



FCC PILGRIM PULSE

JANUARY 2021

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.



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

If you wish to have your name or your loved one to be placed on our prayer list, please contact the church office. *Please remember you must have permission to do so. 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>Lucas Hopkins</i>	<i>Judith Rice-Lesage</i>	<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Trudy Petersen</i>	<i>Michele Kocher</i>
<i>James Griffith, Jr.</i>	<i>Jerry Haverdink</i>	<i>Bonnie Wickerham</i>	<i>Theresa Loper</i>	<i>Jackie Kocher</i>
<i>Rylie Whitten</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>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>Family of Lois Visch</i>	<i>She passed away 12/26 – Services pending</i>
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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 family of Lois Visch family.

BOARD MEETINGS:

Council: Monday, Jan. 4th at 6:30pm
Deacons: Tuesday, Jan. 12th at 6:30pm
Trustees: Monday, Jan. 25th at 6:30pm

Trustees of the Month: Dan Eagles and Duane Putnam
Deacon of the Month: Dave Welsch

~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Due to 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

A meeting & vote will be held after service January 17th. This Vote is for all Congregational Members for the following purposes:

- 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.

DEACON NEWS

- The next meeting is Jan. 12th at 6:30pm.
- ***YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!*** Now that we have all enjoyed the lovely decorations at church, it is time to have "Boxing Up Day". Please join in helping take the decorations down **on Tues., Jan. 12 at 10:00am**. Many hands make light work! Hope to see you there!
- Thank you for purchasing the lovely poinsettias for the Christmas services. Left over plants were delivered to members not able to attend church and many people came and claimed theirs.
- Thank you for the donations to the Greenville Acres Adult Foster Care Home. They were greatly appreciated with many people coming out in the cold to help unload the delivery.
- If you are interested in overseeing the church services, communion, fellowship, special services and events, music committee, and Christian education please consider becoming a deacon. Several vacancies are open. While the formal swearing in of boards is not until the Annual Meeting slated for May, you are welcome to attend and see what the Diaconate Board is all about. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. See Deb Dieckman or call the office.

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Thurs from 9-3. The door is locked early on Tuesday and Friday; 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!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The children will return from break on the 4th. And we can't wait to get back to learning new things with them! We still have room in our 3-year-old program. If you would like more information on how to enroll your little one, please call the church office.

FCC ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

The Annual Meeting is postponed until May 2021. A specific date will be determined and announced sometime in the new year.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

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.

- Please check our bulletin board for a flyer with information regarding the facts and benefits according to the CDC.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday! To Pat Toth (1/8), Lynne Rowland (1/18), Carter & Madison Kruger (1/23), Anita Putnam (1/24), Kim Kruger (1/25), Cheryl Flashaar (1/26), Kirk Faber (1/29), Logan Norman (1/29), and Jeff Skinner (1/31). If you would like your special occasion or event announced, please contact the church office.

PF YOUTH NEWS

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.

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

Sunday School resumes Jan. 10th! Our teachers are ready to welcome you back in a sanitized classroom, wearing masks, and socially distancing. The staff includes Patrice Fulton-Peacock, Mary Snow, Chris Hubbard, Suzy Kreeger, and Fran Gibbs. Our curriculum is developmental and will concentrate on Jesus as he grows up and begins preaching.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

- While we aren't meeting in person, we did host a fun socially distanced Chrismon Making at which 9 people attended. Thank you from all those who received a Chrismon on Christmas Eve.
- WF also gave the staff a gift card for their hard work throughout the year.
- The kitchen has received a license this year, but no events are planned to use the kitchen at this time..

MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS

The Chancel Choir sings on Jan. 10th. We will practice promptly at 9:30am (on the day of performance). If you would like to perform for our Special Music program, please contact Julie Momber.

CHILDREN'S PRAISE CHOIR

Our practices resume Jan. 6th. Please join us as we sing, dance, and enjoy games & snacks every Wed. from 4 to 5pm. We also perform one Sunday a month. Our next performance will be Jan. 31st.

FCC ANNUAL MEETING

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 . . .

- Screen at the front and back doors
- Must wear Masks throughout the service
- Sit where pews are not marked
- Maintain a social distance of six feet
- All doors are locked when the service begins.

FCC SERVICE GUIDELINES

Adult Book Study Resumes Jan.10th! We will be discussing Chapter 7: Nathaniel. We hope to get back into the Twelve Ordinary Men, now that the holidays are behind us. Meetings are after worship on Sundays in Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to get your own book and join us. See Pastor Ed for worksheet #8.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

~January 2021~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy New Year!					1	2
3 Communion Sunday 9:30 Choir 11a Worship Special Music ~ Claude Johnson 3p Venture Crew	4 5:30 Cubs 6:30 Council	5 5p HCA 5:30 GS 6:30 Deacons	6 10a PURLS 4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	7 6p OA Group 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	8	9
10 11a Worship Special Music ~Chancel Choir	11 5:30 Cubs	12 5:30 GS	13 10a PURLS 4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	14 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	15	16
17 11a Worship Special Music – ~Harrison Witt 11:45 PF Youth Mtg. 3p Venture Crew	18 5:30 Cubs	19 5:30 GS	20 10a PURLS 4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	21 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	22	23
24 11a Worship Special Music ~Al Guilfoyle	25 5:30 Cubs 6:30 Trustees	26 5:30 GS	27 10a PURLS 4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	28 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	29	30
31 11a Worship Special Music ~Praise Choir						