

Announcements:

Our next Friendship Dinner is this Tuesday, September 15th! Doors open at 5:00 pm, and we will eat at 5:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share, a serving utensil, your own plates and utensils, and your own drink, including beer or wine, if desired. This is a fun event to get to know your church community, and also to invite a friend or neighbor. Join us!

Service & Giving has organized a tour of the Veteran’s Healing Farm on Wednesday, September 16th, at 11:00 am. We will meet at the church parking lot at 10:30 am. Any interested persons in the church are welcome to join us. If any questions, contact Dede Walton at 828-708-8754.

Support the upcoming Hunger Walk on September 19th! Find a walker wearing a Hunger Walk t-shirt TODAY – they need donations!

Handcrafted necklaces of Catherine Fairbanks will be available the next couple of Sundays in the Fellowship Hall after worship. The proceeds will go to the Hunger Walk. Suggested donation is \$20.

Our friend Fran Cooper collects adult clothing, towels, blankets for the unhoused in Hendersonville for a clothes closet at a local church for whom she volunteers. If you have gently used items to donate, please contact Fran at 786-271-0224. The items will be much appreciated.

Happening at FCCH this week:

- Mon, 9/14
- 10:00 am: Community Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm: Carolina Village Small Group, CV Chapel
- Tues, 9/15
- 10:00 am: Prayer Shawl Group, Library
5:00 pm: Friendship Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- Wed, 9/16
- 10:00 am: Sit & Stitch, Library
10:30 am: Meet @ church for Veteran’s Healing Farm Tour
3:15 pm: Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Thurs, 9/17
- 10:00 am: Blue Ridge Ikebana Mtg, Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm: Crone Talk, Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm: Buddy K Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
- Sat, 9/19
- 8:00 am: HC HUNGER WALK, Lennox Station

Next Sunday, 9/20, for Forum: Richard Morgan, poet, author and teacher, returns to FCCH to share his latest book, "Eight Decades – Still Can’t Dance." In this collection of poems, he continues to give voice to the challenge of being human. Love, parenting, spirituality, storytelling, even Shakespeare are all here. His poems describe and expand the world before us.

Forum on September 27: Decluttering with Downsizing in Mind - Jill Hart, professional organizer. This talk goes somewhere different - it's about the open loops quietly weighing on you: the boxes you haven't opened because you're not ready to, the conversations with your kids you keep putting off, the questions about "what happens to this" that nobody's answered yet. Join us for an honest, refreshingly different look at downsizing — one that addresses the physical clutter, yes, but also the mental clutter and the emotional clutter. Come for practical guidance. Leave with a lighter mind — not just a lighter attic.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember these people in your prayers this week

- Bruce Mills, as he is dealing with medical issues.
- Frosty Sinclair had knee replacement surgery on Friday and is home recovering.
- Liz Brennan, long-time member of FCCH, died this past weekend.
- Debra Miller, Karla's sister, is in a Denver hospital with serious medical problems.
- For Dody & Sharon Schultz-Pratt, whose niece was in a terrible car accident and died last week.
- Prayers for Oscar, Alberto & John, whose mother and mother-in-law, Ana, died last week.
- Our friend Susan Howard had knee replacement surgery recently.
- Hilarie Glasgow-Hawkins and family of Jean Glasgow-Hawkins, her wife, who died last month.
- Kay Davis is receiving chemotherapy in Florida.
- Ericka Fagerlin continues PT at home.
- Mindy Myers is continuing to heal.

Birthdays this week:

Lorrie Wilson	9/14
Mike Resch	9/14
Nolleen Kelly	9/15
EJ Wilson	9/16
Richard Vickers	9/17
Joel Matthews	9/18
Cathy Sadler	9/19

To Our Visitors and Guests:

We are so glad you are here today! If you are interested in learning more about our congregation, denomination or membership, Karla or Mark would love to talk with you.

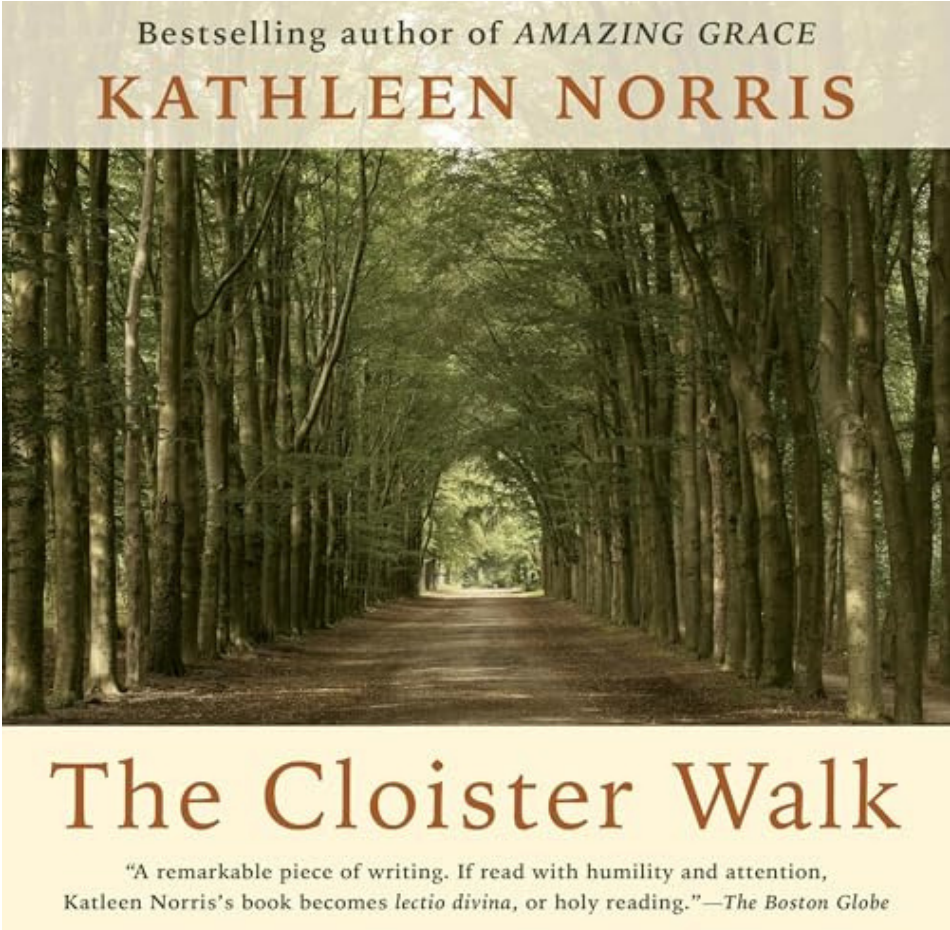
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Welcome Home

First Congregational Church welcomes persons of all ages, races, gender identities, sexual orientations, theological beliefs, and those living with mental challenges. In our diversity, we find strength and a way to understand the inclusiveness of God. No matter where you’ve been, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome and needed here.



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