
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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This weekend will be full of fall fun here at First Church!

Our **Apple Festival** on Saturday will feature crafts, used books and a bodacious bake sale with the best apple pies in town! Bring your friends and neighbors for a little taste of heaven from 9 am – 2 pm and take home some sweet memories.

Sunday morning we will be blessed to gather in worship and hear the Good News proclaimed by our new Associate Pastor, Robin Bird. This will be Robin's first sermon since accepting our call and the last time she will preach as a non-ordained minister. Robin will be ordained by the Florida Conference of the United Church of Christ on Sunday, November 3. The ceremony will take place at 4 pm at First Congregational Church of Orlando.

Also on Sunday, we will recognize and decommission our Associate Pastor Search Committee and our Interim Associate Pastor, Rev. Joanne Myer. Joanne has agreed to continue to serve on a part-time, volunteer basis to provide pastoral care and visitation as needed. We are all blessed by her willingness to remain an active part of our pastoral team!

Finally - Don't miss our first (ever) **Trunk-or-Treat** celebration! The fun will begin at 11:30 am - right after Coffee Hour. Expect to see hoards of little boys and ghouls haunting the parking lot for candy, and enjoy the frightening creativity of those who have decorated their vehicles. It is not too late to mummify your minivan or turn your royal coach into a pumpkin! Cast a spell on your car, bring some candy for the kids, and park in the designated area in the parsonage-side lot. I know you will have a scary-good time! **Children of all ages are encouraged to wear their costumes to church for this event.**

What a fun bunch of people we have at our church! Can't wait to see you!

With you on the journey,
Meg

REMINDER.....

Don't forget to sign up for your FCCV Pictorial Directory picture during Coffee Hour on Sunday! An appointment is necessary.

Stephen Ministry Information Workshop: On Saturday, November 2 from 9 AM to 1 PM, members of our congregation will attend a workshop at the Wapping Community Church to learn more about the Stephen Ministry program. Stephen Ministers complete 50 hours of specialized training in the areas of listening, feelings, assertiveness, confidentiality and best practices for visiting with people who are struggling through transitions and life crises. Stephen Ministers are not counselors, but trained companions on the journey to the people they serve. If you would like to attend this workshop to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Rev. Joanne Myer (860) 872-9222.