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Over the past several months, the 250th anniversary committee has been busy teaching us of the history of the FCCV and our spiritual heritage. Through monthly "3 minutes of history" during worship and the changing displays in the Fellowship Hall, we have been reminded of the pivotal times of our history. This coming Sunday will be a date that will certainly be remembered when we celebrate our 275th anniversary in 25 years.

Over the past year, our church's Search Committee has conducted a nationwide search for the person they feel most confident in recommending come serve us as the next senior pastor. By now, all of you have received materials introducing you to the Rev. Meg Watson , currently serving as pastor of the Longwood Hills Congregational Church in Longwood Hills , Florida . Pastor Meg and her husband Dean will be with us in worship this Sunday where Pastor Meg will lead the Time with the Children and preach the morning sermon.

Immediately after the Benediction, there will be a congregational meeting to vote on extending a call to Pastor Watson to come serve here.

This Sunday, there will be no Sunday school in order that our Christian education staff may attend worship and the meeting. The Toddler Room will be open and staffed for children 5 years and younger. Baby sitting will be available for children during the congregational meeting.

After the meeting, there will be a reception time in the Fellowship Hall.

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Tomorrow morning, October 27th, there will be a Meet and Greet opportunity in the Fellowship Hall. Hosted by the Search Committee, all are invited to come and meet Pastor Meg and her husband Dean, and enjoy some light refreshments. This gathering will last from 9-11 am.

All members are asked to wear their nametags during both the Meet and Greet opportunity as well as on Sunday. The nametag display board will be in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday and in the Narthex on Sunday. Please keep in mind that while all of us only need to learn two names, the Watsons now have the challenge of learning several hundred.

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Last Sunday, we were all reminded of the many blessings we have as we celebrated Laity Sunday. Jan Muro preached a very rich sermon reminding us all of the blessings that can come to us by serving others in God's name. Deb Bartos offered a very timely and touching morning prayer. And Cherish Hockenberry lead a very special Time with the Children as the time capsule from our 225th anniversary was opened and later displayed for all in the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to all who were involved in preparing and leading this special service. We are richly blessed with so many capable church members.

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In the Fellowship Hall, the FCCV Gallery of Faith is on display. This gallery shows the many ways our different boards and committees seek to serve God in our shared ministry here together. The Stewardship and Evangelism Committee wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation in completing the many posters which make up the Gallery.



CPR-AED class--November 10th

The Parish Nurses are sponsoring a CPR-AED class on Saturday, November 10th. The class will begin at 9:00 am and will go no later than noon.

We keep an AED apparatus here at the church to use in the event of someone suffering a heart attack on our premises. The AED has proven to be the most effective tool for emergencies such as these. However, it is critical that people be trained in how to use this apparatus. The class will be given by CPOHeart and should be attended by anyone desiring to be certified in using the AED and CPR. Half of the costs of the class are being paid for by the Parish Nurses and the more people that attend, the lower the costs. It is important that we know how many people plan to attend in order that adequate supplies of material will be on hand. Please contact Delythe Kracke (DelytheK@yahoo.com) or call her at 860-872-3004 if you have any questions or if you wish to sign up for the class.