



# FCC PILGRIM PULSE

APRIL 2020

*Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday Blessings to all!*



**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*After His suffering. He gave many convincing proofs that He was alive.*

*~Acts 1:3*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross as Savior  
For the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.*

*Now the iron bars are broken,  
Christ from death to life is born;  
Glorious life, and life immortal,  
On this resurrection morn.  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer  
By His mighty enterprise;  
We with Him to life eternal  
By His resurrection rise.*



*~words by C. Wordsworth, music by Beethoven to the tune of "Hymn To Joy"*

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**IN OUR MILITARY:** Matthew Crittenden, Jordan Varney, Paul Lepley, TJ Curry, Joshua Roose, Stephanie Roose, Melissa Staffen, Rick Grimes, Joe Suchowolec, Griffin Gloden, and Kyle Durdle.

### WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

<i>Sandra Tiffany</i>	<i>Marta Lores</i>	<i>Larry Moss</i>	<i>Gary Petersen</i>	<i>Mike Tuin</i>
<i>Rob Sansom</i>	<i>Lucille McLachlan</i>	<i>Jackie Kocher</i>	<i>Roxy Rice</i>	<i>Holly Case</i>
<i>Marjoan Wohlfert</i>	<i>David Crittenden</i>	<i>Bill &amp; Jean Boyd</i>	<i>Pat Toth</i>	<i>Tom Deal</i>
<i>Bonnie Braman</i>	<i>Coreen Johnston</i>	<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Carrol Minard</i>	<i>Jasmine Luce</i>
<i>Lucas Hopkins</i>	<i>Judith Rice-Lesage</i>	<i>Michael Balars</i>	<i>Mary Haskins</i>	<i>Mark Iverson</i>
<i>Barb Hoy</i>	<i>Don Haist</i>	<i>Ken Reed</i>	<i>Jack Corner</i>	

### FCC FAMILY AT CARE FACILITIES

<i>Lois Hazelwood</i>		<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #31</i>
<i>Bette Houle</i>		<i>-at The Brook Assisted Living, Cedar Springs</i>
<i>Natalie Kilfoil</i>		<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #20</i>
<i>Corla Morgan</i>		<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #103</i>
<i>Norma Nicholas</i>		<i>-at Green Acres Room #201</i>
<i>Jelane Hamper</i>		<i>-at Green Acres Room #206</i>
<i>Lois Visch</i>		<i>-at Masonic Pathways in Alma Room #282A</i>
<i>Bob Dunn</i>		<i>-at Metron</i>
<i>Keith King</i>		<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #25</i>
<i>Polly Boatwright</i>		<i>-at Green Acres Room #204</i>

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS

<i>James Griffith, Jr.</i>	<i>Nephew of Marian Griffith</i>
<i>Jim &amp; Kitty Case</i>	<i>Father &amp; Stepmother of Jim Case</i>

**Prayer List Reminder:** Please help us update the prayer list. If your loved one is doing well, or needs to be kept on, please let us know.

Please remember when putting a name on the prayer list,

**YOU MUST HAVE PERMISSION TO DO SO** – for privacy issues.

### Congratulations to:

- To Sarah and Ryan Kent on the birth baby boy #2! Hudson Sawyer Kent 8lbs. 9oz. Born January 31, 2020. Sarah is the daughter of Debbie Adair and granddaughter of Jerry & Gloria McPherson.
- Jenica Tipton on the birth of her new baby boy! Bentley Ryan 9lbs. 20". He was welcomed by his big brother Brian, sister Brionna, and Great Grandma Chris Hubbard on February 18, 2020.
- To Andrew and Anne Merritt on the birth of their new baby boy, Stephen Thomas Merritt. He was welcomed by his parents, big brother Clement, and Grandmother Terri Merritt, on February 29, 2020.

### Continue Prayers for:

Sharry Johnson, Jerry McPherson, Ken Reed, Don Haist, and Barb Hoy.  
Also, for the family of Dave Graham as he passed away March 14, 2020.

## ~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

### CHURCH HELP NEWS

- If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Ed Milam at (517) 930-3007 or Claude Johnson at (616) 894-5595.
- If you are in need of medical assistance, questions or concerns, please contact our Parish Nurse, Patrice, at (616) 894-7288.
- If you have general questions or concerns regarding our Church, please contact Duane Putnam at (616) 835-6487.

### TRUSTEE NEWS

- The February 2020 shortage is \$22,996.75.
- **The next meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

### DEACON NEWS

Here are highlights from the last meeting:

- **Meetings will now be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.**
- Officers were selected as follows: Deb Dieckman, Chair; Dave Welsch, Vice Chair; Fran Gibbs (tentatively), Secretary; Don Gibbs, Treasurer. Church Council Reps will be Dave Welsch and Jim Ritzema with Jane Truesdell and Coleen Venema as alternates.
- All confirmands and baptisms are currently on hold until further notice.
- Deacons are pulling together plans to create "care packages" for Joe Suchowolec and our other veterans deployed around the world. Details on how you can help will be shared soon!

### CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

**OFFICE HOURS** are Mon-Thurs from 9-3. The door is locked during office hours but if you need assistance, please call ahead. \*Please make sure to update your contact info with the church office to receive mailings on upcoming events!

### PARISH NURSE NEWS

Patrice is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays with any medical questions or concerns. Please call (616) 894-7288, between 8am and 4pm and on Fridays from 8am to 11am.

### CELEBRATIONS

**Happy Birthday!** To Jack Corner (4/7), Lizzy Emerson (4/7), Bonnie Braman (4/8), Rosel Eagles (4/8), Duane Putnam (4/10), Joe Suchowolec (4/17), Gloria McPherson (4/23), and Marilyn Jones (4/25).

**Happy Anniversary!** To Bryan & Angela Garvey (4/28).

### CHOIR NEWS

**Chancel Choir** practices are on hold until further notice.

### CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

- Our Sunday School Director will be mailing out Sunday School lessons for your children to enjoy at home! Our classes will resume as soon as Worship Services will resume. Please stay tuned!
- **Food Pantry:** we will resume taking donations on the 3rd Sunday of every month, when our Sunday Worship services resume.

### PF YOUTH NEWS

We have postponed all group meetings and trips until further notice. Please watch future mailings and our Facebook page for updates. If you would like to join or be contacted regarding upcoming retreats, please contact Claude Johnson at (616) 894-5595.

### PRESCHOOL NEWS

- As we move into April we have now began a new way of learning! Ms. Candy is currently holding online learning and class time through Facebook! She has daily activities and readings available for all preschool children during this time.
- Application packets for fall classes are available! Call the church office for more info on the different programs & requirements. Application packets are also available on our church website under "all" News/Events at [www.firstccog.org](http://www.firstccog.org). For additional questions, find Ms. Candy on Facebook, or by call the office at 754-7608 or preschool at 754-2445.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

- **Terri Lynn Nuts:** to purchase any available products, contact Chris Hubbard at ( 616) 754-7464.
- **WF Board & Circle Meetings** are postponed until further notice. Please watch our future mailings and check our Facebook page for updates. Thank you and be well!

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Due to COVID-19 all activities have been cancelled at the commission on Aging and meal sites. Since we are not sure how long these closures will last, please call to make sure your scheduled program is running. We will try to post our our closures on channel 8 and our updates on our Facebook page.

[www.montcalmcountymissiononaging.org](http://www.montcalmcountymissiononaging.org)

### **FCCoG Response to COVID -19:**

For the safety of our FCC Families and the entire Greenville Community, we are suspending services and all building usage as directed by our State and Federal Leaders until further notice. The Pastoral Care Team is available for comforting conversations and prayer. If you need help obtaining supplies or medications we can help make arrangements for you. Ed Milam will be posting daily devotionals on our Facebook page (First Congregational Church of Greenville Michigan) and on our webpage ([firstccog.org](http://firstccog.org)) so visit them regularly. Our Parish Nurse is also asking, if anyone would like to contact our members at care facilities with cards or phone calls to brighten their day, to please call her and she has addresses and phone numbers of those in need of cheering up!

Please stay tuned as this situation may change as the guidelines change. For more information please contact our Church Office at 616-754-3445 or by email at [office@fccogchurch.com](mailto:office@fccogchurch.com). Thank you and God Bless you all!

### **A Reminder from Your Church Council:**

We hope this finds you and your families well and healthy in the comfort of your own homes. We would like to let you know that, during this stressful time you can still reach out to your church family for assistance. The office will remain open with its normal hours.

We have been asked how our parishioners can continue giving to the church. Since the office will be open, simply send your checks directly to the church at: **126 East Cass St, Greenville, MI. 48838**. If you are not able to send a check, you may consider going to your online banking and add the church to your list of payees from your account. The bank will issue and send a check for you just like with any other vendor you are already paying. Since we have not had services where many use the collection plate as a means to present their tithes and offerings, our income has dwindled considerably so please continue giving as you are able.

### **A Reminder from Your Deacons:**

A letter was previously sent out by mail to everyone on our current mailing list. As we continue to update our membership contact information for the purpose of creating a directory, we are asking everyone to update your most current phone, email, and address as well as offering feedback on what would be most helpful to you and your family as a way of staying better connected to our church family. Please contact the church by calling (616) 754-3445 or emailing to [office@fccogchurch.com](mailto:office@fccogchurch.com) your responses, or by simply mailing back your form. Please know that we are praying for you and your family and if there is any way we can help connect with you or pray for you, please let us know.

**Trustees of the Month:** *TBA*  
**Deacon of the Month:** *TBA*

#### **BOARD MEETINGS:**

Council: Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Deacons: Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Trustees: Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

#### **General Fund: Operating Budget Income**

Feb 2019 YTD \$60,737.00 ♦ Feb 2020 YTD \$37,740.25  
Shortage YTD \$22,996.75