

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will welcome New Members into our church family on Sunday, October 25! We are welcoming members *from the pew* again. If you are interested in joining the church or would like to speak to Karla before doing so, please contact Jennifer in the church office at [828-692-8630](tel:828-692-8630) or office@fcchendersonville.org.

Mark your calendar for the Friendship Dinner this Tuesday, October 20th! We gather at 5 pm and begin our meal together at 5:30 pm. Bring a dish to share, your own plates, utensils and drinks. This is a lovely time to get to know each other and welcome new friends.

Let’s Make Something Beautiful! Congregational Lunch, October 25 after worship. We will have an array of sandwiches (including vegetarian), chips, fruit and cookies. Please sign up today or by contacting Jennifer Austin-Janssen at office@fcchendersonville.org so we know how much food to order. There will be a donation basket at the door to cover the cost of the lunch.

Happening at FCCH this week:

- Mon, 10/19
- 10:00 am: Coffee & Conversation, Fellowship Hall
10:00 am: Blooms of Kindness, Choir Room
4:00 pm: Kaufman COF, Library
- Tues, 10/20
- 4:00 pm: Community Meditation, Library
5:00 pm: Friendship Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- Wed, 10/21
- 10:00 am: Sit & Stitch, Library
3:15 pm: Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
5:00 pm: Progressive Theology Book Group, Fellowship Hall
- Thurs, 10/22
- 11:00 am: LWV HOT Meeting, Choir Room
1:30 pm: Crone Talk, Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm: Pisgah Chpt Trout Un'ltd Board Mtg, Choir Room

Next Sunday, 10/25, Forum: Strengthening the Human-Animal Bond in our community with Angela Prodrick. Blue Ridge Humane Society is dedicated to improving the lives of animals and the people who love them through adoption, affordable veterinary care, community outreach, and pet support programs. Join Executive Director Angela Prodrick for a look at the incredible work of the Blue Ridge Humane Society.

Save these Future Dates:

- Nov 14 – Drum Circle, Sanctuary
- Nov 15 – Brian Combs, preaching, Sanctuary
- Nov 20 – Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil, Sanctuary
- Nov 26 – Thanksgiving Potluck Feast, Fellowship Hall
- Dec 13 – Christmas Music Special, Sanctuary
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sanctuary

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember these people in your prayers this week

- For Julius & Sukey Pratt as Julius has been moved to Elizabeth House.
- For Ericka & Mark Fagerlin who are dealing with Ericka’s failing health.
- For 16-yr old Gabe and his family, friends of Karla, who is in hospice care.
- Sherie Wilson had knee replacement surgery and is recovering at home.
- Stacy Fisher and her family, friend of Dawn Kucera, as her husband Rob faces a major medical issue.
- Sympathy to the family of Catherine Lynch who passed away last week.
- Mary Brown who is recuperating from heart surgery.
- Roger Haagenon who is hospitalized in Florida.
- Cathy Sadler is at Carolina Village Medical Center as she heals from fall-related injuries and corrective surgeries.
- Kay Davis is receiving chemotherapy in Florida.
- For those dealing with anxiety and depression in these times.

Our Birthdays this Week:

- Andrea Berndt10/18
- Sheila Clendenning10/19
- Romella Hart-O’Keefe10/21
- Theo Sharps10/22
- Thom Gauthier10/24

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.

MINISTERS
All of the Congregation

- Rev. Karla Miller

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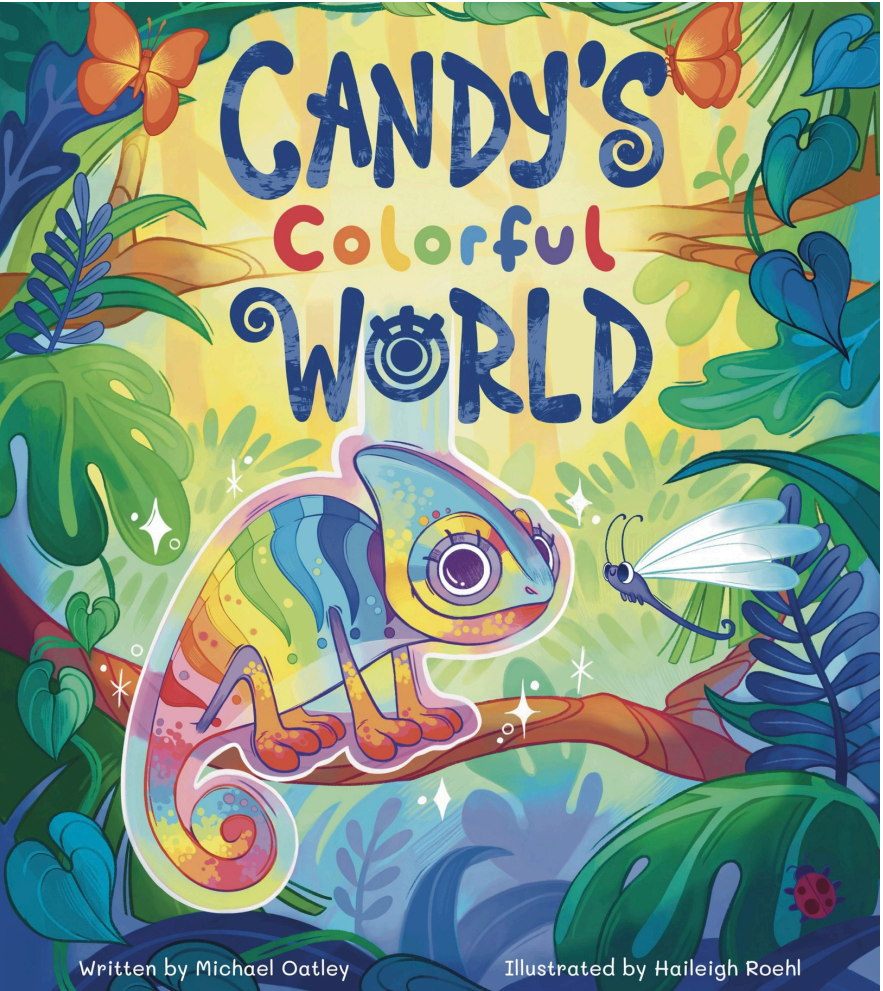
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Welcome Home

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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