith, our services each week will include special music, faith stories from congregation members and friends, and opportunities for rich reflection.

Our Sabbatical Pastor, Reverend Sue Koehler-Arsenault, is working with a Worship Team, Lou Cannon, Paul Hurst, Kristina Martin, Debbie Welch and Katie Welch, to create dynamic services. We will explore new horizons in worship through Guided Meditation, storytelling, a variety of musical styles and offerings, dance, the visual arts and more.

We ask that you bring an open mind and an open heart to what we will offer each Sunday. Our sabbatical services are being designed so that we will get to know each other, God, and ourselves even better. We will look for your feedback and want to know if these new elements are meaningful to you.

Our January themes include: The Journey, Known by Name, Changing Course and Gratitude.

Reverend Doctor Liz Rice-Smith will offer communion on January 21. The Annual Meeting will be on January 28. Please join us.

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING The First Congregational Church of Rockport

The 264th Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Rockport, Massachusetts, will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018, commencing at 12 noon, to consider and act upon the following:

1. The report of the Nominating Committee and elect Church Officers and Committee Members;
2. The Annual Budget proposed by the Board of Trustees;
3. Proposed amendments to the bylaws recommended by the Bylaw committee;
4. Authorizing the Trustees to negotiate terms and enter into a lease with Rainbow Day School;
and
5. Any other business that may be brought legally before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Geof Lyon, Clerk of the Church

Cabinet

Minutes December 17, 2017- Subject to Approval

Attending: Jack Reed, Trustee; Liz Rice-Smith, historian, membership; Lou Cannon, visiting member; Michele Coates, Christian Education; Bruce Coates, Treasurer; Jay Reed, Treasurer of Mission Funds; Joe Chambers, Diaconate; Derek Van Gulden, pastor; Stephen Kalaghan, Christian Outreach; Steve Lindo, moderator and personnel; Sigi Lindo, stewardship, music and acting secretary.

- I. The meeting opened with a prayer by Reverend Derek.
- II. The minutes of the November 19 meeting were approved without comment.
- III. Steeple Update:
 - a. Verizon will put a pad out back and begin work any day.
 - b. Monthly rent is expected to begin in January.
 - c. Jack reported on steeple progress to date. Drums are in and copper flashing is well underway. The bell is all hooked up and rang for the pageant but clock faces will not likely be in until next year.
 - d. Steve asked Jack to ask AST for weekly updates on expense and time to completion.
- IV. Save our Steeple Campaign (SOS)
 - a. Estimated receipts to date about \$160,000. Steve is trying to pull in a few final contributions in 2017.
 - b. We need to develop a thank-you letter on church stationery to send out to SOS contributors who are not related to the church. This letter should state amount contributed for income tax reporting and note that no goods and services were received in exchange for contribution.
- V. Nursery school lease:
 - a. Successful inspection completed. All is moving forward.
 - b. Lease needs to be finalized by trustees.

- c. Notice of Annual Meeting needs to include as an Agenda item that Congregation will be asked to authorize trustees to enter into lease.
- VI. Bylaws revisions:
- a. By-law Committee needs to meet and sign off or make agreed changes to draft of proposed by-law changes submitted by Peter Goodwin. Geof will be asked to review and sign off as well so that final changes can be described in Annual Report and made available to Congregation for review. A question and answer session about the by-law changes will be scheduled.
 - b. Notice of Annual Meeting Agenda should include approval of by-law changes.
- VII. Church Sabbatical:
- a. Sue Koehler-Arsenault will be FCCR's sabbatical supply minister. Derek has been meeting with her to discuss the role and has provided a draft job description to personnel to review and coordinate with Sue.
 - i. Sue will work 2 ½ days per week. Her focus will be on pastoral care and preaching. Congregation needs to be mindful that Sue is half time, not full.
 - ii. Diaconate and pastor-parish relations committees will be available for meetings and support as needed.
 - iii. Derek is arranging time with Alice Erickson, who has substantial experience as a supply minister.
 - iv. Sacraments and baptisms necessitating a UCC-ordained minister will be provided by Liz.
 - v. Next steps: Define specific days, hours and Sundays when Sue will or will not be available. Finalize job description.
 - b. Lou reported that a sabbatical worship committee made up of Sue, Lou Cannon, Kristina Martin, Debbie Welch and Paul Hurst been meeting to advise on content of church services when there will not be outside presenters. Sue has been putting together questions to provide focus for people willing to share faith stories as part of these sabbatical services.
- VIII. Joe Chambers announced that the Patriots had pulled off dramatic comeback win in Pittsburg. Cabinet was visibly relieved.
- IX. Christian Education: There was extensive discussion of how to handle Christian Education director responsibilities with resignation of Mindy effective at beginning of Derek's sabbatical.
- a. Michele Coates reported that Katie Welch is willing to act as interim director for 20 hours a week but that she doesn't want the job of director.
 - b. There was agreement that hiring a CE Director replacement needs Derek's involvement and should be postponed until his return.
 - i. Concern expressed by Michele that deferring replacement until April could effectively mean that new CE director arrangements will be delayed until after the end of the current program year.

- ii. Consensus was that we should ask Katie if she is willing to accept this position until end of current year and if so, to adjust her pay accordingly.
 - iii. Katie will need lots of help from Congregation throughout this interim period to make this work.
 - iv. CE, Personnel and Congregation should use Sabbatical time to evaluate how best to handle CE position going forward so that Derek can move forward with job search for a new CE Director promptly upon his return.
- X. Active Shooter Response Training: Derek, trustees and others from FCCR attended excellent training session on December 11. Short term takeaways:
 - i. Evacuate ASAP
 - ii. Distract shooter. Throw hymnals at him. Create mayhem. Call out "shooter" to create extra time to react.
 - iii. Trustees will explore installation of alarm button at pulpit wired directly to police station.
 - iv. More training and review of evacuation plans will be needed in 2018.
- XI. Length of Sunday church service. General discussion with consensus that:
 - a. Efforts should be made to keep service to 75 minutes.
 - b. Service should begin promptly at 10:00 am sharp. Begin the prelude prior to 10:00, so Derek begins speaking at 10:00.
 - i. Need to discuss with Kristina Martin, so children come in before 10:00.
 - ii. Need to alert Phil Swanson, so he will start playing at the appropriate time.
- XII. Annual Meeting:
 - a. Steve explained that, per our by-laws, the reports of all officers, boards and committees and of the pastor need to be submitted to the Office Manager by January 1, in order to be able to get the Annual Report ready on time. He asked that all please stick to this schedule.
 - b. Notice of Annual Meeting needs to be sent out 3 weeks in advance by no later than January 6, 2018.
- XIII. CORI Checks: Before she leaves, Mindy needs to train Regina on what needs to be done.
- XIV. Officer Reports:
 - a. Treasurer: Bruce Coates distributed and discussed monthly report.
 - b. Treasurer of Mission Funds: \$250 Rotary Club check received for Pastor's Fund.
 - c. Deacons: Waiting for Derek to go through his review, after which time it will be turned over to Personnel.
 - d. Trustees:
 - i. Improvements in the Law Building going well
 - ii. Have increased Office Manager's hours to 30 hours per week.
 - iii. Sanctuary Ceiling: No moisture intrusion but needs to be repainted with exterior paint to accommodate the different coefficients of contraction, which are believed by Sherwin Williams rep to be causing the flaking.
 - iv. New furnace control was defective and has been replaced.

- e. Nominating: Need two Christian Education members. The one vacancy on Diaconate apparently will be filled.
 - f. Stewardship: Sigi expressed optimism that the pledges for Operations and Outreach will be similar to last year, provided the church receives the expected number of pledges. Major Maintenance is already well ahead of last year. At least 14 pledges remain outstanding.
 - g. Outreach: Stephen Kalaghan described the many outreach activities and commented on the meaningfulness of acts as well as deeds in outreach.
 - h. Christian Education:
 - i. There is a missing file cabinet that has CE proposed budget and other records that needs to be located.
 - ii. CE wants to add a budget line for scholarship funding for mission trips, which will be submitted at the Monday Trustee meeting.
 - i. Membership: welcomed 4 new members on December 3 and recommended a line item for social media boosting. Trustees will add \$1,000 to Membership budget for this purpose.
 - j. Personnel: Steve reported that Office Manager will be paid for 30 hours per week and church will provide \$4,000 to be used for her participation in medical plan.
 - k. Pastor-Parish Relations: Will meet with Sue each month.
 - l. Fleet: the Fleet and Choir collaborated with Pastor Derek to plan for Christmas Caroling to a number of congregants who are home bound or at Den Mar/Sea Coast, Sunday, December 17, 2017, after worship, led by Marcia Myers.
- XV. Next cabinet meeting will be Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Morgan Room
- XVI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
Submitted by Sigi Lindo
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DIACONATE

Minutes December 3, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE

Present: Joe Chambers, Kate Desmond, Janice Ramsden, Debbie Welch, Barbara Reed, Mercy Duffill, Karen Chambers, and Rev. Derek Van Gulden

Minutes of our November meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Next Communion worship:

On January 7; Janice and Barbara will prepare. Janice, Barbara, Mercy and Karen will help serve. Janice will provide bread, supplies are all set. All contribute to clean up.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Pastor's report:

- Derek reported on individuals and families he has met with and updated their wellbeing status.
- Farwell service for Mindy Picardo will take place December 17, 2017
- Sabbatical update – Debbie Welch is on Worship Committee and will continue to update us on service needs while Derek is away.

Updates

- Living Memorial fund brochure- Final compilation placed around church, Joe will make announcement of it at a service in December.
- Parament Book- Joe and Karen continue to collect data.
- Pastor's evaluation- Derek was emailed final evaluation.
- Baptismal Font- Look to have it moved, in front of seats on the side of the organ, Karen will contact Bill Elwell about moving it, on hold until after Christmas. Will look further into having a different base created for the future.
- Nominating Committee- Barbara continues search, people were suggested and discussed.
- Refrigerator- Research into replacement will pick up after Christmas, Karen will discuss with Jay Reed and Wendy Woodbury. Wendy said January is easier to meet.
- Membership List – Joe has list, Kate, Deb and Barbara will meet with Joe to review.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Evaluation Process:** Karen will get copies of the UCC workbook made for Deacons to review and start the process of creating a new evaluation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM **NEXT MEETING** – Sunday, **January 7** at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted *Karen Chambers, secretary*

TRUSTEES

Minutes December 18, 2017

Investment Committee Meeting – The Investment Committee met with Ellen Hazen from F.L. Putnam at 6:00 PM prior to the Trustee Meeting. The meeting was attended by Paul Hurst, Bruce Coates, Jeff Taylor, Jack Reed, Bruce Holdridge, Bonnie Gray, Bob Morgan and Mark Jurewicz. Changes were made to the list of authorized signers and contacts due to Trustee membership changes. It was noted that the Endowment and Investment Policy of FCCR needed to be revised to reflect the change to "A-" minimum bonds (policy change subsequently approved via email vote of Investment Committee and Trustees). All agreed to continue with no changes to the portfolio. The meeting concluded at 6:55 PM.

Trustee Meeting - called to order at 7:01 PM.

Present: Jack Reed; Mark Jurewicz; Bill Elwell; Bonnie Gray; Bruce Coates; Jeff Taylor; Paul Hurst; Bob Morgan; Church Moderator Steve Lindo; Music Director Phil Swanson; Jim Schell

Absent: Rev. Derek van Gulden

- **Minutes:** Minutes from the November 14, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- **Treasurers Report:** Bruce presented the treasurer's report which was approved as submitted. Bruce will create a separate Artifact fund to track the use of the \$7,000 donation for preservation of the old bell, cannon and some steeple pieces.
- **Monthly Review of Bank Statement:** Jack reviewed September and October statements with no identified issues.

Old Business:

- **Capital Campaign Projects** – review of projects.
 - Steeple Project –
 - An update was requested but not received by Bob Levesque.
 - Preservation of Artifacts – No update.
 - Organ Repair – Phil Swanson reviewed the issues with the organ and will obtain an updated estimate for repairs. A motion was made and approved to schedule necessary repair work to the organ this summer upon receipt of an updated quote of less than \$20,000. At the request of the Phil Swanson a motion was made and approved to reduce the Music Director's salary by \$1,200 and increase the budget for Soloist/Auxiliary Musicians by the same amount.
 - Sanctuary Ceiling Paint – Bill & Jack met with representative from Sherwin Williams to evaluate the peeling paint. It was determined the cause is due to temperature fluctuations at the ceiling level and not due to moisture. Bill will forward notes from that meeting to the Trustees.
 - Law Building Project – Bill reviewed progress on the project. The scope has been increased to include the addition of storage space in the back stairwells and reclaiming use of the second-floor bathroom. Additional electrical work is expected. After review of the window replacement options a motion was made and approved to replace 11 windows with wooden replacement sashes.
- **Verizon Cell Tower** – No update.
- **Amendment to Purchases Policy** – No update.
- **Rainbow Day School** – Mina Sheedy has provided a contract. Jack will meet with Wendy Hyatt to discuss and finalize details regarding use of the space during the Old Sloop Fair week.
- **Parking Ban Light** – No update.

- **Office Manager Hours** – Hours for the Office Manager will be increased to 30 hours/week in 2018 and will include a health insurance allowance. Steve will research costs of state health insurance plans.
- **Sanctuary Heating System** – a defective thermostat was replaced, and the sanctuary is now toasty warm.

New Business:

- **Draft 2018 Budget** – Jack presented a draft of the 2018 budget that includes expected income from Verizon. Reviewed and approved. Finalized budget will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.
- **Christmas Bonuses** – All church employees will receive bonuses.
- **Christian Education Director** – Katie Welch has been asked to cover the Christian Ed Director position from the time Mindy leaves through June and will be paid at the Christian Ed Director rate for that period. A new Christian Ed Director should be in place by September 1st.
- **Church Cookbook** – Stewardship has requested a \$2,000 loan to cover the printing costs of the cookbook. The loan will be paid back from cookbook sales. All agreed.
- **Active Shooter Response Training** – Most of the Trustees attended the training session provided by the Rockport Police. Lt. Schmink will be asked to do a walkthrough of the church buildings and provide recommendations.

A copy of this report will be forwarded to the editor of the Old Sloop Log. There being no further business, the Board of Trustees adjourned at 8:55 PM.

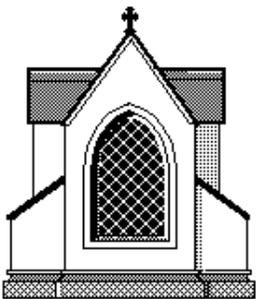
Next scheduled meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018.

Jack Reed

Chair, Board of Trustees

Mark Jurewicz

Secretary of Trustees



Stewardship

January, 2018

Fall Stewardship Campaign Status

With the theme “Caring for our church, for each other and for the greater community”, the results of the campaign for 2018 pledges appear promising.

As of the close of 2017, with 11 fewer pledging units than the prior year, we are close to our 2017 pledging level for operations and outreach and substantially exceeding our Major Maintenance pledges. We had urged people to consider Major Maintenance if they contemplated an increase in their pledge. We hope that Major Maintenance needs didn't lead people to divert pledges

from operations, so necessary for the church to function and outreach, so important to the spiritual vitality of the congregation.

Please sign up for Amazon Smile

If twenty people spent an average of \$500 each through Amazon Smile while Christmas shopping, and named the Old Sloop as beneficiary, the church would receive \$50. It adds up!

Go to www.smile.amazon.com and follow the instructions. Pick First Congregational Church of Rockport as your charity. Thanks for making that extra effort!



Christian Education Youth Ministry News

JANUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 3	2:30 – 5:30	Build a Bridge
Sunday, January 7	9:00	C.E. Meeting
	10:15	Sunday School
	5:00 – 7:00	Youth Group
Sunday, January 14	10:15	No Sunday School: MLK Weekend
	5:00 – 7:00	No Youth Group: MLK Weekend
Sunday, January 21	5:00 – 7:00	Youth Group
Sunday, January 28	10:15	Sunday School
	5:00 – 7:00	Youth Group.

Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 10:15 am there is Sunday School from nursery through 9th grade. During the months of January, February, and March we will be changing up Sunday school by doing an all ages worship! We will begin with a game, listen to a bible story, break into small group by ages to talk about the story and then come back together to sing!

Youth Group

Sunday evenings from 5-7pm all 6th-12th are invited! Come hang out, play some games, have a lesson, worship and just have time to spend with each other before the busyness of the week begins!

Build A Bridge

Build A Bridge is now the first Wednesday of every month from 2:30-5:30. This is a time where 6th-12th graders can come after school, hang out, have some snacks, work on homework or just have time to relax.

As some of you may have heard the youth room renovations have begun! For now, all youth related activities will be down in the preschool space until our room is done. Please use the door by the elevators for youth group and build a bridge. Thank you for being patient with us during this time of transition!

Be blessed! Katie Welch, Youth Director

CE Minutes December 17, 2018

In attendance: Katie, Michele, Anthony, & Jonathan

The following items were discussed :

1. Prior Cabinet Meeting.
2. New CE Director.
3. Sunday School Adjustment.
4. Story Telling Project.
5. Mission Trip.
6. **The Next Meeting: Sunday, 9 am, January 7,2018**



Christian Outreach Committee

Minutes, December 10, 2017

Present: Jay Reed, Derek Van Gulden, Karen Coffin, Stephen Kalaghan, Sarah Mowitt, Marje Schell, Darlene Spittle, Diane Westman, and Wendy Woodbury.

Jay Reed called the meeting to order at 11: 35. Diane Westman led the group in prayer,

Treasurer's Report: The balance in the Wider Mission Treasury at the end of November was \$5,206.27. Disbursements were made during the month to Basic Support of the Massachusetts Conference of UCC (\$2,250) and to Heifer, International (\$500). The disbursement for the UCC included both November and December budgeted contributions. Income from pledges was higher than usual this month because some have prepaid their pledges for the coming year.

All disbursements that were budgeted for the year have been completed, leaving a healthy year-end balance. Consensus was reached among committee members to make three one-time contributions

before the end of the year. We will send \$500 each to the Grace Center, to the Refugee Immigration Ministry, and to the UCC for its relief funds in Puerto Rico.

Pot Luck: Jay provided figures on donations and expenses for each year from 2011 to 2016. The figures show that the pot luck dinners pay for themselves as donations have exceeded expenses. However, Pot Luck dinners are an important fellowship ministry of the church regardless of expenses.

Family Promise: We have received the schedule for 2018. The Cabinet has approved the use of money received during the Christmas eve candlelight service for Family Promise. The sub-account treasury for Family Promise has adequate funds at present.

Christmas Fund: We are asking for contributions for the Christmas Fund, which provides support to retired UCC ministers and staff. On December 24, committee members will encourage donations with a group litany during the Sunday morning service.

Wellspring Holiday Store: Three large bags of toys were collected and taken to Wellspring House for its Holiday Store. The donations by church members are very much appreciated.

Open Door: Over \$1,000 was collected to support the Holiday Basket program.

Budget 2018: A list of proposed donations for 2018 was discussed. The total proposal was for \$300 more than last year and includes the same recipients.

Action Shelter Lunches: Lunches were prepared on November 28th.

Derek suggested that the committee consider ways of encouraging members of the congregation to participate actively in church outreach projects. He pointed out that outreach efforts involve more than donating money.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15. Our next meeting will be on January 14.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Mowitt

Open Door's Holiday Basket Program

With great thanks the Outreach Committee reports the congregation has given well over \$1000 to Open Door's Holiday Basket Program, which provides a complete turkey dinner for qualifying Cape Ann families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Wellspring Holiday Store

The Outreach Committee delivered three very large bags of toys and other gifts to Wellspring Holiday Store, held on December 9 and 10 at 302 Essex Avenue, Gloucester.

Holiday Store provides an opportunity for eligible low-income parents to shop by appointment for toys and gifts for their children. The program not only brightens the holidays for kids in need, it also serves to keep parents from getting behind on bills or rent in January. For one weekend before Christmas, Wellspring House is stocked with donated toys. Parents register for a 20 minute appointment and, for \$2 per child, may pick one large gift, one small gift, and a book. Last year's

Holiday Store served 800 children from 344 low income families, over 1500 toys. Thanks to the congregation for their generous and faithful participation.

Christmas Knitters

The help and support of a lot of folks made the knitting table a great success! My thanks to Nancy Andrews and her daughter Karen, Janice Ramsden, Chris Christopher, Peggy Wakeman, Hope Norton, and Judy Bogage for the time, effort and skill they put in to creating such a wide variety of items. I am grateful to Diane Westman and Barbara Tenggren for their assistance and support in setting up the display and helping with the sale, and to Michelle for her spirit and hard work. We made more than \$1,000 and went home tired but very grateful. *Camilla Ayers, Knitting Chair*

Old Sloop Coffeehouse Upcoming Performances

Saturday, January 13 – Cold Chocolate and Cricket Tell the Weather



Cold Chocolate is a fresh and exciting Americana band with a unique sound that fuses bluegrass and folk with a dash of funk. With original tunes and technical prowess, this trio from Boston mesmerizes audiences with guitar, upright bass, percussion, and three-part harmony. Cold Chocolate is led by guitarist and principal songwriter Ethan Robbins, and includes Kirsten Lamb on bass and Ariel Bernstein on percussion.



Cricket Tell the Weather is the creative project of Andrea Asprelli, award-winning songwriter and fiddler. Winners of the 2013 FreshGrass Award in North Adams, MA, Cricket features award-winning songs delivered with honest vocals and thoughtful arrangements with a modern edge. Cricket will perform as a quartet, featuring NYC musicians Doug Goldstein on banjo, Sam Weber on bass, and Jason Borisoff on guitar.

Tickets for this concert can be purchased in advance for \$10 from the coffeehouse web site at oldsloopcoffeehouse.org, at John Tarr Store in Rockport, at The Bookstore of Gloucester, and at coffee hour following worship on Sunday, January 7. The suggested donation at the door is \$12 for adults, \$8 for those 65 and older, \$5 for those younger than 18, and \$24 for a family.

Old Sloop Coffeehouse is Seeking Volunteers

We are looking for people who are interested in being volunteers for the January 2018 to May 2018 coffeehouse season. Some of the jobs we can use help with are:

- People to bake homemade desserts for us to sell at the coffeehouse.
- People willing to post concert flyers for specific towns north of Boston.
- People willing to help set up stage, lights, and sound equipment; move fellowship hall furniture, and break down the Nursery on a specific evening before each concert.
- People to help break down all the equipment after each concert and to set up the Nursery and Fellowship Hall.
- People to work in the kitchen during a concert, serving and selling desserts and cleaning up afterwards.

Free concert admission to each show that you volunteer, depending on the number of hours worked. We are also looking for people who might be interested in learning how to help manage parts of the coffeehouse. **Please contact Celene (celenelyon@comcast.net)**. Thanks!

Weekly Church Events

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
POTLUCK DINNER

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

All are Welcome



THURSDAY MORNING
BOOK GROUP

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

MORGAN CONFERENCE ROOM



The



fellowship hour schedule for January

January 7: Rick Kasten and Kathleen Morgan

January 14: Charlie Brackett and Jill Carter

January 21: Mercy Duffill and Liz Rice-Smith

January 28: Joe Chambers and Diane Westman

If there are any questions or concerns or if you would like to be a part of our fellowship hour by baking or hosting, please contact Liz-Rice Smith or Wendy Woodbury.

With Gratitude for our Church Servants for December



Ushers

Laurel Juthe and Liz Rice-Smith

Readers

Lou Cannon

David Arsenault

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Laurel Juthe



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**** All articles are due on the
18th of each month. ****

Church Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Nursery Care is available

Sunday School

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. until
June 4, 2017, resuming in
September.

Church Staff

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Office Manager

Regina Reis

Music Director

Dr. Phil Swanson

Youth Choir Director

Kristina Martin

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