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The Good News...

What a joy to welcome brand new little JJ Suchowolec into the world! Congratulations to Emily and Joe (Libby and Kate too) and prayers for good health and rest for momma and baby. The news comes as a beautiful balance to my preparations for our time of remembrance this Sunday; saying farewell for now to those passed and celebrating new life with our latest family member. I'll hope you'll join me in sending a word of congratulations and love to the Suchowolec family as well as embracing the families of our departed over the last year who will be joining us in worship on Sunday.

Our Becoming Better group is in full swing; some five weeks in and I have great hopes for healing and growth and unity in the journey ahead coming out of this class. Our Community Life Wednesday evening activities are experimenting with a new format as we have extended the homily/ discussion into the 7 o'clock hour, giving us plenty of time to discuss last Sundays sermon topic. I hope you'll take some time on Wednesday evenings to join us. Spread the word about our free meal at 5:30 pm and consider joining us yourselves. It's a great time of fellowship and community.

It's been a quiet month with our compassion ministry and Deacons' Discretionary Fund. With the account being almost completely depleted, our ability to help has been reduced to gas cards only. As a result, we've not been seeing as many coming for assistance and have had a drop in our Wednesday evening meals. Cold weather has caught up with us now and Thanksgiving is right around the corner, so I'm hoping to be able to continue offering assistance in our community. If you'd like to donate, we have a box outside the Sanctuary or you can contact the front office. It would be much appreciated.

Advent season and all its holidays are right around the corner. We're preparing for cantata and Christmas Eve services, pageants and parties. This month is a month marked by gratitude and thanksgiving with a rich pilgrim heritage for us. Next month is the season of light and hope and anticipation as we look forward to Christ Jesus coming again by remembering and celebrating his first coming into the world; full of grace and peace. 2017 has been a rough year; for our church & our country, but hope & love are here. It's an exciting time at First Congregational Church of Greenville and I'm eager to celebrate with you once again.

*Pax Christi,
Rev. Jason Dillingham*



IN OUR PRAYERS

IN OUR MILITARY... Ben Crittenden, Jacob Crittenden, Matthew Crittenden, Jordan Varney, Paul Lepley, TJ Curry, Joshua Roose, Blake Schlien, Stephanie Roose, Melissa Staffen, Rick Grimes, & Joe Suchowolec

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

<i>Marta Lores</i>	<i>Bill Delp</i>	<i>Rob Sansom</i>	<i>Pat Toth</i>
<i>Lucille McLachlan</i>	<i>Betty Lincoln</i>	<i>Sandra Tiffany</i>	<i>Roxy Rice</i>
<i>Barb Hoy</i>	<i>Dixie Kingsbury</i>	<i>Greg Gardner</i>	<i>Brian Tiffany</i>
<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Patricia Butts</i>	<i>Chris Bosch</i>	<i>Ken Thomas</i>

AT CARE FACILITIES

<i>Millie Crowe</i>	<i>-at Maple Creek, Grand Rapids</i>
<i>Lois Hazlewood</i>	<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #31</i>
<i>Bette Houle</i>	<i>-at Lakeview Terrace Assisted Living</i>
<i>Natalie & Dick Kilfoil</i>	<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #20</i>
<i>Al & Helen Koett</i>	<i>-at Metron Greenville</i>
<i>Mary Lou Merritt</i>	<i>-at Green Acres</i>
<i>Corla Morgan</i>	<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #103</i>
<i>Kathie Sansom</i>	<i>-at Green Acres</i>
<i>Mary Crittenden</i>	<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #109</i>
<i>Norma Nicholas</i>	<i>-at Green Acres Room #201</i>
<i>Ken Thomas</i>	<i>-at SHUM RM #102</i>
<i>Jackie Kocher</i>	<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #117</i>

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

<i>Penny Curtis</i>	<i>Daughter of Myron Tiffany</i>
<i>Robert Dunn</i>	<i>Brother of Sandra Tiffany and Larry Snow</i>
<i>Coreen Johnston</i>	<i>Mother of Lynne Rowland</i>
<i>Pam Hann</i>	<i>Daughter of Myron Tiffany</i>
<i>Judith Rice-Lesage</i>	<i>Sister of Roxy Rice</i>
<i>Debbie Stevenson</i>	<i>Sister of Linda Jones</i>
<i>Mike Tuin</i>	<i>Son of Janet Tuin</i>
<i>Jenica Tipton</i>	<i>Granddaughter of Chris Hubbard</i>
<i>Marjoan Wohlfert</i>	<i>Sister of Michele Kocher</i>
<i>Melissa McMullen</i>	<i>Granddaughter of Myron Tiffany</i>
<i>Jim Sayers</i>	<i>Friend of Larry Snow</i>
<i>Mary Hopkins</i>	<i>Friend of Marta Lores</i>
<i>Lucas Hopkins</i>	<i>Grandson of Carolyn Coles</i>
<i>John Ayers</i>	<i>Friend of Betty Lincoln</i>
<i>L. Quinn Lincoln-Keon</i>	<i>Friend of Betty Lincoln</i>
<i>Tonya Addis</i>	<i>Niece of Marian Griffith</i>
<i>Phil & Mar</i>	<i>Friends of Chris Hubbard</i>
<i>Mariaya Bisson</i>	<i>Niece of Joe & Emily Suchowolec</i>
<i>Bill Boyd</i>	<i>Brother of Bonnie Braman</i>
<i>Tom Deal</i>	<i>Brother of Candy Deal-Outman</i>
<i>Ann Hutler</i>	<i>Daughter of Mary Crittenden</i>
<i>Jill Williams</i>	<i>Daughter-in-law of Michele Kocher</i>

Special Thanks:

~ Thank you to my church family for the many prayers, visits, and meals after my recent surgery. What a great feeling to be so cared for! Love, Patricia Butts

~ I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and concerns for me during my recoveries from my back and hip surgeries. Special thanks to Pastor Jason and Patrice. God Bless, Jerry McPherson

***Please help to keep our prayer list current. Let us know if there are any changes needed to the prayer list.**

~ November 2017 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10a PURLS 1p Winslow 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Service 6:30 Bethany 7p BS Groups 7p Boy Scouts	2 4:15 CC 6:30 GS 7:30 AA	3 11:30 AA <div>PF Retreat @ Lincoln Lake Baptist Youth Camp →</div>	4
5 Communion & Memorial Sunday 9a Cantata Rehearsal 10a Choir 10a Bible Study 11a Worship <div>PF Retreat →</div> 3p Venture 6p AA	6 5:30 Cubs	7	8 10a PURLS 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Service 7p BS Groups 7p Boy Scouts	9 4:15 CC 6:30 GS 6:30 GS Leader Mtg. 7:30 AA	10 11:30 AA	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>
12 Volunteer Appreciation Day 9a Cantata Rehearsal 10a Choir 10a Bible Study 11a Worship Preschool 12:15 PF 3P Venture 6p AA	13 5:15 Cub Leader Mtg. 5:30 Cubs 6:30 Deacons	14 5P HCA Potluck	15 10a PURLS 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Service 7p BS Groups 7p Boy Scouts	16 4:15 CC (Sanctuary) 7p F.A.N. 7:30 AA	17 11:30 AA	18 WF Bazaar in FH from 9-2
19 9a Cantata Rehearsal 10a Choir 10a Bible Study 11a Worship Children's Choir PF Dinner 3p Venture 6p AA	20 <i>Preschool Thanksgiving Feast (3's)</i> 5:30 Cubs	21 <i>Preschool Thanksgiving Feast (4&5's)</i>	22 10a PURLS 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Service 7p BS Groups 7p Boy Scouts <div>Thanksgiving Break →</div>	23 	24 11:30 AA	25
26 9a Cantata Rehearsal 10a Choir 10a Bible Study 11a Worship 3p Venture 6p AA	27 5:30 Cubs 6p Cubs Pack Mtg. 7p Trustees	28 <i>10a WF Deck the Halls</i> 7p Council	29 10a PURLS 1p WF Board 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Service 7p BS Groups 7p Boy Scouts	30 4:15 CC (Sanctuary) 6:30 GS 7:30 AA		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December 2017					1 11:30 AA 6p Santa Parade Venture Crew Lock-in →	2 PF Annual Shopping Trip & Start 'Coats for Christ'
3 Communion 9a Cantata Rehearsal 10a Choir 10a Bible Study 11a Worship 3p Venture 6p AA	4 5:30 Cubs	5	6 10a PURLS 1p Winslow 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Service 6:30 Bethany 7p BS Groups 7p Boy Scouts	7 4:15 CC (Sanctuary) 6:30 GS 6:30 GS Leader Mtg. 7:30 AA	8 11:30 AA	9 1p Cantata Dress Rehearsal 2p WF Tea
10 9a Cantata Rehearsal 10a Choir 10a Bible Study 11a Service Cantata Preschool Sings 12:15 PF Mtg. 3p Venture 6p AA	11 5:15 Cub Leader Mtg. 5:30 Cubs 6:30 Deacons	12 5p HCA Potluck	13 10a PURLS 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Service 7p BS Groups 7p Boy Scouts	14 4:15 CC (Sanctuary) 6:30 GS 7:30 AA GS Lock-in →	15 11:30 AA	16 10a CC Rehearsal
17 9:30 Choir 10a Bible Study 11a Worship CC Pageant PF Christmas Party 3p Venture 6p AA	18 5:30 Cubs 6p Cubs Pack Mtg. 7p Trustees	19 School Christmas Break 12/19 to 1/3 7p Preschool Pageant	20 10a PURLS 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Service 7p BS Groups	21 7p F.A.N. 7:30 AA	22 11:30 AA	23 Christmas Break →
24 Christmas Eve 9:30 Choir 10a Bible Study 11a Worship PF Assist	25  (no service)	26	27 10a PURLS 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Service 7p BS Groups	28 7:30 AA	29 11:30 AA	30 Christmas Break → Pastor on vacation →
31 New Years Eve 10a Bible Study 11a Service Special Music—TBA Pastor (off) →						

PASTORAL NEWS



Community Life Service (CLS): Please join us for a dinner at 5:30pm, service at 6:15, and Bible study at 7:00 pm. There is childcare for those families wishing to come. If you'd like to join in on this ministry or help with the evening events in any way, please contact Pastor Jason. We are asking for any donations to help with the dinner to help feed the members in our community who are in need.

Pastoral Care: Our Pastoral Care team is here for all of us! If you could use some spiritual or emotional care, we hope you will reach out to our Pastoral Care Team. Contact the church office to arrange a time to get together.

DEACONS NEWS

The Diaconate is thrilled to announce three new deacons who will finish unfulfilled terms. They are Ann Corner, Jerry McPherson, and Terri Merritt. Congratulations and welcome to them, and a big thank you for taking on such a vital function of church leadership! Greeters, Ushers, and Coffee Hour volunteers still needed. If you can assist in any of the areas listed or simply want to help bring in cookies for coffee hour, please stop by the library to sign up. Thank you!

PARISH NEWS

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Program is a FREE service provided by Spectrum Health and FCCOG! This is a valuable service in the event you or your loved one should be hospitalized. Please stop in the office for a registration packet and for more information.

BECOMING BETTER: These classes are held on Sundays at 9:30 am & Wednesday nights at 7pm. Both sessions are held in the conference room. So far, we have about 25 people involved in this class, which is very encouraging! Please join us as we continue to discuss the main ideas of "The Five Dysfunctions of a Team". This past week we focused on the importance of trust. Our next session will discuss our fear of conflict and how constructive conflict can help us resolve issues. If you can't attend, please pray for us as we work together to learn more. If you have any questions, please contact Suzy Kreeger or Linda Jones.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

As we enter this season of thanksgiving, we would like to thank all of you who have given your time, talents, and treasures this past year. We have been very busy this year with the transition and now we would like to ask you for your help. The annual stewardship request cards have been mailed out. Please give thoughtful consideration as to what you can give this next year. We have fallen behind our needed income for this year, so any increase would be greatly appreciated. Also, in that letter is a survey that we would like the whole congregation to fill out. We would like to know how we are doing in your eyes. All positive suggestions will be considered. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it anonymously as soon as possible. If you know of anyone who did not receive a letter, please let the office know and one can be sent out. *Sincerely, Your Stewardship Committee*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

- Terri Lynn Nut products will be available for pick-up in at the WF Holiday Bazaar on the 18th. Questions, contact Chris at 754-7464.
- Women's Fellowship is updating the directory. Please get any updated information to your Circle Director by December 1st.
- Circles Meet: November 1, Winslow at 1pm and Bethany at 6:30pm.
- November 17th, we will Decorate the Church for the Bazaar.
- November 28th will be the next Board Meeting and will decorate the Sanctuary.
- December 6 will be the Circle Christmas Meetings
- December 9th will be Ye Old Fashioned Christmas Tea with Village Green Singers.
- Please contact the Church office if you would like a ride to attend any of the events listed above!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Friendly Reminder: Sunday School classes will not be held on the first Sunday of the month. This is so the children/youth of our congregation can participate with communion.

- Next CE Meeting will be December 12th at 7pm.
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Preschool News



October was a very busy but fun month! The children had a visit from the fire department for fire safety month and decorated for Halloween! The children have learned about the circle of life as the seasons change and carving pumpkins for fun! They were also able to trunk-o-treat right here at school! November is a month to think of things we are thankful for. They will be singing in church on November 12th and giving thanks for the many volunteers that help in class every day! They will also be having their annual Thanksgiving dinner with Ms. Candy and the Grandparents on the 20th and 21st in Fellowship Hall! They will then have a short holiday break with class resuming on the 27th. And then we will begin the festivities for our Christmas season with the birth of Christ and all that the season brings. *The fun never stops here at Ms. Candy's Preschool!*

Celebrations

Happy Anniversary

Brian & Lisa Gardner (11/2),
Chris & Doug Dodd (11/24),
Jack & Ann Corner (11/28), and
Harry & Rose Riddle (11/29).

- **Happy Birthday!** to Karen Hulbert (11/1), Carol Menard (11/1), Chris Bosch (11/13), John House (11/24), Ann Corner (11/25), Lainey Emerson (11/26), Sandra Tiffany (11/26), Bill Ahrens (11/28), and Dan Eagles (11/29).



- **Birth Announcement!**

Joseph Allen Suchowolec Jr. born on November 2nd at 10:40am. Weighing 6lbs. 11 oz. 19.5in long - to Proud Parents Emily and Joe Suchowolec.



CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

FCC Church Hours: Monday through Friday 9am to 3:30pm. Please contact the church office at 616-754-3445 with any questions or requests. Thank you!

Prayer List: I will be "refreshing" the prayer list in January 2018. If you would like to have yourself or someone put back on the prayer list, please let me know. Thank you!

MUSICAL NEWS



The Chancel Choir meets on Sundays before church at 9:30am. We are always looking for new members to join. Please contact Greg VanderMark if you would like to sing in the choir!

The Children's Choir (for 3-12 yr. old's) meets weekly, with practice on Thursdays at 4:15 to 5:15pm. **We are still looking for any children wishing to join the group!** We will sing in church about every month to six weeks. A couple of our special performances will be a Christmas pageant, Easter Sunday, and Children's Day in May! Church choir has a lot to offer kids. This is an opportunity for your little one to join in fellowship with other children of the church and to learn to sing songs of love and praise as a young Christian - from an amazing singer and performer! If you would like more information, please contact Valerie VanderMark. ☺



November Events

Women's Fellowship Holiday Bazaar!

- This year's Holiday Bazaar offers something for everyone! Buy a box of homemade cookies for only \$5.00 or buy breads and pies for the holidays.
- Kids Come Too! Come get your face painted, get a picture with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, have craft fun, and make cards!
- Treat the whole family to a delicious lunch while browsing the crafts!
- Buy tickets to win special items at the raffle.
- Terri Lynne Nuts will be available for purchase and pick up.

In the meantime, ladies can bake delicious goodies and men who are 'crafty' can donate items to the raffle.

We hope to see the whole congregation on **November 18th from 9am to 2pm** for Fun, Food, and Fellowship!



Ladies Mark Your Calendars for...

Ye Old Fashioned Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 9th at 2:00 pm

*Dress in your finest vintage clothing
or wear a vintage hat provided*

Come listen to the Greenville High School's

Village Green Singers

Followed by tea sandwiches and cookies

Bring Your Friends!

CHURCH COUNCIL/BOARD MEETINGS:

Deacons: Monday the 13th at 6:30pm.

Trustees: Monday the 27th at 7pm.



Sunday School

Meets November 12, 19, and 26.

In December, we encourage our Sunday School children to attend church to enjoy the Advent Season as a family. Communion, A Christmas Cantata, A Children's Pageant, and Christmas Eve Morning Service are all special days to attend church. Please mark your calendars and join us!

With Communion on January 7, 2018, Sunday School will resume January 14, 2018.



CALLING ALL DECORATORS!

- Want to get in the Holiday Spirit?
- Come help decorate the Sanctuary on Tuesday, November 28th
- Need lots of help for BIG & SMALL jobs
 - Coffee and treats provided
 - Meet at 10 am in the library!

~ *Mutual Ministry for November 2017* ~

Please see the list below. If you able to help in any way, please contact the Deacons. Thank you!

November 5 – Communion & Daylight Savings Ends

Greeters: Carol & Vivian Minard

Liturgist: Roxy Rice

Children's Message: Megan Dillingham

Ushers: Bonnie Braman, Carolyn Coles, and Darlene Petersen

Coffee Hour: Patricia Butts and The Dillingham Family

Nursery: **NEEDED**

Sound Tech: **NEEDED**

November 12

Greeters: Claude Johnson and Patricia Butts

Liturgist: Bonnie Wickerham

Children's Message: Megan Dillingham

Ushers: Jack Corner, Larry Alman, and Karen Hulbert

Coffee Hour: Julie Momber and

2 more needed

Nursery: **NEEDED**

Sound Tech: **NEEDED**

November 19

Greeters: Doug & Chris Dodd

Liturgist: Jack Corner

Children's Message: Cindy Hanson

Ushers: Anita Putnam, Jerry McPherson, and **1 more needed**

Coffee Hour: Duane & Anita Putnam and Carolyn Foster

Nursery: **NEEDED**

Sound Tech: **NEEDED**

November 26

Greeters: Jack Corner, Candy Outman, and Patrice Fulton Peacock

Liturgist: Susan Beauvais

Children's Message: Megan Dillingham

Ushers: Larry Alman, 2 more needed

Coffee Hour: **NEEDED**

Nursery: **NEEDED**

Sound Tech: **NEEDED**



General Fund: Operating Budget Income

October 2016 YTD \$200,007.69

October 2017 YTD \$175,896.02

Shortfall \$24,000.67

Trustees of the Month: Jack Corner and Steve Roose
Deacon of the Month: Ann Corner