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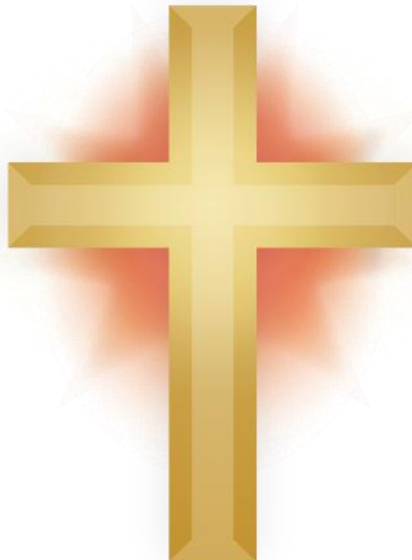
DECEMBER 2020

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.



Due to the recent CDC guidelines, we are meeting VIRTUALLY for Sunday December 6th and hope to back in the Sanctuary on December 13th. Please watch future mailings as our service guidelines may change as the CDC mandates.

For those of you who still wish to view the service from your home, please join as we now stream our services online LIVE! You can view the live videos by visiting our Church website at www.firstccog.org, or on our YouTube Channel and Facebook page; find us by searching for 'First Congregational Church of Greenville Michigan.'

Beginning January 1, 2021, we will be "cleaning up" our prayer list.
If you wish to have your name or your loved one kept on the list, please
contact the church office by December 31st.

Thank you!


IN OUR PRAYERS

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.

ONGOING PRAYERS FOR:

<i>Sandra Tiffany</i>	<i>Marta Lores</i>	<i>Jackie Kocher</i>	<i>Gary Petersen</i>	<i>Mike Tuin</i>
<i>Rob Sansom</i>	<i>Coreen Johnston</i>	<i>Bill & Jean Boyd</i>	<i>Roxy Rice</i>	<i>Holly Case</i>
<i>Bonnie Braman</i>	<i>Judith Rice-Lesage</i>	<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Pat Toth</i>	<i>Tom Deal</i>
<i>Lucas Hopkins</i>	<i>Don Haist</i>	<i>Emily Zukin</i>	<i>Carrol Minard</i>	<i>Jasmine Luce</i>
<i>Barb Hoy</i>	<i>Norma Nicholas</i>	<i>Bonnie Wickerham</i>	<i>Mary Haskins</i>	<i>Irene Carper</i>
<i>Maria Gallo</i>	<i>Chari Coles</i>	<i>Roger Abel</i>	<i>Trudy Petersen</i>	<i>Michele Kocher</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>Polly Boatwright</i>		<i>-at Green Acres Room #204</i>
<i>Barb Hoy</i>		<i>-at Canal View, Houghton County Medical Facility</i>

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

<i>James Griffith, Jr.</i>	<i>Nephew of Marian Griffith</i>
<i>Theresa Loper</i>	<i>Daughter of Larry Alman</i>
<i>Jerry Haverdink</i>	<i>Father of Cindy Hanson</i>
<i>Rylie Whitten</i>	<i>Granddaughter of Michele Kocher</i>

Are you in need of prayers? Are you in need of a visit or call?

Please contact any one of our Care Team Members with any of your needs:

Pastor Ed Milam (517) 930-3007, Claude Johnson (616) 894-5595, or

Patrice Fulton-Peacock (616) 894-7288

Special prayers for the Snow Family, for the loss of Robert Dunn. We also pray for Ted Geib.

BOARD MEETINGS:

Council: Monday, Dec. 7th at 6:30pm

Deacons: Tuesday, Dec. 8th at 6:30pm

Trustees: Monday, Dec. 28th at 6:30pm

Trustees of the Month: Cindy Hanson and Judy Swartz

Deacon of the Month: Don Gibbs

~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Due to recent guidelines set forth by the CDC, the events listed below are subject to change. Please watch our Facebook page, church emails, and church website for updates! Thank you!

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS	CELEBRATIONS
<p>A meeting and vote will be held after service in Dec. Date: TBA. This Vote is for all Congregational Members for the following purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Proposed changes to Article II of the Bylaws. 2) Proposed changes to Article VII of the Bylaws. 3) Proposed changes to Article VIII of the Bylaws. 4) Submit nominations for Pastoral Search Committee. 	<p>Happy Birthday! To Taylor McPherson (12/1), Betty Lincoln (12/9), and Kevin Venema (12/28).</p>
DEACON NEWS	PF YOUTH NEWS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is Dec. 8th at 6:30pm. • We are still taking donations for the Greenville Acre Adult Care Foster Home until Dec. 6th. Please bring in donations to our church lobby! Please call the office or check on our Facebook page for a list of items needed. • Please note the capacity listed outside the public meeting rooms in the church and please help us adhere to them for safety. • The Deacon's Discretionary Fund is again offering poinsettias for sale to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas. *Please see the flyer below. 	<p>Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. If you would like to join our Youth Group and find out about upcoming events/retreats, please contact the church office or Claude Johnson.</p>
CHURCH OFFICE NEWS	CHRISTIAN ED NEWS
<p>OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Thurs from 9-3. The door is locked early on Tuesday and Friday; if you need assistance, please call ahead. <u>*Please make sure to update your contact info with the church office to receive mailings on upcoming events!</u></p>	<p>We have developmentally designed curriculum for Pres-K on up to Grade 9. Please join our teachers for Sunday School during the service. Sunday School is held every Sunday except the 1st Sunday of the month so our teachers can have Communion and worship on that Sunday.</p>
PRESCHOOL NEWS	WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS
<p>We had another wonderful month of classes and learning in November! Although we were not able to have our annual Thanksgiving Feast with the preschool families, we still enjoyed a thanksgiving treat in class! The children learned about the first Thanksgiving, the changes in the seasons, and what it is to be thankful! Next month we will be celebrating the Birth of Jesus and hopefully get a visit from Santa himself! Our 3-year-old program still has room for a few more students. If you would like more information on how to enroll your little one, please call the church office.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Chrismon making session will be Sat., Dec. 5th at 2pm in Fellowship Hall. • Our next Board Meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 29th.
PARISH NURSE NEWS	MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS
<p>Patrice is available on Mon. & Thurs. from 8-4 and from 8-12 on Fridays. Call 616-894-7288 for medical questions, concerns or for an appointment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a flyer available at the church with a list of info of when to isolate and when to quarantine. There is also other information listing symptoms to look for whether you may have flu, a common cold, or COVID-19. Please make sure to look these over! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chancel Choir sings again on Dec. 20th. We will practice promptly at 9:30am. • At Thank you! To all who helped decorate the church! • Our next meeting is also Dec. 20th, after service.
	FCC BOOK STUDY GROUP
	<p>Please join our 12-week book study! We meet every Sunday after worship service for about an hour, in Fellowship Hall. We continue to study the book Twelve Ordinary Men by John MacArthur. Contact the office to purchase a book or see Fran Gibbs. All are welcome!</p>
	SPECIAL MESSAGE
	<p>We continue to meet in person church service in a modified format. *No changes are planned for the next few months. If you have symptoms of illness, please stay home and enjoy watching the livestream service on Facebook, YouTube, and the church's website! Please remember that we . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screen at the front and back doors • Must wear Masks throughout the service • Sit where pews are <u>not marked</u> • Maintain a social distance of six feet (we have plenty of room left for social distancing and our sanctuary has been 'safe' for service). • All doors are locked when the service begins. If you are running late, please knock on the front door (Cass Street) and the Deacon will let you in.

FCC CHRISTMAS MISSION 2020

We are taking donations for the Greenville Acres Adult Care Home. A box is in the lobby by the Cass Street door. Please consider donating to the current 12 men and 6 women who reside there. The deadline is December 6th. Here is a list of items needed: socks, underwear, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, denture adhesive, throws, twin blankets, twin sheets, snuggles, towels, wash clothes, pillows, sanitary napkins, deodorant, kleenex, toothbrushes, denture cleaner, coloring books, puzzles, colored pencils or crayons, and board games.

CHILDREN'S PRAISE CHOIR


We invite children of all ages to join us! We sing, dance, and enjoy games & snacks every Wednesday from 4 to 5pm. We also perform one Sunday a month. Please call the church office to sign up or join us Wednesday night at 4pm for practice and fun! Our next performance will be December 6th during our Virtual Service.

FCC SPECIAL MESSAGE – ANNUAL MTG.

We will have our Annual Meeting January 27th at 7pm. All Reports are due by Monday January 11th. Please watch future mailings in case of postponement.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

~ December 2020 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10a PURLS 4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	3 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	4	5 2p Chrismon Session
6 Communion Sunday 9:30 Choir 11a Worship Special Music ~ Praise Choir 3p Venture Crew	7 5:30 Cubs 6:30 Council	8 5p HCA 5:30 GS 6:30 Deacons	9 10a PURLS 4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	10 6p OA Group 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	11	12
13 11a Worship Special Music ~Julie Momber	14 5:30 Cubs	15 5:30 GS	16 10a PURLS 4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	17 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	18	19
20 11a Worship Special Music – ~Chancel Choir 11:45 PF Youth Mtg. 3p Venture Crew	21 5:30 Cubs	22 5:30 GS	23 10a PURLS	24 7p Servie 11p Service	25 	26
Christmas Break December 21st to January 3rd						
27 11a Worship Special Music ~Megan Grimes	28 5:30 Cubs 6:30 Trustees	29 5:30 GS	30	31 New Year's Eve ~office closed~		

Christmas Poinsettias 2020

We invite you to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one. The Deacons are offering you a convenient, affordable and mission-centered way to order your poinsettia through the church office. For the cost of \$10.00 per plant, you can help support our Deacon's Discretionary Fund and celebrate or remember a loved one. **Orders must be turned into the church office before Monday, December 7th.** Simply fill out the order form below. You may pick up your poinsettia after the 11:00 PM service on Christmas Eve, or on Sunday the 27th after service. You may also choose to have your poinsettia delivered to someone on the friendship list.

We are offering a 6 ½" potted red poinsettia with 4 to 7 blooms. **Please indicate below the number of plants you would like to order along with who it is in Memory or Honor of.**



Name (please print): _____

Mark #amount/number requested:

Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Jingle Bells _____

of plants _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____ total

***PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: First Congregational Church or FCC**

☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of: _____

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☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of: _____

☐ Yes, I would like to pick up my plant(s).

☐ No, please deliver my plant(s) to someone on the prayer list.

***MAKE SURE TO TURN IN ORDERS
BEFORE MONDAY DECEMBER 7TH!!!**