



# “THE STARTER”

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## Pastoral Search Committee

We are assembling a pastoral search committee consisting of 9 members. This committee will update our church profile and start the process of searching for a new minister for FCC. After prayer and the Lord’s leading, please sign up on the Welcome Table.



## Good Lenten Advise

Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, marked the beginning of Lent. Its length is the 40 days preceding Easter, not counting Sundays. Lent commemorates Jesus’ fast and temptation in the wilderness of Judea which lasted 40 days. Just as Jesus confronted his temptations, Lent helps Christians focus on our most basic need as sinners; forgiveness. The only way our Lord’s forgiving power can become effective in our lives is by our taking the initiative to confront our sins, confess them and repent of them. In short, Lent is a season of penitence. So.....

*Fast from criticism and feast on praise*

*Fast from self-pity and feast on joy*

*Fast from ill-temper and feast on peace*

*Fast from resentment and feast on contentment*

*Fast from jealous and feast on love.*

*Fast from pride and feast on humility*

*Fast from selfishness and feast on service*

*Fast from fear and feast on faith*



*Faith is believing that God is present  
when all we hear is silence.*

## First Congregational Church History Book

There are copies of our history book on the Welcome Table. Please feel free to take and give to anyone who would like one.



## Job Opportunity

Ellen Marincic has announced her well-earned and much-deserved retirement as Church Secretary and Treasurer for the end of 2021. We’re looking forward to celebrating the big day with her, and we also have to prepare to fill these positions. While it seems like we have a lot of time to find good candidate(s) for the positions, the jobs carry real responsibility, and there is a lot to learn for each. Fortunately, Ellen has offered to work with whoever is chosen for these positions, providing a good training period. If there’s is anyone interested or if you know of someone who might fit into the position of Treasurer or Church Secretary, please submit a letter of interest to the Trustee Board by March 10<sup>th</sup>. Both positions are part time.



Do not be dismayed by the brokenness in the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.

L. R. Knost



Thank You, Dean

After 33 years of service as a LaSalle Fire Fighter,  
Dean Tieman has hung up his hat.  
A well-deserved retirement, Dean. Thank you!



Memorial Garden Bricks

We will be adding more bricks to our memorial brick garden this spring. Would you like to add one? The 4x8 brick allows for 3 lines of 20 characters each costing \$30. The 8x8 brick is 6 lines of characters each costing \$70. If you are interested, please see Ellen and she will give you the form to fill out.



Whenever we think of the Lord or call out to Him, it is because He first thought of us. He has always been the initiator. His heart is one of connection and love-inspired purpose.



Thank You

From all of us who can still praise the Lord via our church YouTube web cast, we thank you Dawn Tieman, for taking your Sunday afternoon to load that for us!



From Jane Gabrielse

Dear Friends and Church Family,  
Thank you for your care, your prayers and your faith that all will be ok with God's help.  
The January 15<sup>th</sup> meal was wonderful. I shared and Cindy and clan enjoyed it too. While they were quarantined, Cindy proclaimed it was all wonderful.  
Absolutely miss Roger, but know it was his time and his wish to be pain free! He can now supervise from on High! Praise the Lord. His care is Awesome.

In God's Love,  
Janey & Family



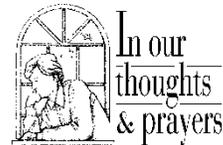
Palm Sunday Music

You'll want to be sure to attend worship on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Our kids will be playing some familiar songs on the hand bells.



The other day, I was hangin' with a friend. This friend calls herself a Christian, but doesn't always act like it. Some days she's on fire for the Lord, some days life's struggles seem to get the best of her. So, as our eyes met, I really wanted to say something about it to her, but decided to just let the LORD speak to her heart, knowing nothing I could say could ever possibly have the impact that the LORD making himself real in her heart would make. So I prayed with her, and finally, after some time, I winked..... and walked away from the mirror.

Author Unknown



\*\*Pray for the health of Jane McClintock, Char & Pete Belski, Sonny Whittington, Marilyn Cobb, Diana Dornbusch, Cyndee Walters, Rita Tieman

\*\*Please pray for daily grace for our shut-ins:

- Myrle Sapienza      Beth Flaherty
- Carol Edgcomb      Don Walker
- Jane McClintock      Daryl & Lin Stuhr

\*\* Pray for Pastor Roy Jacob & Peace Mission in India caring for children and widows

\*\* Pray for Ed & Jane Skowron

\*\* Pray for Jews for Jesus

\*\* Pray for the Surbers and Supply & Multiply

\*\* Pray for Abigail Women's Clinic

\*\* Pray for Berean Prison Ministry

\*\* Pray for Transport for Christ

\*\* Pray for PADS providing shelter to the Homeless



Easter Lilies

Please sign up on the Welcome Table if you'd like to purchase a lily for the sanctuary Easter celebration.

Just for Fun

Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me every day. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.



*The mark of a great church is not how many people come, but how many people live differently for having been there.*