

# Congregational Tidings

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*



A weekly newsletter



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**WE WANT TO SEE  
YOUR SMILING FACE!!**



**EVERY WEDNESDAY  
EVENING**

**6:30 - 7:30 PM**

**JOIN ON ZOOM**

laughs ... smiles ... share joys ... smiling faces ... virtual hugs ... just chat ... catch up ... see old friends ... laugh some more ... smile some more ... share some more

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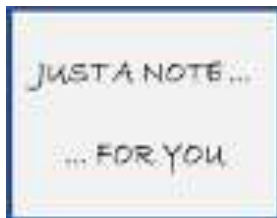
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## **You Know How You Love Getting a Handwritten Note in the Mail?**



... so do they! There are many friends and family and church family who would love to hear from you. So, drop them a line ... make their day ... tell them how you've been doing and let them know you've been thinking about them. It's what we do for each other, isn't it? And it's even more important today!

## **\*\* THIS SUNDAY \*\***

Join us this Sunday, **July 26th at 10:30am** as **Kathleen Marsh**, our past youth director and friend, will provide the message "*Nothing Can Separate Us...*" Thank you Kathleen and welcome. We also look forward to seeing our friend **Celeste Bembry** who will lead us in worship. Thank you both!

You may join the service from our Facebook Page.

### **Prayers Please ...**

Who should be in our thoughts and prayers ... either as a joy or concern? Please make sure Paul or Michelle know about them. Thanks!



~ We were told about a young family who in this year have lost their father to suicide and whose mother is in a coma after a car accident that took one of the young children's life. The remaining four children are dealing with more than anyone should have to bear. Please keep them in your prayers ...

### **Nicaragua Shoeboxes**



In this, our 19th year, we need your help again. ***\*\*\*Boxes are available for boys and girls ages 4 to 18. If you would like to fill a box or two, please contact Steve or Liz Thorpe and they will get you the boxes.\*\*\**** Monetary donations for BOTH shoeboxes and layettes are still being accepted in the church office if you would like to mail a check or donate online through our website, [www.firstcongucc.org](http://www.firstcongucc.org). Thank you in advance!

### **Sunday Morning Discussion Group**

The Sunday morning discussion group has started a new book in July. We gather at 9:30 via Zoom to check in with each other and discuss interesting and sometimes challenging parts of the book. If interested in joining our group or have questions, contact Evie Waack at 277-0163.

You can order your copy of "*A Bigger Table*" at [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com), Amazon, Barnes & Nobles, or other places you get your books.

## JOY is NOT Cancelled!!!



WHAT MADE YOU SMILE TODAY? ... .. We want to know!! Your first salad from the garden ... discovering a new ice cream shop in the neighborhood ... a note from someone you think about often ... the neighbor mowing your lawn without being asked ... what has brought you **JOY** today?? Call, email, or text Michelle or Paul! We want to know!

**JOY!!** There's always **JOY** in our **JOurneY** ... all we have to do is find it. The more time we spend finding the **JOY** in our **JOurneY** the easier it becomes. And it eventually becomes so easy it jumps out at us! It jumps out at us to the point where it's what we naturally notice first. To the point where we have to look for the negativity, the bad in our journey. Wouldn't that be refreshing?? So, spend a little bit more time, every day, finding the **JOY** in your **JOurneY**. You'll soon discover the **JOY** you find for yourself often comes when you are giving **JOY** to someone else. Hmmm ... just like it's supposed to be, I think.

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### Love Your Neighbor as Yourself...

Wear your face mask, not for yourself, but to protect everyone around you.

Stay at least 6'0" from everyone WITH your face mask on.

Stay away from all places where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others.

Remind others to follow the same guidelines... it's a group effort ... a family effort!

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