



FCC PILGRIM PULSE

APRIL 2021

Palm Sunday & Easter Blessings to all!



Alleluia! Alleluia!

After His suffering. He gave many convincing proofs that He was alive.

~Acts 1:3

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.*

*Now the iron bars are broken,
Christ from death to life is born;
Glorious life, and life immortal,
On this resurrection morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer
By His mighty enterprise;
We with Him to life eternal
By His resurrection rise.*



~words by C. Wordsworth, music by Beethoven to the tune of "Hymn To Joy"

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.firstccog.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>	<i>Rob Sansom</i>	<i>Scott Horn</i>	<i>Holly Case</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>Mar Newkirk</i>	<i>Friends of Chris Hubbard</i>
<i>Ollie Johnson</i>	<i>Friend of Preschool Staff</i>
<i>Bonnie VanPutten</i>	<i>Friend of Judy Graham</i>
<i>Sue Schmidt</i>	<i>Niece of Judy Graham</i>
<i>Denise Harrington</i>	<i>Friend of Deb Dieckman</i>
<i>Jerry Kiste</i>	<i>Friend of FCC Family</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

BOARD MEETINGS:

Council: Monday, April 5th at 6:30pm
Deacons: Tuesday, April 13th at 6:30pm
Trustees: Monday, April 27th at 6:30pm

Trustees of the Month: Josh Gibbs and Judy Swartz
Deacon of the Month: Don Gibbs

Due to current guidelines, the events in our newsletter are subject to change. Please watch our Facebook page, church emails, bulletin, and church website for updates! Thank you!

~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

FCC ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

The Annual Meeting is postponed until May 2nd.
***Annual Reports must be submitted to the church office by April 16th.**

DEACONS NEWS

- The next meeting is April 13th at 6:30pm.
- The Diaconate Board is looking to fill 3 spots: 2 females and 1 male. Responsibilities include mutual ministry during worship services, coordinating all aspects of worship, overseeing membership and fellowship opportunities at church. Training is provided through shadowing a fellow deacon and meetings are the second Tuesday of the month. If you are interested, please contact the church office or ask a fellow deacon.
- **Missing You Project:** We continue to reach out to people unable to attend church at this time.
- **Spring Giving Project:** Thanks to everyone who donated for our canned meat drive! Know that your donation will feed many in our community, who are in need. Please continue to donate to the carts in the lobby! All non-perishable items are taken to the food pantry as the carts fill up! Thank you so very much.
- **Easter Lilies:** Thank you to everyone for purchasing a lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, and for your continued support of our DDF! Please feel free to pick up your plant after the Easter service on the 4th or anytime during the week after Easter. Thank you!

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. *Make sure to update your contact info with the church office to receive mailings on upcoming events!

*Please note: the office will be open from 10-2 the week of March 29th through April 2nd. Please call and leave a message and the office staff will return your call the following week. Thank you!

FCC CELEBRATIONS

- **Happy Birthday!** To Jack Corner (4/7), Lizzy Emerson (4/7), Bonnie Braman (4/8), Rosel Eagles (4/8), Duane Putnam (4/10), Joe Suchowolec (4/17), Gloria McPherson (4/23), and Marilyn Jones (4/25).
- **Happy Anniversary!** To Bryan & Angela Garvey (4/28).
- **If you would like your special event announced, please contact the church office!*

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Last month, we held a Mother/Son and Daddy/Daughter Dance! This was to reward the children of all their hard work and have a time for parents and little ones to dance, love, and enjoy each other! Thank you to all who helped set-up for this event and know it brought joy to so many! Here is a line-up of events planned for April:

- The children are having their annual Easter Egg hunt this month with a visit from the Easter Bunny!
- A special thanks to those who ordered popcorn to help support our Preschool Program! Orders will be available for pick-up after April 7th. Call the church office to schedule pick-up or you can pick up your order Sunday, April 11th.
- Registration packets for fall classes will be available beginning April 16th. If you or someone you know would like more information on our to a wonderful, fun & loving Christian based school, contact the office.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

Our Nurse is available Mon. 8-4, Tues. 8-12 and Thurs. from 8-4. Questions? Please call 616-894-7288.

- **COVID vaccine information:** anyone 50 or older or that is a caretaker is now eligible for the vaccine. Those under 50 should register now to get the vaccine as soon as possible when it's their turn. See the www.mmdhd.org site for sites to sign up on or contact our Parish Nurse, Patrice.

CHILDREN'S PRAISE CHOIR

We practice every Wed. from 4-5pm and are inviting any child interesting in singing! Please join us for practice as we sing, dance, and enjoy games & snacks! We perform the last Sunday of every month. Our next performance will be April 25th.

MUTUAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We are always looking for ways for our congregation to be involved in our Sunday Service! Here are some areas we are looking for volunteers to help:

- **Liturgist:** If you would like to help with our Sunday Readings, please contact the church office. Your name will be added to a list of names as we rotate readers.
- **Sound Tech Booth:** We are looking for volunteers to learn our sound booth system and help with streaming our services. If interested, contact the office, or talk with Tim Schmidt, Sunday after service.

WF NEW

Our Board met on March 30th. We are planning to have a Rummage Sale this Spring! Here is the information:

- The Spring Rummage Sale will be May 7th from 8-1. Please bring in your gently used items: clothes, gadgets (in working condition), dishes, toys, etc. We are also looking for helpers to set up and clean up on Thursday, May 6th from 9-? Have questions or want to help with the sale? Contact Mary Snow (225-1533) or Rosel Eagles (754-8618).

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

Update from the Pastoral Search Committee :

Our March 1st meeting included a Zoom call with a representative from the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. Reverend Linda Anderson, a retired pastor from Wayne County, Michigan, gave us good advice and challenged our thinking on how to proceed.

In addition, the committee is sponsoring a "Prayer for Guidance" initiative. This will involve the distribution of a special prayer card to one and all. It will assist the Search Committee and the congregation as we work our way through the search for our new pastor. Prayer cards will be available soon!

On March 23rd, the committee met again. We discussed several issues, in particular some of the points Rev. Linda brought up, and made a couple of changes to the prayer cards. We plan to meet next on April 20th.

FCC SERVICE GUIDELINES

- We can always use teachers and kids! We all wear masks, sanitize, and social distance but still have fun learning and sometimes having a craft! During the shortened service due to COVID, Sunday School starts as you arrive at church and ends after the service. *Teachers have loved having more students when the Praise Choir sings, and siblings of the Preschool Singers are here. Please join us again-all are welcome!
- Please remember we do not have classes the first Sunday of the month, as the teachers and children are invited to attend our Communion Sunday service.
- Christian Education is looking for the names of all our first and second graders. Due to the closure last spring, we will be awarding Bibles to both grades of students. Please call or email the office with the name of your first and/or second grader. We will also be recognizing our Sunday School Teachers for all their hard work!

MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS

We continue to meet in person in a modified format. If you have symptoms of illness, please stay home and enjoy watching the livestream service! Please remember that we Screen at the front and back doors, wear masks throughout the service, sit where pews are not marked, maintain a social distance of six feet, and all doors are locked when the service begins.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Thanks to all the special musical performers! Your songs of love & joy lift our spirits and fill our hearts every Sunday! **Here is our Special Music line-up for April:**

- April 4th our Chancel Choir will be singing "Roll, Roll the Stone" and we are always looking for more singers! *Choir members, please remember we practice at 9:30 on the Sunday we sing.
- April 11th we will have Stephanie Clark & Family
- April 18th will be a performance by Harrison Witt, who will also be accompanying our Sunday Service.
- April 25th will be a performance by our Children's Praise Choir.
- If you are interested in providing special music like singing, playing an instrument, or playing the piano, please contact Deb Dieckman.

LOOKING FORWARD

Here are some things we are looking forward to in the next couple of months:

- **April 4th is Easter Sunday** and Communion. There will be no Sunday school this day.
- **Easter Lilies** are available for pick up after the Easter Service on the 4th.
- **Spring break** for school is March 27th to April 5th. School resumes on April 5th.
- **Graduation Scholarship Applications** are now available! Contact the office for an application (certain guidelines apply). We also have the applications on our bulletin board. All Applications are due back by May 2nd!
- **Graduation Sunday will be May 16th.**
- **Bibles for 1st Graders** will be presented May 23rd.
- **Service Time Change:** Our service will move back to 10:00am beginning May 30th. This is the last Sunday of the month (no Sunday school).
- **Memorial Day Sunday:** will also be May 30th. Anyone wishing to honor a loved one that had served in the military (any branch) and is no longer with us, will be remembered on this day. Please contact the church office to submit a picture and information on your loved one, you wish honored.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

~ April 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA		
4 Easter and Communion Sunday 9:30 Choir 11a Worship Special Music ~ Chancel Choir PF Youth Mtg. 3p Venture Crew	5	6	7 10a PURLS <i>*Popcorn orders are delivered today!</i> 4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	8 6p OA Group 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	9	10
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25 11a Worship Special Music ~Children's Praise Choir	26	27	28 10a PURLS 4p Praise Choir 7p Boy Scouts	29 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	30	
	5:30 Cubs 6:30 Trustees	1p WF Board 5:30 GS				

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE:

***CONGREGATION:** If you have any suggestions for this document, please jot them down and get the note to a member of the Bylaws Committee (Deb, Kirk, John, Claude, Suzy, Duane, Larry, Jane) or drop off to the church office. We'd appreciate all comments by Sunday, March 7th. Thanks so much!

Pastor Job Description - Draft of 1-29-21

(Revised from existing Standard Operating Procedures)

POSITION TITLE: SENIOR PASTOR

REPORTS TO: CHURCH COUNCIL

POSITION FUNCTION: This person acts as a resource person to the various boards and committees; is responsible for the congregation's worship life; and attends to the pastoral care needs of the First Congregational Church of Greenville.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Be a member in good standing of:
 - A. The First Congregational Church of Greenville
 - B. The Greenville Area Ministerial Association (GAMA), representing our church through community outreach opportunities
 - C. The WMACCC*
 - D. The NACCC*
 - 1) *Attend national, state, and local association meetings as time and money permits
2. Lead worship through
 - A. Preaching the gospel
 - B. Coordinating liturgies, Sacraments, music, and the Service of the Word
3. Administer the Sacraments and Holy Rites (i.e. Communion and Baptism)
4. Provide pastoral services to the congregation and the public
 - A. The Senior Pastor shall be the Pastoral Care Team Leader and shall coordinate such services.
 - B. Such services shall include, but are not limited to:
 - 1) Visitations to homebound members and those in various care facilities
 - 2) End of life care
 - 3) Funerals
 - 4) Weddings
 - 5) Care for those in crisis
5. Coordinate with the Christian Education Director, including the teaching of Confirmation Classes and New Member Classes.
6. Participate in the activities of the church and act as a resource person to the various boards and committees as an ex-officio officer.
7. Work positively with the Pastor's Relations Committee.
8. Subject to direction by the Church Council (and the Personnel Committee of the Trustees) through the Pastor's Relations Committee, day-to-day management of the church staff and activities are the responsibility of the Senior Pastor.
9. Be accountable to the entire congregation through representation of the Church Council.



Easter Flowers ~ 2021

The Easter flowers adorning our chancel this Easter were placed by the following families and friends.



Donor

Larry Alman
Patty Barber
Christensen Family
Bruce & Sue Beauvais
Larry & Karen Carbonelli

Carla Durdle

Virginia Evans
Marilyn Ferguson

Patrice Fulton-Peacock

Don & Fran Gibbs

Judy Graham
Cindy Hanson

Chris Hubbard

Karen Hulbert
Claude Johnson

Marilyn & Rev. Jerry Jones

Ron Kingsbury

McLachlan Children:
Frank Jr., Jenny, Ann, & Tom
Gerald & Gloria McPherson

Don & Julie Momber

Mark & Trudy Petersen

Duane Putnam
Linda Stafford

Kay Thomas
Jane Truesdell
Bonnie Wickerham
Lynn Wickerham

Placed for....

In Memory of Roberta Alman, loving wife
In Memory of Ted Barber, Kenneth & Ethel Wilson, and Dean & Edith Wiesen
In Memory of Bruce Christensen, Grace Christensen, Ron Waldorf, & Jeff Copp
In Memory of Carl & Evelyn Berg and Robert & Ruth Beauvais
In Memory of Kevin Carbonelli, Elisa Nelson, Muriel Carbonelli, Guido Carbonelli, Robert & Elizabeth Waldo, and John Stafford
In Memory of Michael Durdle, loving husband, Max & Barbara Durdle, and William & Joan Thompson
In Memory of Marvin Evans
In Memory of Roy John Ferguson and Julie Christine Ferguson
In Honor of Ellsworth Eugene Sanders and Kathryn Ruth Sanders
In Honor of Jess & Kyle, Jacque & Jason, and Jake & Rose
In Honor of Elise & Ellia Devitt, and Eli & Grant Kuenzer
In Memory of Phyllis & Bill Ham, and Don Gibbs, Sr.
In Honor of Shirley Gibbs, Our Children, & Our Grandchildren
In Memory of Dale Graham, Hubert & Bettye Graham, and Bob & Ann Snyder
In Memory of David Hanson
In Honor of Jerry Haverdink
In Memory of Russell Hubbard (husband), Sandy, Rose, and Janet (friends)
In Honor of my grandchildren and great grands
In Memory of Richard Canfield
In Memory of My Parents, Grandparents, and Great-grandparents, and siblings: Clarence H. Johnson, and Gwendolyn C. Wagner
In Honor of my children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren, and The Local, State & National PF
In Memory of Charles, Lois & Dr. Bruce Jones, and Ralph & Gladys Lemon
In Honor of Our Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren
In Memory of Dixie Kingsbury, loving wife
In Honor of my daughters: Deb and Lisa
In Memory of our mother, Lucille McLachlan
In Memory of our Parents Bart & Julia McPherson, & Jay & Elouise Olsen
In Honor of Our Children & Spouses
In Honor of Grand Children and great Grandchildren
In Memory of June Momber, Dalyn & Nancy Ling, and David Ling
In Honor of Our grandchildren: Christian, Reagan, Ada, and Logan
In Memory of Howard & Reva Petersen, Bob & Marguerite Thompson, Harold & Janet Gerlach, and Chad Gerlach
In Memory of my mother Viola Putnam and Grandson Levi Putnam
In Memory of John Stafford, Leslie Stafford, Vivian & Dale Stafford, Hazel & Bob O'Connor, Kitty Armel, Margie Scheid, Al Vining, & Jack Harris
In Honor of Marilyn & Jerry Jones and the Ian Macdonald family
In Memory of Ken Thomas, Craig Frisbey, and Ashley Tiffany
In Honor of My children: Sam, Emily & Joe, & grandchildren: Libbie, Kate & JJ
In Honor of Our Risen Savior and all Believers
In Honor of Bonnie Wickerham, Karen Wickerham, and Denise Webb

Thank you and Happy Easter to All