



# FCC PILGRIM PULSE

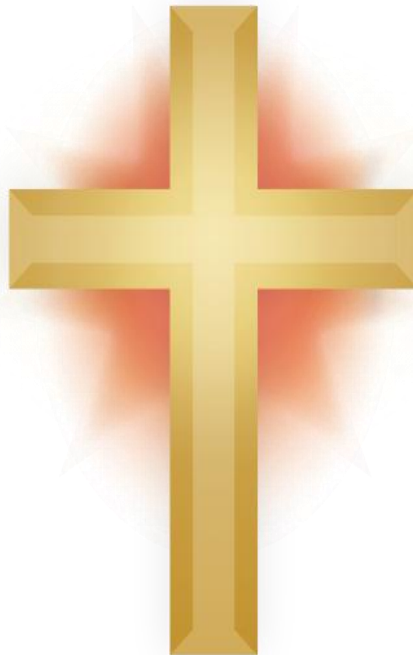
MAY 2021

## *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](http://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>Jerry Haverdink</i>	<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Trudy Petersen</i>	<i>Michele Kocher</i>
<i>James Griffith, Jr.</i>	<i>Rob Sansom</i>	<i>Bonnie Wickerham</i>	<i>Theresa Loper</i>	<i>Mar Newkirk</i>
<i>Bonnie VanPutten</i>	<i>Sue Schmidt</i>	<i>Scott Horn</i>	<i>Holly Case</i>	<i>Ollie Johnson</i>
<i>Denise Harrington</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>
<i>Jackie Kocher</i>		<i>-Homebound</i>



### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

<i>Jerry Kiste</i>	<i>Friend of FCC Family</i>
<i>Joyce Snyder</i>	<i>Sister-in-law of Judy Graham</i>
<i>Larry Alman</i>	<i>Friend to all FCC Members</i>
<i>Nels Hansen</i>	<i>Friend to all FCC Members</i>
<i>Jay Wickerham</i>	<i>Nephew to Lynn Wickerham</i>
<i>Kate Hanson</i>	<i>Mother of Peter Hanson</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**

### Notes:

### BOARD MEETINGS:

Council: *TBA*

Deacons: Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Trustees: Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Trustees of the Month:** Kurt Kreeger and Duane Putnam  
**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 COUNCIL NEWS	PRESCHOOL NEWS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Annual Meeting is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.</b> The meeting will begin after the service. *Members, please plan to come, as we will be voting to install/reinstall members of the Deaconate and Trustee Boards, as well as voting on the new proposed budget.</li> <li>• <b>A special note that our service time will change to 10:30 am May 30<sup>th</sup>!</b></li> </ul>	<p>This is the last full month of the school year! We opened up registration for the fall classes and almost all the spots are full! We are so happy to know our program is well loved and that parents still choose to send their little one to a loving Christian based environment! Here are some events leading up to the end of the school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an "all school" field trip to Grandpa Duane's for a picnic and hayride. This will be a fun day on the farm!</li> <li>• June will be our annual Bike Rodeo in the parking lot.</li> <li>• Graduation will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of June.</li> <li>• The "all school" picnic will be out to Ms. Candy's farm on June 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• If you still would like a registration packet for fall classes, please contact the church office.</li> </ul>
DEACONS NEWS	PARISH NURSE NEWS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Deacons are planning for several special Sundays coming up in May. On May 16, we will honor any graduates who have come forward and applied for a church scholarship. Children's Sunday is May 23 when Bibles are given to our first graders and we recognize our dedicated teaching staff. May 30 is Memorial Sunday as well as a new starting time of 10:30 AM. We will revisit that time at the end of August to determine if we like to keep it that way throughout the year, and not just summer. The choir will continue to provide music once a month over the summer since there are not many opportunities to sing during Covid-19 pandemic. Our congregation is very supportive in wearing masks.</li> <li>• After the May 2 Annual Meeting, we look forward to our next meeting, June 8 at 6:30 PM, when the board will reorganize and divide up mutual ministry activities the Deacons perform each week.</li> <li>• Ed Milam, our lay pastor, is offering a New Members' Class! We will have a new member recognition on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the office if you are interested in becoming a new member of FCC!</li> </ul>	<p>Our Nurse is available Mondays from 8 to 4, Tuesdays from 8 to 12 and Thursdays from 8 to 4. Questions? Please call 616-894-7288.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>COVID vaccine information:</b> COVID vaccines are now available for anyone 16 and older. Many places now have walk in service for vaccines. Go to <a href="http://mmdhd.org">mmdhd.org</a> for sign up information for multiple places or call Patrice for assistance.</li> </ul>
CHURCH OFFICE NEWS	CHILDREN'S PRAISE CHOIR
<p><b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> Mon-Thurs from 9-3. The door is locked early on Tuesday and Friday. If you need assistance, please call ahead. <u>*Make sure to update your contact info with the church office to receive mailings on upcoming events!</u></p>	<p>We thank all of our Children for their hard work and participation this year! We will be on "summer break" and practices will resume in the fall. Thanks again to all!</p>
FCC CELEBRATIONS	MUTUAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Happy Birthday!</b> To Don &amp; Julie Momber (5/9), Kris Jager (5/10), Kim Burden (5/12), Candy Outman (5/12), Kaydie Weber (5/12), Rich Cunningham (5/13), Jackie Kocher (5/13), Linda Petersen (5/16), Doug Dodd (5/19), and Ron Kingsbury (5/22).</li> <li>• <b>Happy Anniversary!</b> To John &amp; Deb House (5/2), Joe &amp; Emily Suchowolec (5/5), and Dan &amp; Rosel Eagles (5/7).</li> <li>• <i>If you would like your special event announced, please contact the church office!</i></li> </ul>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Liturgist:</b> 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. *The rotations are every three months.</li> <li>• <b>Sound Tech Booth:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
	FCC SERVICE GUIDELINES
	<p>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.</p>

## PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

The Pastoral Search Committee continues to do its work to assist the Congregation in selecting our next Pastor. In addition to having met with a representative from the NACCC, we have now also met via Zoom with a representative from a firm that specializes in intentional interim pastors. We will be distributing a Prayer for Guidance card that is patterned after the prayer card disseminated years ago when we embarked on our Capital Campaign for improvements to our Church building. Many thanks go to Angela for her assistance in making the prayer cards. This is an exciting time in the life of our Church as we prepare for our future. We ask for your prayers and look forward to reporting further at the Annual Meeting.

## WF NEWS

- The rummage sale is postponed and will now be held June 11<sup>th</sup>. Please see Mary Snow to volunteer, bring your rummage to Fellowship Hall after June 1. Workers are needed to set up on June 10, hosting the sale on June 11, and a takedown crew after the sale. If you want to help with the sale, contact Mary Snow at 616-225-1533 or Rosel Eagles at 616-754-8618.
- **KITCHEN COORDINATORS NEEDED:** Please see Chris Hubbard if you are willing to be one of a few women who can share duties of monitoring events using the kitchen, inventory of supplies, and following health department guidelines. We hope to have a rotation, so it doesn't fall on any one person. It involves a study guide and taking a test through the health department. We are hoping the pandemic will ease up and we can resume events in Fellowship Hall like Coffee Hour, potlucks, Circle meetings, and maybe even a bazaar!

## MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS

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 May:**

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a special song selection by Kirk Faber.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> our Chancel Choir will be singing. We are always looking for more singers! \*Choir members, please remember we practice at 9:30 on the Sunday we sing.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> will be a performance by Larry Alman.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a performance by Megan Grimes.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> will be a performance by Claude Johnson.
- If you are interested in providing special music like singing, playing an instrument, or playing the piano, please contact Julie Momber or Deb Dieckman.

## CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

- The school year is winding down with our last official days of Sunday School on May 9 and 16. Teachers will be recognized on Sun., May 23. This year's staff include Patrice Fulton-Peacock, Mary Snow, Suzy Kreeger, Chris Hubbard, Fran Gibbs, and substitute Patty Ritzema. Thank you to this flexible staff who is always prepared, even though attendance varies widely. Candy Outman provided a great boost in attendance at Sunday School by having her Praise Choir attend classes after singing once a month! It was a joy for all of us to have many faces in our rooms.
- Mark your calendars for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** at St. Paul Lutheran, hosted by Settlement Lutheran on July 27-29. Dinner is 5:30-6:00 and VBS is 6:00-8:00. They plan this to be outside in the pavilion so it will be a safe setting! The theme and needs we can provide will be in the next Pulse.
- Attention all first and second graders: Due to the closure last spring, we will be awarding Bibles to both grades of students May 23<sup>rd</sup> during service. Please call or email the office with the name of your first and/or second grader, ASAP!

## LOOKING FORWARD

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

- **The FCC Annual Meeting** and Communion Sunday is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Mother's Day** is May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Graduation Scholarship Applications** are due back by May 2<sup>nd</sup>!
- **Graduation Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>.** \*Graduates receiving awards, please be present!
- **Bibles for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders** presentation May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Service Time Change:** Our service will move to **10:30am** beginning May 30<sup>th</sup>. This is the last Sunday of the month (no Sunday school).

## LOCAL EVENTS AND NEWS

- **The CoA is celebrating Mothers** with a free gift! Call CoA opt. 4, to pick up your gift Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Take-out Wednesday Meals:** meals for seniors 60+ (\$3 donation). Under 60 is \$6.50. Reserve meals by the Monday before by calling CoA, option 4. Serving starts at noon. Drive-thru and pickup your meals!
- **Alzheimers Assoc. Classes** Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Register through the CoA, option 4.
- **For more information on events/activities offered through the Commission on Aging (CoA) facility,** call 989-831-7476, or go online to [www.montcalmcountymissiononaging.org](http://www.montcalmcountymissiononaging.org)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2 Communion Sunday</b> 11a Worship 12p 169 <sup>th</sup> FCC Annual Meeting 3p Venture	<b>3</b> 5:30 CS	<b>4</b> 5:30 GS	<b>5</b> 10a PURLS 4p Girl Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>6</b> 11a GAMA 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Mother's Day</b> 9:30 Choir 11a Worship Special Music <i>~Chancel Choir</i>	<b>10</b> 5:30 CS	<b>11</b> 10a Preschool Picnic @ Gpa Duane's Farm! 5p HCA Mtg. 5:30 GS	<b>12</b> 10a PURLS 4p Girl Scouts 6:30p BS	<b>13</b> 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 Graduation Sunday</b> 11a Worship Special Music <i>~Larry Alman</i> PF Youth 3p Venture	<b>17</b> 5:30 CS	<b>18</b> 5:30 GS	<b>19</b> 10a PURLS 4p Girl Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>20</b> 6p OA Group 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 Children's Sunday</b> 11a Worship Special Music <i>~Megan Grimes</i>	<b>24</b> 5:30 CS 6:30 Trustees	<b>25</b> 5:30 GS	<b>26</b> 10a PURLS 4p Girl Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>27</b> 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30 Worship</b> <b>Service Moves to 10:30am</b> <b>New Member Celebration</b> Special Music <i>~Claude Johnson</i>	<b>31</b>  <i>~office closed~</i> 5:30 CS	 <b>Congratulations 2021 Graduates!</b>				

## Notes:



## ~ June 2021 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
 <p><b>Flag Day ~ June 14</b></p>		<b>1</b>  Preschool Bike Rodeo  5:30 GS	<b>2</b> 10a PURLS  Preschool Bike Rodeo  4p Girl Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 11a GAMA  <b>Preschool Graduation @11am</b>  7:30 AA	<b>4</b>  <b>Preschool Graduation @7pm</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>6 Communion Sunday</b> 10a Worship Special Music ~TBA  3p Venture Crew	<b>7</b>  <b>Picnic @ Ms. Candy's Farm!</b>  5:30 CS	<b>8</b>  5p HCA Mtg. 5:30 GS 6:30 Deacons	<b>9</b> 10a PURLS  4p Girl Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>10</b>  9a Rummage Sale Set-up  7:30 AA	<b>11</b>  <b>8a Church Rummage Sale!</b>
<b>13</b> 10a Worship Special Music ~Chancel Choir	<b>14</b>  <b>Happy Flag Day!</b>  5:30 CS	<b>15</b>  5:30 GS	<b>16</b> 10a PURLS  4p Girl Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>17</b>  7:30 AA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 Father's Day</b> 10:30a Worship Special Music ~TBA  3p Venture Crew	<b>21</b>  5:30 CS 6:30 Trustees	<b>22</b>  5:30 GS	<b>23</b> 10a PURLS  4p Girl Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>24</b>  7:30 AA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:30a Worship Special Music ~TBA	<b>28</b>  5:30 CS	<b>29</b>  5:30 GS	<b>30</b>  4p Girl Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	 <p><b>Summer Break!</b></p>		

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