



# FCC PILGRIM PULSE

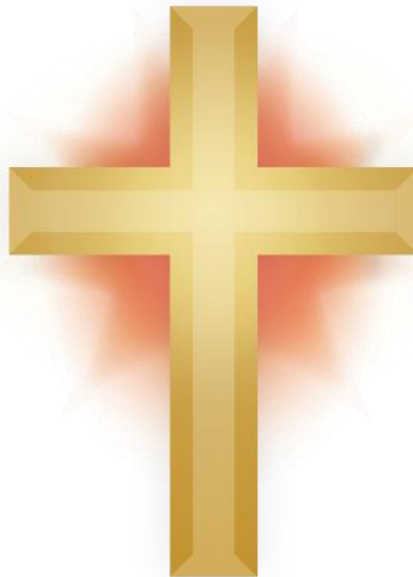
OCTOBER 2020

## *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>Lucille McLachlan</i>	<i>Bill &amp; Jean Boyd</i>	<i>Roxy Rice</i>	<i>Holly Case</i>
<i>Bonnie Braman</i>	<i>Coreen Johnston</i>	<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Pat Toth</i>	<i>Tom Deal</i>
<i>Lucas Hopkins</i>	<i>Judith Rice-Lesage</i>	<i>Emily Zukin</i>	<i>Carrol Minard</i>	<i>Jasmine Luce</i>
<i>Barb Hoy</i>	<i>Don Haist</i>	<i>Bonnie Wickerham</i>	<i>Mary Haskins</i>	<i>Irene Carper</i>
<i>Maria Gallo</i>	<i>Norma Nicholas</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**

**Address Update:** We have an updated phone number and address for Wilson Hoy. Please contact the church office if you would like this information.

**Thank You!** To Ron Kingsbury for all time he has taken to construct the dividers for the safety of the Preschool Students! We appreciate all you do!

**Special prayers** for Vivian Minard. Also for the families of Keith King and Ray Ellsworth, for the loss of their loved ones last month.

#### **BOARD MEETINGS:**

Council: Monday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Deacons: Tuesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Trustees: Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Trustees of the Month:** Jack Corner and Kirk Faber  
**Deacon of the Month:** Jim Ritzema

## ~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

### TRUSTEE NEWS

The October meeting is Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

### DEACON NEWS

- The next meeting is Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- A survey was sent out last month. Please complete and return to the church in the pre-paid envelope provided. Additional surveys are available upon request; extra copies are available in the library.
- The front and back doors will be locked for security & safety reasons once the service has started.
- There is still no coffee hour after church service on Sundays for the continued safety of all.

### 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

School started last month, and we are overjoyed to have the children back in class! We already had our first field trip to Anderson's Orchard, and it was fun for all! We have many activities this month to learn about the changing seasons and we will also be having our trunk-or-treating scheduled for the end of the month. We still have space in our 3-year-old program. Please call the office for a packet. For additional questions, new school guidelines, and more information, look on our website at [www.firstccog.org](http://www.firstccog.org). or find Ms. Candy on Facebook.

### CELEBRATIONS

**Happy Birthday!** To Deb House (10/4), Diane Roose, (10/7), Lynn Wickerham (10/7), Jerry McPherson (10/12), Jim Ritzema (10/27), Roxy Rice (10/29), Mabel Tate (10/30), and Jeffrey Staffen (10/31). **Happy Anniversary!** To Jerry & Marilyn Jones (10/6) and Jerry & Gloria McPherson (10/12).

### 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.

- Thanks to all who participated in the flu shot clinic. We had a great turn out. Getting vaccinated helps keep all of us healthy. Thank you for doing your part!

### PF YOUTH NEWS

Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month, in the library. If you would like to join our Youth Group and find out about upcoming retreats, please contact the church office or Claude Johnson.

### CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

- Sunday School is running smoothly but we need Preschoolers! Thanks Candy, for including your students in our marketing effort. We are grateful for our very dedicated teaching staff.
- We could really use one more teacher for the grades 4-6 class. Materials are provided and training as well. Sunday School is held during worship. No Sunday School is held the first Sunday of the month so our teachers can get an opportunity to join worship and Communion.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

We are still not meeting at this time. All events are on hold for now but please keep "Hanging of the Greens" in mind in November. It is helpful to have many hands to decorate our lovely church.

### CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

We are still looking for anyone wanting to join our group to sing! No audition is necessary! Rehearsals will begin promptly at 9:30am prior to the Sunday service in which we will sing. **The next time the choir will sing will be October 18<sup>th</sup>.** If interested in joining the group, contact the church office.

### FCC COUNCIL NEWS

Hear Ye!, Hear Ye!, Come one Come All!! To the FCCoG Town Hall Meeting on Nov. 1st. We will hear the results of our survey and Discuss or Question any of the 'Going's On' for the future of your Church. Yes, we said to Question and Discuss, you heard it right! We are going to 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. Please save the date and join us! Our next meeting is Mon., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.

### FCC BOOK STUDY GROUP

Have you missed having a Bible Study Group? Beginning Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> after worship, Pastor Ed is having a 12-week book study on *Twelve Ordinary Men* by John MacArthur, for about an hour in Fellowship Hall where we can spread out and be safe! To purchase the book, call the church office. However, a study guide will be copied and available to all who attend.

### NEW! CHILDRENS PRAISE CHOIR NEWS

**Announcing our NEW Children's Praise Choir,** directed by Candy Outman! There will be lots of singing and dancing! We will meet once a week after school on Weds. From 4-5pm. the first practice will be Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Children of all ages are welcome! Call the church office to sign-up today!

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR FCC DEACONS

We continue to meet in person for church service in a modified format thanks to our congregational family following the guidelines laid out to fight Covid-19. If you have symptoms of illness, please stay home and enjoy watching the livestream service on Facebook and YouTube. Use the church's website! Please remember that we . . .

- Screen at the front and back doors
- Wear Masks
- Sit where pews are not marked
- 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.
- **If you come down with COVID-19 within a couple of weeks of attending services here at the church, call the church office and let us know.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

~ October 2020 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1  6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	2	3
<b>4 Communion</b> 11a Worship 11:45 PF Youth Mtg.  3p Venture	5  5:30 Cubs 6:30 Council	6	7 10a PURLS  4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	8  6p OA Group 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	9	10
11 11a Worship	12  5:30 Cubs	13  6:30 Deacons	14 10a PURLS  4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	15  6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	16	17
<b>18</b> 9:30 Choir 11a Worship Special Music – <i>Chancel Choir</i> 11:45 PF Youth Mtg.  3p Venture	19  5:30 Cubs	20	21 10a PURLS  4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	22  6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	23	24
25 11a Worship	26  5:30 Cubs 6:30 Trustees	27	28 10a PURLS  4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	29	30	31  