The Membership Board welcomes all to FCCWP. Help us build our membership, invite a friend to church. Spread the news!!

All members who joined FCCWP in 2021 and 2022 are invited to a New Member Luncheon on February 19 in Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning service. Look for your invitation via email. This event is open only to new members.

A Membership Conversation is scheduled for February 26 in the Parlor immediately following the morning’s service. All prospective members are invited to attend this informal meeting to learn more about our faith, our congregation, and our church.
If interested in becoming a new member please contact Jim Rowell at 407 538-4004.

The following Zoom Link works for our 9:00 a.m. Bible Study. The leader of this group is Rev. Shawn Garvey.

This class is hybrid. So you may attend in person (in the Conference Room) or via Zoom.

First Congregational Church of Winter Park is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Rev. Shawn Garvey, Senior Minister  
**First Congregational Church of Winter Park**  
225 S. Interlachen Avenue  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
Office: 407-647-2416  
Mobile: 321-333-0092
The History of Winter Park comes alive, on Sunday, February 5, 2023, in Fellowship Hall, at FCCWP, just after Sunday worship services (the history presentation starts about 11:15 AM)

FCCWP member, Rick Baldwin, will present the colorful story of Winter Park, during its Early Years. He will tell the story of how our little town became such a very desirable place for northeasterners to live - as winters became more difficult as everyone aged and how the newly invented train made it easier to come to Florida!

And as we know, First Congregational Church of Winter Park was organized (as Winter Park’s first church) and established by Reverend Doctor Edward Hooker, who also, simultaneously, organized and established Rollins College (as Florida’s first institution of higher learning).

Please let us know that you plan to attend – so we can have a seat for you. Call Mary Joe Saarl in the church office (407-647-2416) to confirm.
LENTEN SERIES
February 26, March 6, 12, 26, 2023

Each week after church our Lenten Series will begin with lunch in Fellowship Hall followed by a bible study for youth/adults and a separate study for children.

Join Rev. Shawn for a look at some of the Gnostic Gospels...the gospels about Jesus that were discovered in Nag Hamadi in the late 1940’s. Explore books like the Gospel of Thomas, The Gospel of Judas, The Infancy Gospel of Thomas, The Gospel of Mary, and others! Learn more about what the early Jesus communities in the first few centuries were thinking about when it came to Jesus by reading their versions of “good news.” Sure to be an interesting journey through some compelling and interesting writings about Jesus that perhaps you’ve never read before! - this will by a hybrid class with a virtual option.

Watch for more details and a lunch registration link.

More information
Contact Kerry Weisner sunshineday365@aol.com

Do you have a Heart for Sustainability?

This year's mission trip will take 23 FCCWP members in June to South Dakota. Our mission is to help support Sustainable Structures for Agriculture and wind protection for the people of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

We are super excited about the work we will do and would love to take a token of your support with us, in the form of a small heart filled share.

The Mission Trip Team of FCCWP invite to you a tasty, opportunistic fundraiser in Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday, February 12th from 11:00-12:30.

The team will be serving up Mimosas and delectable Valentine treats!

If you'd like an opportunity to help with a tank of gas for the trip or the supplies to make 23 Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches, we've planned a fun way for you to take part in this opportunity.

The hearts quilt will give lots of great ideas for the taking! Come enjoy this fun afternoon and we'll be honored to take you along with
Children 1st - 5th grade will have Sunday school in the media room, which is our Sunday School Clubhouse! Pre K & Kindergarten will meet with Ms. Sprinkle in the education bldg., Youth 6th - 12th grade will meet in their youth room. All Children will be picked up on the playground after church.

**Communion Sunday February 5th** - Youth & Children will stay in church for service.

**Confirmation Classes** -
*February 12th - 5:30 - 6:30pm*
*February 26th - 5:30 - 7:30*

**February 26 - W.I.N.G.S. Youth & Confirmation night.**

If you have any questions please contact Kerry Weisner at sunshineday365@aol.com.
FCCP is registering for FALL 2023!

In Fall 2023 we will be offering classes 18 months – 5 years including VPK. Our classes will be 9:00 – 1:00 with extended care until 3:30 and early care at 8:15. I am starting a “grandparent” reading program for anyone that would like to come in and read to our classes throughout the year, please email me at bclavoie@fccwp.org with your availability and I will get you on the calendar. Lastly, I feel so blessed to be at FCCWP. I am excited about what we have done over the last year (my 1 year anniversary was Jan. 4, 2023) and even more excited about what is ahead for the school. Thank you for your continued support and prayers and keep them coming, we have big things happening here! With Gratitude, Ms. Brandi
From The Board of Outreach and Social Justice:

Happy New Year! We have created a great calendar of opportunities for our church each month of 2023. We want to continue to give strong efforts from our church to support many service and outreach organizations in our greater community. Watch for each upcoming collection or event to support! You are making a BIG difference!

February Opportunities
This month you will see the information about a toiletry and clothing collection that directly impacts, Aspire Women and Children Residential Treatment Program. It's amazing what we

PLEASE DONATE!

Aspire’s Women and Children Residential Treatment Program needs the following items:

TRAVEL-SIZED TOILETRIES
Clean out your collection of hotel toiletries!

Shampoo* - Conditioner*
Body Wash - Deodorant
Toothpaste - Hairbrushes

*Please consider hair products for both black and white women

SIZES 0 - 6 WOMEN’S CLOTHING

DUFFLE BAGS

DRAWSTRING BACKPACKS

Look for the bin in Fellowship Hall - Deadline to donate is February 28.

The Women and Children Residential Treatment Program offers comprehensive and intensive residential treatment for women, women with children, or pregnant and postpartum women, all in a safe and structured environment. Treatment is provided for both mental health and substance abuse issues.

📸 Sponsored by FCCWP Outreach Board 😊
accomplish as we work collectively as a congregation. Please also watch for sign up links for service at the Christian Service Center.

**Panera Pick Up**
We have not had luck with volunteer sign-ups for our Panera once a week pick up and donation delivery. We are delivering the food to The Orlando Rescue Mission. We do this 4 times a month and we need 2-3 more drivers who could each do once a month. Please reach out to Grace Lines or Theo Webster if you’d like to be on this team.

**Thinking Green**
Our board is adding a Green component to our monthly article and has an upcoming event with which we will need your help. Be looking for ways you can help us serve at our booth on Earth Day at the festival at Lake Eola on April 22nd. In addition, this month we share this article with you:
How Central Ohio Got People to Eat Their Leftovers-The New York Times

We have 7 incredible acolytes at FCCWP that bring God’s light into the service each week! We thank each of them for that serving in this way and for their gift of time to our church! Is your 4-6 grader interested in acolyting in the new year? If so, please contact Lisa Rotenberger @ dlrotenwp@aol.com and here is the link:
Thank you to each of you that have made a pledge for the 2023 year.

To date, we have pledge commitments of $495K from 151 households. Our goal is $530K, which makes us just $36K shy of our goal. We can still make it. For those households that have not committed yet, please continue to prayerfully consider pledging. No pledge is too small. We are praying for 100% participation.

Even if you are not a member, we welcome pledges from friends of our church as well. Please note that you have to let the church know of your pledge each year as it doesn't automatically renew the following year. Please make sure the office knows of your pledge.

We are thankful to be able to serve FCCWP in this way.
Your Stewardship Team,
Lisa and David Rotenberger
Matt and Dawn Stoner
Phil Toal
Jim Schreiber
Come Alive! had an incredible retreat to start the new year. The theme was Brand New: Building Beacons of Hope! Twenty-four women enjoyed a weekend away at an incredible resort house that comfortably hosted us. We enjoyed crafting, yoga, morning watch, guest speakers, walks, taking turns with our meal teams making delicious meals, a dinner out, and a very memorable lip sync dance party! If you missed out, please be assured that we missed you and we welcome you to join our group at any of our many upcoming events!
Stay tuned to your Spirit Keeper emails for upcoming events including our traditional Camp Boggy Creek work retreat in March!

If you would like a Spirit Keeper name tag, please email me and let me know. I will be putting another order together very soon!

If you are not getting event emails from me and would like to join in on the fun, please contact me at drotenberger@walkercc.com at 407-766-5558 and I will get you added to the list.

Life is Sweet at FCCWP! See you around!
Strength and Courage to carry the Light,

David Rotenberger- D3
Cell: 407-766-5558
Good morning,
The Elizabeth Hooker Book Club will meet Sun. March 5 at 7:00 pm. Since Pat Linden is leading, this will be a Zoom meeting.

The Maid, A Novel
Nita Prose
Led by Pat Linden

Molly Gray is not like everyone else. She struggles with social skills and misreads the intentions of others. Her gran used to interpret the world for her, codifying it into simple rules that Molly could live by.

Since Gran died a few months ago, twenty-five-year-old Molly has been navigating life's complexities all by herself. No matter—she throws herself with gusto into her work as a hotel maid. Her unique character, along with her obsessive love of cleaning and proper etiquette, make her an ideal fit for the job. She delights in donning her crisp uniform each morning, stocking her cart with miniature soaps and bottles, and returning guest rooms at the Regency Grand Hotel to a state of perfection.

But Molly's orderly life is upended the day she enters the suite of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black, only to find it in a state of disarray and Mr. Black himself dead in his bed. Before she knows what's happening, Molly's unusual demeanor has the police targeting her as their lead suspect. She quickly finds herself caught in a web of deception, one she has no idea how to untangle. Fortunately for Molly, friends she never knew she had unite with her in a search for clues to what really happened to Mr. Black—but will they be able to find the real killer before it's too late?

For A full Book Club Schedule Click Here (Please disregard the line in the schedule for February. The above information is correct.) : Book Club Schedule

Click here for Information on The Prayer Shawl Ministry
All active FCCWP Members are invited to join the Facebook page titled Member Group of the First Congregational (UCC) of Winter Park

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

LIVE STREAMING OF CHURCH SERVICES

Click Here To Watch

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longer applies to you and you no longer wish to receive, please call the church office to have your name removed from that particular list. If you unsubscribe to Family Ministries (or any other group), you are removed from all lists, including the What's Happening newsletters. Best to just delete the email that doesn't interest you.