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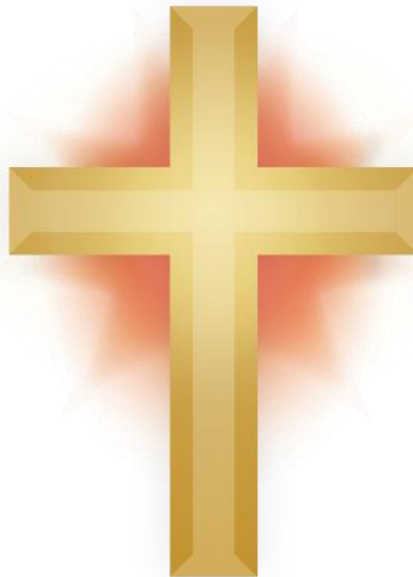
SEPTEMBER 2020

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, or on our YouTube Channel and Facebook page; find us by searching for 'First Congregational Church of Greenville Michigan.'

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

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 & 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>Lynne Rowland</i>	<i>Mary Haskins</i>	<i>James Griffith, Jr.</i>
<i>Keith King</i>	<i>Norma Nicholas</i>	<i>Bonnie Wickerham</i>	<i>Trudy Petersen</i>	<i>Irene Carper</i>
<i>Maria Gallo</i>	<i>Roger Able</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 Canal View, Houghton County Medical Facility</i>

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

<i>Chari Coles</i>	<i>Daughter-in-law of Carolyn Coles</i>
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A Message of "Thanks":

From the Suchowolec Family: "On behalf of my husband, myself & our children, I want to thank you all for your generous contribution to my husband's care package. This deployment has been extremely hard for us as a family, made worse by the current state of the world & the dangers that Joe has experienced. I know that, not only receiving mail from home, but a package of his favorite treats is going to lift his spirits. This is so much more than just a simple package; this is a show of support, kindness, & love in a time when the world seems to be lacking in these ideals. I have tried for weeks to jot down what I feel in my head & heart because I feel that saying 'thank you' is not enough. Even now, I'm in tears as I write this because I am simply overwhelmed by the fact that so much love is showcased in a simple cardboard box. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you, thank you, thank you! Sincerely, Emily, Libbie, Kate, JJ and as always, Joe too!"

BOARD MEETINGS:

Council: Tuesday the 8th at 6:30pm
Deacons: Oct. 13th at 6:30pm
Trustees: Monday the 28th at 6:30pm

Trustees of the Month: Kurt Kreeger and Judy Swartz
Deacon of the Month: Suzy Kreeger

~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

For Pastoral Care, contact Ed Milam at 517-930-3007 or Claude Johnson at (616) 894-5595.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

The September meeting is moved to Tues. the 8th at 6:30 pm.

DEACON NEWS

The Deacons met in August and decided at this time we are not increasing the length of the service or hosting coffee hour. Our attendance is averaging about 50 people per Sunday and we have plenty of safely spaced room to host 100! If you are concerned for your safety, please note that masks, assessing at the door, and spacing 6 feet apart are working!

- Our next meeting is Oct. 13th at 6:30.
- A membership survey was shared and is planned to go out in Sept. to help provide some valuable feedback on a wide range of issues. We hope members answer with looking to the future and not in the current Covid-19 restrictions that we are under.
- The front and back doors will be locked for security & safety reasons once the service has started.
- The Music Committee continues to meet in earnest to find an organist and chancel choir director. If you have any suggestions, please contact Julie Momber or the church office.

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

Packets for fall classes are still available – space is limited! Classes start on the 8th of Sept. Call the office for a packet For additional questions, new school guidelines, and more information, look on our website at www.firstccog.org. or find Ms. Candy on Facebook.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday! To Ken Venema (9/4), Vivian Menard (9/9), Carol Magoon (9/12), Brianna Rowland (9/12), Myron Tiffany (9/15), John Emerson (9/19), Karen Skinner (9/19), Carolyn Foster (9/29), and Paul Jager (9/29). **Happy Anniversary!** To Patrick & Ann Emerson (9/8) and Don & Julie Momber (9/8).

PARISH NURSE NEWS

Patrice is available on Tues & Thurs from 8-4 and from 8-11 on Fridays. Call 616-894-7288 for medical questions, concerns or for an appointment.

- **Flu Shot Clinic** will be Sept. 27th from 12 to 1:30

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 13th! Calling all kids preschool through grade 9! Here's what will happen: come in with your parents and your mask. Get your temp taken, then head to the Sanctuary for just a few minutes, then off to Sunday School! Our church service runs about 35 minutes which is about the length of Sunday School. Only Sept. 13 will you go to the sanctuary! From then on, walk in, get assessed, and head off to class! All materials are ready to go! Rooms will be sanitized every week and kids spaced 6 feet apart. Teachers will have masks as well. Here is our class assignments and locations:

- Preschool and Kindergarten: First Floor with Miss Patrice
- Grades 1,2,3: Second Floor with Miss Mary
- Grades 4,5,6: Second Floor with Miss Suzy
- Grades 7,8,9: Second Floor with Miss Chris

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

While we are holding off on meeting for September, stay tuned for notices that mention a socially distanced circle meeting possible for October. On September 13, we will have the remaining nuts and candies for sale in the lobby at a reduced price. Please help by purchasing some goodies. There will be no rummage sale, bazaar, or Terri Lynn Nut sale this fall. Here is a list of nuts that are still available: walnut pieces/halves, choc. cashews, choc. peanut clusters, dk. choc. almonds, choc. bridge mix, harvest medley, malted milk balls, mixed yogurt raisins, choc. raisins, gummi bears, and choc. peanuts. Contact Chris Hubbard at (616) 754-7464 to purchase a bag.

PF YOUTH NEWS

We will have our kick-off meeting on Sept. 20th after Church Service 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

Are you someone who likes to sing? Then please consider joining the Chancel Choir this year! No audition is necessary! The choir will be singing on a limited basis (probably about once a month) while we continue to search for a new Director. Rehearsals will begin promptly at 9:30am prior to the Sunday service in which we will sing. The first rehearsal is Sun., Sept. 13. If you are interested, please contact the church office or meet us at 9:30am on the 13th in the sanctuary.

COME TOGETHER SUNDAY!

Join us Sunday Sept. 13th for our **Come Together Service!** Please also remember our service time will move forward to 11:00am. Although we are unable to have the normal festivities for this event, we still can gather and be thankful that we are all "coming together again!"

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR FCC DEACONS

We have made it 11 weeks with having in person 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
- If you come down with COVID-19 after attending services here, call the church office and let us know.

Changes Ahead:

- We encourage you to attend **"COME TOGETHER SUNDAY" September 13 at 11:00am.**
- There is no coffee hour but there is Sunday School!
- We have plenty of room left for social distancing and our sanctuary has been 'safe' for service.
- Choir will sing that day and once a month for now. Join them at 9:30 September 13 for practice!
- 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

~ September 2020 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2 10a PURLS 7p Boy Scouts	3 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	4	5
		6 <i>Communion</i> 10a Worship Special Music – <i>Cindy Hanson</i> 3p Venture	7 <i>~Labor Day~ Office Closed</i>	8 <i>First Day of Preschool!</i> 6:30 Council	9 10a PURLS 7p Boy Scouts	10 6p OA Group 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA
11 <i>Come Together Sunday!</i> 9:30 Choir 11a Worship <i>-Sunday School Begins!</i>	12	13	14 10a PURLS 7p Boy Scouts	15 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	16	17
18 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12p PF Kick-off Mtg. 3p Venture	19	20	21 10a PURLS 7p Boy Scouts	22 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	23	24
25 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12p Flu Shot Clinic	26 6:30 Trustees	27	28 10a PURLS 7p Boy Scouts	Don't Forget! Service starts at 11:00am on Sunday the 13th!		