



Church Council Team Spotlight

Pictured in the Brat Fry stand on June 27 are Jason Jacque, Team Chair, Joshua Jacque, Jodi Cowen, and Craig Modahl. (Not pictured, Team Member Bev Mueller)

OUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

After a couple years of inactivity, our Stewardship Team was reformed in June of 2020 with a list of refined roles and responsibilities. With COVID restrictions in full effect, the team met remotely via Zoom video while still having an active role in the community with the placement of two new banners outside of the church, a survey of church members and friends to help understand why we are part of our church, and a Brat Fry on October 3, 2020 to help cover the 2020 loan interest costs for the repairs to our church windows and bell tower. The Brat Fry proceeds and donations brought in \$685.94. A second Brat Fry was held June 27th of this year, raising almost \$700 to go towards the first monthly payment of for window/bell tower loan last month. We thank everyone for their support!

Our team is busy planning the execution of the coming Fall Stewardship Campaign. Please be on the lookout for announcements, testimonials, and mailings coming your way! A kick-off letter is on the next page.

As always, we welcome anyone interested to join our team. Please reach out to Beckie in the church office and she will help connect us.

Respectfully,
Jason Jacque, Chair
Jodi Cowen
Craig Modahl
Bev Mueller

FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF LETTER



How are we "rooted" in our church community?

In a few weeks, we will kick off our Annual Stewardship Campaign. While this is primarily a time to consider your financial support for First Congregational Church in the coming year, it is also a time to reflect and be thankful for our church community. This year's campaign theme is "Rooted in Love".

During the campaign, we will hear from members of the church who are willing to share their commitment to our church and why they chose to be a part of our church family. Lifting up these stories celebrates the acts of generosity that "root" a congregation.

We invite you to think about your roots and the ways that our church "grounds you" in your faith. Our church changes lives by answering God's call to love your neighbor, children, and creation. Our congregation welcomes people who've felt estranged from God and the rest of Christianity. We support each other through joys and times of loss and grief. And we come together to serve others outside our congregation: to prepare meals to the most vulnerable people in our area, support programs that speak out against injustice, and strive to be an open and inclusive community of faith.

The work within and beyond our church can happen because of the generous financial and volunteer support of our community. Because of you, our church shares God's love. While there are many ways to support the congregation, our annual campaign provides a chance to think in a particular and prayerful way about the choices we make with our money in support of the church. Pledges of financial support provide over 82% of our budget as a congregation. Without your gifts to the annual pledge campaign we would not be able to engage in the programs, projects, ministry and worship experiences that define our community life.

More details about the Stewardship Campaign will be shared throughout the coming month, including designated ways to give. We look forward to sharing many stories of how our members find their 'roots' in our church community.

-Your Stewardship Team