



# FCC PILGRIM PULSE

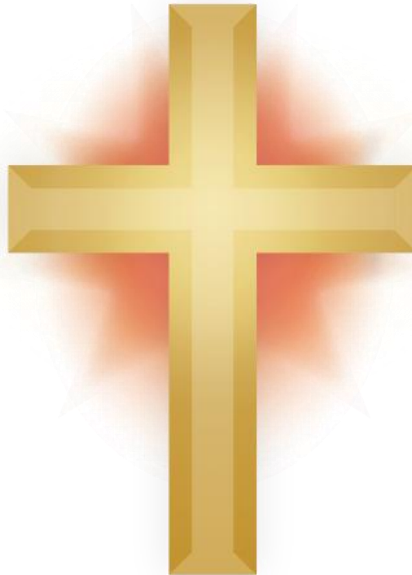
MAY 2020

## *All Are Welcome!*

*At First Congregational Church we believe all our members are ministers, called to serve God and our neighbors with the love and grace given to us through Christ Jesus.*

*We are a church that desires to love God and each individual made in God's image. Whether you are grounded in your faith or still questioning your faith or somewhere in-between, we invite you to come as you are, and as you are able.*

*All are welcome.*



*Please join us for our online services, every Sunday at 11:00 am.*

*Our services are posted to our Church website at: [www.firstccog.org](http://www.firstccog.org) and on our Facebook page 'First Congregational Church of Greenville.'*

## 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>	<i>James Griffith, Jr.</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>Jim &amp; Kitty Case</i>	<i>Father &amp; Stepmother of Jim Case</i>
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**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 Blake & Colleen Wickerham on the birth of their son Holden Nye Wickerham – born April 20th at 8lbs 15 oz. He is also welcomed by his grandparents, Brett Wickerham, Richard & Marge Levinson, and Katherine Wickerham and Great-Grandparents Gail Meyers and Lynn and Bonnie Wickerham.
- To parents Shayne & Anne Momber on the birth of their son Logan Paul Momber born April 16<sup>th</sup> (6lbs. 11oz.). He is also welcome by grandparents Don & Julie Momber.

### **Continue Prayers for:**

Terri Merritt, Barb Hoy, Richard Canfield, Norma Nicholas, Marta Lores, Sharry Johnson, Jerry McPherson, Ken Reed, and Don Haist.

## ~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

### CHURCH HELP NEWS

- If you need Pastoral Care, please contact Ed Milam at (517) 930-3007 or Claude Johnson at (616) 894-5595. If you need medical assistance, have 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 March 2020 shortage is \$16,287.64.
- **The next meeting is May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

### DEACON NEWS

- **Meetings are now on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.**
- All confirmands and baptisms are currently still on hold until further notice.
- Deacons are still planning 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 from 8-4 and from 8-11 on Fridays.

### PF YOUTH NEWS

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

### CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

Our Director continues to mail out Sunday School lessons for your children to enjoy at home! If you would like to receive the lessons, please contact the church office. Our classes will resume as soon as Worship Services will resume. Please stay tuned!

### CHOIR NEWS

Our Choir is looking for anyone who would like to join our wonderful group of talented singers! Please call the church office if you would like to join the choir.

### CELEBRATIONS

**Happy Birthday!** To Don & Julie Momber (5/9), Kris Jager (5/10), Kim Burden (5/12), Candy Outman (5/12), Kaydie Weber (5/12), Rich Cunningham (5/13), Jackie Kocher (5/13), Michael Balars (5/15), Linda Petersen (5/16), Doug Dodd (5/19), and Ron Kingsbury (5/22).  
**Happy Anniversary!** To John & Deb House (5/2), Joe & Emily Suchowolec (5/5), and **Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Dan & Rosel Eagles (5/7)!**

### PRESCHOOL NEWS

Application packets for fall classes are available! Call the church office for a packet or print one from our church website under "All News/Events" at [www.firstccog.org](http://www.firstccog.org). For additional questions, find Ms. Candy on Facebook.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

**WF Board & Circle Meetings** are still postponed until further notice. Please watch our future mailings and check our Facebook page for updates.

### CONNECT WITH US!

While we are sheltering at home from the COVID virus, the Deacons would like to kick off a **weekly Zoom meeting**. Here is the agenda for the Zoom meeting: Each person states what they are grateful or happy for during that week, what they are frustrated with or need encouraging and prayer for during that week, and a scripture is read. We close with prayer. The whole "meeting" takes 30 minutes. Depending upon how many people participate in the call, we may decide to separate into smaller groups to make sure there is time for everyone to speak during the 30 minute call. Logging into zoom is really easy. On a computer, go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). It will automatically download and take you to a page where in the upper right hand corner you have an option to: JOIN A MEETING. Click on that and put in the meeting id box: 320-002-2759. If you are joining the meeting from your cell phone, go to your App store and download the Zoom App. Then select the JOIN A MEETING option and put in the meeting id box: 320-002-2759. When given the option, be sure to select join with video. This is a free and very user friendly way to stay connected through your computer or phone. We hope to have you join us Wednesday's at 6:30p.m. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Trudi Cunningham or Suzy Kreeger. Trudi's email is [cunninghamz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cunninghamz@sbcglobal.net) and Suzy's is [skreeger6055@charter.net](mailto:skreeger6055@charter.net). If you do not have a computer or smart phone, stay tuned as we are working on some ideas to make sure everyone can connect.

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH REMINDERS

### FCCoG Response to COVID -19:

For the safety of our FCC Families and the entire Greenville Community, our Church services and all building usage are still suspended until further notice, as directed by our State and Federal Leaders. The Pastoral Care Team is still 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) 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 you and your families continue to stay 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:

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:** Kurt Kreeger and Duane Putnam  
**Deacon of the Month:** TBA

#### **BOARD MEETINGS:**

Council: Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Deacons: Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Trustees: Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

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

March 2019 YTD \$89,079.17 ♦ March 2020  
YTD \$72,791.53  
Shortage YTD \$16,287.64