



Congregational Courier

THOUGHTS FROM BOB LIVINGSTON

SENIOR MINISTER

Dear Friends:

November is the month of Thanksgiving and a time to pause and think about gratitude. One of the best quotes on gratitude I have heard is found in the writings of Henri Nouwen, who, before his death in 1996, was a Dutch Catholic priest, teacher, theologian, compassionate servant of Christ, and fairly prolific writer. Nouwen once wrote: "The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy." What a wonderful approach to life such an attitude brings! To think of life daily as a gracious gift of God can bring a world of difference to the way we think, feel, and act.



Nouwen's quote also reminds me of one of the influential people of my Grand Rapids past, the marketing professional and writer, Wilfred Peterson, whom some of you may remember as the weekly contributor of the "Words To Live By" page in *This Week* magazine and the author of a series of *The Art of Living* bestseller books. Wilfred was a member of one of the Grand Rapids churches I served while living there and also became a good friend of mine. One of my favorite memories of Wilfred is sitting and talking with him in his spacious two-bedroom apartment at a local retirement home. One of the bedrooms was his personal study, a room surrounded by floor to ceiling bookcases stacked with volumes of books. I would sit in a leather chair with an ottoman and Wilfred would sit at his desk. On several occasions we would talk for a few hours about the books he was reading and his very positive philosophy of life. They were special times.

In one of my favorite books, *The Art of Living*, Wilfred writes about thanksgiving: "The art of thanksgiving is *thanksgiving*. It is gratitude in



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action...It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly...It is thanking God for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful...It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest."

Knowing Wilfred as I did, I know he tried to live out these values every day! Wilfred was indeed one of those unique and special persons...always loving, and welcoming, and joyful...a person who lived life fully and abundantly, with an attitude of gratitude, until his mid-nineties.

Now I know our current world is not without significant problems and troubles that need creative, reasoned, and compassionate solutions. And yet, I believe we need to focus as well on the blessings of everyday life which can energize us and nurture us... and deliberately find some time to appreciate the graces and blessings of God that continue to touch our lives.

In particular, I hope you are able to do so in November!

Affectionately,



Our Mission: We are a beacon of God's love, hope, and Christian freedom.

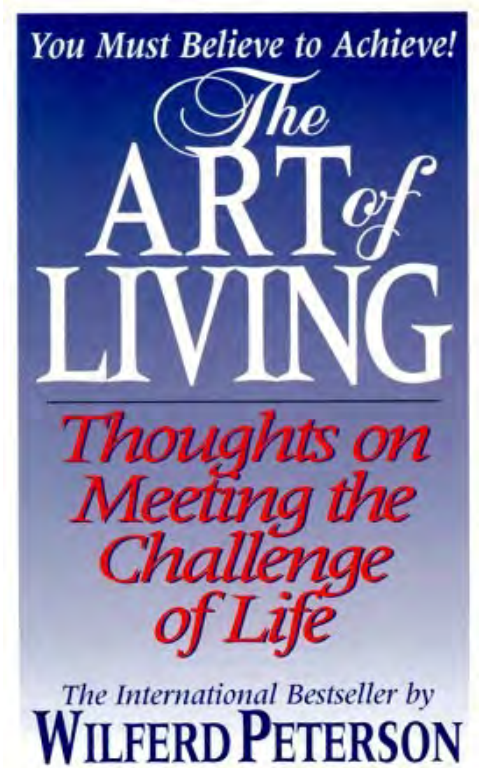
YOUTH MINISTRIES

HIGH SCHOOL

Our high schoolers will travel to Wildwood Ranch in Howell for our annual Fall Retreat! We will depart at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 18 and return about 1:30 or 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 19th. We will participate in a high ropes course and connect with God, one another, and the world around us while exploring how we can be empowered to make smart and faithful decisions about how we relate to others.

We will meet for High School Sunday Discussion during the 10 a.m. worship on November 5th.

Finally, we will also need the help of high schoolers to set up the manger with Scott Allen and others during our annual church decorating with takes place at 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 26th.



DARCY CRAIN

ASSOCIATE MINISTER



The 20/40 group has been studying the book of Ecclesiastes during the Fall months. It is a book of wisdom that almost didn't make the cut of getting into the Bible because the messages it communicates sometimes run counter to the moralistic and ethical demands of other passages. The author writes from a place of reflection; probably at a later stage in their lives, and looking back is seeking to find purpose and meaning in all that he worked for during his lifetime. The repeated phrase is again and again: "all is vanity and a chasing after the wind." Other than to preach from the well-known passage in Ecclesiastes that was made famous in the Byrds' rendition, "Turn, Turn, Turn," we largely ignore the provocative suggestions of Ecclesiastes. The author also suggests that there is nothing more we should do than eat, drink, and be merry, and find joy in the toil that we toil here on earth.

It does not heap on the theology of social justice or moral imperative that we find elsewhere in our texts, so what truth does it bring? Are we simply to slack off on our responsibilities, set the bar of expectation low, and ride the easy train as we head out of this life?

Obviously there is more. One of the biggest learnings from this book of wisdom is the author's demand that we adopt a sane theology of work. For many of us our work encompasses our purpose in life. We toil to earn, we accumulate, we provide for our family, and we

build a safety net. Often times in doing so we work late into the night. We answer 3 hours worth of emails on Saturday. We get the extra degree to get the leg up on the competition so we can move up the ladder of our careers. This is what the author suggests is a chasing after the wind. Rather, if we can adopt a sane theology of work; one where we can gain joy from our toil, perhaps then we can eat, drink, and be merry while toiling with great purpose.

I found this task especially challenging in a position where I do find all-encompassing purpose within my job. This was echoed in careers from nurses, teachers, professors, and health care professionals. It's hard to not chase when you feel it's what God called you to do. The writer of Ecclesiastes invites us to be more balanced in our approach to our work. God has gifted you with a set of skills and, if you're lucky, someone recognizes those skills and you can provide for yourself and others with the paycheck you receive. We can celebrate that gift if we focus on those we serve rather than our own climbing of a ladder. In our less than sane cultural approach to work, we value success over and above taking the time to eat, drink, and be merry in a community of people.

So this November, as we will gather around tables with family, as the Christmas season will undoubtedly start too soon and bring its own stressors upon us, remember the wisdom of Ecclesiastes and adopt a sane theology of the work you have been called to do. Let us not neglect the gifts of family and friends which God has also placed in our hands.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darcy".

RACHEL DUDLEY

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I forgot how beautiful it was to see the sun slowly rise over the mountains until I was blessed to see this occur as I looked out my window on the airplane this week. It was a reminder of how beautiful the world God created is! It was also a reminder that it can be easy to lose focus on the beauty and love that we are surrounded by when horrific events take place. I'm working on seeing the whole picture. I have to intentionally remind myself to embrace the pain of tragedy, to act in whatever way possible to help, and to enjoy the beauty we are surrounded by.

During the University of Michigan's fall break, I was blessed to be able to take a last minute trip to Florida to visit family and friends. (This was a nice surprise after we had to cancel our scheduled trip to Puerto Rico.) As I visited the St. Petersburg area, it was interesting to see how long it takes for an area to rebound from a natural disaster. My friends and family were lucky and only lost electricity, fencing, and the food in their fridges and freezers. They all came out of the hurricane without a scratch and were financially able to rebound without Hurricane Irma putting too much of a dent in their wallet. The only physical signs of the hurricane left when I visited was the mound of tree limbs and fencing on the side of the road that was waiting to be disposed of.

Many people in Florida have not been as fortunate as my friends and family. Weeks after the hurricane came and went there are still long lines at food pantries reported on the news daily. Hundreds of people are still lining up daily, trying to keep hunger away. Being out of

work for a week and losing everything in your fridge and freezer, has a big impact on those who live paycheck to paycheck. It is also hard for many who are retired and on a fixed incomes, to lose the food in their fridge and freezer. Food pantries are seeing increased need and are having a hard time keeping up with the demand in their community. Religious Community Services in Pinellas County houses one of many food pantries that one doing their best to help those who are still struggling after the hurricane. (I was grateful that I was able to contribute toward the work they are doing. If you would like to contribute too, you can at www.rcspinellas.org.) It is wonderful to hear of people taking care of each other!

While there are still needs in the area, there are also still seagulls. Yes, some things seem to never change. We were able to take time to relax on the beach and play in the waves with my cousin's little girls. Watching a four-year-old run toward the water with the look of pure glee on her face reminded me that there is still good in the world. And guarding the two-year-old from seagulls while she ate her sandwich was a reminder that God created and loves all of his creatures, even the aggressive seagulls. At the beach it seemed like Hurricane Irma never happened as we heard the continuous crashing of the waves and smelled the salty air. I was reminded again to enjoy the beauty we are surrounded by but not to forget the rest of the picture.



Rachel

STEWARDSHIP

MARK SCHIRMER, CHAIR

Stewardship 2018: It's Never Too Early to Start Planning

The next FCC Stewardship campaign is still months away, but it's never too early to start planning. With our new fiscal year timing, our annual stewardship campaign will take place in the spring with May designated Pledge Month. It is early to ask, but can we count on your support?

The last stewardship campaign was one of the strongest in church history thanks to so much generous support and engagement. We hope to find even more generosity in 2018, so First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor can continue to grow and flourish.

The end of the calendar year is often a time for FCC families to take stock of their financial wellbeing and begin to plan for 2018. We hope Stewardship -- supporting the good work of FCC -- is prominent on the list. Please remember, thanks to the generosity of its member families, FCC continues to be a strong beacon of God's Hope, Love and Christian Freedom in the Ann Arbor community. The good work of the church is a great investment, particularly in this time of need.

We will continue to share our thoughts on Stewardship throughout the year. Next month, we will offer advice on how to think about your Stewardship support in a way that can maximize allowable tax deductions. There is no reason not to be smart while also being generous. Stewardship, Heritage Society, donating your time - FCC is strong because of the enthusiastic support it receives from our wonderful congregation. You make a difference and your generosity is appreciated. Thank you for all you do for FCC.

Mark Schirmer, Stewardship Chairman



CONTEMPORARY ISSUES—2ND SUNDAY

CLARK MCCALL

Sunday, November 12, 11:15 a.m.
Mayflower Room



Food & Justice: How Communities Can Take Action to Support a Thriving Local Food System

Is our food fair? Food justice is about exploring where our food comes from and inequities in the food system. This presentation will highlight awareness and action around issues like food access, labor rights, hunger, and food waste. Our presenter, Jane Pacheco, will provide an overview about how policy and grassroots activism intersects with local food systems, using examples including the Michigan Good Food Charter and the Washtenaw County Food Policy Council.

Jane Pacheco is the Program/Development Coordinator at Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice in Ann Arbor, and is also involved in a variety of non-profit and municipal government roles. She has a wealth of experience with food systems, women's/community groups, political and social justice organizations. She is passionate about community empowerment and strives to enable people to convert their values into action. Jane is also a Chelsea city council person.



This is the second presentation in the 2017-2018 Contemporary Issues presentation series at the First Congregational Church.

FCC Vision Statement: We strive to be a joyous spiritual home, welcoming and valuing all people, embracing God's word and enriching lives.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

The flower and lay reader chart is available online (<http://fccannarbor.org/about-fcc/member-resources/>) and on the library desk in Pilgrim Hall. Please take a moment to consider signing up to donate flowers or lay read. These opportunities are a great way to get involved in the 10 a.m. service!



TREASURER'S REPORT

MIKE DABBS, TREASURER

First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor 2017 - 2018 SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT September 30, 2017

	ACTUAL 9/30/17	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/17 - 6/30/18	NOTES
REVENUE			
Pledges	\$ 121,225	\$ 470,000	Note 1
Gifts - Operations	\$ 6,061	\$ 55,000	
Pre-paid Pledges		\$ 12,500	Note 2
Other Income	\$ 16,898	\$ 20,250	
Total Earned Revenue	\$ 144,184	\$ 557,750	
EXPENSES			
Ministry	\$ 60,698	\$ 227,505	
Administrative/Office	\$ 81,610	\$ 280,998	Note 3
Christian Education	\$ 9,902	\$ 45,334	
Music	\$ 13,095	\$ 70,430	
Missions & Outreach	\$ 301	\$ 30,130	
Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 22,562	\$ 104,860	
Total Expenses	\$ 188,168	\$ 759,257	
NET REVENUE	\$ (43,984)	\$ (201,507)	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ 57,500	Note 4
TRUST FUND DISTRIBUTION	\$ 80,000	\$ 259,443	Note 5
BALANCE	\$ 36,016	\$ 436	

NOTES

- 1 2017-18 Approved Budget is amount shown; however, member pledges were \$500,000.
- 2 2017-18 Pre-paid Pledge balance is carryover from the Gap Year.
- 3 Increase in 2017-18 Budget due to marketing being included as an operating expense and a reduction in health care insurance for Assoc. Minister.
- 4 2017-18 Capital Expenses reflected in Capital Expense Budget. Major item is the mortgage principal payment. First payment to be made in October 2017.
- 5 2017-18 Budgeted Trust Fund Distribution reflects 5% from all investment funds and Endowments including Memorial & Pastoral; plus an additional \$57,500 from the General Investments in order to off-set the increase in operating expenses and the capital expenses.

Our Core Values:

Caring: We are a loving and mutually supportive faith community.

Proclaiming the Good News: We believe in a living and loving God.

Respect: We embrace openness, diversity, and individual faith journeys.

Compassion: We serve and support the needs of others.

Fellowship: We celebrate and enjoy life with each other.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

NOVEMBER JUNIOR HIGH EVENTS

JH OWL Nov. 5 6 p.m.

JH Fellowship Nov. 19 6 p.m.



JH Cooking Fellowship
November 19th @ 6 p.m.
Pilgrim Hall Kitchen



ANNUAL BAKE SALE

DECEMBER 10, 2017

FCC's annual Christmas Bake Sale will take place Sunday, December 10th after both the contemporary and the traditional worship services. The monies raised help to offset the cost of the holiday roping around the church as well as help fund other church activities. All kinds of baked goods, candies, soups and mixes, herbs and relishes, jams and jellies are needed. Please remember, do not bring items for sale that have nuts or any kind of nut extract in them. Thank you!

GREAT LAKES SCRIP

As the Halloween festivities come to an end, it is without any hesitation that every store brings in the Christmas decorations. Needless to say, you should start preparing for the holiday shopping season well before it begins! Why not use scrip during the holiday season for all of your upcoming purchases, from the Thanksgiving turkey to Christmas stocking stuffers? Take a look at the full retailer list when you sit down to plan your shopping. Don't forget Black Friday and Cyber Monday! Money we earn from scrip sales goes towards important missions, community outreach, and other programming and we are coming upon the busiest shopping time of the year. Please remember to pick up your scrip cards! Please contact Nancy with any questions.

PILGRIM SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Please join us Sunday, November 19, for our annual Thanksgiving Pilgrim Service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. You will be drummed into church, greeted by a Pilgrim Family dressed in 17th century costume, and participate in a service that reflects the early traditions of Pilgrim worship. There will be the tithing man watching for nodding heads.

We will also use this service to announce church community prayer requests, whether those requests are for healing, blessings, guidance, or prayers of thanksgiving. Please use the prayer bill below (simply remove it from this courier and drop in the collection plate) to submit your requests no later than November 14. There will be hard copies of these prayer bills throughout the sanctuary, and you are welcome to email your requests to renee@fccannarbor.org. We look forward to celebrating with you!



Prayer Bill

□ We ask God's healing love for:

□ We ask God's blessing for:

□ We ask God's presence and guidance for:

□ We give thanks to God for:

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

BETTY BISHOP

Two short historical recollections:

Suzanne Bragg Schomburg grew up in Ann Arbor. Her family was Episcopalian but she remembered coming with a friend to FCC in the 1920s on Sunday afternoons. The church was always packed with children. They each paid a dime to enter the sanctuary where a large movie screen hung down in front of the pulpit. She remembered seeing Charlie Chaplin and Mary Pickford silent movies accompanied by live organ music!

Dollie North served as a teacher in the FCC Sunday School, first in the kindergarten room from 1952 to 1968, and later beginning in 1982 in the two-year-old classroom. She commented "My 46 years of teaching have been rewarding, exciting, and memorable. My interest is still with the young children and their beginning learning about God and God's great big beautiful and wonderful world."

Betty Bishop, Historian



Healing Space

Where music, meditation, and prayer meet.

Please join us SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th from 7-8 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall.

Join us on Sunday, November 12 from 7-8 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall when we feature music by pianist Kathe Johnson. Gratitude will be the focus of the reflection and guided meditation. There will also be a time for prayer.

This new service meets the 2nd Sunday of each month from 7-8 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall. If you need further information, please contact Gail Haynes or Liz Larrivee. Input is welcome and all are welcome.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

BRIAN CONNELLY

New Billboard Campaign

A new outdoor billboard awareness campaign for First Congregational Church was started last month and will run through January 2018. A total of 16 billboards will carry our “Whatever Your Story, You’re Welcome Here” message throughout the Ann Arbor area. This is another of our marketing thrusts, like last year’s Ann Arbor Observer ads, to encourage more people to learn about our church and hopefully join with us in this wonderful journey. Please refer to the campaign schedule below to see where the billboard will appear next!

11/6/2017-12/3/2017	Liberty Street 120 feet west of First Street	Facing west
11/6/2017-12/3/2017	US 23 67 feet east of Pontiac Trail	Facing west
11/6/2017-12/3/2017	Stadium 120 feet south of Liberty	Facing south
11/6/2017-12/3/2017	Plymouth Road .3 miles east of Barton Drive	Facing east
12/4/2017-12/31/2017	Liberty Street 120 feet west of First Street	Facing west
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12/4/2017-12/31/2017	Plymouth Road .3 miles east of Barton Drive	Facing east
1/1/2018-1/28/2018	Liberty Street 120 feet west of First Street	Facing west
1/1/2018-1/28/2018	US 23 67 feet east of Pontiac Trail	Facing west
1/1/2018-1/28/2018	Huron Street 325 feet west of First Street	Facing east
1/1/2018-1/28/2018	Packard Street 175 feet west of Burton Road	Facing west





**Interfaith Round Table
of Washtenaw County**

23rd Annual

Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration



Interfaith Round Table Supporting Congregations

*Ann Arbor Friends Meeting
Baha'i Spiritual Assembly
Beth Israel Congregation
Bethlehem United Church of Christ
Blue Ocean Faith
Chinmaya Mission
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day
Saints
Church of Scientology
Dixboro United Methodist Church
First Baptist Church
First Church of Christ, Scientist
First Congregational Church
First Presbyterian Church
First United Methodist Church
Lord of Light Lutheran Church
King of Kings Lutheran Church
Muslim Community Association
Shalom Community Church
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
St. Clare's Episcopal Church
Trinity Lutheran Church
Unity on Campus Ministry
Zen Buddhist Temple
Zion Lutheran Church*

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**Sunday
November 19th
7 pm**

**6 pm - Beth Israel Open House
with Rabbi Dobrusin**

**Beth Israel Congregation
2000 Washtenaw Ave
Ann Arbor, MI 48104**

In Gratitude For Our Sacred Diversity

Join us as we give thanks with readings, music, and meditations from a wide variety of faith traditions around the theme of "Gratitude For Our Diversity." Refreshments following the celebration. Donations accepted for non-perishable food or turkey money to help those in need in our community. 2017 Interfaith Calendars also available.

***For more information, call Rev. George Lambrides
at 734-424-1535 or email gbrides@umich.edu.***



JH Coat Drive

It's that time of year again! Junior High students will collect the coats during announcement time of the November Sundays before Thanksgiving (Nov. 5, 12, and 19). We will take any clean coats (all sizes are welcome). If you would like to donate a new or gently used coat, please bring it to the 10 a.m. service or drop off at the church. The last day for collection will be November 19^h. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Wish Tree

The season is upon us, and we will soon decorate our wish tree for our members to undecorate! Once again, we will be making sure the children represented by Community Action Network will be having a special Christmas season with gifts provided by our congregation.

The tags will be ready to take home on Sunday, November 12th. We are asking that the gifts be brought to the church no later than December 10th. Also, It is very important for you to "sign out" the tags in our sign-out binder located near the tree on the wall in the Mayflower Lobby. Gifts should not cost more than \$25. We so appreciate your participation in this wonderful project!



Church Decorating—November 26 (immediately following 10 a.m. service)

Christmas music and lunch will be provided! Families are invited to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. The decorations will be labeled and placed for your decorating pleasure. We will need people to work inside hanging decorations and putting up trees and outside hanging the wreath roping. We will end our time together eating pizza, and healthy snacks for the kids, and singing Christmas carols. The event is open to all! Please join us!

Check out our Small Groups!

Mind & Spirit
(1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month)

20/40
(Wednesdays at 6:30 pm)

TNS
(TUESDAYS AT 7 P.M.)



Knight's Lunch Group
(4th Monday of each month)



Text Breakfast
(Wednesdays @ 8:30 a.m.)

Circle of Friends

SMALL GROUPS—TEXT BREAKFAST

We gather informally with senior minister Bob Livingston every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Classic Cup Café (4389 Jackson Road) for lively discussion. We discuss the scripture for the upcoming Sunday sermon, sharing our understanding, insights, and our questions. We wrap up our morning about 10 a.m. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays! Please join us.

SMALL GROUPS—KNIGHT'S LUNCH CLUB

Please join us on the FOURTH Monday of the month for monthly lunch get-togethers with Bob Livingston and other FCC friends. Next month, we are meeting on November 27 at 11:30 a.m. at Knight's on Dexter Avenue. Our lunch gatherings are highly informal and lots of fun, with welcoming and wide-ranging conversations. Everyone is welcome! We hope you can join us!

SMALL GROUPS—TUESDAY NIGHT SERIES (TNS)

Please join us on Tuesday nights, November 7 and November 14, for the final two nights of our fall series of theological discussions centered on video-based lectures by the popular, fascinating, challenging, and renowned Bishop John Shelby Spong. Rev. Bob Livingston takes the lead with this group. We meet on Tuesday nights in the Mayflower Room of the church from 7-8:30 p.m. Following November 14, the TNS group will recess for the holidays until a new series begins on Tuesday, January 9. Please come and join us if you can!

SMALL GROUPS—CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Circle of Friends connects church members who are experiencing life transitions, such as moving, a job change, retirement, caregiving, divorce, grief, injury, illness, surgery, and decreased mobility with other church members in a one-to-one relationship. Friends get together with friends once a month to share a caring connection and to deepen their relationship. We value caring at FCC, and we take that value seriously! Questions?

Our next meeting is on Sunday, November 12th will feature a speaker, Sara Eggleston, who will explain how she measures adults for wheelchairs so they can have the most comfortable fit. We will also be planning Christmas gifts for our friends.

If you would like to join us, please call Mary Ann Marquardt at [313-303-1989](tel:313-303-1989).

SMALL GROUPS—MIND AND SPIRIT BOOK GROUP

The Mind and Spirit Book Group is a community of women of all ages. We enjoy reading and sharing our life stories as a means of personal and spiritual growth. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:15 -11:45 a.m. in the Mayflower Room. For the month of November, we'll be reading *The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Please bring your own copy.

For further information contact Janet Chen at a2janetchen@gmail.com, or 734-996-3856.

SMALL GROUPS—20/40 GROUP

We have completed our study of Ecclesiastes and have moved on to Sustaining Creation, a faith journey for small groups that examines how environmental justice is a response of our faith. Our discussions are richly grounded in scripture and feature insights and commentary from outstanding environmental faith leaders around the country, as well as action steps for living sustainably. Join us Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the Meeting Room to be a part of the discussion. Our schedule is as follows:

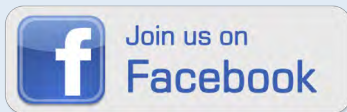
November 1	Sustaining Creation 2	FCC Meeting Room
November 8	Sustaining Creation 3	FCC Meeting Room
November 15	Sustaining Creation 4	FCC Meeting Room
November 22	No Meeting- Thanksgiving	
November 29 (7-9 p.m.)	Trivia	Wolverine



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Pilgrim Hall
9:00 a.m. Change of Pace Service, Pilgrim Hall
9:30 a.m. Communion Service, Douglas Memorial Chapel
10:00 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary
(Church School during 10:00 a.m. worship service)
11:00 a.m. Friendship Hour, Pilgrim Hall

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

- Nov. 1 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)
10:15 a.m. Mind & Spirit Book Club (Mayflower)
6:30 p.m. 20/40 Group (Meeting Room)
Nov. 5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Fall back 1 hour)
NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
11:00 a.m. BOCE Meeting
11:15 a.m. Music Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. JH OWL (Meeting Room)
Nov. 7 11:45 a.m. Men's Luncheon (Knight's)
7:00 p.m. TNS (Mayflower Room)
Nov. 8 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)
6:30 p.m. 20/40 Group (Meeting Room)
Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY
Nov. 12 11:15 a.m. Second Sunday Presentation
7:00 p.m. Healing Space, Pilgrim Hall
Nov. 13 6:15 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Mayflower Room
Nov. 15 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)
10:15 a.m. Mind & Spirit Book Club (Mayflower)
6:30 p.m. 20/40 Group (Meeting Room)
Nov. 18 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 19 PILGRIM SUNDAY
6:00 p.m. JH Fellowship - Cookie Baking (Pilgrim Hall)
Nov. 22 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)
Nov. 23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Nov. 24 FCC OFFICE CLOSED
Nov. 26 11:00 a.m. Church Decorating (FCC All Church)
Nov. 27 Men's Rotating Shelter Begins (11/27-12/4)
11:30 a.m. Knight's Luncheon Group (Knight's)
Nov. 29 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)
7:00 p.m. 20/40 Group Trivia (Wolverine)