

THE CHURCH WINDOW



November 2019



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FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

What circles are we caught in?

As I think about our Stewardship Campaign and our Adult Christian Education class, “The Advent Conspiracy,” I am reminded of a meditation I wrote a few years back and am sharing here. Recently, I saw a TED talk on YouTube by Tim Jackson called “An economic reality check.” And this connection made me think about how my spending and my giving affect our economic system as a whole. Among other things, Jackson’s talk emphasizes the great danger in humanity’s desire not just for material things, but for *new* things. He quotes the film, *Fight Club*, in describing this phenomenon, saying, “We buy things we don't need with money, we don't have to impress people we don't like.” We can see this desire realized in the constant upgrades to computers, cell phones, and in the continually evolving social media formats. Our desperate desire to own the newest thing or participate in the newest means of communication drives those companies to produce more new things as fast and as cheaply as possible. And I wonder, when we push companies to act in this manner, who might we be harming? How do such companies treat their workers? How is our consumption of goods affecting the environment with which God has asked us to live in harmony? What harm are we doing our own soul by allowing ourselves to fulfill our more selfish desires and ignore our very real need to be altruistic?

When on the Oglala Lakota reservation a few years ago, I had conversations with some of the elders and members of the tribe. We talked about the possibility that encouraging the Lakota to start businesses might help their economy. Some of the folks I spoke with shook their heads in disbelief. I was told that the white way of running the economy was spiritually damaging, as it encouraged us to focus just on material goods, instead of on people, the health of our soul, and our relationship with God and creation. Why would they want to adopt our ways? Indeed.

So, as I think about today's meditation, I wonder about our entire economic system and about what we are telling the world we value when we spend our money. Our materialism is systemic, and we are caught in a loop where companies produce goods that we buy, allowing the companies to produce more goods that we then buy, etc. What is the point of this cycle? I believe that, as God's people, we are called to break this loop. There are better circles to get caught in. We are called, instead, to start circles where giving leads to thanksgiving, which leads to heartfelt generosity and greater giving, and more thanksgiving, etc. What then, I wonder, would our economy look like, were we to abandon the cycles of buying and selling and to become caught, instead, in cycles of giving and thanksgiving?



SISTERS OF RUTH

Sisters of Ruth met for lunch at the Eagle Inn on October 14, 201. We enjoyed good conversation and talked about the upcoming craft bazaar and bake sale (craft bazaar article on page 7). Our next meeting will be **November 11, 2019**. If we find that people want to attend but are involved elsewhere because this is also Veteran’s Day, we can move the date. The restaurant will be announced later.

CONGREGATORS

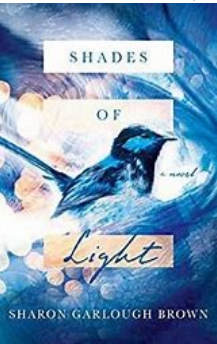


It might have been just five people at Congregators in October, but they cozied up at a special table in front of the Log Jam fireplace to thoroughly treasure another time of good food and fellowship with each other. We have moved November Congregators to the third Friday, so plan to meet on **Friday, November 15, 1 pm at the Log Jam**. Please be sure to get in touch with Jim (517.627.7968), Sandy (517.420.2121) or Charlene (517.281.5019) to reserve your spot!

WGOD

On October 15, 2019. Freida and Gla’ prepared a delicious potato soup and salad dinner. We also enjoyed a wonderful dessert. After dinner, we discussed Part One of the book by Sharon Garlough Brown, titled “Shades of Light.”

November 19, 2019 is the date for our next dinner and discussion at FCUCC. We will be completing the book for this month’s reading. Kathy B. and Kay K. have volunteered to prepare dinner for our meeting. Dinner will cost between \$3.00 and \$5.00. We will also try to choose a book for our next reading. Please join us for a very interesting, educational, and inspiring discussion.



BLESSING IN A BACKPACK

This year we are blessed to have many volunteer organizations willing to help with Blessing in a Backpack. So many in fact, that we have combined a couple of groups. FCUCC will be packing with the staff of West Orthodontics (a small group) on **November 13, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.** in room #308 at Sawdon School. We are packing over 200 bags for the Grand Ledge school children. After packing, we ask that you help us restock for the next week. It takes between one and one-half hours to complete the entire process to feed all of these children for the weekend.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please be advised that this sign-up sheet is just to get an estimated count. If you find at the last minute you can help or you forgot to sign up, please come and help. You will be helping the community and it’s a great way to meet your neighbors who share a common goal.



BIRTHDAYS

****Virginia Schiefelbein - 10th Anniversary of commissioning as a minister****

- Jack Bernardi
- Nathaniel Oliver
- Jean Brown
- Brandon Frost
- Sue Sackett
- Chris Clark
- Adam Steven’s
- Karen Holcomb-Merrill
- Terry Bouck



If your birthday has been inadvertently missed, please contact the church office at 627-2336 or office@grandledgeucc.org

THANK YOU!!

This is a “WOW!” thank you! Families of FCUCC once again responded with love and generosity for our annual special offering for **Blessings in a Backpack** on Rally Sunday, September 15. You gave **\$3,528** which will provide weekend food for 20+ elementary, middle and high school children for the 2019-20 school year! Thank you for being you!
Fay S. and your Outreach Team

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Just as individual prayer time is very important to each of us, so is **prayer as a faith community**. We invite you to use the **prayer cards in the pews** or call the **church office at 627-2336** to notify the pastor of any prayer concerns you would like to share. If no one is available to speak with you, you may leave a voicemail.

Health concerns: Pray for family and friends with health concerns

Those who are struggling be it: financially, mentally, spiritually, individually, or collectively.

Those in a time of transition or turmoil.

Those who serve: soldiers, teachers, police officers, firefighters, counselors, activists, public servants, our congregational leaders, politicians, and many more.

Prayer request: Please pray for those rallying for peace and justice, as well as, Darrell B., Doris B., Lili B., Kathy H., Cindy G., Carole S., Barbara N., Geri L. Robert E., Larry and Carol S., Ben B., Jim H., Karen W. and all who are still recovering from hurricanes, earthquake, flooding and fires.

In being consistent with the HIPAA Law and people’s privacy, we will only list individuals with their explicit permission and not use last names. During worship, please do not use personal identifiable information for others when asking for prayers.

INCOME & EXPENSE BALANCE SHEET

	Actual September 2019	Budget Year-to-Date	Actual Year-to-Date	Actual Budget
Income	\$ 10,621.74	\$ 98,429.24	\$ 97,113.00	\$129,484.00
Expenses	<u>13,135.41</u>	<u>75,807.18</u>	<u>95,906.25</u>	<u>127,875.00</u>
Balance	\$ (2,543.67)	\$ 21,043.81	\$ 1,206.75	\$ 1,609.00



With the unexpected expense of replacing the computer in the office and the quarterly payments of pension for our minister and property insurance, we had a large deficit this month. As you can see, we are still very positive in our actual year-to-date balance. With the colder months coming, we will have larger expenses but with your continued support we will end this year with a positive balance.

Our hope for the future is to increase our giving and reduce our expenses so that we will be able to support a full-time pastor. With the positive outlook that this church is giving in 2019, we will soon be able to reach our goal.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our church will be hosting a **Blood Drive** on **Monday, November 25th** - so please be ready to roll up your sleeves. The hours are **12:00 Noon to 5:45 p.m.** Please call the Red Cross at 1-800-Red Cross if you would like to reserve a time to donate. Walk-ins are also welcome on the day of the event. If you would like to help unload the truck or help out at the church, please call Bil Turner at 627-7106. Thank you!



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GUSTAFSON ENDOWMENT		PAPERGATOR	
<p>The Gustafson Endowment Scholarship is to provide funds for educational opportunities for the children and youth of First Congregational United Church of Christ. This may include, but is not limited to, the following: curriculum materials for Sunday school, materials for special events and programs, camp and special trip scholarships, educational workshops for teachers, tapes, music, and book supplies, or materials to provide a pleasant educational setting for the classrooms.</p>		<div></div> <p>The PaperGator® is a unique fundraiser where our church is paid to collect paper products and place them in a bin for recycling. For more information please visit:</p> <p>http://papergatorrecycling.com/</p> <p>Our bin is located in our back parking lot and it's hungry!</p>	
ENDOWMENT FUND		KEN'S COAT CLOSET	
<p>The Endowment Fund of First Congregational United Church of Christ was established to create a gift that continues to support programs which are beyond the capabilities of our annual budget.</p> <p>Endowment applications are available in the church office.</p>		<p>Ken's Coat Closet, located at 501 S. Clinton Street, is a nonprofit clothing bank. It provides an opportunity for special education students from Eaton County to work there to gain employment and transition skills. KCC also provides clothing and personal care items to hundreds of students and community members each year.</p> <div></div>	
ALTAR FLOWERS		CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS	
<p>Altar flowers are used throughout the year to enhance the worship experience in the church Sanctuary. Individuals or families may sign up for any given week to provide altar flowers. These flowers are provided by congregation members and friends. They are a wonderful way to honor a special occasion (birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, baptisms, holidays, etc.) or remember loved ones and friends who have passed away. Altar flowers can be cut flowers from your garden or a houseplant. Please sign-up on the sheet located in the main hallway or contact the church office at 517-627-2336.</p>		<p>Look for details in the December newsletter about the five families we have 'adopted' to receive Christmas food baskets through GLEAP (Grand Ledge Emergency Assistance Program). We will have the number of people in each family, the age of children, and lists of suggested food items. What a wonderful way to share our abundance on Christmas!</p> <div></div>	
SENIOR LUNCH			
<p>Seniors are now having lunch at City Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 Noon. The program is offered through Eaton County Meals on Wheels. The following persons may eat on a donation basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All persons 60 years of age and older and/ or the spouses of a person 60 years of age or older• Individuals under 60 years of age with disabilities who live with a senior over 60• Grandchildren under 17 years of age• A non-paid caregiver for a program participant <p>Notice of participation is encouraged. Meals on Wheels prefers to have a 24-hour notice if you are planning to attend. Please call the Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1393. Those who do not meet the qualifications for a free meal may purchase a meal at the current full price of \$5.75.</p> <div></div>			



2019 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

Everyone, get out your sewing machines, knitting needles, crochet hooks, paint brushes, saws, and whatever tools you use to make your crafts. The First Congregational United Church of Christ Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale will be on **December 7, 2019**. Vendors have already been contacting the church to participate in our craft bazaar. Also, please reserve a few hours on that day to help at the bazaar. Many hands make little work. We will need people to work at our booth and to help clean up after the sale. The **sale will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** We usually finish cleaning up between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. so you may make plans for an exciting evening out or at home. With a little help from a lot of volunteers, this will be another successful bazaar.



This year we are trying something new! We are going to have door prizes throughout the day. Hopefully, people will stay and shop more. If you can make or donate a door prize for our bazaar, please let either Karen W. or Fay S. know. We will be happy to answer any question that you may have.

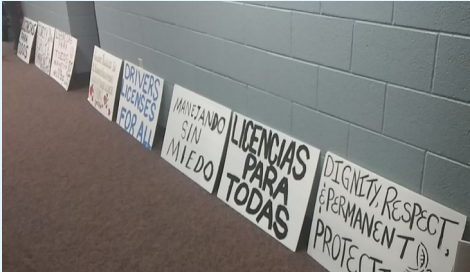
2019 CROP WALK—THANK YOU!!



You are amazing FCUCC families – you gave **\$896 in pledges** for this year’s Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk!!! **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!!** Tony and Rich, Jim, Charlene, Anita and Rich enjoyed a perfect autumn day as we walked through the beautiful neighborhoods around Grace United Methodist Church. We haven’t participated in a CROP walk for several years, and all of you “voted” with your generosity that we should plan to do the CROP walk in 2020! Your CROP dollars will go nationwide towards assisting families impacted by Hurricane Dorian, other national hunger programs, the international anti-hunger work of Church World Service, and to our very own GLEAP here in Grand Ledge. Again, **THANK YOU** from your Outreach Team!!

DRIVER’S LICENSE FOR ALL UPDATE

It was a year ago this October that our FCUCC families opened their hearts and the doors of our church to provide safe sleeping space for 50+ people from Cosecha Grand Rapids to spend the last night on their five day, 65+ mile pilgrimage from Grand Rapids to the State Capitol. Not only did we welcome them with sleeping space and snacks but also partnered with our neighbors at Immanuel Lutheran Church who invited Cosecha to the community meal that Monday evening. Immanuel Lutheran also joined our families to help serve a delicious hot breakfast in our fellowship hall Tuesday morning before they headed out on their last leg to the Capitol with a special blessing by Pastor Barb.



Driver’s License for All legislation is still waiting to be introduced at our state legislature. Once it is, we will draft a letter for our supportive congregation to sign and send. Keep Cosecha in your prayers!

THANK YOU FOR AN AWESOME SPOOKTACULAR EVENT



The board of Christian Education would like to thank everyone who participated in and helped with the **10th Annual Trunk-or-Treat** at FCUCC! Our Spooktacular event continues to attract members of the greater Lansing community. They look forward to this event. Thank you for being such a warm and welcoming congregation.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We will meet for the **Advent Conspiracy** video series on **November 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the lounge.** Come reflect on a different approach to Christmas: Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, Love All. If you are interested in **Advent Conspiracy** yet are unable to attend the morning time, please contact Virginia S. at 323-4566; if there is enough interest, we will schedule an additional showing after worship on Sundays. These dates will be determined later.

GRAND LEDGE FOOD BANK

Dear Friends,

With your help, we can meet the needs of our neighbors during the holiday season. We will be focusing on special meal foods and practical gifts for our families.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS

- French Style Canned Green Beans
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed Stuffing
- Boxed Pie Crust (Jiffy makes this)
- Canned Pumpkin
- Evaporated Milk
- Gravy
- Canned Peaches and Canned Pears
- Flour
- Sugar
- Rice Mixes
- Canned Corn
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams

CHRISTMAS EVENT SUGGESTIONS

- Gently used and new Christmas Decorations
- New, practical gifts for clients such as:
- Flashlights
- Tools
- Kitchen towels, hot pads and utensils
- Skillets
- Towels
- Body wash for men
- Body wash for women
- Shaving sets
- Toys, games, puzzles

CLOTHING NEEDS

- Men's jeans (clean, used)
- Men's and Children's Coats (clean, used)

Grand Ledge Food Bank
4980 Burt Ave. Grand Ledge, MI 48837
517-627-4348

Open for donations:

- Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The **October collection** was amazing,
we collected **762 food items** and
12 Non-food items.



Thanks so much for helping during the holidays and all through the year! We could never accomplish what we do without you!

Peace and Blessings, Cheryl Mulder - 513-325-6302

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UCC RECAP

How are the Children?

The theme of this year’s meeting of the Michigan Conference of the UCC was “How are the children?” This comes from a greeting used in parts of Africa; the answer tells the questioner a great deal about the state of the community.

First Congregational in Kalamazoo hosted and provided great hospitality. They shared a little about their church as well, including their work as a sanctuary church and how they opened the church during the coldest parts of winter to provide warmth and safety to those who had nowhere else to go.

The agenda for the first day included some business items, such as approving the last meeting’s minutes and this year’s reports—ranging from finances to Association activities to the Conference youth ministry. The keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson, is an amazing speaker and preacher—and that is not just my bias from attending Eden Seminary with him! His keynote was “Uniting Hearts and Voices to End Childhood Poverty: A Call for Faith-Inspired Child Advocacy”. We had a variety of options for “Takeaway Talks” after lunch; I attended one on Children’s Spirituality, which was about the website alittlechildshallleadus.com. This site was developed by the late Rev. Beth Grimshaw, who pastored Leslie Congregational. There are lots of great resources on it—articles, videos, books—helpful to parents, educators, pastors, and (as the site puts it) “anyone who has been a child”. There were a few more events in the afternoon and evening that I did not stay for.

The second day opened with worship, the Rev. Dr. Wilson preaching “For Their Own Sin” on Jeremiah 31:27-34. The rest of the business meeting followed, and there was another round of Takeaway Talks after lunch. I attended one on Intergenerational Worship and can talk about what I learned with some of the folks who plan worship—there were some ideas we might want to try out.

A few items worth highlighting from the business of the Conference; An interim Conference Minister, the Rev. Phil Hart, will begin at the beginning of February after the Rev. Campbell Lovett leaves at the end of January. The Conference will then begin the search process for a new Conference Minister. There are no plans for a formal farewell to Campbell at this point, but folks are welcome to send him cards, letters, or e-mails if you want to reminisce, thank him, or wish him well.

Rev. Dr. S. C. Campbell Lovett

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The Murdale Leysath Leadership Award was awarded to the young people from our Conference who participated in Youth@Synod during the General Synod (national meeting) of the UCC earlier this year. They organized to advocate for greater justice around LGBTQ issues in the exhibit hall, and learned a lot about how the UCC works in the process.

The Conference also commended five (of the twenty or so) resolutions from that Synod to the Conference Churches. These were (1) Abolish the Growth and Existence of Private Prisons; (2) Addressing the State of Global Forced Migration; (3) Regarding the Use of Plastic Foam; (4) Denouncing Acts of Violence, Hatred and Racism Carried out in the Name of Neo-Nazi and White Supremacist Ideologies; and (5) Declaring Support for the Green New Deal: Affirming the Intersectionality of Climate Justice with All Justice Issues. For each of these, study and/or action were suggested. These were expanded at the hearing, and I expect to receive them by e-mail. If you’re interested in hearing more, let me know and we’ll select a time to discuss during Christian Education or coffee hour.

All in all, it was an exciting and thought-provoking two days. I hope next year some of you will join me! We are entitled to two lay delegates, and a third lay delegate if one is a youth, 22 or under, in addition to our authorized ministers with standing in the Association.

Respectfully Submitted, Virginia Schiefelbein

WINSOME WOMEN RETREATS

What is WinSome Women? WinSome Women hosts Christian retreats for women on beautiful Mackinac Island at Grand Hotel. WinSome Women is a Christian-based organization with an all-volunteer steering committee, presenting bi-annual retreats featuring award-winning speakers and music, together with worship and prayer. It is a unique fellowship of women from all denominations and walks of life. WinSome Women began with 50 women in our northern Michigan community and has expanded to include women in more than 40 different states, and Canada.

The day and a half retreats are held in the spring and fall of each year at the historic Grand Hotel on picturesque Mackinac Island, Michigan. Come with your mother, daughter, sister, or friend and experience the joy, the peace, and the Love of God.

I was able to attend one of these retreat on October 17 and 18th, for the first time. What a wonderful experience! Our main speaker was Kim Phuc Phan Thi. (pictured) The Napalm girl's journey through the horrors of war, to faith, forgiveness and peace. You may recall the famous image of a naked young girl, along with other children, running with soldiers behind them. (not running from the soldiers, but bombs that were dropped) Each year they have different speakers and special music.



The cost of the retreat is very reasonable and I highly recommend it. If you would like more information about these retreats offered twice a year, stop into the office and we can chat or visit the WinSome Women's website <https://wswretreats.org/>

Blessings, Jeannette

ALLIES FOR CHANGE

DOING OUR OWN WORK: AN ANTI-RACISM SEMINAR FOR WHITE PEOPLE

At this time in our nation, we are witnessing an alarming resurgence of white supremacy and state sanctioned violence. Now, as always, it is imperative that white people do the deep work required to claim and embody an anti-racist identity, understand the privilege they carry, develop relationships of accountability to people of color, and interrupt racism where they live, work, study, and volunteer.

Doing Our Own Work is a six-day anti-racism seminar (held over three months' time) for white people who seek to deepen their knowledge and capacity to confront racism. *Doing Our Own Work* helps white people move through places where they often get stuck, so that they can step up with humility, courage, and consistency to participate in movements led by people of color and help move other white people to greater anti-racist awareness and action.

If you are a white person who is ready to dive deep and come up stronger for the work of racial justice, join us!

In the Fall of 2019, there will be two *Doing Our Own Work* seminars in Michigan:

ANN ARBOR—November 1-2. Facilitated by Autumn Campbell, Lois McCullen Parr, and Molly Sweeney.

LANSING – November 8-9, and December 13-14. Facilitated by Emily Joye McGaughy and Liz Miller.

Information about these seminars can be found on the Allies for Change calendar:
www.alliesforchange.org/calendar

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES		
September 24, 2019		
<u>Call to Order</u>		
Karen Holcomb-Merrill, standing in for Rich Brown, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.		
Board Members present: Fay Schroeder, Lynn Hart, Kim Dible-Glasser, Bruce Ramthun, Karen Holcomb-Merrill, Julie Wilkinson, and Bil Turner.		
<u>Spiritual Reflection</u>		
Karen led the group in a prayer.		
<u>Open Forum</u>		
No one was present for this item.		
<u>Consent Agenda</u>		
The Consent Agenda was accepted.		
<u>Action and Discussion Items</u>		
<u>Direct Deposit</u> Fay had information from the bank, but it was too comprehensive for our needs. She will inquire about electronic transfers from our checking account for a payroll check.		
<u>Water meter update</u> Bil reported that the bid from Miles plumbing to change to a 1” meter is \$927, not \$870 as mentioned at the last meeting. The Board said to proceed as planned.		
<u>Stewardship drive.</u> Bruce explained that the theme for the Stewardship dive this year is “The Way”. The kickoff for the campaign is October 13 th , and November 10 th will be Stewardship Sunday. Paul Oatman is a new member of the Stewardship group.		
<u>Ceremony Services and Facility Use Policy.</u> Lynn reported that our present Facility Use form for weddings uses the words “fee” for non-members and “suggested donation” for members. After discussion, moved by Karen, seconded by Bruce to change the language to “fee” for both categories. Motion passed. It was agreed that the actual costs to the church and the amount charged for weddings should be reviewed in the future.		
<u>Outreach Scholarship Request.</u> A request from the Outreach Board was presented to establish a \$200 line item scholarship in the 2020 budget. The initial use of this item might be to help defray costs of a mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. After discussion the Board declined the request. It was felt that Endowment funds and special fund raising are potential sources for this funding.		
<u>2020 Proposed Budget.</u> The proposed budget from the Finance Group was presented and discussed. The employee salary items were referred to the Personnel Committee. No changes were made to other line items. Tabled until the October meeting.		
<u>Maintenance projects.</u> Regarding the broken window in the west entry way, Pollack Glass should be called for a quote to replace the glass.		
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM		
The next Executive Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30 PM.		
Respectfully submitted, Bil Turner, Church Clerk		

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
27 Trunk-or-Treat 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship / message by Fay Schroeder / Choir Sings Newsletter Available	28 7:00 pm Bell Practice	29 9-11 am Pastor Laura's Drop-In Hours at FCUCC	30 6:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON 8:00 pm AA	31 3:00 pm Bible Study 7-8:30 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	1 All Saint's Day Office Closed No Square Dance	2 Fall Covenant Ass. Mtg. in Flint MI
3 ALL SAINTS DAY 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship / Communion & Food Drive / Choir Sings 1:45—5:15 pm Holiday Wishes **Day Light Savings Time	4 7:00 pm Bell Practice	5	6 6:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON 8:00 pm AA	7 7-8:30 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	8 Office Closed 6:00 pm Square Dance Caller Wayne Pelnear	9
10 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship / Bells Play 1:45—5:15 pm Holiday Wishes	11 12:15 pm SOR 7:00 pm Bell Practice	12 9-11 am Pastor Laura's Drop-In Hours at FCUCC 6 pm Congregational Life	13 6:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON 8:00 pm AA	14 7-8:30 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	15 Office Closed 1:00 p.m. Congregators at LogJam Newsletter Items Due No Square Dance	16
17 Outreach Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship / Choir Sings 1:45—5:15 pm Holiday Wishes	18 7:00 pm Bell Practice	19 6:00 pm WGod	20 6:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON 800 pm AA	21 7-8:30 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	22 Office Closed No Square Dance	23
24 Hanging of the Greens 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship / message by Chris Clark / Choir Sings 1:45—5:15 pm Holiday Wishes Newsletter Available	25 7:00 pm Bell Practice	26 9-11 am Pastor Laura's Drop-In Hours at FCUCC 10:15 am Southside Comm. Kitchen 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service @ St. Michael Parish G.L.	27 6:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON 8:00 pm AA	28 THANKSGIVING DAY Office Closed 8:00 pm AA	29 Office Closed 6:00 pm Square Dance Caller Teresa Berger	30

Sunday Schedule for NOVEMBER 2019					
Date	November 3rd 21st Sunday after Pentecost Green	November 10th 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Green	November 17th 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Green	November 24th Reign of Christ White or Green	
Text	Ps 119:137-144 Luke 19:1-10	Ps 145:1-5, 17-21 Luke 20:27-38	Ps 98 Luke 21:5-19	Ps 46 Luke 23:33-43	
Head Usher	Leah Horn	Kim Dible	Kathy Burt	Lisa Reed	
Greeters	Ben Banks and Sue Sackett	Elva Maguire and Terry Bouck	John and Freida Schneeberger	Gary and Kathy Burt	
Ushers	Nate and Erica Oliver	Tina Lamer and Julie Wilkinson	Bruce Ramthun and Bil Turner	Fay Schroeder and Mae Clark	
Crucifer	Karen Walker				
Liturgist	Ben Banks	Nate Oliver	Freida Schneeberger	Anita Calcagno	
Soundboard	Charlynn Walker	Karen Walker	Charlynn Walker	Mae Clark	
Coffee Hour	Joy Leonard and Beth Posey	Marcia Kent and Charlene Avery	Kim Dible and Patty Curtis	Pat and Lisa Reed	
Altar Flowers	CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A DATE OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY				
Nursery Care	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney	
Sunday School	Leah Horn and James Robinson	Leah Horn and Freida Schneeberger	Kim Dible and Leah Horn	Leah Horn	
Sunday Schedule for DECEMBER 2019					
Date	December 1 1st Sunday of Advent Violet	December 8th 2nd Sunday of Advent Violet	December 15th 3rd Sunday of Advent Violet	December 22nd 4th Sunday of Advent Violet	December 29th 1st Sunday after Christmas / White
Text	Ps 122 Matt 24:36-44	Ps 72:1-7, 18-19 Matt 3:1-12	Ps 146:5-10 Matt 11:2-11	Ps 80:1-7, 17-19 Matt 1:18-25	Ps 148 Matt 2:13-23
Head Usher	Leah Horn	Lisa Reed	Kim Dible	Chris Cypher	Jane Gilson
Greeters	Bil Turner and Ron Erskine	Rich Brown and Tony Bray	Mae Clark and Fay Schroeder	Tina Lamer and Julie Wilkinson	Gary and Chris Cypher
Ushers	Joe and Jane Gilson	Kim Dible and Anna Miller	Joy Leonard and Cheryl Mattson	Sue Sackett and Bruce Ramthun	Ben Banks and Anna Miller
Liturgist	Marcia Kent	Lisa Reed	Ben Banks	Karen Ramthun	Nate Oliver
Crucifer	Gary Burt				
Soundboard	Charlynn Walker	Mae Clark	Charlynn Walker	Karen Walker	Charlynn Walker
Coffee Hour	Gary and Chris Cypher	Tina Lamer and Julie Wilkinson	Gary and Kathy Burt	Chad Frost and Chuck Byam	Adam and Allie Stevens
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Nursery Care	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney	Nicole Finney
Sunday School	Marcia Kent	Marcia Kent and Tamara Lipsey	Marcia Kent	Marcia Kent	Marcia Kent



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