

First Congregational Church UCC
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Pilgrim's Echo



New Church Pictorial Directory

Every household is invited to pick up a complimentary copy of the new pictorial directory. There are around 100 households listed with pictures, addresses, phone numbers, email and birthdays. This is a great way to put names with faces and promote closer and more personal relationships with one another.

As I glance at all the pictures of those involved one way or another with our church family, it is amazing to realize about half of the nearly 100 households listed are new since I arrived. It also reminds me that just as many have moved, died or no longer show up.

Ed and Jeannie Kammer, long time members, have been gone for a few years, indicated how strange was is to return and find so many people they don't recognize. But they are happy about it and making every effort to connect or reconnect with their "new" church family. It is also challenging for me to keep up with the new arrivals. Putting names with the new faces is a challenge for me. It is embarrassing not to remember names of the newer people. This directory will help me – as I hope it will for others.

The bigger challenge for all of us is to consciously work at getting to know and relate with one another better. Overall, we have a great attitude about inviting and welcoming guests and new members.

I ask your help in the spiritual care of everyone. When you find that a person or family has not been showing up – give them a call or make contact. Contact me or call the office with any information that might be helpful in keeping in touch with those people as they may be facing some life challenges.

Finally, thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the new pictorial directory possible.

Christ's Servant and Yours,
Pastor Henry Brinker



Church Staff:

Pastor,
Reverend Henry C. Brinker

Office Administrator,
Cathy DeWulf

Office Assistant & Newsletter,
Barb Schuster

Choir Director,
Bette Carrothers

Organist,
Richard Wolf

Child Care,
Beth Robbins

Custodian,
Ralph Dunsmore



Church Council:

Moderator - Greg Harmon

Vice Moderator - Ed Kammer

Clerk - Donna Dunsmore

Treasurer - Bonnie Kandler

Diaconate Chair - Barb Schuster

Trustees Chair - Chuck Maddix

Religious Ed - Sandra Wasilina

Ushers - Richard Kordas

Missions - Phyllis Maddix,
Barb MacDonald

Decorating - Sherry Cole

Technology Team - Dennis Halstead

Music Chair - Jim Parsons

Dorcas Circle - Anna Cratsenburg

G.L.E.E. - Marge Reh, Bev Reno



Weekly Food, Fellowship and
Worship

Every Wednesday evening with
a meal at 6:00 p.m.
A \$5.00 donation is suggested.
A casual worship service with
communion led by Pastor
Brinker begins at 7 p.m.
Reservations are encouraged.
Sign up in the fellowship hall,
call the office: (586) 725-0909
or email: fccnb@att.net by 10
a.m. Wednesdays.



**Prayers for special healing
or special needs** will be
held, after all services, in
the rear of the sanctuary
upon request. These brief
sessions are for individuals
who desire healing and
special need prayers and
those who may want to lay
on their hands to share
their energy and thoughts
in prayer.

We have a couple special guests on Sunday, August 4. Kelsey Hartley, Chuck and Phyllis's granddaughter will sing "You Say" by Lauren Daigle. Our other guest, Chaplain Don Forden will share his ministry for the Unclaimed Veteran. He helps provide dignified military burials for these veterans at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside California.

"The Sound of Silence"

You will hear "The Sound of Silence" by Simon and Garfunkel on Sundays: August 11, 18 and 25. Pastor's message and theme of those services will be to talk about issues we don't normally like to talk about.... we just keep silent. They might include: Opioid Addiction, Suicide, Racism, Hunger, Poverty, Social Justice, Sexual and Physical Abuse, Inequality, Depression, Mental Health, Pornography, Gender, etc.
We will focus on a couple of issues and see how we can become more aware and the ways we might be able to better become the healing instruments of Christ in our communities. If it works out, we may do this occasionally throughout the year. Or have someone come in and present a workshop. If you have a silent issue that you would like to have your church become more informed on, talk with Pastor Brinker

Pasty Out Reach: Each year 10% of our annual pasty profit shall be distributed to suggested out reach programs determined to be worthy and then brought to a vote by our Church Council:
The following are the programs receiving funds this year:

• Feed the Bay—	\$500
• Camp Talahi—	\$1000
• Meals on Wheels—	\$250
• Turning Point—	\$500
• Local Family	\$1000
• Anchor Bay Community Foundation	\$1000
• New Baltimore Goodfellows	\$500
• UCC Disaster Ministries	\$250
• S.E. Michigan Deaf Ministry	\$250
• L.O.G.I.A.	\$350
• MCREST	\$250
• Alabaster Gift	<u>\$250</u>

Total \$6,100 distributed

Sincerely,
Nicole Urban, MPH
Program Manager



Dear Cathy & all our friends at First Congregational Church,
Once again, we thank you for your generous donation to the Foundation. As requested your gift will be attributed equally to the Grace Independent Living Fund for Seniors and to the Foundation's unrestricted funds that support cultural, charitable, social, wellness and educational grants.

We recognize your hard work and your vision for supporting the community. On behalf of the board, thank you.

Sincerely,
Lynne Hoover Musilli
Anchor Bay Community Foundation

Thank You

Dear Church,

Thank you for your generous gift to support The Alabaster Gift (TAG). We are blessed by your care and encouragement for the work we do.

Your donation of \$250 is making way for TAG to offer hands-on services to those who were trafficked in both labor and sexual exploitation. Your support is changing lives.

We thank God for your kindness & support!!!

God bless you,
Heidi Wilt, Executive Director

The ***deadline*** for the **September Echo** is Monday, **August 19th**. Please submit all articles/announcements to Barb Schuster at baschu65@att.net or the church office at

If you wish to receive your Pilgrim's Echo via e-mail, please notify Barb Schuster at baschu65@att.net or the church office at fccnb@att.net.

The Monthly *Pilgrim's Echo* is now available on our website under the newsletter tab.

Web Address:
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Coffee with the Pastor on Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Come in and have a cup of coffee and visit with Pastor Brinker.

August birthdays

03	Dennis Halstead Tim DeWulf
04	Kay Wall
05	Nancy Furtah
08	Bill Carrothers
10	Lucy Schaffer
13	Jack Dailey
14	Rosalie LeRoy
21	Bette Carrothers Stephanie Ricci
22	Jackie Rice
24	Trevor Reno
31	Tonia Halaas

Children birthdays-

05	Ruth Ann Hubbert
28	Autumn Wiley

August Anniversaries

05	Jeff & Karen Ricci
08	Bill & Sandy Wasilina
14	Steve & Vicki Killmar
18	Gary & Jan Parker

If you would like to be a part of our telephone prayer chain or would like to begin a prayer,
Please contact Rosalie LeRoy at
586-725-0743.

Please remember our shut-ins and those recuperating:

Bev Harwood
Sharon Kuykendall
Edith Leiter
Marge Reh
Jesse Thompson

Sharon Kuykendall -

33713 Bayview Dr #41
Chesterfield, Mi 48047

Bob Mack -

29891 23 Mile Rd #18
Chesterfield, MI 48047

Norma Michael

29831 23-Mile Road, Apt. #12
Chesterfield, MI 48047

Sue McPhedran

40844 Fuller
Chesterfield, MI 48051

Mission News

The Missions Team project for the summer continues to collect much needed items for the Human Society of St Clair County, the SNAP (Spay, Neuter, Adopt, Protect) program. They are in need of the following:

- Cat/Kitten food such as Purina/Purina complete/ Purina Kitten Chow
- Cat Collars
- Distilled water
- Canned cat food
- Clumping cat litter
- Bleach, H.E. brand laundry detergent, Clorox wipes, Dawn dish soap (blue), Dryer sheets, trash bags
- Office supplies (copy paper, stamps, large paper clips, manila or colored tab file folders)
- Toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels

There will be a collection box located in Freedoms Gate for the donations throughout the summer months.

Thanks from the Missions Team



Dear Friends in Christ,
Your encouragement and support to the food pantry has helped meet needs of hundreds of families. So many still struggle and as you partner with us we can continue to show God's love by helping others just as Jesus would want us to do.
Thank you for your heart of giving and your most recent donation.

Sincerely,
Karen Winter
L.O.G.I.A.



From Turning Point:

Dear Cathy & Parishioners,
Our donors play a critical role in the support of our mission and the success of our survivors. Your generous gift of \$500 from your Pasty sale helps us to provide survivors access to free, life-changing programs, including our 24 hour shelter, personal protection orders and legal advocacy, domestic and sexual assault counseling, forensic nurses examiner program and our 24 hour help line for those needing immediate assistance.

As our partner you help change the lives of those impacted by Domestic violence and sexual assault.

Thank you for support and dedication to Turning Point.
Together we can change lives!

CHURCH CHOIR NEWS

Greetings from your choir director:

Mark Thursday, Sept. 12, on the calendar, as it will be the first rehearsal of the season and time, (6:30 p.m.), to warm up our voices for another exciting year of preparing anthems for our church services. As always, new members are welcome to be a part of this fine ensemble of singers: Juanita Brabeau, Anna Cratsenburg, Jon Foster, Cynthia Harmon, Shirley Hawk, Ed and Jeannie Kammer, Bonnie Kandler, Jack and Rosalie LeRoy, Chuck Maddix, Jim Parsons, Frank Reno, Barb Schuster, Kathy Vardon and Sandy Wasilina, with Richard Wolf, our fine accompanist. Meet in the Bette Carrothers Music Room and be ready for the unexpected.

Bette

MCREST begins the week of Aug. 18.

We will preparing lunches for St. John's Lutheran Church when they house homeless during that period. Please see Bette Carrothers if you are able to assist making lunches.

You are invited to a Church Picnic!

Sunday September 8th from 12 noon until 3p.m.
At the Walter and Mary Burke Park in downtown New Baltimore.

We have reserved the indoor pavilion just in case it rains but we can sit outside also.

The tentative plan is meat will be provided by the diaconate and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share and also bring your own table service and beverages. Bring your lawn chair if you prefer a comfortable seat.

Watch for the sign up sheet in the dining hall.



News and Notes

Mark your calendars:

September 8 - Church Picnic

12n—3p Burke Park

Fall Pasty dates.

Tuesday - October 22

Vegetable delivery

Wednesday - October 23

Peeling

Thursday - October 24

Baking & Peeling 9:00 a

Friday - October 25 through

Tuesday - November 5

Pasty Prep, baking & sales

I am truly blessed to belong to a church family who are kind, thoughtful and caring. Thanks so much for the visits, lovely cards, gifts and calls. They certainly helped to brighten my days.

Phyllis Dooley



My dear Church Family,

It's time again to thank all of you for your enjoyable cards, prayers

& phone calls. I am doing well and hope to see you soon. That should be it, since I only have two knees..ha ha!

My daughter is spoiling me and making sure that I am doing all the exercises I am suppose to do.

*Miss you & love you,
Edith Leiter*

Thank You



From a person that received a donation:

Thank youfor all your prayers.

Thank youfor your kindness and generosity.

Thank you.... for your thoughtfulness has touched my heart beyond words.

God Bless you all!

August Serving Schedule

DATE	GREETERS:	COFFEE HR HOSTS	READERS:	NURSERY:	SUNDAY SCHOOL	TRUSTEE:	CAMERA:	A/V:
August 4	Ann Potteiger	Available Date	Bob MacDonald	Beth & Ann P		Bill Cole	Cathy DeWulf	S. Hawk L. Rice
August 11	Lynn Lyon	Diaconate	Alan Naldrett	Beth & Bev B.		Dan Ross	Bob Hudson	B. Schuster B. MacDonald
August 18	Nancy Curd	Dan Ross & Bob Potteiger	Shirley Hawk	Beth & Liz R.		Bob Potteiger	Liz Rice	P. Maddix G. Harmon
August 25	Bob Potteiger	G.L.E.E.	Chuck Maddix	Beth & Juanita B.		Bob Potteiger	Greg Harmon	D. Halstead A. Naldrett

Communion Servers Sunday August 4:

8:45a - Richard & Penny Kurtz, Cynthia Harmon

10:15a - Barb & Jerry Schuster, Kathy Vardon

August Decorating - Anna Cratsenburg

USHERS

August 4
8:45a - Bette Carrothers & Maggie Peacock
10:15a - Richard Kordas, Claude Sirois, Luke Sirois

August 11
8:45a - Chris & Karen Leduc
10:15a - Dennis Hawk, Chuck Maddix, Greg Harmon

August 18
8:45a - Bob & Sally Hudson
10:15a - Bob & Ann Potteiger, Dan Ross

August 25
8:45a - Simone Campau, Sharon Kuykendall
10:15a - Jerry Schuster, Marlene Steer & Kathy Vardon



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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:45a.m. And 10:15a.m.
Open Communion 1st Sunday of the
Month and Special Services
Special Music each week

Certified Child care available
10a.m. 12noon,
for Infants thru age 4

Sunday School for ages 5 and older
following Children's moment at 10:15a.

(No Sunday School during the summer.)

Wednesday Eat & Pray 6p.m.

Handicap Accessible

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8a.m. - 12noon

Friday - 9a.m. — 12noon

Phone: (586) 725-0909

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Our Mission Statement

"Welcoming any and all, we join together in the
love of Jesus,
reaching out to the community and beyond"

