



# FCC PILGRIM PULSE

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*The Good News . . .*

It's my favorite – summertime in Michigan. I think I once described Heaven to be like sitting on a deck along a lakeshore in Michigan during the summer. We live in such a blessed place at such a blessed time of year. I hope you enjoy all of this as much as I do (prayers for comfort to the snowmobilers, skiers, and ice fishers out there). Summertime in Michigan also means summertime at First Congregational Church of Greenville. We're swinging our Sunday worship service to the earlier 10:00 a.m. time and shifting gears into our summer activity schedule. God be praised!

I hope you'll take some of the extra time and slower pace that we enjoy during the summer to take up some renewed prayer for our church, congregation, and community. Slowing down is a great time to pause to seek out and listen to God's voice for our mission and our future as a covenant body embarked on God's mission here in Greenville. The Apostle John quotes Jesus in his Gospel, "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." I believe we truly can have peace and hope as we seek out God's wisdom and guidance for us today. Let us embark together into a season of prayer.

At this year's NACCC Minister's Convocation, one of our main topics was "Joining God in Post-Christian Soil: Practices for Connecting with Nones, Dones, and the Spiritual-but-not-Religious" taught by Dr. Christopher James, who is the assistant professor of Evangelism and Missional Christianity at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. During those sessions we talked about churches that were having success in connecting and reaching people among these groups. One thought that was reinforced there was to look outside the church and outside church activities to see where people are gathering in the community and then go join those gatherings. With our congregation's wonderful heart for service, I am sure that we can pray and observe new possibilities to connect with new people outside our walls; amazing people that God is waiting to lead us to even today.

*Peace of Christ,  
Rev. Jason Dillingham*




## IN OUR PRAYERS

**IN OUR MILITARY:** Matthew Crittenden, Jordan Varney, Paul Lepley, TJ Curry, Joshua Roose, Blake Schlien, Stephanie Roose, Melissa Staffen, Rick Grimes, Joe Suchowolec, Griffin Gloeden, and Kyle Durdle.

### WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

<i>Marta Lores</i>	<i>Jackie Kocher</i>	<i>Rob Sansom</i>	<i>Pat Toth</i>	<i>Mike Tuin</i>
<i>Lucille McLachlan</i>	<i>Betty Lincoln</i>	<i>Sandra Tiffany</i>	<i>Roxy Rice</i>	<i>Michael Balars</i>
<i>Barb Hoy</i>	<i>Brian Adair</i>	<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Keith King</i>	<i>Carrol Minard</i>
<i>Lucas Hopkins</i>	<i>Marjoan Wohlfert</i>	<i>Coreen Johnston</i>	<i>Gary Petersen</i>	<i>Dennis Snow</i>
<i>Larry Moss</i>	<i>Bonnie Hoseth</i>	<i>Bill &amp; Jean Boyd</i>	<i>Jade Hannah</i>	<i>Brian Tiffany</i>
<i>Holly Case</i>	<i>Bonnie Braman</i>	<i>Pat Flashaar</i>	<i>Jerry McPherson</i>	<i>Kathy Reed</i>
<i>Darlene Petersen</i>	<i>David Crittenden</i>			

### FCC FAMILY AT CARE FACILITIES

<i>Millie Crowe</i>		<i>-at Maple Creek, Grand Rapids</i>
<i>Lois Hazlewood</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>Mary Crittenden</i>		<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #109</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>

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS

<i>Jasmine Luce</i>	<i>Friend of Candy Outman</i>
<i>Sarah Brygal</i>	<i>Friend of Candy Outman</i>
<i>Bob Deal, Jr. and Tom Deal</i>	<i>Brothers of Candy Outman</i>
<i>Karen DeWitt</i>	<i>Daughter of Bill &amp; Lois Visch</i>
<i>Jim, Sr. &amp; Kitty Case</i>	<i>Father &amp; Stepmother of Jim Case</i>
<i>Katja &amp; Raija Seppala</i>	<i>Friends of the Jones and Dillingham Families</i>
<i>Wes Carns</i>	<i>Friend of the Dillingham Family</i>

- **REMINDER** – People that are placed on our prayer list will remain on the list for 3 weeks. 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. Thank you!

#### Congratulations to:

Our 2019 FCC Graduates! Blessings to you all on your future endeavors! "God has more in store for you than you can even imagine." ~Ephesians 3:20

#### Special Thanks:

#### **To all of our Sunday School Teachers!**

From Nyama NewKirk-Davis: *to my FCC Family and living out our Christian Faith with prayers and support for my recovery! Special thanks to Rob! ~Nyama Newkirk-Davis*

From Ron Kingsbury: *to all my FCC Friends who came last Sunday to help me celebrate my birthday! Thank you for all the gifts, cards, and birthday wishes! ~Ron Kingsbury*



#### Continue Prayers for:

Larry Moss, Jerry McPherson, Carrol Minard, Darlene Petersen, and Rose Riddle.

~ June 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 1p Kay Thomas Baby Shower (1-4)
<b>2 Communion</b> 9a Choir 10a Worship 12:15 PF Youth  3p Venture	<b>3</b>  5:30 CS	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>6</b> 11a GAMA  7:30 AA	<b>7</b> 11:30 AA	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10a Worship Special Music – <i><b>Katrina Nelson</b></i>  3p Venture	<b>10</b> <b>10a to 4p                      American                      Red Cross                      Blood Drive</b>  6:30 Deacons	<b>11</b>  <i>11a – 3yr old                      Preschool                      Graduation</i>	<b>12</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>13</b> <b>Flag Day</b>  <i>7p – 4&amp;5yr                      old Preschool                      Graduation</i>	<b>14</b> 11:30 AA  <i>10a - Ms.                      Candy's                      Preschool                      Picnic</i>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 10a Worship Special Music – <i><b>Claude Johnson</b></i> -PF Youth  3p Venture	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>20</b>  6:30 F.A.N. 7:30 AA	<b>21</b> 11:30 AA	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10a Worship Special Music – <i><b>Julie Momber</b></i>  3p Venture	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>27</b>  7:30 AA	<b>28</b> 11:30 AA	<b>29</b>  <b>Blake                      Rowland                      Open House                      1-4</b>
<div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> <b>NAPF/HOPE Camp 2019 in Ohio from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup></b> </div>						
3p Venture	7p Trustees	7p Beer & Hymns	5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	7:30 AA		
<b>30</b> 10a Worship Special Music – <b>TBA</b>  3p Venture	-Preschool Graduations are June 11 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> . -Preschool Picnic is 10am on the 14 <sup>th</sup> . -NAPF is end of June in Cleveland, Ohio					

~ *July 2019* ~

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	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>4</b>  ~OFFICE CLOSED~  7:30 AA	<b>5</b> 11:30 AA	<b>6</b> *Gus Macker
<b>7</b> <b>Communion</b> 10a Worship Special Music – <b>TBA</b> *Gus Macker  3p Venture	<b>8</b>   6:30 Deacons	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>11</b>  <b>11a GAMA</b>  7:30 AA	<b>12</b> 11:30 AA	<b>13</b>
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<b>PF Youth MCSC 2019 at YMCA Camp Ohiyesa July 14-19</b>						
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<b>VBS – Here at FCC from 5:30-8:00pm</b> <b>*See "CE News" for more info!</b>						
<b>28</b> 10a Worship Special Music – <b>TBA</b>  3p Venture	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>   7p Beer & Hymns	<b>31</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study			

# ~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

## PASTORAL NEWS

**Community Life (CL):** Our free dinner is at 5pm with group study at 6pm. We are looking for volunteers to help cook and serve supper on Wednesday nights. Food prep begins between 2-3pm and cleanup is typically done by around 6pm. Please see Megan Dillingham if you are interested in volunteering.

- **Pastor's Office Hours:** Open office hours are Monday & Wednesday (10am-2pm). Study day on Tuesday. Visits on Thursdays or as needed. Evening visits are available by appointment. To schedule an appointment or visit, please call the church office, email Pastor Jason or call the Parsonage.
- **Pastoral Care:** Our team is here for your spiritual & emotional care! To schedule an appointment or visit, call the office, the parsonage (835-9032) or email pastor.dillingham@gmail.com.
- **Parish Nurse:** Is off on Mondays. She is in on Tues. & Thurs. from 8-4, and Friday from 8-11am.

## DEACONS NEWS

Highlights from the May Meeting:

- Save the date...July 14 bike trip on the trail.
- Will host an *Ice Cream Social* on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The deacons continue to read and discuss *The Scandal of Redemption* by Oscar Romero.
- Membership Comm. sent lots of cards this month.
- As an additional safety measure, walkie talkies are now available to allow for easier communication between deacons and other groups in different parts of the church.
- Deacons will continue to support Greenville Students in a back to school drive in August.

## PARISH NURSE NEWS

There is a flyer on the bulletin board from the State of Michigan regarding the recent measles outbreak here in Michigan. The flyer lists the symptoms to look out for, who is at-risk, and the local Health Department's phone number (989-831-5237) if you would like to get vaccinated. If you would like more info or if you have questions, please contact Patrice, our Parish Nurse.

## SUMMER SERVICE TIME CHANGE!

We have moved into our summer service time. **Our service is now at 10:00 AM.** Please join us after service for fellowship and light refreshments!

## CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

Office hours are Monday thru Friday 9am to 3pm with lunch from 2:00 to 2:30pm. **After June 12<sup>th</sup> the office will take lunch from 12-12:30 and the church office will be closed on Fridays through July.** Please remember to update your info or contact us through the Church Communication box.

## TRUSTEE NEWS & PLEDGING INFORMATION

Our Shortage YTD is \$6,353.22. The next meeting will be June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the upstairs conference room. Tithing boxes are available in the library; if you do not see your box, please leave a note for the office and one will be issued to you. Pledge cards are still available in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued

## CELEBRATIONS

support and care for this church!

**Happy Birthday!** To Steve Roose (6/9), Rose Riddle (6/11), Morgan M. Venema (6/15), Marian Griffith (6/17), Katrina Nelson (6/17), Pat Flashaar (6/20), Corey Norman (6/21), Sophia Norman (6/23), Dawson Weber (6/25). **Happy Anniversary!** To Steve & Diane Roose (6/11), Paul & Kris Jager (6/17), Ken & Kathy Reed (6/17), Duane & Anita Putnam (6/19), Vivian & Carol Minard (6/21), Jim & Patti Ritzema (6/28), Kirk & Celeste Faber (6/29), and Ken & Coleen Venema (6/29).

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS

We are on summer break and will resume practices in the fall. The Children's choir is open to everyone, we need dancers, singers, clappers, etc. Anyone who wants to make a joyful noise, is welcome! Questions? Contact Katrina Nelson at [kat.k.nelson@gmail.com](mailto:kat.k.nelson@gmail.com).

## CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

We are on break until fall. We are looking for people who have musical talent and would like to sing or play an instrument for our summer *Special Music Program*. If you are interested, please contact Greg VanderMark.

## PF YOUTH NEWS

The NAPF/HOPE retreat is June 23-28 at Mohican Outdoor School, in Ohio. Check the church bulletin board for registration packets and more upcoming PF Youth trips!

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

We will be having a blood drive in fellowship hall on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 12-5. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to register.



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

- **WF Board Meeting** will be August 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.
- **Winslow Circle** will meet June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Turk Lake for our End-of-Year Picnic (if nice weather we will eat outside). All Ladies are welcome for Fellowship, food and fun! Please contact Michele Kocher with any questions at 754-6046.
- **Bethany Circle** will meet Wednesday, June 5, for dinner at Turk Lake. Please meet at 5:30 behind the church to carpool to the restaurant. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:00 pm. please call Fran Gibbs by June 3<sup>rd</sup>, if you need a ride and to RSVP.
- Our fellowship is proud to announce the refinishing of our kitchen cupboards, the work will begin on the fronts and doors on August 5<sup>th</sup> and will last approximately two weeks. Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>, volunteers will box up all items that are inside the cupboards while work to the fronts is being done. Work should be completed by August 16<sup>th</sup>. Our fundraisers over the last two and a half years and some generous donations have helped to fund this project. We are blessed to have a congregational family that supports our fundraisers, and for that we are truly thankful.
- Women's fellowship also supports the purchase of all kitchen supplies for any church sponsored events that use our kitchen.
- **Trust in the lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths. ~Proverbs 3:5-6**

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

- May was a busy month! The children were finishing mother's day projects and all the work before the they will be let out for summer break. The Children had a picnic at Grandpa Duane's farm and also went to the Grand Rapids Zoo. The children will have their annual Bike Rodeo at the Beginning of June. The Graduation Ceremonies will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> for the 4 & 5-year old's and on the 13<sup>th</sup> for the 3-year-old group.
- The end-of-year picnic will be Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. There will be lots of food, folks, and fun in the water!
- Ms. Candy is still accepting registration packets for children who will be attending Preschool in the fall. Please stop in the church office to pick up a packet! More info is on the Church website or by calling 754-7608.

**Get your packet today - Space is limited!**

## CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

Our Sunday School Teachers enjoyed a recognition breakfast on May 19, with a small token of appreciation, and a hearty clapping of thanks during the worship service. We have a very dedicated staff!

- June 9 **Summer Sunday School** Begins! A few of our teachers are willing to take a week for a short lesson and a craft for kids attending church with their families. The whole group will meet in Fellowship Hall after the Children's Sermon on all Sundays that don't have communion. A signup sheet is available in the library! Please take a Sunday this Summer!
- **Vacation Bible School** July 23, 24, and 25 will start with optional dinner at 5:30 and VBS at 6-8pm. Please consider helping with any or all days! Besides crafts, games, and lessons, we need food preparation, and snack preparation. There is something for EVERYONE! A signup sheet is available in the library!
- **Do You Have A Story to Share?** Please contact Megan Dillingham to lead a brief children's message on Sunday mornings.

## OTHER NEWS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **OPEN HOUSE INVITE:** Scott & Lynne Rowland would like to invite you to a graduation open house for Blake Rowland on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 at the Montcalm Township Hall. Please join us to celebrate Blake's graduation from Greenville High School and sample some authentic Ukrainian food.
- **Game Day:** Mon, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Sign up by June 17<sup>th</sup> by calling the CoA option #4. Game Day is every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.
- **Father's Day Celebration:** Fri., June 14<sup>th</sup> at noon in Stanton. Help us to honor all fathers! Price is \$2.50 donation 60 & up or \$6 for under 60. Sign up by June 3<sup>rd</sup> by calling CoA, option #4.
- **AARP Drivers Safety Class:** Thurs. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> from 8-5 with a 1 hr. lunch break. Soup & Salad Bar lunch available (60 & up \$2.50 donation, under 60 is \$6). This is a classroom refresher course for drivers age 50 & older that can possibly help lower insurance costs. AARP members pay \$15 or \$20 for nonmembers. Call CoA, option #4 to register by Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Legal Aid of Western Michigan:** provides legal advice and representation in a broad range of areas. Available for 60 years and older. Must call 616-774-0672 to check on eligibility.
- **Check out the CoA website** or call 989-831-7476 for important news & upcoming events at: [www.montcalmcountycorrectionsonaging.org](http://www.montcalmcountycorrectionsonaging.org).

**Trustees of the Month:** Cindy Hanson and Karen Hulbert  
**Deacon of the Month:** Deb House

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

Deacons: Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Trustees: Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**General Fund: Operating Budget Income**

April 2018 YTD \$95,797.72 ♦ April 2019 YTD \$89,444.50  
Shortage YTD \$6,353.22

**MUTUAL MINISTRY**

**June 2 – Communion Sunday**

Greeters: The Peter Faber Family  
Liturgist: Sandra Tiffany  
Children’s Message: Pastor Jason  
Ushers: John & Deb House and Don Gibbs  
Coffee Hour: Bonnie Braman, Carolyn Coles,  
Marian Griffith, and Janet Tuin  
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Corey Norman

**June 9**

Greeters: Candy Outman and Patrice Fulton-Peacock  
Liturgist: Ed Milam  
Children’s Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Larry Alman, Candy Outman, and  
Patrice Fulton-Peacock  
Coffee Hour: Larry & Mary Snow, Betty Lincoln, and  
Roxy Rice  
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake Rowland

**June 16 – Father’s Day**

Greeters: Kirk & Celeste Faber  
Liturgist: Roxy Rice  
Children’s Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Wilson Hoy, Ron Kingsbury, and Marian Griffith  
Coffee Hour: Joe & Emily Suchowolec, Jane Truesdell  
and Corey Norman  
Sound Techs: Corey Norman and Joe Suchowolec

**June 23**

Greeters: Dave & Linda Jones  
Liturgist: Blake Rowland  
Children’s Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Dave & Linda Jones and Scott Rowland  
Coffee Hour: John & Deb House, Karen Hulbert, and  
Dick Canfield  
Sound Techs: Blake Rowland and Joe Suchowolec

**June 30**

Greeters: Deb Dieckman and Katrina Nelson  
Liturgist: Chris Hubbard  
Children’s Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Steve Roose, Deb Dieckman, and Katrina Nelson  
Coffee Hour: **Ice Cream Social**  
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Joe Suchowolec

**July 7 – Communion Sunday**

Greeters: Lynn & Bonnie Wickerham  
Liturgist: Marta Lores  
Children’s Message: Pastor Jason  
Ushers: Lynn & Bonnie Wickerham and Don Gibbs  
Coffee Hour: Kurt & Suzy Kreeger, Julie Momber, &  
Carla Durdle  
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Corey Norman

**July 14**

Greeters: Pat Lake and Claude Johnson  
Liturgist: Pat Lake  
Children’s Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Larry Alman, Pat Lake, and Claude Johnson  
Coffee Hour: Don & Fran Gibbs, Deb Dieckman and  
Katrina Nelson  
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake Rowland

**July 21**

Greeters: Ed & Jenny Milam  
Liturgist: Scott Rowland  
Children’s Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Ed & Jenny Milam and Wilson Hoy  
Coffee Hour: Cindy Hanson, Claude Johnson,  
Patrice Fulton-Peacock, & **NEEDED**  
Sound Techs: Corey Norman and Joe Suchowolec

**July 28**

Greeters: Ray & Janet Tower  
Liturgist: Bonnie Wickerham  
Children’s Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Scott Rowland, Ron Kingsbury and Pat Lake  
Coffee Hour: Greg & Valerie VanderMark and  
Larry & Karen Carbonelli  
Sound Techs: Blake Rowland and Joe Suchowolec