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*"We are shaped and fashioned by what we love." Goethe*

Goethe's words speak a blessed wisdom, often learned through trial and error. We are wise to consider the many questions that rise as we give thought to these words for our lives.

Do they apply to us? (Most likely Yes)

Are we being shaped and fashioned into the kind of person our hearts long to become?

Do we need to re-think that which we "love" in the course of our days and are we capable of loving something else or loving in a new way?

Glory be to God who blesses us with a new day to ask, answer, wrestle with and find peace in answering these questions.

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The Holy Spirit was rich in our midst last Sunday as we welcomed twelve new members into the Christian faith. What a wonderful day it was to witness and celebrate our new Confirmands, recognizing the promises made at their baptism and now affirming their commitment to make those promises their own in the living of their days!

When we gather for worship this Sunday, we will take time to prepare ourselves to take our places at the Lord's Table as we celebrate communion during worship. The morning reflection will be based on Matthew 26: 26-29.

Following worship and fellowship time this Sunday, we will meet for our Annual Congregational Organizational Meeting. At this meeting, the reports of the staff, boards and committees will be reviewed and accepted. We will honor and thank those whose terms are coming to an end and elect a new slate of persons to serve in the missions and ministries of FCCV.

We hope everyone will be able to attend worship and this very important meeting.

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In a separate email today, those with internet access will receive a copy of this year's Annual Report. We invite you to print this out (approximately 20 pages) and bring it along on Sunday. A limited number of copies will be available. Copies of the slate of those being elected to serve on boards and committees will also be available.

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Each Sunday, in the bulletin, we print the Prayer Box, which contains the names of those persons whom we have included in prayers in recent week. You are encouraged to take your Sunday bulletin home to remember these persons in your personal prayers and also to reach out to those listed there.

We also ask that those who submitted names to be included there review the names in the Prayer Box at this time. Please notify the Church Office if you would like to have your name or the name of someone you're requested prayers for to be continued to be listed there or if you would like to have a name removed. We certainly want to pray for anyone who requests prayers, but also need to review the names listed there from time to time.