



# Church Council Team Spotlight

## OUR STAFF SUPPORT AND REVIEW TEAM

As you might expect, the last year and a half has been extremely unusual in the life of our church. It has certainly been not only unusual, but taxing at times for our outstanding church staff. They have all been called upon to make sacrifices, either financially or in shifting job descriptions, or both. In some instances they have been asked to take on much more than they “signed on for”. But they have ALL risen to the task, and then some! Beckie, Amy and Lorraine have not only kept the office operating smoothly, they have literally kept the church and its members connected through a pandemic. And Brett, Sherri, Pru and Kai-i continued to provide beautiful music for our online services. None of this has been easy for the staff, but I hope that they know how much we as a congregation appreciate their efforts!

Over the last several months, the Staff Support and Review team has been able to sit down with each and every one of this amazing staff and find out how they’ve been holding up. We also asked what we, as council and church, could do to help them in their jobs. We’ve also, hopefully, been able to express to each of them how much the congregation appreciates their service and dedication. The good news is that, to a person, they have recently felt a great relief and the beginning of a return to some sort of “normal”. This has all been due to the presence and addition of Pastor Scott who has taken so much from the shoulders of the staff. We are truly in a better place as a congregation than we’ve been for a long time!

There’s a real feeling that things are getting better, and I know that when we sit down with the staff again later this year, we will be in an even better place! Thanks again to the outstanding and caring staff of First Congregational Church!!! When you see any of this great group of people, take the time to tell them how glad you are that they’re here.

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