



# FCC PILGRIM PULSE

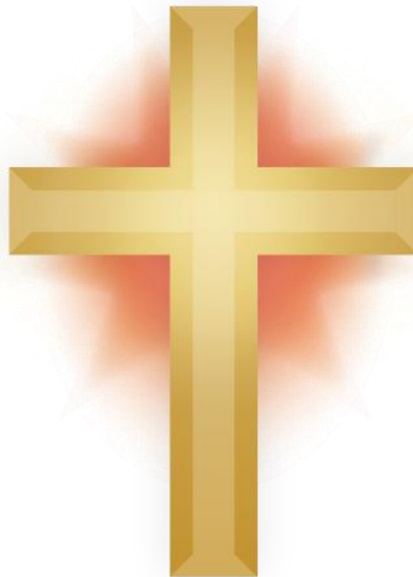
JUNE 2020

## *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 have a target date of June 14<sup>th</sup> for Service back in the sanctuary! Please see our updates inside! Until then, please join us for our online services, every Sunday at 11:00 am. Our services are posted to our Church website at: [www.firstccoq.org](http://www.firstccoq.org) 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 &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>
<i>Barb Hoy</i>	<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #117</i>



### FAMILY AND FRIENDS

<i>Jim &amp; Kitty Case</i>	<i>Father &amp; Stepmother of Jim Case</i>
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### **A Message of "Thanks":**

"To all of our Church family: Thank you for the many cards and good wishes and joining the drive-by parade. We genuinely enjoy our Church family and look forward to seeing you many more years!  
Love, Rosel & Dan Eagles"

### **Continue Prayers for:**

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

### **Special Prayers for:**

The family of Richard Canfield, as he passed away May 10, 2020. Service information TBA.

### **BOARD MEETINGS:**

Council: Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm  
Deacons: Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Trustees: Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm

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

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**Trustees of the Month:** Duane Putnam and Larry Snow

**Deacon of the Month:** TBA

## ~ 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 April 2020 shortage is \$13,380.01.
- **The next meeting is June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

### DEACON NEWS

Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

### 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

Christian Education is seeking the names of all children finishing first grade this year. We will honor them once church resumes. Please send your child's name to the church office via email at [office@fcccogchurch.com](mailto:office@fcccogchurch.com) or call 754-3445 and leave a message. Thanks! We hope you have been able to use and enjoy some of the Sunday School material being sent to you. The Sunday School year ended on May 17. Thank you teachers for your dedication and preparation that you put into Sunday School!

### 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

### CELEBRATIONS

[www.firstccog.org](http://www.firstccog.org). For additional questions, find Ms. Candy on Facebook.

**Happy Birthday!** To Steve Roose (6/9), Rose Riddle (6/11), Morgan M. Venema (6/15), Marian Griffith (6/17), Corey Norman (6/21), Sophia Norman (6/23), Dawson Weber (6/25). **Happy Anniversary!** To Steve & Diane Roose (6/11), Paul & Kris Jager (6/17), Ken & Kathy Reed (6/17), Duane & Anita Putnam (6/19), Vivian & Carol Minard (6/21), Jim & Patti Ritzema (6/28), Kirk & Celeste Faber (6/29), and Ken & Coleen Venema (6/29).

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

**WF Board & Circle Meetings** are still postponed until further notice. The Birthday Luncheon celebrating those 80 years old and above are still on hold for now, as well. Please watch our future mailings and check our Facebook page for updates.

### CONNECT WITH US!

**Please make sure to join us for our weekly Zoom meeting every Wednesday at 6:30pm!** Here is the information for how to connect with the Zoom meeting. If you are using your 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. With some new updates to Zoom, a password is now required for anyone who would like to join the Zoom Staying Connected meeting tonight at 6:30. **If you would like to join, go to [zoom.us](http://zoom.us)**, allow the program to download, put in the Zoom ID number of 320 002 2759 and the password is 816231.

- **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.
- **If you are joining us from a landline or a non-smart phone**, call Wednesday night at 6:30 to 1-253-215-8782. When the call is answered, they will be directed to put in meeting id number 320-002-2759. There is no password so they just press pound, #, and wait to be let into the meeting.

### CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

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!

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## **REOPENING DATE!**

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### **We're Back! We have a target date and are making plans!!**

Dear FCCoG Friends and Family . . . Plans are underway to reopen our church facility and bring in-person services back to all of us. Mark Sunday, June 14th on your calendar. With lots of work and some luck, that will be our first Sunday back.

Please note that it's a "target date," so this could change. The idea is to reopen the church as soon as the authorities announce that groups of 50 or 25% capacity (something like this) are okay. Right now, that rule has been raised from no gatherings outside your own household to small groups of 10 or less. So, we need to wait a bit longer. One thing we're realizing, this new world we're now living in requires flexibility!

Several tasks still await the committee that is spearheading our reentry to in-person services, but we do know a few specifics.

1. Both church entrances will be open, manned by volunteers to guide you with new procedures.
2. Masks, hand sanitizer, temperature taking via no-touch thermometers will all happen at the door.
3. Bring your own mask, please, but we will have a few washables to lend out if you forget. No mask? We'll have to ask you to leave. Sorry, but we just can't take the exposure risk.
4. Smiling and verbal greetings will be our welcoming gestures for awhile. No hand-shaking, hugging, touching, etc. Sorry, but these just aren't safe practices right now. If anyone thinks of a clever, no-touch greeting we could all use, please let us know!
5. Markings will be added to the floor to help you determine 6 ft. social distancing.
6. Only the main floor and sanctuary will be open for services. Main floor restrooms yes, but no nursery or preschool rooms.
7. One family, one couple, or one individual at a time in the elevator, please.
8. Plan to head up to the sanctuary when you get to church, and the ushers will help you be safely seated with social distancing in the pews. Lingering in the lobby or back entryway is a no-no since there just isn't enough room for safe distances.
9. The Deacons will be keeping a roster of church attendance (not quite sure yet in what format this will be). This will be important if the need arises to track those who've possibly come into contact with a COVID-19 patient.
10. At this time, we will not have nursery services, Sunday School, or Coffee Hour.

More information will be sent out to you as soon as we know more. The committee meets again soon to discuss our next issue: Making the Sanctuary and the Service as Safe as Possible.

We realize that some of our members may be reluctant to go out to as public a place as the church, where the number of people around will be greater than you've gotten used to recently. Some of our members have health reasons why staying home is still the safer alternative. Please feel comfortable making that choice. No one wants you to risk your health and safety. Our virtual worship services will continue as we'll film the in-person services and put them online for you to watch.

As long as we stay vigilant and take great care to safeguard ourselves and our loved ones, this situation will eventually pass. It may take awhile, but we are resilient and will persevere! Right? Of course right!

Looking forward to welcoming you back to church soon,

The Reentry Committee

on behalf of Church Council

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