

Board of Community Life Presented during Worship on March 12, 2017

I'm Marcia Olson and I'm here to talk to you about the Board of Community Life, which I have the privilege of serving on, and which has provided me with a unique perspective into the life of this wonderful congregation.

When I was first approached about being on the Board of Community Life, I had no idea what the Board did! And in spite of being a member of this church since the late 1960s, and feeling like I knew a lot of people here, I didn't even know half of the members of this Board! That was all to change.

For starters, I learned that our Board's objective is to create and support ways for you, the members and friends of this congregation, to interconnect....to get to know one another better....and to have a richer more nourishing congregational life. That sounds like quite a serious objective, and it is, but we sure have a lot of fun working to achieve it. You may, or may not be familiar with the many activities we sponsor. Some are intergenerational; some are targeted to specific groups.

They include the annual Advent Workshop, the periodic Friday Movie Nights w/ Pizza, the All-Church Camping Weekend, Game Day, Pew Warmers, our fun loving co-ed softball team that is open to all ability levels (all you really need is heart!), the Long Term Members Celebration, and our newest addition, 55 Alive, the lively luncheon followed by a program and discussion on the first Wednesday of the month. And then there are occasional other activities like a Sunday afternoon bike ride, a walk in the woods, or a special theater performance.

We would also like you to think of our Board as a kind of incubator....so that if you have an idea for a program that you would like to start, we might be able to assist you in making it happen. That is how both the Sunday morning Men's Group and 55 Alive got started.

That is my brief overview of the Board of Community Life. The opportunity to work with such good people, bound together by a common purpose, has been a gift from First Congregational Church to me. There is no better way to feel fully invested in this church than to serve on one of its Boards. It has been a deeply satisfying experience..... I've learned so much.....and it has been so much fun! Thank you for your generosity!