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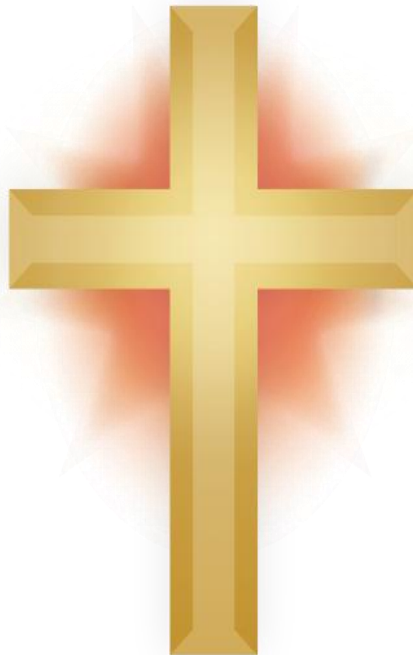
JULY 2021

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, 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>Kate Hanson</i>	<i>Theresa Loper</i>	<i>Mar Newkirk</i>
<i>Jay Wickerham</i>	<i>Steve Rittersdorf</i>	<i>Jerry Kiste</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>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>
<i>Mable Tate</i>		<i>-at United Rehab and Nursing, Room #108</i>

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

<i>Jerry Garner</i>	<i>Friend to all FCC Members</i>
<i>Kathy Cristofoli</i>	<i>Sister of Karen Hulbert</i>

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:

- *Gloria McPherson the passing of her brother.*
- *The family of Byron Davey for the passing of his brother.*

A note from your Parish Nurse: Thank you to all who took the necessary steps to keep our church family safe during the past 15 months of the COVID pandemic! We have had no reported cases of COVID coming from our church services or our preschool which is such a blessing. While it is so nice to see the faces of our family and get back to our normal church activities please be aware that the pandemic is not over. Unfortunately the Delta variant of the virus is in our state and is much more contagious and causes much more serious illness than the previous strains. Symptoms are different for this strain. They begin with headaches, sore throats, runny noses and later fever. These symptoms can easily be confused with allergies or colds especially in children who are very susceptible. Fortunately if you have been fully vaccinated you are highly protected from contracting or passing on this variant. Anyone who has not been vaccinated (including children under 12) must be aware of the contagiousness and seriousness of this virus and take precautions. If you haven't been vaccinated yet please do as soon as possible to protect not only yourself but the children you come in contact with as well as those with weakened immune systems. If you or your children don't feel well please stay home; if you have the symptoms please get tested. There are treatments available and you will save lives by quarantining. COVID is not like the flu, it often has serious long-term consequences. If you have had COVID once you are not protected from getting it again without the vaccine, especially with the new variant. The vaccines are free, safe, highly effective and available for everyone over 12 years old. If you have any questions please feel free to call me or our local Health Department. Patrice Fulton-Peacock, RN 616-894-7288. *Our Nurse is available on Mondays 8am to 4pm, Tuesdays 8am to 12pm and Thursdays from 8am to 4pm.

BOARD MEETINGS:

Council: *TBA*
Deacons: August 10th at 6:30pm
Trustees: Monday, July 26th at 6:30pm

Trustees of the Month: Dan Eagles and Kirk Faber

Deacon of the Month: Emily Suchowolec

~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

FCC COUNCIL NEWS	PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our service time continues to meet at 10:30am throughout the summer and be reviewed in the fall. • The council will meet this month – date and time TBA. Please watch your bulletin! 	<p>The Pastoral Search Committee would like to offer this prayer for guidance for all:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Heavenly Father, We lift our hearts to You in praise and gratitude for all You have done in our lives: You have blessed our church and families in countless ways, and have faithfully guided us to this time in our church's history. We come before You as Your sons and daughters to seek Your will and open our hearts to Your leading. We stand amazed at the challenge before us. Yet we feel a growing excitement as we watch Your plans unfold. We are so privileged to be a part of all You are doing. Use us, Lord, to minister in Your name. help us to lift up the name of Jesus in our community, that lives may be transformed by Your love, Your grace, and your saving power. Teach us to trust you in every way and to walk with you daily. Father, we know You are able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. Nothing is too hard for You. We want to see Your full will be done in our community. And so, in Jesus name, we dedicate ourselves to You and ask that You preapre our hearts and make Your will known to us as we seek, select and install our next Pastor. Amen.
DEACONS NEWS	<p>UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS</p> <p>No More COVID Protocols...for now!</p> <p>In keeping with the State of Michigan lifting all COVID-19 restrictions on June 22nd, FCCoG will follow suit and lift ours also. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opening up our fellowship hall and kitchen for use • discontinuing temperature taking at the door • eliminating social distancing and mask-wearing requirements* • Coffee hour will resume when the Deacons have had time to discuss the issue and make a plan. • The Music Committee will meet at some point this summer to consider choir performance issues. • The service will gradually return to its pre-COVID normal length. <p>It is our fervent hope that it will not become necessary to return to these precautions in the future, but we realize COVID-19 could become a problem again.</p> <p>*We do request that people who have not had vaccines continue to wear masks for their own safety but will not mandate it. Thank you so much for your positive attitudes throughout!</p> <p>~ The Safety Protocol Committee (Larry Alman, Deb Dieckman, Kirk Faber, Don & Fran Gibbs, Candy Outman, and Patrice Fulton-Peacock)</p>
CHURCH OFFICE NEWS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is August 10th at 6:30pm. • By vote we have appointed the following board members: Chair-Don Gibbs, Vice Chair-Suzy Kreeger, Secretary-Fran Gibbs, Treasurer-Jerry McPherson, Council Rep: Jim Ritzema. Committee and another council rep to be appointed in August. • We are planning a "new" Fall Start Up that will be the second weekend in September on the 12th. • Coffee Hour: We are discussing coffee hour options and will probably start in the fall with just coffee and lemonade. More information will be announced soon! 	
FCC CELEBRATIONS	
<p>OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Thurs from 9-3 with lunch from 11:30-12. The door is locked for staff safety. 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>	
MUTUAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy Birthday! To Terri Merritt (7/2), Betty Houle (99! on 7/4), Deb Dieckman (7/5), Claude Johnson (7/6), Cindy Hanson (7/7), Shirley Kalbfleisch (98! on 7/8), Harry Riddle (7/9), Carla Durdle (7/12), Darlene Petersen (7/18), Chris Hubbard (7/19), Cap Tower (7/19), Blake Rowland (7/22), Zachary Norman (7/22), Marta Lores (7/23), and Sarah Milam (7/28). • Happy Anniversary! To Jerry & Gloria McPherson (7/12) and Josh & Kim Kruger (7/14). 	
CHRISTIAN ED NEWS	
<p>Are looking to help and be apart of our Sunday Service? Here are some areas we need volunteers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgist: If you would like to help with our Sunday Readings, please contact the church office. *Reader rotations are every three months. • Sound Techs: We are looking for volunteers to learn our sound booth and help stream our live services. If interested, contact the office. <p>VBS is at St. Paul Lutheran Church (hosted by Settlement Lutheran Church) on July 27-29. Please join us for fun activities in the outdoor pavilion at St Paul's! Dinner is at 5:30pm and VBS classes run from 6-8pm. We hope your children/grandchildren can join us!</p>	

PRESCHOOL NEWS

- Our Summer Buzy Bees program is in full swing! The program is every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11:30am and the cost is \$30 per week (this includes snacks and learning materials). This program is for any child 3-5 years old! If you are interested, please contact the office or Ms. Candy, to sign up.
- Preschool Classes are full for fall, and we now have a waitlist. If you still would like a registration packet for fall classes and to be added to our waitlist, please contact the church office.

MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS

Here is our Special Music line-up for July:

- July 4th will be a performance by Janet Tower.
- July 11th will be a performance by Harrison Witt.
- July 18th will be a performance by our Chancel Choir. Please join us if you are wanting to share your talent with others! *See Julie Momber to get on the roster.
- July 25th – performance TBA.
- If you are interested in providing special music (singing, playing an instrument, playing the piano, etc.), please contact Julie Momber.

WF NEWS

- **Rummage Sale 'Thank you!'** To all who helped set up, clean up and deliver the unsold items from the sale to Arms of Love. With your help we were able to hold the sale for two Fridays and made \$576.00 in sales! The sale was well attended, and we were grateful for all the items donated, and the generosity of our members. It was so nice to have the sale back in our church once again and we hope to have another rummage sale in the fall!
- **KITCHEN COORDINATORS NEEDED:** We are looking for a few women who are willing to help share duties monitoring events using the kitchen, inventory of supplies, and following health department guidelines. We are also hoping to resume events in Fellowship Hall (Coffee Hour, potlucks, Circle meetings, and maybe even a bazaar!) We hope to have a rotation of volunteers, so it doesn't fall on any one person. It involves a study guide and taking a test through the health department. Please see Chris Hubbard if you can help!

PF YOUTH NEWS


The MiPF and MCSC invite you to join us for a "Family Day at Potter Park Zoo" from 10-3:30pm on July 24th. *We will meet at Eagle Landing Pavilion, just outside the zoo. Plan for fun games, a craft, a zoo scavenger hunt, bible study, lunch and prayer. The cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per family with a \$5 per car parking fee. Register online by July 10th at <https://forms.gle/> or call Sharon @ 734-397-8623. Or See Claude Johnson for more info!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Here are the member highlights from the month of June:

- The Welsch Family: Dave, Karlie, & Nikki Welch have been members since 2006. Dave owns a produce broker company and Karlie works for Greenville Public Schools Administration. They have 3 children (Kate, Jason and Nikki). Their oldest Kate (husband Donovan), lives & works in Qatar. Jason (wife Brooke and daughter Charley) has been living with Dave & Karlie while they built a new house which has been a great time for all. Nikki is engaged to Drew and lives in Sand Lake.
- The Beauvais family: Bruce and Sue have been members of FCCOG since 1986. They both recently retired. They enjoy reading, amateur car racing, car shows, knitting, and ham radio operating. They recently celebrated their 40th anniversary.
- Judy Swartz: Judy has been a member of FCCOG since 1999. She has a son and daughter and 4 grandchildren. She owns and works at Hubbs Insurance. Her favorite hobby is walking.
- Karen Hulbert: Karen has been a member of FCCOG since 2003 but was married at FCCOG in 1961 and both of her sons were baptized at FCCOG. She has 2 sons and 5 grandchildren. Her hobbies include gardening, playing cards (especially bridge), & golfing.
- Kay Thomas: Kay has been a member of FCCOG since 2005. She had 4 children, two of whom are living. She has 5 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Hobbies include spending time with family and reading. She loves bringing great-grandson Kevin to church with her lives in Sparta and is a physician assistant. They enjoy riding horses, camping, golfing, hunting, and spending time with Brooks.
- Virginia Evans: Virginia has been a member of FCCOG for a little over a month! She has been involved in child care all her life, working at the Methodist Church day care and was a mentor at Walnut Hills for many years. She has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. She has spent over 15 years raising foster children and enjoys craft club with several Church members.
- Larry Alman: Larry has been a member of FCCOG since 2009. He has two daughters. He volunteers in many ways for Church, but is best known for his smiling face greeting people at the door. He is very active in the community with amateur radio, Lions club, and is on the board for the housing commission and the Flat River Historical Museum.

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Notes:

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