
First Congregational UCC "At First"
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Rev. Adam Thompson; Pastor

January 2023

January 1st Service

There will be **no in-person Worship Service on January 1st**. But, please join us - we will be streaming live on our facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/FirstCongoGlencoe

Fellowship @ First

will be held on Wednesday, January 11th from 5:30-7:00 pm. We are a community interested in experiencing God's activity...together. Join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month for a meal, music, and worship. The meal begins at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall followed by a time of music and worship.

Sunday School News!

Sunday School will resume with regular classes on January 15th and 22nd. See you in church!

Group Leaders meeting will be held January 8th, after church.

Church Envelopes

Please use your offering envelopes from the church, when possible, by not using the envelopes it makes it more difficult for them to keep track of your offerings. You still have the option of having your pledges taken directly out of your savings or checking account. Call the church office at 864-3855 for more information **OR** go to First Congregational - Online Giving. This is a quick and easy way to give, go our website at:

www.firstcongochurch.org/serve/online-giving/

Member Information

People are dropping their land line phones and going only with their cell phone, please let the church office know your phone number so we can keep our church directory up to date.

Also, if you have any changes in your e-mail address, home address, birthdays, please make sure to contact the church office at **864-3855 OR E-MAIL US AT congoucc@gmail.com**

On The Job in January

Deacon of the Month: Bruce Magnuson

In Charge of the Altar: Ann Wangerln



A Prayer for the New Year

Dear God, Thank you for making all things new. Thank you for all that you allowed into our lives this past year, the good and the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. As we enter a new year, we pray for strengthened spirits that we may praise you properly by our thoughts, words and deeds, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 2. Rebecca Forcler
- 4. Dawn Shemanek
- 5. Tammy Hanson
Renee Lehmann
- 6. Evon Draeger
- 7. Karl Warner
- 19. Karen Hendricksen
Sam McNellis
- 20. Jessica Richardson
- 23. Colton Robb
- 27. Allen Trocke
- 31. Ariana Bolt



Shut-In Visits

If you would like a visit, please contact Pastor Adam at church, 320-864-3855, or his cell #952-239-5893 or email: ajthompson2@comcast.net.



Pastor's Page:

Just the beginning...

I always had the impression that Christmas Day was the destination of the journey. This misconception began early in life and, looking back, it's not hard to see how this came to be. I mean, what in a child's life is more exciting than Christmas! All the cookies and candies, seeing far off cousins and family, no school, and of course, presents, lots of presents. But there comes a time in every person's life, maybe about the time you get more clothes than toys, that cookies and presents just don't do it anymore, when spending time with family is the priority, and Christ actually becomes what Christmas is all about.

It is at this point that Christmas isn't simply a climactic end, but rather Christmas is the humble beginning to the journey. It is here that God's incomprehensible love becomes tangible as Jesus, the very "Word of God became flesh, and moved into the neighborhood." (John 1:14, MSG) It is here that the difficult work of Christmas begins. This new year is a new beginning as it always is. It's a new year on our calendars, but more importantly it is a new year in our hearts, a new year to follow light of Christ headlong into the darkness because with Christ, there is no darkness for which His light cannot overcome. The Christmas festivities may be over, but the work of Christmas has just begun. Let's do the work together!

"The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

Happy New Year, Pastor Adam



January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No In-Person Worship Service - Facebook Only No Confirmation	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:15 am Communion Worship Service Confirmation CE Group Leaders Mtg Take Down Christmas Decorations	9	10	11 5:30-7:00 pm Fellowship @ First	12	13	14
15 9:15 am Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School No Confirmation	16	17	18 Trustee's Meeting Church Council Meeting	19	20	21
22 9:15 am Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School Confirmation	23	24	25 5:30-7:00 pm Fellowship @ First	26	27	28
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