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Text for Sunday, Luke 9:28-36

Beginning on Sunday February 21st the sermons for Lent will focus on one of the Academy Award Nominations for Best Film. This series is borrowed from Jane Quandt, minister of First Congregational Church. You are asked to join in discussion online prior to the Sunday it is shared. The first film is UP IN THE AIR on February 21st. If you have seen it, please email me your comments as to how it relates to our lives and faith.

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Valentine's Lunch

Sunday February 14 at Noon

Cooked & Served by Our Youth Group

Our youth group is inviting us to join them for a Valentine lunch next Sunday after worship. A delicious spaghetti meal will be served. Donations received will be used to help them pay part of the \$1700 cost of their retreat at Loch Leven, February 26-28. So far they have 16 youth and 3 adults who will be going to the retreat.



Join us Serving the homeless – First & Third Saturdays

FROM THE MINISTER

Last Fall we shared in a congregation wide spiritual renewal time called Unbinding the Heart. During that time we tried some different kinds of music. Many enjoyed it and some felt it was too different. As part of our continuing to make changes that help us grow, we invited Fred Dorisse to lead 14 of us in discovering the challenges and opportunities of our worship. What we ended up with was five priorities that are ready for the next step. The number one challenge and opportunity is our music. What hymns and songs do we sing and who leads us? What anthems are chosen by the choir and what is their effect on our worship? Are we heard and is it effectively involving us in worship? What are we going to do and how are we going to do it is the next stage of discovery.

A week from this Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. So I want to invite you all to participate in a 6- week Lenten discovery journey. We will meet each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 beginning with a soup supper. If you would like to help prepare one of the meals, it would be appreciated. We will use the time following our meal in worship and discovery. This is an opportunity for us to, prayerfully, work through what our worship means to us and to others that have not yet gathered with us.

Chris C. Nettles

We ask Prayers for:

That First Christian can move forward into a new mission for Christ,
Glendora Mazingo was released on Friday from Community Care,
Peace on earth,
Maria Dulaney's job was ended
while she was on medical leave,
Sally, Unity & Al,
Our military,
Peace & wisdom for our family at a time when we lack for both!,
For one another, a joy like no other,
Jessica started her new job,
For our family & friends to keep our
faith the whole year through,
Richard for constant pain in
right leg & foot,
please help my mom and dad through the hard time, our son to find
employment,

For Mary Stafford who is awaiting mastectomy,
Prayer for our church without ceasing,
Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,
Bless everyone to find strength
in our faith,

THANK YOU

We feel so blessed to be able to serve our church community. Thank you for your words of appreciation and encouragement and for the honorarium.

**Sincerely,
Marilyn & Mike Rader**

Who Dat Super Bowl Champions!



Chris & Sandi

“I want to thank all who helped make our fellowship time fun on Super Bowl Sunday. Some of you even wore the Saints colors of black and gold. Sandi Smith decorated at our hospitality time and got into the spirit of the day. As it turned out the underdog won. It was a fun and exciting game that could have gone to the Colts if not for one or two plays. For New Orleans it was more than a game, it was a symbol of possibility and hope.

Those qualities are needed by us all in life.”

Chris Nettles

Worship Attendance: 71
Youth Group: 13
Souper Bowl: \$60.56

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14

WORSHIP LEADER Sherry Nettles
SONG LEADER Cathy Losee
COMMUNION PREP Jean Van Aken
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY Shirley Baker
HOSPITALITY Lunch served by our Youth

Donations will be used by our youth toward their retreat at Loch Leven.

**Ladies Book Club next Meeting
Saturday February 20, 8:30 AM**

At Coco's on Trautwein

Please call Claudia Gray to RSVP by Thursday evening.
Please bring your favorite book or best seller, a classic fiction or non-fiction.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday February 23 11:30 AM
Please bring your table service.
We are showing a movie: "Up".

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11

7 PM Choir Practice

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13

10-1:00 Workday at church

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day

9:15 AM Adult Church School

10:30 AM Worship

10:40 AM Worship & Wonder

11:40 Hospitality Time

NOON Youth will be serving a

Valentine Lunch

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15

President's Day – Office Closed

6:30-8 PM Youth Group

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16

12:00 Noon Joyful Mary Rebecca

Group @ Church

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17

Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday

10 AM Bible Study – Simple Church

6:00-7:30 PM Lenten Soup & Worship

in Chapel conference Center