

First Congregational Church UCC  
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# Pilgrim's Echo



## Building on Our Strengths

As God's family and followers of Jesus Christ I believe we need to build on the following strengths in areas of spiritual gifts: **Inviting, Welcoming, Connecting, Caring and Serving.**

**We have a lot of people who are really good at inviting** friends, family and acquaintances to worship, groups, events, service projects, etc. Studies show 80% of people come to churches because they are invited. Let's prayerfully seize the opportunity to invite others.,

**We are really good at giving an extravagant welcome and show hospitality** as a congregation. The challenge is to expand this welcome to others who may not look or act like we think people should act. Remember not everyone has the same background or experiences we do. Some may never have been in a church and think they are "expected" to act a certain way.

One of the main challenges in our culture for all ages is that people are lonely and want to **connect with God and other people.** What better place than our congregation. For a church the size of ours, we have a lot of opportunities and need to continue creating more opportunities to connect in worship, groups, fellowship, and even social events. Maybe invite someone out to dinner in the coming weeks.

**Generally, we are good at caring for those in our church family and those in our daily lives.** We need to extend this caring beyond our regular circle and care even more for the hurting souls all around us. Remember how we just talked about listening to what people are saying to us in their silence.

**Finally, we are really great overall in serving through the church and community.** We need to build on this and invite those new people to join us in serving God by reaching out in love and service to others. Our role model is Jesus who said, "I didn't come to be served but to serve others"

Together in our service to Christ and one another,  
*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

# ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

## 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](mailto:fccnb@att.net) by 10 a.m. Wednesdays.



*Please welcome the Southeast Michigan Deaf Community Ministry to our 10:15a.m. service on Sunday November 3.*

Please watch for the sign up sheet in the dining hall to request a loved one be remembered on ***All Saints/ Remembrance*** Sunday November 3rd. You may also call the office to add a name to the remembrance list. 586 725-0909

## PASTIES R US

Mark the calendar and be a part of history in our church! The question of when the baking of pasties will begin, is common whenever I meet someone that loves them. Proudly, I say, "Soon," with the first day of sales to be on Friday, Oct. 25.

The actual schedule will be as follows: Tuesday, Oct. 22: vegetables arrive; Wednesday, Oct. 23: preparation of the kitchen, the machines and setting up of the work rooms and first day of peeling vegetables; Thursday, Oct. 24: first day of baking; From then on, the routine continues of peeling and baking and selling until Tuesday, Nov. 5. Working hours begin around 9 a.m. and selling hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Around 1,700 postcards will be in the mail the beginning of October, with phone orders called in immediately after. Our customers are eager and cannot wait to buy hot, cooled or frozen pasties. They may buy only one or a dozen. Or, more for a party or to have on hand in the freezer. We, in turn, are eager to see them again as return customers and to hear their praise of our outstanding product. Our church has had the pleasure of being a part of this fantastic project the past twenty-two years, providing delicious pasties to thousands in Southeastern Michigan. Ten percent of our proceeds is donated to charities in the area, a gift our church is blessed to share.

See you in the kitchen soon,  
Bette

**Community Jigsaw Puzzle** will be set up in the dining hall during October and November. You are welcome to enjoy puzzling if you have a few extra minutes before or after a church activity or you can stop in during office hours.

## Lectionary Readings for October

Date	Optional Readings	Epistle	Gospel
17th Sunday after Pentecost October 6, 2019	<a href="#">Lamentations 1:1-6</a> <a href="#">Lamentations 3:19-26</a> or <a href="#">Psalm 137</a>	<a href="#">2 Timothy 1:1-14</a>	<a href="#">Luke 17:5-10</a>
18th Sunday after Pentecost October 13, 2019	<a href="#">Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7</a> <a href="#">Psalm 66:1-12</a>	<a href="#">2 Timothy 2:8-15</a>	<a href="#">Luke 17:11-19</a>
19th Sunday after Pentecost October 20, 2019	<a href="#">Jeremiah 31:27-34</a> <a href="#">Psalm 119:97-104</a>	<a href="#">2 Timothy 3:14-4:5</a>	<a href="#">Luke 18:1-8</a>
20th Sunday after Pentecost October 27, 2019	<a href="#">Joel 2:23-32</a> <a href="#">Psalm 65</a>	<a href="#">2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</a>	<a href="#">Luke 18:9-14</a>

## IN APPRECIATION

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY, September 15, was a SPECIAL DAY for the choir, our esteemed accompanist and organist, Richard and me. To be honored for what we love and do for the Lord, was the BEST! The MUSIC COMMITTEE went all out, once again, with a gorgeous and tasty cake iced in white and the words: "Sing and make Music from your heart to the Lord" inscribed. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! to Committee members, Chair Jim Parsons, Sandy Wasilina, Anna Cratsenburg, Bonnie Kandler, Alan Naldrett and Juanita Brabeau. It was a GREAT DAY!!!

Bette

The **Dorcas Circle** will meet on Wednesday, October 2nd at Noon in the Dining Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend, and bring a friend! Please bring your own lunch. Beverage & dessert will be provided by the Hostess. The hostess will present a short devotional reading.

G.L.E.E (God's Ladies Evening Edition) will meet on Thursday October 10th at 7:30p. In the dining hall. Come and join us for fellowship, food and fun. Invite a friend to come and see what we're all about.

**Looking ahead to nominations for 2020** – We are looking ahead for individuals to serve on various boards and committees in the nominating and election process held in January. If you are interested, would like to suggest names, or have any questions, please contact Greg Harmon, our moderator.

### **ECHO deadline:**

The **deadline** for the **November Echo** is Monday, **October 14th**.

Please submit all articles/announcements to Barb Schuster at [baschu65@att.net](mailto:baschu65@att.net) or the church office at [fccnb@att.net](mailto:fccnb@att.net).

**Please note: the Echo Deadline for November is a week early to avoid delay during Pasties!**

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

### **Web Address:**

**[1stcongregationalchurch.org](http://1stcongregationalchurch.org)**



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### **Attention Snow Birds:**

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

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On line giving will be introduced as an option in the near future. Watch for information and details in upcoming bulletins.



We have found and purchased paper hot cups at a reasonable price to use at coffee hours. We will no longer be setting out "real coffee cups". Thank you for your feedback and patience.

The Diaconate

### October birthdays

03	Barbie MacDonald
04	Delores Plagens
10	Jack LeRoy
11	Vicki Killmar
13	Mel Peacock
15	Chuck Maddix
16	Joseph Pomaville
17	Bev Babcock
18	Jan Parker

### Children birthdays-

23	Autumn Hubbert
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### October Anniversaries

01	Roger & Cathy DeWulf
18	Brian & DJ Hubbert
28	Barb & Jerry Schuster

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*

*Marge Reh*

*Bev Reno*

*Jesse Thompson*

*Marian Wilber*

**Sharon Kuykendall -**

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### ***Mission News***

The Mission team would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of S.N.A.P., our collection of supplies for the St. Clair County Animal Shelter.

We have two upcoming collections. The first will be our annual collection for **Neighbors in Need**. The collection this year will focus on our love for children. Two-thirds of the money collection is used for justice and advocacy needs. The remaining one-third supports the Native American tribes of the Dakotas. This collection will be October 6th. We will continue the collection through most of October. More information will follow.

On October 13th we will have a noisy offering to cover the costs of "**Our Daily Bread**" devotional booklets.

Again this year, the Mission team will be **wrapping Christmas gifts** for Big Family of Michigan. Our gift wrapping days will be **Monday, November 11 from 10 to 12 and Friday December 6 from 10-12**. *Everyone* is invited to help out with this wonderful project. I hope these days will work for everyone that wants to help. For more information, please see Phyllis Maddix.

Mark your calendars:

November 3 - All Saints/remembrance Sunday

(sign up sheet will be in the dining hall soon)

November 27 - Thanksgiving Eve meal and communion service

December 1 - Advent begins

December 8 - Dorcas holiday pot luck

December 15 - multi generational Christmas pageant (tentative date)

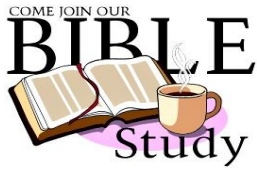
December 18 - Blue Christmas service

December 22 - Choir Cantata at 10:15am

December 24 - Christmas Eve services at 4pm & 7pm



Don't forget to go to Joe's for your car wash, then go to [www.joeschesterfield.com](http://www.joeschesterfield.com), click on "Charity", fill in your name & email address and choose First Congregational Church, New Baltimore from the pull down Charity menu. It's as simple as that! Not only do you get a beautifully clean car, our church benefits from it.



## Women's Bible Study

"Finding I Am"

Continues Meeting every other Tuesday starting  
September 17, 2019 – November 26, 2019  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

This is a 6-session study from best-selling author Lysa TerKeurst. continues. We will join Lysa TerKeurst on the streets of Israel to explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John.

Contact Kim Green 586-918-7842 or [kigreen64@gmail.com](mailto:kigreen64@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thanks

Dear First Congregational Church Scholarship Committee,  
Thank you so much for your generosity in awarding me the First Congregational Church Scholarship. It means a lot to me to have that financial support and takes away some of the stress of paying for tuition. Right now, I'm in the middle of my engineering internship at Viant Medical in Grand Rapids. (Classes for me at Kettering University will actually start in early October) But at my internship, I've been learning a lot, like about the role of engineers in manufacturing medical devices. My favorite project so far has been working on the 3D printer.

Sincerely,  
Paige Hunger



Dear Church family,  
We greatly appreciate all your love & support during this difficult time for our family. We feel very blessed to be a part of this congregation. We can't thank you enough for the service celebrating Dad's life & everyone who has been sending their prayers and condolences.

Love,  
The Greens & Leducs

Please make the following change to your telephone/address book and pictorial directory:

Lize Rice  
Rami Guerguis  
34036 Cherry Hill Lane  
Chesterfield, MI  
48047

## News and Notes

Mark your calendars:

Coming in October:

**Pet Blessing.....cancelled**

**AED refresher** after 2nd service  
October 13th.

### 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



On Sunday September 29, we celebrated the Baptism of Aden Kommareddy, son of Jennifer (Acker) & Raj Kommareddy and grandson of Gary & Diane Acker.

Welcome little Aden!

### **Please Note:**

F.Y.I. We now have 3 **AA meetings** here:  
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall,  
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. in the church basement  
and Fridays 6:30 p.m. in church basement and  
Also NA meets at 7p.m. on Wednesday in the basement.

# October Serving Schedule

DATE	GREETERS:	COFFEE HR HOSTS	READERS:	NURSERY:	SUNDAY SCHOOL	TRUSTEE:	CAMERA:	A/V:
October 6	Bonnie Kandler	Available	Frank Reno	Beth & Ann P	Stephanie Ricci	Pam Sarney	Marlene Steer	B. Cole L.. Rice
October 13	Bev Babcock	Diaconate	Bette Carrothers	Beth & Bev B	Stephanie Ricci	Bill Cole	Dan Ross	S. Hawk C. Maddix
October 20	Kathy Vardon	Religious Ed	Greg Harmon	Beth & Liz R	Stephanie Ricci	Doug Rice	Frank Reno	D. Halstead G. Harmon
October 27	LeRoy family	Ushers	Doug Rice	Beth & Cathy D	Stephanie Ricci	Chuck Maddix	Greg Harmon	B. Schuster A. Naldrett

## Communion Servers Sunday October 6:

**8:45a** - Kim Green, Karen LeDuc & Cynthia Harmon

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

**September Decorating** - Marge & April Reh

## USHERS

**October 6**  
**8:45a** - Bette Carrothers & Maggie Peacock  
**10:15a** - Richard Kordas, Claude Sirois, Luke Sirois

**October 13**  
**8:45a** - Chris & Karen Leduc  
**10:15a** - Dennis Hawk, Chuck Maddix, Greg Harmon

**October 20**  
**8:45a** - Bob & Sally Hudson  
**10:15a** - Bob & Ann Potteiger, Dan Ross

**October 27**  
**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.  
Wednesday Eat & Pray 6p.m.  
Handicap Accessible

**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday 8a.m. - 12noon  
Friday - 9a.m. — 12noon**

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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"

