



FCC PILGRIM PULSE

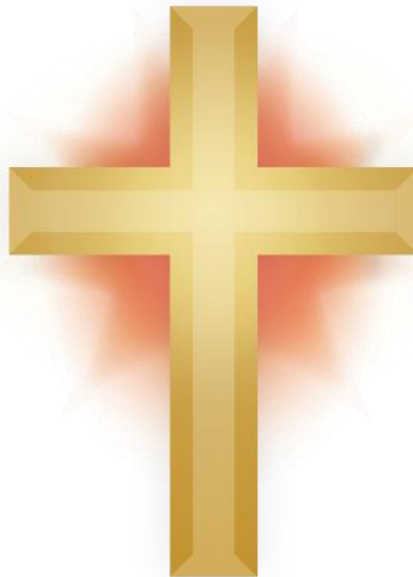
JULY 2020

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.



We are still meeting for Sunday Services in our Sanctuary at 10:00am! For those of you who still wish to view the service from your home, please join us for our online services every Sunday at 10:00 am.

Our services are posted to our Church website at: www.firstccog.org, our new YouTube Channel search 'First Congregational Church of Greenville Michigan' and on our Facebook page 'First Congregational Church of Greenville.'

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.

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 & 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>James Griffith, Jr.</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>
<i>Barb Hoy</i>		<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #117</i>

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jim & Kitty Case *Father & Stepmother of Jim Case*

A Message of "Thanks":

"Be sure you notice the wonderful gift Anita Putnam has made for us all. Her quilted crucifix is hanging in the stairwell up to the sanctuary and makes an amazing sign of greeting and welcome to all who come into worship. Thank you for your talent and generosity, Anita!"

Continue Prayers for:

Trudy Petersen, Bonnie Wickerham, Barb Hoy, Norma Nicholas, Keith King, and Don Haist.

BOARD MEETINGS:

Council: Monday the 6th at 6:30pm
Deacons: Tuesday the 14th at 6:30pm
Trustees: Monday the 27th at 6:30pm

General Fund: Operating Budget Income

May 2019 YTD \$144,534.95 ♦ May 2020 YTD \$119,018.28
Shortage YTD \$25,516.67

Trustees of the Month: Dan Eagles and Kirk Faber
Deacon of the Month: Deb Dieckman

~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

CHURCH HELP NEWS	PARISH NURSE NEWS
For Pastoral Care, contact Ed Milam at 517-930-3007 or Claude Johnson at (616) 894-5595. For medical assistance or questions/concerns, contact our Parish Nurse, Patrice, at (616) 894-7288.	Patrice is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-4 and from 8-11 on Fridays. Call 616-894-7288 for an appointment. • Spectrum Health is once again offering Grief Support & Education classes (days/times vary). Call Tracey at 616-486-2854 for more info & to register.
TRUSTEE NEWS	CHRISTIAN ED NEWS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The June 2020 shortage is \$25,516.67 The next meeting is July 27th at 6:30 pm. 	Sunday School Classes are on break until Fall. St. Paul Lutheran is not reaching out for Vacation Bible School this year, therefore we won't be having VBS either. We MAY hold a one-day event in August. Keeping social distances doesn't work well with kids but we will try to have some fun! Get more info in the next Pilgrim Pulse.
DEACON NEWS	CELEBRATIONS
<p>We have resumed meetings as a board and are looking forward to seeing you in church! While things may look a bit different with hand sanitizing stations and masks, our sanctuary is ready to worship the Lord! There is no coffee hour and we have shortened the service to limit the time of exposure to each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvements: technology with the sound system thanks to Bruce Beauvais and Tim Schmidt. We are adding a Music Committee that will be a subcommittee of the Deacons. We are organizing a "care package" for our very own Sgt. Suchowolec, who is deployed overseas. Here is a list of items he would enjoy & appreciate: Crystal Light drink mixes, beef jerky, granola bars, pringles (pizza flavored), candy bars, baby wipes, disposable razors, magazines or newspapers, trail mix, word search & Sudoku books, Our Daily Bread...past & current issues, and anything else people may think he could use. The box will be in the lobby starting Sun., July 5th. Anything you can bring to contribute will show Joe how much we're missing him and praying for his safe return. We'll keep the box out through July 19th, and then get it packed up and shipped off. We are all growing together to be safe as a community of worship! 	<p>Happy Birthday! To Terri Merritt (7/2), Betty Houle (7/4), Deb Dieckman (7/5), Claude Johnson (7/6), Cindy Hanson (7/7), Harry Riddle (7/9), Carla Durdle (7/12), Darlene Petersen (7/18), Chris Hubbard (7/19), Cap Tower (7/19), Blake Rowland (7/22), Zachary Norman (7/22), Marta Lores (7/23), and Sarah Milam (7/28).</p> <p>Happy Anniversary! To Jerry & Gloria McPherson (7/12) and Josh & Kim Kruger (7/14).</p>
CHURCH OFFICE NEWS	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS
<p>OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Thurs from 9-3. The door is locked; 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!</p>	<p>The board meeting on Aug. 26 will determine the safety of Circle meetings, Bazaar, & Fall events. Please do NOT plan on a Rummage Sale. Also, we will NOT have a Terri Lynn Nut Sale this Fall. See the list of what is still available: walnut pieces/halves, whole almonds, milk choc. cashews, milk choc. peanut clusters, dk. choc. almonds, milk choc. bridge mix, harvest medley, malted milk balls, almond cranberry granola, mixed yogurt raisins, milk choc. raisins, gummi bears, and milk choc. peanuts. Chris Hubbard will make arrangements for you to get them.</p>
PRESCHOOL NEWS	LIBRARY SUMMER ACTIVITIES
Packets for fall classes are available! Call the office for a packet or print one from our church website under "All News/Events" at www.firstccog.org . For additional questions, find Ms. Candy on Facebook.	<p>Consider visiting the Flat River Community Library, virtually! Registration is required. Register at: www.flatriverlibrary.org/events. Here is the line-up of events over the next month: Turtle Races! on Fri, July 10th at 2pm, Lost and Found: Ghost Towns of W. Central Michigan on Sat, July 11th at 2pm, Genealogy Toolbox on Thurs, July 23rd at 6:30pm and Comic Art Fantasy on Mon, July 27th at 3pm.</p>
PF YOUTH NEWS	CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS
PF Youth and Families are invited to join us at Pottersville Zoo Sun, July 19 th at 12pm. Families may stay as long as they like! For more info, contact Claude Johnson at (616) 894-5595.	We want to thank everyone for continuing to contribute and tithe with us! If you would like to send in a donation or info on how to tithe with us, please call the church office. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

SUNDAY SERVICE INFORMATION

As we continue to meet at 10:00 am on Sundays, we don't want anyone taking unnecessary chances with their health. If you are sick, have been exposed to Covid-19, or are a high-risk patient, please stay home for now and watch services online. We will continue to livestream the worship service on Facebook (First Congregational Church of Greenville), YouTube (First Congregational Church of Greenville Michigan), and the church website www.firstccog.org.

A few things we'll be doing to be sure our congregation stays safe . . .

- 1) Greeters at front and back doors will help you with new procedures (wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, have your temp taken). Remember, no handshaking, hugging or touching the door.
- 2) Ushers will seat you in the sanctuary, so we maintain at least six feet of social distance in the pews. Ushers will wear gloves to hand out bulletins.
- 3) The Order of Worship has been streamlined and there will be less singing and speaking by the congregation for a while.
- 4) The offering will be collected by the ushers at the end of the service as you exit the sanctuary.
- 5) There will be no nursery, Sunday School, or coffee hour right now.

These procedures have been developed with great concern and consideration for the health and safety of all who attend our services. We know there may need to be changes as we proceed, and the Church Council will be carefully monitoring the Coronavirus situation within and around Montcalm County. In the event of a significant uptick in reported cases in our area, we may need to consider closing again for a while.

Blessings to you all, The Reentry Committee on behalf of Church Council (Larry Alman, Deb Dieckman, Kirk Faber, Don & Fran Gibbs, Candy Outman & Patrice Fulton-Peacock)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

~ July 2020 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 10a PURLS 4p Girl Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	2 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	3	4 
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12 10a Worship Special Music – <i>Deb Dieckman</i> 3p Venture	13	14 6:30 Deacons	22 10a PURLS 4p Girl Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	23 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	24	25
19 10a Worship Special Music – TBA 3p Venture	20	21	29 10a PURLS 4p Girl Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	30 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	31	
26 10a Worship Special Music – <i>Larry Alman</i> 3p Venture	27 6:30p Trustees	28				