

Congregational Courier

THOUGHTS FROM DARCY CRAIN SENIOR MINISTER

Dear Friends:

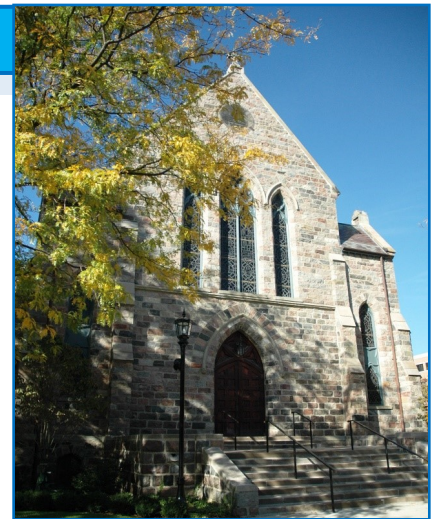
Carter, Ron, Edie, Siri, and Faith, just to name a few. These are all names that have faces and faith journeys that join ours, but we might not even know it. These are members of our online worship community, who join us almost weekly, support our church through their worship and giving, and call FCC their home. Many of us have the benefit of discussing scripture over breakfast, or talking about hymns or sermons, or that hilarious moment of children's circle, or while we eat cookies and sip coffee at fellowship time, but our online community members do not. This Lent we are offering an opportunity to connect them, and any of us who for a myriad of reasons find in-person worship and fellowship difficult. We'll offer a weekly devotional discussion at noon on Zoom, that includes a time of prayer, centering, reflecting, and sharing as we journey on this spiritual path of Lent together. We began on Thursday, February 22, and will continue through Thursday, March 21. Our gatherings won't be longer than 45 minutes, and will offer a chance to bridge our online and in person communities during a time when we draw nearer to God, and in so doing, nearer to each other too. This opportunity is open to everyone, online and in person alike. If you are looking for something to add to your spiritual discipline as we enter the Lenten season I encourage you to join us for a Thursday.



I'm thrilled to be entering into this season of the church year with the excitement and energy our community has. In the months to come we will walk with Jesus in the last week of his life, we will celebrate the surprise and hope and radical proclamation of resurrection. We will experience, for the first time ever at FCC, the complex and beautiful *Illuminare*, by Elaine Hagenberg. We will confirm a new class of young members of FCC, have family camp on the shores of Lake Michigan, and complete what I believe will be another successful stewardship drive, so that we can build upon the energy, programs, and ministry we offer here at FCC.

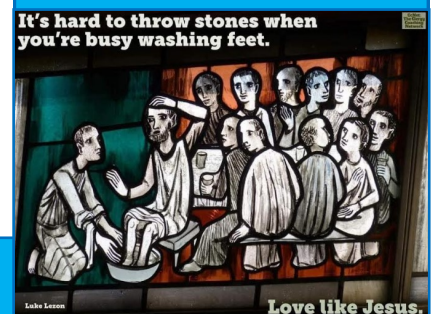
In the honor of presiding over funerals, I get to hear many stories, often stories

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Whatever Your Story, You're Welcome Here

of FCC. I get to hear the stories of yesteryears when kids' choirs would sing, or church decorating parties would be on Friday nights and would pack out 50-60 people. I heard of the Pilgrim Player variety show days, and the light shows on Christmas Eve. I love hearing them because, in them, the past, present, and future are valued. It made me think what an honor it is to serve a living, breathing, growing church like FCC. As we continue to tell these stories, more will emerge. They will be the stories of the time the kids all went in Lake Michigan during the first ever Family Camp in April and it was maybe 40 degrees and they loved it. We start year 3 of family camp this May. I'm excited for warmer water temps! There will be stories of how Edie or Siri were some of the first online members to be a part of this community, and how we continued to grow that online. Someone will tell a story of the blessing of the animals, and how some of the dogs were very verbal in their prayer requests.

Our stories will continue to form, and be told. Come be a part of it. This Lent, take a chance and broaden your experience of what it is to be in this living, vibrant, growing community. I'll see you there.



Rev. Dr. Darcy Crain
Senior Minister



The First Congregational Church ♦ Ann Arbor, Michigan

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF FCC

MARILYN MC CALLUM, NANCY SAUVE, MARTA SKIBA



Circle of Friends (COF) is a visitation and assistance ministry that links home-centered FCC members, including those in long-term care facilities, and Circle Friends (active members of The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor) in a one-to-one relationship. COF provides a caring connection to the church through regular visits, spiritual support, and other kinds of assistance as appropriate for both parties. COF offers support to not only seniors, but also to those church members who are experiencing isolation at home due to health issues, loss of a loved one, or other family stressors.

Please contact Nancy Sauve at nancy@fccannarbor.org if care is needed, if you would like to join our group, or if you have any questions. Also, please let Nancy know if you know someone who could benefit from having a friend.

Thank you so much!

LILY TINKER FORTEL ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Spring is springing and there are so many signs of life all around us! I've noticed tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils breaking ground early this year. Maybe you have too. Galanthus (aka snowdrops) are already blooming! It feels fitting given that Lent and Easter are so early this year. It also feels a bit disconcerting given the realities of the climate crisis and changing weather trends. As with so many things in life and faith, we experience this Lenten season with the hope of newness, while also holding the realities of that, which begs for transformation. Isn't that what Jesus's life was all about.



At FCC, the signs of vitality abound in our vibrant and beloved faith community. In a world where so many turn a cold-shoulder to those in need, you have opened our doors with warmth and love as we host the Daytime Warming Center. Many of you have contributed food donations to FCC's hosting of the Daytime Warming Center the last two weeks in February. Others of you have served meals, greeting our guests with warmth and care. We are all especially grateful to Pam Dabbs and Leslie Westbury for their expert planning and leadership in facilitating this service for our community.

FCC members offer time to care for FCC members and volunteer with countless area service and advocacy organizations. On behalf of the broader FCC community, Missions & Outreach went through a beautiful and thorough process this fall and winter of discerning which area service agencies will receive FCC funding this year. You can read more about decisions they made and the care and intention they put into them on page 17.

Many of you are finding time to attend Text Breakfast, Mind & Spirit, Tuesday Night Series (see page 23), Theology on Tap, and our weekly Lenten Prayer & Devotional time (see page 9). In community, we share the truths of our own lives; we explore the queries and questions of our faith; and we build and deepen relationships that nourish us. In the midst of a seemingly divided world, we find connection, and welcome all into caring community.

In a world where youth and families are pulled in millions of directions, five of our brilliant eighth grade students are engaging in our confirmation program. They are joined by six wonderful mentors (one confirmand is paired with two grandparents!), who have also taken time from their busy schedules to accompany these young people on their confirmation journeys. The broader congregation has also committed to support the journey. I am grateful to Christine Martinez - who is leading our Middle School programming on Sundays - for co-leading confirmation with me this year. As a side note, if you know a middle schooler

Happy moments,
Praise God.
Difficult moments,
Seek God.
Quiet moments,
Worship God.
Painful moments,
Trust God.
Every moment,
Thank God.

who has not yet attended a class with Christine, I highly recommend it! Christine's lessons are delightful and engaging, and invite a deep and nuanced exploration of theology.

In February and March, special music offerings and events at FCC enriched the lives of so many at FCC and in our broader communities! In the lingering cold of winter, music has warmed our hearts. Our sanctuary will soon be brightened with new banners quilted by members and friends, in memory of beloved member, Ann Graves.

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LILY TINKER FORTTEL ASSOCIATE MINISTER

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Each month, with Marina's leadership and the guidance of BOCE, we are welcoming new families with children and youth, who are accompanied by a growing cohort of volunteers and FCC High School Youth, in FCC Kidz. We're trying a Family Fun Night March 1st (see page 9). A sub-committee of BOCE members are planning for our now-annual FCC Family Camp at Tower Hill from May 17-19 (see page 14). All are welcome; you can register by emailing Jared at office@fccannarbor.org. Christine planned an ice skating activity for middle and high school youth. And, we're looking forward to a lock-in for senior high youth later this spring.

There is so much more! Anniversary Sunday is coming (see page 11), we will welcome new members (see page 14), and we're beginning to plan for our 2024-2025 fiscal and programming year! Clearly, our church is in full bloom, just as the flowers that are blooming around us. As we explore the Five Love Languages in our Lenten Sermon Series, I'm struck with how each of the activities in our church community represent the many "languages" or ways FCC extends love within the FCC community and into our world. Our world so deeply needs this love....you don't need me to list the needs. I'm confident that we'll keep finding beautiful and brilliant ways to share it! The renewal and rebirth of Easter is coming. Nothing can stop God's Love for us, and for all!



Rev. Lily Tinker Forttel
Associate Minister



FCC CHANCEL CHOIR

CHOIR PRACTICE 10 COMMANDMENTS

1. THOU SHALT HONOR THE WEEKLY PRACTICE TIME.
2. THOU SHALT BRING THY MUSIC AND THY WATER.
3. REMEMBER THE VOCAL WARM-UP; TO KEEP THY VOICE.
4. THOU SHALT LOOK UP SOMETIMES FROM THE MUSIC.



5. THOU SHALT AT LEAST GLANCE AT THE DIRECTOR.
6. THOU SHALT NOT AUDIBLY CURSE THE ANTHEM CHOICE.
7. THOU SHALT NOT CHAT WHILE THE BASSES REHEARSE.
8. THOU SHALT KEEP TRACK OF THE CURRENT PAGE NUMBER
9. THOU SHALT NOT BLAME THE ALTOS
10. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S PENCIL

It is Always a 'Good Time' to check out the Chancel Choir!

Ben enthusiastically encourages all church members to join your voice with ours and sing with us as we praise God. We gather because we love to sing and we enjoy each other's company. It's lovely to have new voices join us. The choir sings until Sunday, May 12. After that is Summer break. Choir will resume on Kick-off Sunday, September 8.

Please come to rehearsal any Sunday at 8:15 a.m., or contact Ben Gaughran at ben@fccannarbor.org, and let him know you are interested.



This season of Lent has often been lifted up as a time to wander in the desert and to give things up, whether it is eating meat or sweets. But, our bodies are not just something we need to bring with us on our spiritual journeys. Rather, our senses themselves can be rich pathways to God. While acts of sacrifice and giving up can be powerful practices, so can nurturing and celebrating this God-given fleshy existence of ours. And so, this year I am particularly focused on embodiment practices as a way of connecting to the divine. Embodiment practices invite us to recognize the divine within the tangible, the sacredness of our flesh, bones, and breath. It reminds us that our bodies are not mere vessels, but intricate, living expressions of our journey through existence. If you are curious as well, consider joining me and trying one or more of the following:



Sensory Exploration

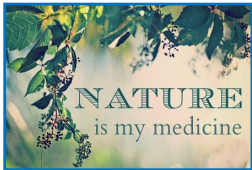
Delight in the richness of sensory experiences. Notice the taste, texture, and aroma of food. Revel in the beauty of art, the texture of fabric, or the warmth of a hug. Sensory awareness connects us deeply to the world around us.

Mindful Movement

Engage in practices like yoga, tai chi, or dance to cultivate a conscious connection between body and mind. Through intentional movement, we can explore the nuances of our physical selves, fostering balance and grace.

Breath Awareness

Take moments throughout the day to simply breathe. Conscious breathing grounds us in the present moment, inviting us to experience the fullness of life with each inhale and exhale.



Nature Immersion

Spend time in nature, allowing the elements to awaken your senses. Feel the earth beneath your feet, the breeze against your skin, and the sunlight on your face. Nature reminds us of our inherent connection to the world around us.

Creative Expression

Engage in art, music, or other forms of creative expression that involve your body. Painting, playing an instrument, or even cooking can be profound ways to embody our innermost thoughts and emotions.

Embodied Rituals

Infuse your spiritual practices with physical rituals. Lighting candles, making offerings, or engaging in ceremonial movements can bring a profound sense of presence and intention to our beliefs.

In embracing embodiment, we honor the inherent worth and dignity of everybody, and every body. Through these practices, we can cultivate a deeper sense of presence, compassion, and joy in our shared journey of embodied existence. God indeed calls us to a life overflowing, not of denial. May we bring our whole selves along in lives full of celebration and service.

With faith and gratitude,

Rev. Eric Hausman

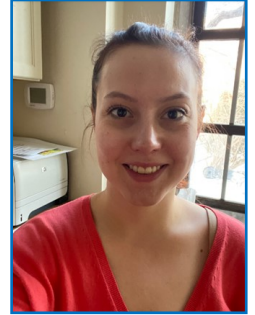
MARINA BAKER
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR



This Christmas season was full of festive fun for FCC Kidz & Youth! We started with the Advent Afternoon of Fun on December 10, featuring pizza, gingerbread house kits, and Christmas crafts. Something extraordinary happened during this time in Pilgrim Hall; Fellowship time and the Advent Afternoon of Fun combined to create inter-generational fun and fellowship.



It was a wonderful experience inspiring new ideas for the coming year!



December's primary focus was preparing for the coming Christmas Eve Pageant. This year, we were particularly excited that the animals were warm enough to participate in the live nativity outside and in the sanctuary! They always add an element of unpredictability and independence that matches the energy of our kids.



The beginning of confirmation can be awkward, but everyone quickly warms up to one another and is enjoying the time they spend through this process. We were very excited to commission our five new confirmands in January: Alex, Amber, Brody, Dexter, and Kendall. They kicked off their confirmation journey during the overnight retreat at FCC on February 9-10 with mentor meetings, a scavenger hunt, and service projects!



Valentine's Day has always been one of my favorite holidays at FCC because I see how creative our students can be. They made cards for their loved ones and members of the congregation. This year, our students also wrote Valentine's messages that were folded into paper fortune cookies, and given to members as they left the 10:00 a.m. service on February 11.



**Chapel Time with
FCC Kidz**



Springtime is near, so Easter is knocking on the door as we prepare for our annual egg hunt! Last year, we were lucky enough to have many middle and high school youth join us to hide eggs and assist during the egg hunt. This year, we hope for warm enough weather to hide eggs outside again!



Marina Baker
Children's Ministry Coordinator

GARRETT'S SPACE

FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

In February 2023, FCC did a two-week series on mental health and faith. We learned there is a gap in the care our young adults need, and our ability to provide this care for them. One non-profit organization that seeks to close this gap is Garrett's Space. Since the startup of Garrett's Space, our FCC youth have served with them, supporting their mission by getting the word out about who they are and what services they provide. There is more information about Garrett's Space below. Our hope is that you can share it with a young adult in your life who may need the kind of care and treatment they offer.



HOPE, HEALING AND CONNECTION

Garrett's Space is dedicated to reducing suicides and filling critical gaps in supportive care options for young adults, ages 18-28, facing mental health challenges. We are working to restore hope and perspective in this population by promoting connections, self-worth and resilience.

Julie and Scott Halpert founded Garrett's Space in 2019 after losing their 23-year-old son Garrett to suicide in 2017. The vision for Garrett's Space was informed by their experiences, those of many other families and leading mental health experts: a continuum of programming designed specifically for young adults, ages 18-28 years old, to improve their mental health, promote connections with peers and community, and save lives. They believe it is critical to create programming and spaces that are evidence-informed, effective, and appeal to struggling young adults who are discouraged by their experience with traditional approaches and options with an institutional feel.



Currently, Garrett's Space hosts three weekly virtual Wellness Groups free of charge for young adults struggling with depression and anxiety, as a supplement to individual therapy and psychiatric intervention. Participants come together weekly with professional facilitators for supported peer groups and breathing and movement exercises. They are also invited to a monthly in-person gathering.

Garrett's Space is also actively working to build a campus, which will provide residential, day, and weekly programming with a non-medical, holistically focused approach. The residence will be an alternative, innovative, and effective support option for young adults and their families. Surrounded by a warm community of caring staff, including social workers and facilitators, guests will stay overnight for three to four weeks and engage in evidence-informed, mood lifting activities including group support, movement, meditation, gardening, art, and nutritious cooking in a natural setting that promotes connections and healing. In August 2023, Garrett's Space purchased a 76-acre property in Superior Township where it plans to build this wellness campus.

To learn more about Garrett's Space and how to get involved please visit our website (garrettsspace.org).

If you are seeking support for yourself, or someone else, please contact Peggy Galimberty at 734-212-6890 or peggy@garrettsspace.org.

FCC CORE VALUES STORIES

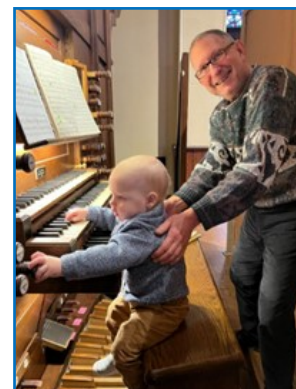


Julie Rumble, Dennis Barrish, and their daughters Sylvia and Cora donated their time to share some love by assembling our FCC Forget-Me-Not Christmas gifts, given to those in the Glacier Hills Luncheon group. They brought holiday cheer to many!

Thank you Julie, Dennis, Sylvia, and Cora!

Dr. Timothy Huth is our organist known for his exceptional talent, and eagerness to share his passion for the organ with people of all ages. On Sunday, January 21, Tim welcomed a special guest, Baby George Morris, to the organ, taught him about it, and helped him play some keys. We appreciate Tim's dedication to the church and his willingness to serve.

Thank you, Tim!



The FCC Daytime Warming Shelter ran Monday - Friday, February 19 - March 1. Our doors opened to welcome all those in need of some warmth, food, and friendship. Our church came out in dedicated numbers, providing food and hands-on assistance daily. Your kind-heartedness shows in everything you do, and you made a difference in so many lives.

A huge FCC Thank you to all of our Amazing Volunteers!

Choir and Orchestra appreciation luncheons, as well as many extra dishes at FCC events, would not happen without the culinary skills, and the loving dedication of our Congregation Liaison, Nancy Sauve. Any of us who have enjoyed her delicious cooking are always looking forward to the next time.

Thank you, Nancy!



Memorial Services are a beautiful way we extend the love and support of our congregation to those who are grieving. The volunteers, many who signed up on the Time and Talent sheets, are more than volunteers at this special FCC service. They are also ministers, there to comfort, console, hug, listen, speak to, and of course, feed; nourishment for body and soul.

Thank you, Volunteers, for your heartfelt service!

FCC CORE VALUES

Compassion—We are a deeply caring faith community, demonstrating God's universal love and mutual respect.

Joy and Positivity—We are a faith community that faces life with open-mindedness, positivity, and a generous spirit.

Integrity—We are a faith community that builds trust through a commitment to authenticity and guided by the humility of Christ.

Courage—We are a faith community committed to persevere and grow in the midst of challenges and opportunities.

Inclusive—Whatever your story, we accept you as you are, and believe God's doors are open to all!

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Family Fun Night (BOCE)

March 1

Don't miss out on Family Fun Night! FCC members of all ages are invited on March 1st at 6:00 p.m. for a fun-filled evening of pizza, games, and ice cream sundaes. Bring your own beverages and board games to share. To help cover costs, we suggest a \$5 donation for pizza. Please email Marina with any questions at marina@fccannarbor.org. We hope to see you there!



Yoga at FCC (AFC)

Saturday, March 2

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Donation based!

Location TBD

Our beloved and inspirational yogi, Jill Diwan, has returned from her time of rest and study in India, and is anxious to get our class going again. Please consider joining us every Saturday, starting March 2, for this special, 'All levels welcome!' yoga practice. Drop-ins are always welcome. If you have any questions, or to join our growing email list, please contact Robbie at robbiesawitski@gmail.com. Watch the Tuesday and Friday emails for updates or cancellations. You can also keep up with us on our group Facebook page, *Yoga at The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor*.

FCC Information Session (Ministry, Deacons)

March 3

Join us on Sunday, March 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. in the Mayflower Room for an information session about FCC. New Member Sunday is April 21. If you're thinking about becoming a member or want to meet new people, chat with our ministers and leaders, and learn more about FCC's values, history, and governance, join us on March 3. Food and childcare provided.



Please feel free to RSVP to office@fccannarbor.org, if you plan on attending.

The First Congregational
Church of Ann Arbor

Information Session

Get to Know FCC

March 3rd

11:00 a.m.

Lenten Prayer and Reflection

Thursdays at 12 noon
February 22, 29 &
March 7, 14, & 21

Bring your lunch, take a pause to reflect with FCC clergy & friends.

Join in-person at FCC or via Zoom

To join via Zoom, visit:
www.zoom.us/join
Meeting ID: 292 246 1488
Passcode: qa2wi1

Lenten Prayer and Reflection (Ministry)

March 7, 14, 21

A Time of Lenten Prayer and Reflection. Thursdays at noon during Lent. We will gather together for a time of prayer and reflection. Join Lily and others in person, in the Mayflower Room, or via Zoom. Feel free to bring a lunch.

We still have a few printed devotionals at FCC; you can purchase an e-version at this website:

<https://www.thepilgrimpress.com/products/bend-2024-lent-devotional?variant=40798378754115>

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Daylight Saving Time Starts

Sunday, March 10, 2024, 2:00 a.m.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on March 10, 2024 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.



2023-2024 SECOND SUNDAY SERIES

October 8: Artificial Intelligence
November 12: Exploring Special Music at FCC
January 14: Equitable Ann Arbor Land Trust
February 11: Gun Violence, Gun Safety
March 10: Preserving Farm Land in Washtenaw County
April 14: Children and Youth Act on the Climate Crisis

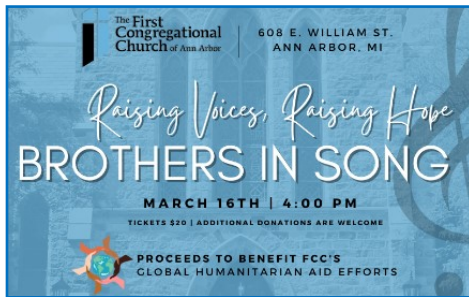
Contemporary Issues; Critical Conversations

Second Sundays
11:15am
The First Congregational
Church of Ann Arbor
608 E. William St.

Contemporary Issues Committee; Critical Conversations (CIC) 2nd Sunday Series

Mar 10 Preserving Farm Land in
Washtenaw County

Apr 14 Children and Youth Responses
to the Climate Crisis



Raising Voices, Raising Hope Brothers In Song

March 16, 4:00 p.m. at FCC

Join us on March 16th at 4:00 p.m. for an incredible concert featuring Langsford Men's Chorus, Measure for Measure Choir, and Chiaroscuro Choir. Not only will you be entertained by some of the most talented singers, but you'll also support a great cause. The concert is dedicated to raising funds for FCC's Global Humanitarian Aid Efforts, so every

ticket sold will make a difference. Mark your calendar and get your tickets now!

You can buy tickets here:

<https://tickets.singm4m.org/events/measureformeasure/1149354>

Giving Tree (M&O)

March 17

The annual FCC collection of household goods for Jewish Family Services Refugee Resettlement will begin March 17, and run through Easter, on March 31. Please bring your unwrapped items, new and gently used, to the Smith Welcome Center on Sundays during this time. Tags describing needed items are available starting March 10 on the bulletin board there. Please help us make this another successful effort to help the newest members of our larger community.



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177th Anniversary Sunday (Ministry, Historian, Deacons, AFC)

March 17, 11:00 a.m.

Mmmmmmm...Cake and Fruit Salad! Please come together for our anniversary in Pilgrim Hall, after the worship service to celebrate the many ways we continue to be a joyous spiritual home, welcoming and valuing all people, engaging in God's Word, and enriching lives.

60 Years

Greg Barnsdale
Jim Blow
Jeanette Gaffield
Tom Gaffield

55 Years

Donna Phillips
Ron Phillips
Doris Taylor
Cherie Wolfe

50 Years

Jim Adams
Bill Bowers
Terry Foster
Lori Franzen
Ray Franzen
Dee Dee Fuleky
Dave Neal
Nancy Neal
Shirley Paul
Pat Redding

45 Years

Shirley Eagen
Jim Neal
Julianne Smith
Tom Ufer
Jo Warner

40 Years

Betsy Nisbet
Ken Nisbet

35 Years

David Beck
Kumalo Dawson
Heather Towery

30 Years

Susan Aramaki
Jocelyn Jacobs
Barbara Knapp

25 Years

Pat Abruzzi
Phil Abruzzi
Kristin Devine
Kathryn Dominguez
Beth Fitzsimmons
Joe Fitzsimmons
Jim Hines
Bob Holmes
Sara Holmes
Betty Jahnke
Jay Jahnke
Joy Keller
Matt Keller
Marianna Kerppola
Bob Livingston
Laura Livingston
Shelley Steele
Jane Thomson

20 Years

Shaun Fyall
Liz Goodrich
Judy Hallberg
Dave Heffner
Jung Park
Seth Sadis
Lindsey Stetson
Matt Stetson
Kristen Verhey
Abby Vermeulen
Diane Wagner-Heffner

15 Years

Marina Baker
Kristin Bartlett
Jason Cole
Beth Costello
Tom Costello
Bob Edick
Suzanne Edick
Betty Fowler
Dean Johnson
Michel Johnson
Sam Keller
Eva Koester
Marilyn McCallum
Alissa Rheinheimer
Jill Rheinheimer
Terry Rheinheimer

10 Years

Max Bogun
John Creal
Logan Farmer
Agustina Fragner
Chris Fragner
Jacob Fyall
Lauren Hackett
Solana Hahr
Brennan Haley
Beck Johnson
Emily Judkins
Nicole Judkins
Matt Kelley
Ally Livesey
Tim Markel
Alida Norton
Abby Vohland

5 Years


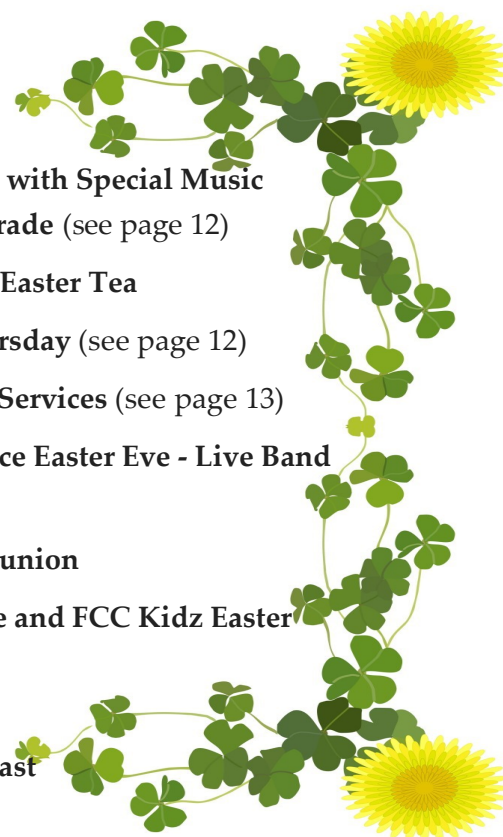
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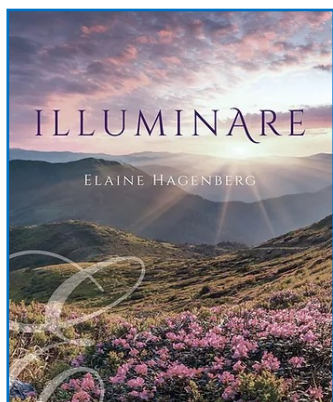


We are a beacon of God's love, hope, and Christian freedom.

MARCH / APRIL / MAY EVENTS

HOLY WEEK AT FCC

	<p>Sunday, March 24 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday with Special Music And Palm Parade (see page 12)</p> <p>Wednesday, March 27 10:30 a.m. Glacier Hills Easter Tea</p> <p>Thursday, March 28 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday (see page 12)</p> <p>Friday March 29 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Services (see page 13)</p> <p>Saturday, March 30 4:09 p.m. Change of Pace Easter Eve - Live Band Pilgrim Hall</p> <p>Sunday, March 31 9:30 a.m. Easter Communion</p> <p style="padding-left: 150px;">10:00 a.m. Easter Service and FCC Kidz Easter Egg Hunt (see page 13)</p> <p style="padding-left: 150px;">11:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast</p>	
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Palm Sunday Special Music Presentation (Music) **March 24, 10:00 a.m.**

The Chancel Choir and Orchestra offer *Illuminare*, by Elaine Hagenberg, her first extended work, consisting of five-movements for SATB choir. Elaine's music "soars with eloquence and ingenuity" (ACDA Choral Journal). Her award-winning compositions are performed worldwide and frequently featured at American Choral Directors Association conferences, All-State festivals, Carnegie Hall, and other distinguished international concert halls from Australia to South America and throughout Europe.

Maundy Thursday (Deacons) **March 28, 6:30 p.m.**

Maundy Thursday marks three key events in Jesus' last week: his washing of his disciples' feet, his institution of the Lord's Supper, and his new commandment to love one another. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. this year with a new "fellowship" and community time in the Welcome Center; sharing in food and conversation. This year we will be joined by clergy members from FUMC and Bethlehem UCC. Tenebrae, an ancient service, increases darkness by gradually extinguishing candles to symbolize the coming darkness of Jesus' death. After the service, people leave in silence.

**I give you a new
commandment:
Love one another as
I have loved you.**

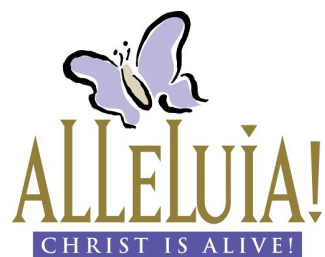
John 13

MARCH / APRIL / MAY EVENTS

Good Friday

March 29, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a joint community worship service at First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor (517 E Washington St.) starting at noon. Ministers from First Baptist Church, The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor, and First United Methodist Church will lead this service together.



Easter Sunday Worship and Easter Breakfast (BOCE, Deacons, AFC) March 31

Christians celebrate Easter because it commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. This pivotal event stands as the bedrock of Christian belief, embodying the promise of redemption, eternal life, and the triumph of light over darkness. It serves as a sacred opportunity for spiritual renewal, collective worship, and joyful celebration, inspiring hearts with the enduring message of God's boundless love and grace.

Let us gather together in worship on this most holy day, and, then share a meal afterwards in celebration of our commitment to loving each other as Jesus calls us to do.

Happy Easter

9:30 a.m. Easter Communion

10:00 a.m. Easter Service



11:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

Intergenerational Mission Trip (Ministry, Board of Trustees)

April 15 - April 21, 2024

We will be serving with 'After the Storm' a non profit disaster relief project that formed in response to the tornados that swept through the Detroit area in June of 2021. Families are still living with the devastating effects of that damage and we are able to help ease that burden. This trip will look and feel like other mission trips that are out of state, but with the comfort of sleeping in your own bed!



We will gather each morning (Monday - Thursday) at FCC for a send off devotional time in the chapel. Then we will caravan to Detroit for a day of repair work, and return back to FCC where wonderful volunteers will provide us dinner. We will have time for roses and thorns, fellowship, and of course, some euchre!

Please email Darcy if you'd like to sign up. You may sign up for only a few days if you are unable to make all four. Looking forward to working alongside of you!

See the Future

Engage and Develop Others

Reinvent Continuously

Value Results and Relationships

Embody the Values

Please join us!

MARCH / APRIL / MAY EVENTS



New Member Sunday (Ministry, Deacons) **April 21**

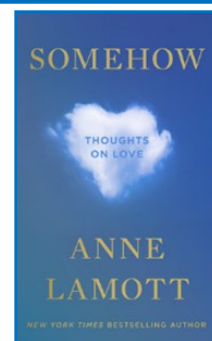
Please join us as we welcome our new members into the life and community of The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor. We will pray together, we will affirm our commitment to working together and living out our mission, and we will celebrate in Pilgrim Hall during Fellowship Time with Cake.

Anne Lamott at the Michigan Theater (AFC) **April 22, 7:00 p.m. - General Admission**

Literati Book Store is thrilled to welcome back New York Times-Bestselling author Anne Lamott to Ann Arbor and the Michigan Theater in celebration of her latest book, *SOMEHOW: Thoughts on Love*. All tickets for this event are General Admission and include a



signed copy of *Somehow*. Signing line tickets are sold out. The Book Bundle may still be available at <https://michtheater.org/events>. Many of us at FCC have already purchased tickets and some of us are looking to have a meal together at FCC beforehand; perhaps brown bag, and walk over to the theater to get in line. **AFC purchased 3 extra tickets at \$25.00 per ticket.** They are available on a first come basis by emailing Robbie at robbiesawitski@gmail.com.



Confirmation Sunday (BOCE) **May 5, 10:00 a.m.**

In Christian denominations that practice infant baptism, confirmation is the sealing of the covenant created in baptism. Those confirmed are confirmands. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit", and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ. Confirmands at FCC are required to write a faith statement, which is a one page essay articulating their beliefs of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit as well as how they understand the role of faith in their life. They read these statements aloud from the pulpit in front of their mentors and families on a weeknight prior to confirmation Sunday. Excerpts from their statements are used in the sermon that Sunday so all of the congregation can hear the wisdom they have gleaned throughout the process. You won't want to miss this Sunday!



FCC Family Camp (BOCE) **May 17 - 19**

Looking for a fun-filled weekend getaway with your family? Join FCC for Family Camp May 17-19! At Tower Hill Camp and Retreat Center, you'll enjoy many exciting activities, including s'mores, bonfires, and much more. Take advantage of this opportunity to create unforgettable memories with FCC friends! RSVP for FCC Family Camp office@fccannarbor.org, with Family

Camp in the subject line. The suggested contribution is \$75/adult and \$50/child. This is a suggestion. Payment is not required for participation.

MARCH / APRIL / MAY EVENTS

First Call to FCC Annual Meeting

June 9, 11:00 a.m.

The first notice of the Annual Meeting usually goes out at the end of May. Since this Courier covers May, this is the first official call to The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor's Annual Meeting, the purpose of which is the presentation of the annual reports, the election of officers, and discussion of other appropriate business. Per FCC Bylaws Section 9.3 Notice of Meetings, this also serves as the required 'personal notice hand mailed or electronically mailed to each member of the Church at least five days in advance of the meeting'. The 2023-2024 Annual Report will be available May 26, 2024.

Please plan on attending! We actually have great attendance, but thought that this would bring a smile!



AFC All-Church Father's Day Potluck and Mini Ice Cream Social (BOCE, Deacons, AFC)

June 18 - Outside (weather permitting) Following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



Your AFC will be providing hot dogs and not-dogs, condiments, individual bags of chips, and potato salad for all. We won't forget the mini-sundaes, root beer floats, and Boston Coolers.

Last names:

A - M - Side Dish or Salad

N - Z - Fruit Salad or Dessert



PLEASE, If you bring a dish to share:

- Provide a list of ingredients to display with the item.
- Please remember, **no nuts or nut products.**

Annual Ann Arbor Art Fair Mission Trips Fundraising Events (AFC)

Hospitality Station and R & R (rubbish & recycle)

July 18 - July 20, 2024

Your R&R Leaders are so very proud of, and grateful for the group of volunteers who show up each year, and for some reason keep coming back, once they've tried it. You see, in all honesty, yes, it is challenging. But, it's for an amazing cause (Mission Trips), and also is a remarkably fun time, full of laughter, camaraderie, sharing our stories, and growing new friendships, as well as deepening others. We look at it as a mini-

mission trip. Our Sign-up Genius is already up and running. QR code and Links can be found on page 21. For more information or help signing up, please email Chris at cnverm@aol.com.



FCC AND OUR COMMUNITY

NEWS AND INFORMATION

FCC FOOD PANTRY (M & O)

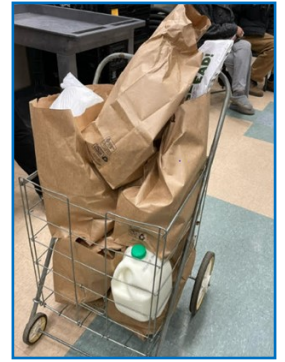
Notes from a food pantry volunteer:

Did you drive to the grocery store this week? At a food pantry, you see all forms of transportation. Some come by car, but many come by bus or by walking. Yes and even by bicycle! A recent client left after carefully packing his backpack and then hung the bags carefully balanced on his handlebars. You often see carts, expertly packed for their trip home walking or by bus as shown here.



Please consider picking up 1 of these needed items when you shop; Meals in a can: ravioli, hearty soups, beef stew ~ Cereal ~ Pastas ~ Dish soap ~ Ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard ~ Despite our recent mild temperatures, SOUP is still in high demand.

Please place donations in the food collection cupboards in the Welcome Center.



How would you like to spend a night aboard one of the USS Silversides Submarine Museum's historic vessels? If walking the decks, exploring the sub and a Coast Guard cutter, and then sleeping in the berths where

brave men once served our country sounds like a 'Good Time' to you, then your AFC is looking to provide this experience for up to 100 FCC members. If we receive enough interest, we will meet with all interested parties to discuss the event, and determine when the best time would be to do it for everyone involved.

Overnight Encampments are available on two vessels:



The WWII submarine the **USS Silversides Submarine** with 72 bunks is a real WWII submarine that brings history alive by walking where heroes walked.

The **US Coast Guard Cutter McLane** with 38 bunks is a vessel that served America through Prohibition, World War II and provided many search and rescue operations.



Both vessels have heat, so Overnight Encampments are available all year. All guests receive a guided tour of the Silversides regardless of which vessel they are sleeping on. A minimum of 20 guests is required to spend the night to make an Overnight Encampment available. Unless we have paid for all of the bunks aboard the vessel, we may be sharing it with other guests or groups.

Friday - Sunday: \$40.00; Monday - Thursday: \$35.00; Minimum of 20 participants required to book.

Pricing is per person, per night and does not include meals. Looking ahead, perhaps a September/October 2024 Fall Colors Weekend might work nicely, and the weather could also cooperate.

please contact Robbie at 517-888-3342 or robbiesawitski@gmail.com, if you are interested, or if you would like more information.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

RICK MUHS, CO-CHAIR and KRISTI STONEBURNER, CO-CHAIR



It's that time of year, again! The Nominating Committee will begin its work in March to fill open positions on boards and committees for the calendar year 2024 - 2025. Your help is needed, and it's the best way to meet other members and to give to both the church and the community. Please contact Rick Muhs or Kristy Stoneburner if you have any questions or want to volunteer.

Rich Muhs, rickmuhs@comcast.net, 734-730-1749

Kristy Stoneburner, kstoneburner52@hotmail.com, 734-330-5290

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

SUZANNE PRICE, CHAIR

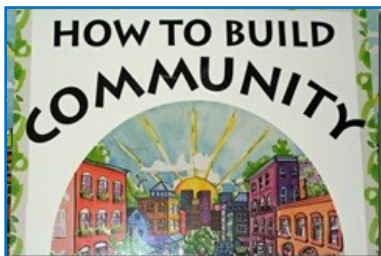
FCC Grants Awarded to Nonprofits

The Committee is pleased to announce the first set of FCC awards granted to local nonprofits. Our charge is to meet the need for shelter, food, medical help, and clothing in our community. After two months of review of the mission and operations of the sixteen non-profits FCC helped last year, our committee decided to give grants to eleven organizations. Our grantees are Ozone House (youth shelter and counseling), The Shelter Association (emergency shelter and food), Friends in Deed (housing emergencies, utilities, financial mentoring), House by the Side of the Road (clothing), Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels (food, senior and disabled services), Jewish Family Services Refugee Resettlement (housing), SOS Community Services (housing, counseling, pantry), Cass Community Services (housing, food), Corner Health (medical health, food), Hope Clinic (medical, dental health, food), and Avalon Housing (subsidized housing). By paring the number of organizations to eleven, we are able to give a larger award to some of the organizations. The individual awards range from \$6,000 to \$500. Our hope is that the FCC award can make a worthy contribution to the other local support they receive.



We have reserved \$8,000 for local, national, and international needs that arise such as weather emergencies, disasters, and emergency budget requests from local non-profits. We have \$3,650 in grant funds under review for additional awards this spring.

Our M & O budget for grants for the 2023-24 fiscal year is \$33,150. Our budget also includes \$500 for the Our Own Thing Chorale. Additionally, a generous FCC member gave \$2,100 to the grant budget with half of their donation directed to two of our grant recipients. This gives M&O \$36,150 to distribute, thanks to the generosity of our FCC members with their annual pledged donations and gifts. The FCC February Warming Shelter received a separate \$2,500.



Volunteer With Us

Our Committee sees additional ways to help in our community, particularly for the organizations that we fund, and even more so for those we are not able to fund this year. This spring we will begin announcing group projects for members of our church to consider. Watch the weekly church email for how to participate in a hands-on, important way with other members of FCC!

CHURCH COUNCIL

CHRIS VERMEULEN, CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY

Elected Positions

Church Council Chair: Ellen Rambo
Church Council Vice-Chair: Val Towery
Secretary: Chris Vermeulen
Treasurer: Mike Dabbs
Clerk: Gae Miller
Historian: Betty Bishop

Remaining Positions Filled by Board and Committee Positions

Board of Deacons Chair: Jennifer Santi
Board of Trustees Chair: Lou Candiotti
Board of Christian Education Chair: Eric Nicholson
Missions and Outreach Committee Chair: Suzanne Price
Music Committee Chair: Paul Fossum
Nominating Committee Co-Chairs: Rick Muhs and Kristy Stoneburner
Activities and Fellowship Committee Chair: Robbie Sawitski
Contemporary Issues Committee Chair: Sara Holmes
Minister: Darcy Crain, Lily Tinker Fortel, Eric Hausman
PRC (Pastoral Relations Committee): Debbie Bourque, Colleen Creal, Ray Decker, and Rick Reid

Next Scheduled Meetings

No Meeting in February 2024
March 18, 2024
April 15, 2024
May 20, 2024
Annual Meeting June 9, 2024

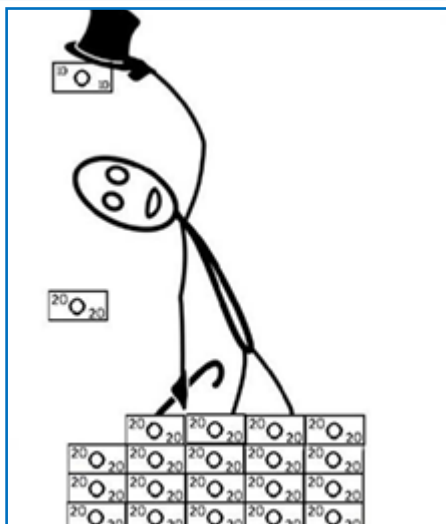
Contact Information

Feel free to contact any member of the Church Council with questions, comments, or concerns. We appreciate your feedback on the activities of the Church.



RAISE RIGHT - SCRIP CORNER

CHRIS VERMEULEN



Since July 1, 2023, we raised \$322.00 using Scrip (reloadable gift cards and e-gift certificates). This is a combination of 3 families making on-line orders and the big Congregation order on November 7. You can help us raise more money for Sr. High and Intergenerational work-trips by using Scrip. Scrip gives the church a percentage of the amount you purchase with Scrip. I would recommend starting with e-gift certificates for one or two places that you shop regularly. You can look at the listing at [RaiseRight.com](https://www.RaiseRight.com). To get Scrip you will need to create an account.

If you have any questions, comments or feedback, please contact Chris Vermeulen at cnverm@aol.com.

Thank You For Your Support!

HISTORIAN CORNER

BETTY BISHOP

Recently David Beck, Finance Manager for Zion Lutheran Church and a member of FCC, translated an article from the May 31, 1894 copy of the German newspaper "House Friend and Post" which dealt with the First Church of FCC in Ann Arbor. Apparently, it was found when someone was cleaning out a house and was given to Zion Lutheran. It took some time to get someone to translate it from the Old German gothic print, but David eventually did so. The history was prepared with the demolition of the original FCC building from 1849, often called "First Church", to allow for the building of a new Zion Lutheran Church. Zion Lutheran Church had purchased "First Church" in 1875 when FCC had almost completed the current Stone Church at State and William.

The article noted the founding of FCC on March 23, 1847 when a group of settlers from the New England States wanted a service like the one they had experienced in New England. Initially they met in the old courthouse but soon purchased land from Harrison Goodrich and awarded a construction contract. "It was considered at the time that it would be the most beautiful, largest, and respected of local church buildings." Unfortunately, the builder had financial difficulties, and FCC had to hire Fitch Hill who completed the brick church in 1849 for a cost of about \$6,000. Much of the cost was raised by renting out church rooms and by issuing debt (notes?) for the remainder.

Materials for construction were much cheaper in 1849 than those originally purchased in 1894. For example, bricks from R. Doty's Brickyard on Jackson Ave. were \$3.37 ½ per thousand. Oak beams were \$8.00 per thousand feet, and lime, for the mortar, came from a congregation member near Monroe, and arrived in a lumber wagon.

In August 1875, the very new Zion Lutheran congregation purchased the "First Church" for \$4,300, significantly less than it had cost to build it almost 30 years before that time. The Zion congregation came about since there was a disagreement when Bethlehem congregation decided to build a new church in 1873, and excluded a group of members. By July 1875, with oversight from the Ohio Synod, they formed Zion Lutheran Church to take advantage of purchasing the "First Church", which was being sold due to the building of the present church at State and William.

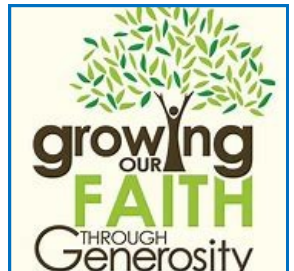
STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

MIKE CREAL, CHAIR

Let's Grow Together...

Our stewardship campaign "Let's Grow Together" will kick off in March, as we consider how we can make commitments of sharing our resources to further the mission of The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor. Whether you have called this church home for decades, are a newer member, or if you have recently begun streaming us online, stewardship is our shared opportunity to support our faith community, the one we love.

You will be hearing more from us in the mail and in an email the week of March 18. Throughout the campaign, we will be sharing members' stories that have inspired us and are hopeful that their journeys will inspire you as well!



TREASURER'S REPORT
MIKE DABBS

The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor
2023 – 2024 SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Preliminary
January 31, 2024

	ACTUAL	APPROVED	ACTUAL	
	1/31/24	BUDGET	PERCENT	NOTES
		7/1/23 - 6/30/24	BUDGET	
REVENUE				
Pledges	\$ 271,900	\$ 570,000	48%	
Gifts – Operations	53,311	60,000	89%	
Other Income	125,470	46,980	267%	1
Special Funds Transfer	<u>-0-</u>	<u>4,000</u>	0%	2
Total Revenue	\$ 450,681	\$ 680,980	66%	
EXPENSES				
Ministry	\$ 104,357	\$ 210,895	49%	
Deacons, Council, C.I.C., AFC	4,036	8,100	50%	
Administrative/Office	161,281	332,082	49%	
Christian Education	23,305	51,420	45%	
Music	52,644	95,887	55%	
Missions & Outreach	6,162	43,000	14%	
Maintenance & Utilities	<u>138,907</u>	<u>112,750</u>	123%	
Total Expenses	\$ 490,692	\$ 854,134	57%	
NET REVENUE	(\$ 40,011)	(\$173,154)		
TRUST FUND DISTRIBUTION	<u>+\$ 95,000</u>	<u>+\$ 176,375</u>	54%	3
BALANCE	\$ 54,989	\$ 3,221		

NOTES

1. Other Income includes Pastoral Contributions of \$39,685 in 2023-24. \$22,500 was a restricted gift moved to Pastoral Fund.
2. Pastoral Fund distribution of \$3,500 for M&O, and pastoral assistance.
3. 2023-2024 Budget projected distribution from trust and endowment funds is 6% (\$166,375). An additional one-time distribution of \$10,000 to cover accounting software transition.

Misc. Note 2023-2024 Mortgage Principal payments will be \$38,316. The principal payment is not reflected in the Annual Budget.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

MIKE DABBS

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Actual pledge revenue of \$271,900 for the first seven months of this fiscal year is approximately \$60,000 less than our seven months pledge budget. However, Gifts – Operations is more than budget by \$18,300. Other Income is much greater than budget due to Memorial Income and the Pastoral Appeal being significantly above budget by a combined amount of nearly \$60,000.

Nearly all major expense categories ran less than budget with the exception of Maintenance & Utilities. In late fall, we spent over \$65,000 to repair a significant water leak that has been an on-going issue for the past five years. We thought it was solved; however, we recently noticed some additional wet areas, so more work will need to be done before we repair the interior plaster and repaint this section. As a result, our Net Revenue at the end of January was (\$40,011). Lastly, you will notice our Actual Total Revenue percent of Budget is 66% and Actual Total Expenses is 57% for the first seven months, which indicates that we are remaining in a positive financial position.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

UHY has finished the Financial Review of Fiscal Year 2022-23 (July 1, 2022 – Jun 30, 2023) and presented their draft report to the Trustees at their January meeting. The Trustees have accepted the Financial Review and UHY will prepare the final version of it, which will be available to any member who desires to see it.



FCC Merchandise (Marketing) Online Store NOW OPEN

Thanks to the efforts of our marketing committee led by Trevor Towery, we are excited to offer you FCC merchandise like this quarter zip Darcy is modeling for us. Feel free to reach out with any questions!



Check out the store here:

<https://merch.undergroundshirts.com/collections/first-congregational-church-of-ann-arbor> or visit our website; it is linked on the home page towards the bottom.



The R & R Team Wants YOU! July 18 - July 20, 2024

Here are the links to the 2024 SignUpGenius for Art Fair. The direct links are below, and the QR code has a hyperlink too. Any questions, please email Chris at cnverm@aol.com.

Direct Link for Hospitality sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044AAEA62AA2F94-fccart4>

Direct Link for R & R sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044AAEA62AA2F94-fccart5>



DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY PICTURES



Advent Women's Evening



Christmastime in the Sanctuary



Blue Christmas



SMALL GROUPS

TUESDAY NIGHT SERIES ~ TNS

Tuesday Night Series will continue with our hybrid format, meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Mayflower Room. Eric will send the Zoom meeting link via the Tuesday Night Series email group. If you're not a part of the emailing group, please contact Rev. Eric at eric@fccannarbor.org, for the Zoom link, or for more information.

TEXT BREAKFAST

Our text breakfast group meets every Wednesday, from 9:00 a.m. to about 10:15 a.m., at the Alpha Koney Diner, 4389 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. The preaching pastor leads the discussion. We offer Zoom to those who are unable to be present in person. Watch the text breakfast group email for the scripture passage that will be discussed. **We will not meet on March 27.** Please email Darcy at darcy@fccannarbor.org if you would like to join us.

Bible & Breakfast



MIND AND SPIRIT BOOK GROUP

This group welcomes women of the church who are interested in meeting other members and discussing books dealing with spirituality or contemporary issues. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., in the Mayflower Room and by Zoom. Please join us as we read the following books in the coming months; *Broke in America* by Goldblum and Shaddox, *The Last Week* by Borg and Crossan, *How the Word is Passed* by Smith, *Leave Only Footprints* by Knighton, and *When the Emperor was Divine* by Otsuka.

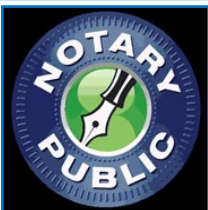
The group picks a service project related to our reading and recently donated laundry supplies to Alpha House. We are planning a trip to Cass Community Services this spring to follow up on our donation of shelving and books for the Fox Family Center.

Please contact Gail Haynes gehaynes66@gmail.com for more information or to be added to our email list.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

FCC's Middle and High School Youth meet regularly throughout the year!

- Middle School Youth meet every Sunday during 10:00 a.m. worship.
- High School Youth meet Monthly at Darcy's House. Usually on fourth Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Upcoming date: March 28 at FCC for Maundy Thursday.
- Middle and High School Youth also meet monthly for service and/or fellowship events.
- Confirmation Class for 8th grade youth is currently taking place. Confirmation Sunday is May 5 (See page 14).



Do you need a notary?

Our Congregation Liaison, Nancy Sauve is happy to help!

Contact her at nancy@fccannarbor.org and bring your documents to church on Sunday morning.



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MARCH / APRIL / MAY 2024 CALENDAR

Mar 2,9,16,23,30	9:00 a.m.	Yoga at FCC - location TBD
Sunday, Mar 3	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Session
	11:00 a.m.	FCC Information Session, Mayflower Room
	11:00 a.m.	Music Committee Mtg., Meeting Room
Mar 5,12,19,26	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Series, Mayflower Room Hybrid
Mar 6,13,20	9:00 a.m.	Text Breakfast at Alpha Koney (No meeting on Mar 27)
Mar 6,20	10:15 a.m.	Mind & Spirit, Mayflower Room
Mar 6	5:00 p.m.	Missions & Outreach Committee Mtg., Mayflower Room Hybrid
Mar 7,14,21	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Prayer & Reflection, Hybrid
Sunday, Mar 10	11:15 a.m.	C.I.C. Second Sunday Presentation, Pilgrim Hall
Mar 11	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees Mtg., Mayflower Room
Mar 14	10:00 a.m.	Contemporary Issues Committee Mtg., Mayflower Room
Mar 16	4:00 p.m.	Measure for Measure Concert, Sanctuary
Sunday, Mar 17	11:00 a.m.	FCC 177th Anniversary Celebration, Pilgrim Hall
Mar 18	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Mtg., Hybrid
Mar 22	TBD	Bob Adams Memorial Service
Mar 23	10:00 a.m.	Special Music Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sunday, Mar 24	10:00 a.m.	Special Music Presentation, FCC Kidz Palm Parade
	11:15 a.m.	Board of Christian Education Mtg., Mayflower Room Hybrid
Mar 27	10:30 a.m.	Easter tea at Glacier Hills
Mar 28	4:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Subcommittee Mtg., Mayflower Room Hybrid
Mar 28	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary
Mar 29	12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service (see page 13)
Mar 30	4:09 p.m.	Easter Eve COP Service, Pilgrim Hall
Sunday, Mar 31	10:00 a.m.	Easter Service, Sanctuary and FCC Kidz Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast, Pilgrim Hall
Apr 2,9,16,23,30	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Series, Mayflower Room Hybrid
Apr 3,10,17,24	9:00 a.m.	Text Breakfast at Alpha Koney
Apr 3,17	10:15 a.m.	Mind & Spirit, Mayflower Room
Apr 3	5:00 p.m.	Missions & Outreach Committee Mtg., Mayflower Room Hybrid
Apr 8	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees Mtg., Mayflower Room
Apr 13	11:00 a.m.	Bill Suits Memorial Service
	4:00 p.m.	U of M Baroque Ensemble
Sunday, Apr 14	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Session
	11:15 a.m.	C.I.C. Second Sunday Presentation, Pilgrim Hall
Apr 15	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Mtg., Hybrid
Sunday, Apr 21	10:00 a.m.	New Member Sunday, Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Music Committee Mtg., Meeting Room
	11:15 a.m.	Activities & Fellowship Committee Mtg., Mayflower Room
Apr 25	4:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Subcommittee Mtg., Mayflower Room Hybrid
Sunday, April 28	11:15 a.m.	Board of Christian Education Mtg., Mayflower Room Hybrid
May 1,8,15,22	9:00 a.m.	Text Breakfast at Alpha Koney
May 1,15	10:15 a.m.	Mind & Spirit, Mayflower Room
May 1	5:00 p.m.	Missions & Outreach Committee Mtg., Mayflower Room Hybrid
May 1	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Dinner, Pilgrim Hall
May 7,14,21	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Series, Mayflower Room Hybrid
May 8,15,22	9:00 a.m.	Text Breakfast at Alpha Koney
Sunday, May 12	10:00 a.m.	Special Music Presentation: Motherhood, Sanctuary
May 13	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees Mtg., Mayflower Room
May 17-19		Family Camp, Tower Hill Camp
Sunday, May 19	11:00 a.m.	Music Committee Mtg., Meeting Room
	11:15 a.m.	Activities & Fellowship Committee Mtg., Mayflower Room
May 20	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Mtg., Hybrid
May 23	4:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Subcommittee Mtg., Mayflower Room Hybrid
Sunday, May 26	11:15 a.m.	Board of Christian Education Mtg., Mayflower Room Hybrid
May 27		MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED