



# FCC PILGRIM PULSE

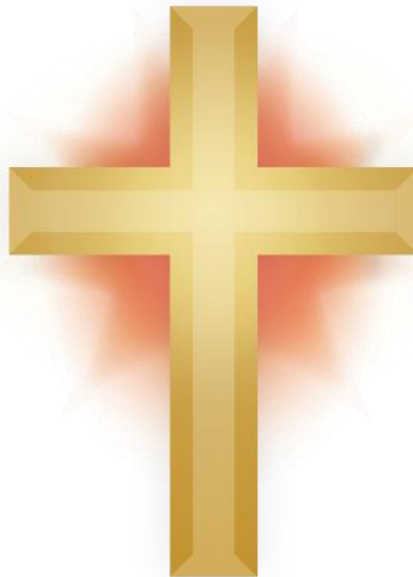
NOVEMBER 2020

## *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! Come join us!*

*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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**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 &amp; 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>Chari Coles</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>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>
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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**

**Congratulations!** to Jordan Garner and Dani Rydahl on the birth of their son, Colt Garner, born October 11<sup>th</sup>. We also congratulate grandparents Stephanie & Jerry Garner and Tim and Laura Rydahl and siblings Molly and Jackson Garner!!

**Special prayers** for Ann Stump and Natalie Kilfoil. We also pray for the family of Lucille McLachlan, a long-time member of the church and the WF Salem Circle, as she passed away October 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### BOARD MEETINGS:

Council: Monday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm  
 Deacons: Tuesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
 Trustees: Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm

**Trustees of the Month:** Jack Corner and Larry Snow  
**Deacon of the Month:** Bruce Beauvais

## ~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT

Letters for the 2020 Stewardship Campaign were sent out last month; please look for your letter in the mail. We prayerfully ask our church families to continue giving their support to our ministry. Please let us know of your intentions for next year by returning your card before Thanksgiving so that we will be able to make plans for next year. Thank you & God bless you all!

### COUNCIL NEWS

Join us for the first FCCoG Town Hall Meeting on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. We will hear the results of our recent survey and sit together in the Congregational way to discuss what you are concerned about. The continuation of our church is up to the success of these gatherings.

### DEACON NEWS

- The next meeting is Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- Please join us this Memorial Sunday when we honor those who have passed away during the year. Special invites were mailed to the families who have lost a loved one. They will receive a Candle of Remembrance to light at family gatherings and share stories of their loved one.
- We are working on a possible directory with listing members of the church as active or inactive and we are considering another category like 'friend' of FCC.
- Please note the capacity listed outside the public meeting rooms in the church and please help us adhere to them for safety. The sanctuary capacity is around 100, which is in compliance with quarter capacity at this time.
- The Deacon's Discretionary Fund is again offering poinsettias for sale to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas. Please watch for more information in the December Pilgrim Pulse.

### CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

**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!

### PRESCHOOL NEWS

We had a wonderful month in October! We enjoyed our trip to Anderson's Orchard & our annual trunk-or-treating event! This month we are learning about the first Thanksgiving and the fall season. To limit exposure, we will not be having our annual Preschool Thanksgiving dinner with the families; we strive to stay safe & healthy!

### 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.

### CELEBRATIONS

**Happy Birthday!** To Karen Hulbert (11/1), Carrol Minard (11/1), JJ Suchowolec (11/2), Chris Bosch (11/13), John House (11/24), Ann Corner (11/25), Lainey Emerson (11/26), Sandra Tiffany (11/26), and Dan Eagles (11/29).

**Happy Anniversary!** To Brian & Lisa Gardner (11/2), Chris & Doug Dodd (11/24), Jack & Ann Corner (11/28), and Harry & Rose Riddle (11/29).

### PF YOUTH NEWS

Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. There is a Virtual Retreat Nov. 6-8. The retreat will be held virtually on zoom. To get the links for the retreat, go to the Michigan PF website at michiganpf.org. Follow the directions there to register and you will receive the links on Thurs., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join our Youth Group and find out about other upcoming events, please contact the church office or Claude Johnson.

### CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month so our teachers can have Communion and worship on that Sunday.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

- **Hanging of the Greens** is Tues., Nov. 24 at 10am. We invite EVERYONE to come get our sanctuary ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent. Many hands make light work for all!!! While WF sponsors this event, we need many men & women to participate. Coffee and a snack will be offered. Come join the fun but don't forget your mask!
- Our next Board Meeting is also Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, after we decorate the church.
- A Chrismon making session will be Sat., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Fellowship Hall.

### MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS

- We welcomed a new Chancel Choir Director, Harrison Witt on Oct. 18. He is one of the pianists for worship services and will also be performing special music once a month!
- We also welcomed the new Children's Praise Choir on Oct. 18. Under Candy Outmans leadership, we had a great experience hearing the large group uplift the whole congregation.
- Chancel Choir sings again on Nov. 8 (practice at 9:30am)
- Our next meeting is also Nov. 8, after service.

### FCC BOOK STUDY GROUP

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!

SPECIAL MESSAGE	FCC CHRISTMAS MISSION 2020
<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"> <li>• Screen at the front and back doors</li> <li>• Wear Masks</li> <li>• Sit where pews are <u>not marked</u></li> <li>• Maintain a social distance of six feet</li> <li>• We have plenty of room left for social distancing and our sanctuary has been 'safe' for service.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• If you come down with COVID-19 within a couple of weeks of attending services here at the church, <b><u>please call the church office and let us know.</u></b></li> </ul>	<p>For the month of November, the Deacons are collecting donations for the Greenville Acres Adult Care Home. A box is by the Cass Street door. Please Consider donating to the current 12 men and 6 women who reside there. Deadline is November 27<sup>th</sup>. <u>Here are some items needed</u>: socks, toothpaste, twin sheets, pillows, deoderant, colored pencils, underwear, denture adhesive, snuggies, denture cleaner, sanitary napkins, coloring books, razors, throws, towels, toothbrushes, puzzles, board games, shave cream, twin blankets, wash cloths, kleenex, and crayons. Thank you for your support and donations!</p> <hr/> <p><b>CHILDREN'S PRAISE CHOIR</b></p> <p>We invite children of all ages to join us! We sing, dance, and enjoy games &amp; snacks every Wednesday from 4 to 5pm. We also preform the one Sunday a month. Please call the office to sign up or join us Wednesday night for practice and fun!</p>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*~ November 2020 ~*

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1 Communion &amp; Remembrance Sunday</b> 11a Worship Special Music <i>~Claude Johnson</i> 11:45 PF Youth Mtg. 3p Venture	<b>2</b>  6:30 Council	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10a PURLS  4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	<b>5</b>  6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Veterans Sunday</b> 9:30 Choir 11a Worship Special Music <i>~Chancel Choir</i>	<b>9</b>  5:30 Cubs	<b>10</b>  5p HCA 6:30 Deacons	<b>11</b> 10a PURLS  4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	<b>12</b>  6p OA Group 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 11a Worship Special Music <i>~Harrison Witt</i> 11:45 PF Youth Mtg. 3p Venture	<b>16</b>  5:30 Cubs	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10a PURLS  4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	<b>19</b>  6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Thanksgiving Sunday</b> 11a Worship Special Music – <i>Praise Choir</i>	<b>23</b>  5:30 Cubs	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10a PURLS  4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	<b>26</b>  6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 11a Worship Special Music <i>~TBA</i>	<b>30</b>  5:30 Cubs 6:30 Trustees	<div style="background-color: #d1ecf1; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>Don't forget to switch your clocks back Sat., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>!</b>  <b>~ Daylight Savings Ends Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> ~</b> </div>				