



# Congregational Courier

## THOUGHTS FROM BOB LIVINGSTON

### SENIOR MINISTER

*The well-known American cultural anthropologist, Margaret Mead, once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

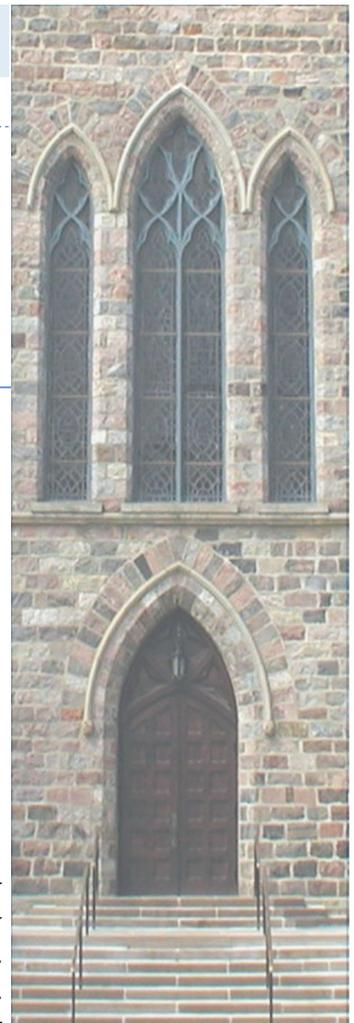


Welcome back to fall at FCC! Having now survived the transition of three very special staff members during the spring and early summer...Betsy Hill, our now retired former church secretary, Holly Porter, our now retired Director of Christian Education, and Glenn Tucker, our church organist who left FCC for a great educational and performance opportunity in California...I am now celebrating the arrival of three exceptionally gifted new staff to FCC...Renee Bovee, our new office administrative assistant, Sarah Chaffee, our new Director of Christian Education, and Tim Huth, our new church organist. They are a terrific group! I am truly excited about the new possibilities these new staff members bring to FCC.

Indeed, it is into this changing staff environment the quote (above) by Margaret Mead seems so very fitting. Mead lifts up the idea that a team of even a few people who are dedicated to one another and to a common purpose and ideal, and who are devoted to working together to make it happen, can literally change the world. Honestly, it is not much of a stretch for me to think we have such a staff team in place here this fall. And then when you add to that the loyal, visionary, and hard-working volunteer leaders of our church...well, I'll tell you, we are going to go places this fall.

So please take a close look at your September Courier, and please plan to join us for our "family reunion" on Kick-Off Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be back to our full worship and program schedule that day, which includes: 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal in the choir room, 9 a.m. Pilgrim Hall contemporary service (coffee and donuts will be served in Pilgrim Hall starting at 8:45 a.m.), 9:30 a.m. Douglas Chapel 15-Minute communion service, 10 a.m. traditional sanctuary worship, and 11 a.m. friendship time and special programming. Additionally, on Sunday, September 11, we are going to celebrate our being back together with a picnic and ministry festival around the outside of our church following the 10 a.m. worship service, featuring sloppy joes, root beer, games and activities for children, and informative and inviting ministry displays by your FCC boards, committees, and church groups. Please come and be an active part of all the good things at FCC this year!

I look forward to seeing you and greeting you!



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*Whatever Your Story, You're Welcome Here*



## DARCY CRAIN-POLLY

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

### The Team

I wonder if Jesus had gone through leadership training when he selected his discipleship team. Was he trying to get the perfect balance within these 12? Was he thinking, “well, I mean I should probably have a tax collector in the crew, probably would make a good treasurer, I’ll ask Matthew to follow me. I really want to have James, Zebedee’s son on the team, but he’ll probably want to bring his brother John, so I suppose I’ll just take them both and hope they don’t have a lot of family commitments to travel for. Judas is a little shifty, but he’s got some potential, I should ask him. And Simon, well he’s a hot head, but every team needs some spark, right? “

Maybe someday they’ll find the scroll of Jesus’ notes when selecting his team. Probably not.

FCC has built a new team over the summer. And I can tell you we do have notes, lots of them. Our notes are filled with questions and challenges, brilliant responses, and hopes and dreams. Our notes are filled with prayers and shared visions. At the end of the files are signed contracts from three amazing new people. Renee Bovee, our all-star administrator, Sarah Chaffee, our vibrant and inspired Christian Ed guru, and Timothy Huth, our dedicated and talented organist. My friends, the bus is in full drive and all the right people are on it. We are thrilled with our new leadership team, and as we move forward we cannot wait to serve God and serve this community to which we have been called!

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

### BEFORE I DIE WALL

This project has been implemented in over 20 languages in more than 50 countries. Any one that is walking past the “chalk board” installation can pick up a piece of chalk, reflect on their lives, share their own personal aspirations, or just leave a private note in the public space.

The hope is that the project will unite the people of the community and they will start reflecting on what’s truly important, what truly matters to them in their lives.

We are proud to have the opportunity to display the Before I Die Wall. It will go up before Kick-Off Sunday.

## SARAH CHAFFEE

### DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It has truly been a blessing working at FCC! The other staff members are such a joy to work with and I have already learned so much from them! I have really enjoyed getting to meet the members of our congregation and hearing your stories. Most importantly, I have started to get to know the children of this church and they are so wonderful. Thank you all for sharing your kids with me on Sundays! Thank you also so much for your warm welcome and your encouragement. If we haven't yet met, please introduce yourself – I'd love to meet all of you!



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

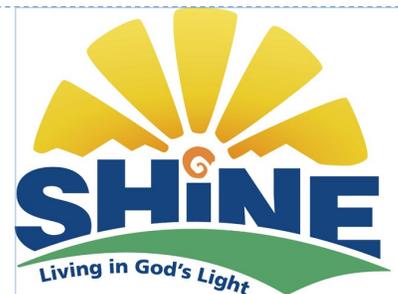
## CHURCH SCHOOL CURRICULUM—SHINE

We have selected a new curriculum for Church School that we will start using on September 11<sup>th</sup> for our Kick-Off Sunday. It is called Shine, and it is about teaching children to shine the love and light of Christ in our world. The kids will grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible and how it can change the way they live.

We are also going to modify the order of the 10:00 a.m. worship service, moving children's circle closer to the beginning of the service, to allow more time for church school learning and activities.

I am so excited to begin learning and growing with these kids and I think Shine will be a great way to accomplish that!! I hope to see you all on September 11<sup>th</sup> at Kick-Off Sunday!

*Sarah*



### KICK-OFF SUNDAY Sunday, September 11

- Ministry Festival
- Small Groups showcase
- Snow cones
- Face painting
- Balloon lady
- Fun photos
- Delicious and healthy lunch
- Time to meet each other again!

## CHURCH COUNCIL GREETING

PEG JACOBS

Welcome back from summer! I hope everyone has had some rest and is energized for a great church year! The Church Council also took vacation time, and has just gathered again to get ready for the church year.

I want to extend a warm welcome to Sarah Chaffee, our new Director of Christian Education. She has been hard at work developing/implementing a new curriculum for our church school that is exciting, relevant, as well as educational for our youth.

We also have a new organist starting in September, Tim Huth. We are very excited to have him joining us!

I am pleased to let you know that FCC will have our Ministry Festival on Kick-Off Sunday, September 11th, after our 10 a.m. service. The festival is in addition to games and youth-oriented activities we traditionally have had. Our ministers and council felt that this is an ideal time for our members to learn about our different committees and offer ways to get involved with our church activities and mission. As always there will be food for all and desserts offered at the committees' displays.

The Church Council looks forward to working with all of you to continue to work on implementing our strategic plan goals of increasing our membership and strong participation in local missions and outreach. I am looking forward to the many opportunities to be involved with FCC. It will be a great year!

Blessings,  
Peg Jacobs

### Thank You to Our Summer Guest Preachers!

A big thank you goes out to each of our five guest preachers who blessed our congregation with their sermons this summer! We are blessed to have all of these retired ministers here at FCC and thoroughly enjoyed hearing them all preach. They are:

Rev. Gene Blair  
June 26

Rev. Joel Beam  
July 10

Rev. Dorothy Lenz  
July 24

Rev. Dr. William  
Dunifon  
July 31

Rev. Chip Marquardt  
August 14

These five dedicated ministers also volunteer their time, taking turns officiating the 9:30 a.m. communion service in Douglas Chapel during FCC's regular program year. FCC would like to extend sincerest thanks and appreciation to each and all of them.



## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

The high school youth group (Senior High) will begin weekly Sunday school discussions starting September 11. We will be pulling themes from the *Our Whole Lives* curriculum that will explore how we identify and live out our values. We will also be having our Fall Retreat, November 12-13 (Saturday-Sunday), in Howell at Wildwood Ranch. Please see our discussion schedule below. Teachers will be comprised of our SH leadership team as well as Darcy and Bob. Families of high schoolers should have received a full schedule and letter in the mail. Please contact Darcy if you need a schedule or have questions.

- Sept 11 "Values"
- Sept 18 "Language"
- Sept 25 "Image"
- Oct 2 No class—participate in worship for world communion



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Circle of Friends group met in April for the last time before summer and enjoyed a brunch together. We ended a busy year by providing meals for those who are ill, and friends for senior church members. Betty and Jim Fowler have been sending cards to those who are ill or lost loved ones. A "friend" is a member who is ill or is unable to attend church services. Marilyn McCallum, Diane Coxford and Mary Ann Marquardt are coordinating meals when needed for members. We also deliver the Sunday communion table bouquets to those who are on our list of friends. Liz Goodrich has created a list of dates that each friend will receive the bouquet unless the person donating the flowers wishes to keep them.

Our first meeting this fall will be on Sunday, October 9th at 9 a.m. in the Mayflower Room. We welcome new members who would like to join us or find out more about our program. The October date was chosen because the second Sunday in September will be full of activities for Kick-Off Sunday. If you have any questions, please call Mary Ann at 313-303-1989 or send an email to [marquardtmaryann73@gmail.com](mailto:marquardtmaryann73@gmail.com). Thank you!

## JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

The middle school youth are invited into a fun and exciting season as our Junior High youth group kicks off the programming year. Late in August, we met for a campfire party and the first of our girls' nights. Girls' nights will continue to meet on the third Monday of every month throughout the fall. They will be led by Darcy and Sarah, and will focus on some of the issues of healthy relationships and identification of values as highlighted in the *Our Whole Lives* curriculum. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events!

September 16-17 (Fri-Sat)	Lock-In at the Church	8:00 p.m. — 11:00 a.m.
September 26 (Monday)	Girls Night	6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
October 23 (Sunday)	Corn Maze	11:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
October 24 (Monday)	Girls Night	6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
November 2 (Wednesday)	Food Gatherers	5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

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

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Actual Revenue: \$372,711	YTD Budget Revenue: \$ 364,104
Actual Pledge Receipts: \$211,741	YTD Budget Pledge Receipts: \$222,071
Total Actual Expenses: \$380,475	YTD Budget Expenses: \$363,104



The pledge receipts are included in the total revenue figures that precede it. You will note that pledge receipts are trailing the pledge receipts budget and this disparity has grown greater in July. We urge all members to please get caught up on pledge payments in order to lessen the need to draw on investment funds for operating revenue.

While we would like revenues to be equal to or greater than budget and expenses to be less than budget, after the second quarter, we appear to be fairly close to our budget and to 2015 revenues and expenses, with the exception of our investment income. Investment income of 2016 was impacted significantly by the substantial negative effect on the US stock market during the last week of June by Britain's vote to exit from the European Union. FCC's Investment Committee and its investment advisors are closely monitoring and reviewing investment strategy.

—Michael F. Dabbs, FCC Treasurer

## TIMOTHY L. HUTH, ORGANIST

We are pleased to welcome our newest staff member, organist, Timothy Huth! Tim grew up in Fostoria Ohio, beginning his musical career early on at St. Wendelin's Catholic Church and Schools. He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Meinrad College Seminary and holds master's and doctorate degrees in Organ Performance from the University of Michigan. Timothy maintains an active recital schedule and is currently Organist of the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. For the past four years Tim was Dean of the Ann Arbor Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He is also a certified massage therapist, specializing in stress reduction, performance enhancement, and recovery from injury. Tim will begin his music ministry here Sunday, September 18. Welcome to FCC, Tim!



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### *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.*

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## ACTIVITIES AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

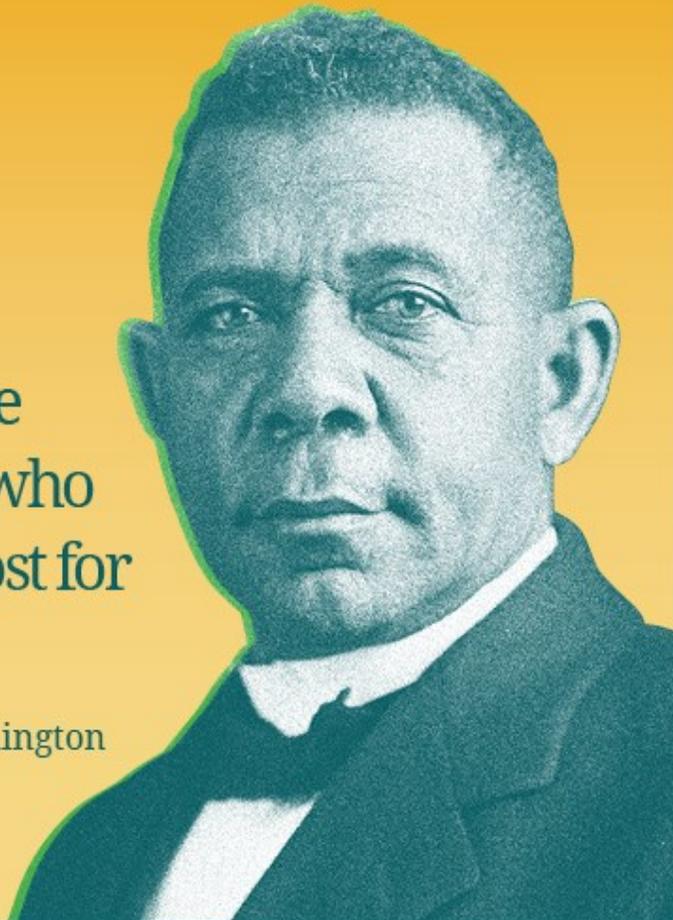
Please join us during Kick-Off Sunday! If you've ever thought about joining a fun church committee, this is it. The door is now open for any and all who would like to join us. If you'd like to help out during Kick-Off Sunday on September 11, please meet us in the Pilgrim Hall kitchen before the contemporary service at 8:30 a.m. Please feel free to join us at our next meeting, October 2, 11 a.m. in the Meeting Room downstairs. There's no obligation to checking us out. Come and see if this is the committee for you!

Questions, please contact:

Nancy Sauve, [nancy@fccannarbor.org](mailto:nancy@fccannarbor.org) or Nancy Munson, [nancy-munson@comcast.net](mailto:nancy-munson@comcast.net).

“Those are  
happiest who  
do the most for  
others.”

Booker T. Washington



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# THERE IS GREATNESS IN GIVING!



Are you ready to support the  
annual FCC Stewardship campaign?



## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

It's September, back to school, back on schedule and time to share some information about our **annual FCC Stewardship campaign**. Yes, it's that time of year again, a time when we are all asked to help First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor continue and thrive as an important beacon of hope and God's love in our community.

**IMPORTANT NEWS! Our fall Stewardship campaign is going to be different this year. Here is a quick update and a few things to consider:**

1. To help manage workload and planning, the FCC congregation has approved a change to our fiscal-year timing. Our current fiscal year will end December 31, 2016. The next full fiscal year will run from July 2017 to June 2018. With that, we are facing a 6-month "Gap Year", the period of January - June 2017. We need to fill the gap.
2. Our upcoming Stewardship campaign will be focused on supporting our Gap Year. We will be asking for your help to keep FCC thriving during the period January 1st - June 30th.
3. Your financial pledge during fall campaign will be for *6 months*, not the traditional 12 months. We will undertake another campaign in the late spring to support the full fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017.
4. We will shorten our campaign season, which has traditionally run from September through December, and focus heavily on November -- Pledge Month. To make this shortened campaign a success, we will need everyone ready to support FCC by offering a pledge during November.
5. Our goal is to have our 6-month Gap Year pledges in by December 1st, allowing the Board of Trustees the month of December to plan a Gap Year Budget.
6. With our new website capability, we have expanded our ability to take online donations and pledges. <http://fccann Arbor.org/give-back/give-online/>

We will share more information about our Gap Year campaign during the coming months. And, of course, if you have any questions we are ready to help.

This is an important time of year, as our Stewardship campaign ensures we have the funds to cover our important operating expenses without relying heavily on the church's endowments. Our Stewardship campaign also ensures we have the people-power to serve both our members and the community. So mark your calendars now: *November is Pledge Month!*

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, thank you for supporting the First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor.

—Mark Schirmer, Stewardship Chair

*Support FCC mission  
trips right here at  
church!*

As many of you know, the gift cards purchased weekly at the Scrip table help to fund our mission trips. The Scrip team is seeking a few additional members to help staff the Scrip table after the 10 a.m. worship service (possibly after the 9 a.m. service from September through May). The task is simple and scheduling is flexible! If you are able to stay 20 to 30 minutes after church a couple of Sundays per month, and you can help, please contact:

Jane Thomson  
734-668-6465  
[thomson@umich.edu](mailto:thomson@umich.edu).

*Thank you!*

## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

### College Students and The First Congregational Church: A View from the Past



*The First Congregational Church ♦ Ann Arbor, Michigan*

For many years FCC has looked for ways to involve college students in the life of the church. In 1917, while Dr. Lloyd Douglas was the senior minister, 75 students joined the church as Associate Members and an average of 317 students attended Sunday morning services! Between 1914 and 1926 four different men served the church as assistant pastors with major emphasis on working with students at the University. When the Rev. Herbert Jump came to the church in 1922, he felt the way to involve students with the church was by meeting them on their own terms and providing recreation and entertainment. He introduced a program with Sunday evening suppers, Sunday night showings of movies, singing of lively popular songs, and the planning and conducting of hikes, canoe trips, and picnics. Rev. Jump sometimes shocked the sensibilities of the more conservative members of the church by advocating and permitting dancing, card playing, and theatricals in the church parlors on weekday evenings. The church finances were doing well during this period and attendance was very good. Unfortunately by 1927, it was felt desirable to change senior leadership again so Rev. Jump resigned and there was a period of a year during which a previous minister, Rev. Carl Patton, traveled from Chicago each weekend to serve as a supply minister.

— Betty Bishop, Church Historian

## CHANCEL CHOIR

Are you looking for a choir to call home? FCC Chancel Choir is always looking for singers who want to join an enthusiastic choir that is dedicated to bringing great music to all of our audiences. We are honored to be recognized as a favorite of so many! We have room for more singers in all sections of the choir. We have two special music performances, the Second Sunday in Advent and Palm Sunday, in addition to our weekly choral anthem performances. If you have previous choral experience singing any style of music (or even if you don't, but you still have an interest in participating), please contact our music director, Jim Nissen, at [jnissen@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:jnissen@schoolcraft.edu) for more information. We'd love to hear from you!



## TRUSTEE NEWS

The Trustees continue to mindfully manage FCC's financial health. On the revenue side of things, we are looking forward to our pledge month in November and are excited that our fiscal year will be aligning with our programming year based on your vote in June. We also appreciate the conversations that our more active Heritage Society has been generating. Your financial support goes directly towards the mission and activities of our Church. On the expenditure side of things, the costs that can be easily controlled are well managed. We are happy to report that we are seeing significant savings on our gas bill since replacing our HVAC system. Other costs in maintaining our lovely building can sometimes be harder to control, but our Building and Grounds committee do a wonderful job of prioritizing what has to be done and finding economical ways to achieve a long lasting outcome. The Trustees have put together a work group to analyze the needs of our Church building and evaluate capital expenses that may be coming up. We anticipate, that as a congregation, we will soon need to make intentional financial support to our physical facilities. We continue to move in a pro-active direction with regard to the Church's financial health.

— Beth Randall

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Our M&O Committee and church members have been very busy this spring and summer. We had very successful turn-outs for our "Sing & Serve" Sundays in both May and July. In May, we worked at homes of two senior citizens sponsored by the Senior Services through The Catholic Social Services. We really spruced up their yards with the help of about 15 church members...and those members even donated money for some mulch and flowers. In July, we helped out two of our own church members with about the same number of volunteers. It really was a wonderful experience for both the homeowner and workers! If you haven't had the opportunity to join us...maybe next time!



We had a presentation at our church about the Tiny House project going on in Detroit under the direction of the Cass Social Services in Detroit. Several of our M&O members were there and were very impressed with how this project is going to help many people with low incomes to become (tiny) home owners over a seven-year period. The project will build 25 tiny homes, each home with a different design. Fundraising has occurred to totally pre-pay for the cost of each house. Through Cass Community Social Services, the house payment would then be used to pay the homeowners heating, water and electric bills for the seven years. At the end of seven years,

the deed to the house would be given to the occupant making them debt free. They now are in the habit of paying \$300 a month and will continue using this money to pay their monthly bills. The Missions & Outreach committee contributed \$1,000 on behalf of our members toward this innovative project. Also, Janet and Scott Allen have put our church on the volunteer list to help with the construction/finish work.... more on that later if we are selected to help!

In June, we asked you all to bring jugs of water for Flint or to donate funds to put towards buying water filters. FCC contributed 18 actual gallon jugs of water, \$200 donated by members, and \$300 from Missions and Outreach.

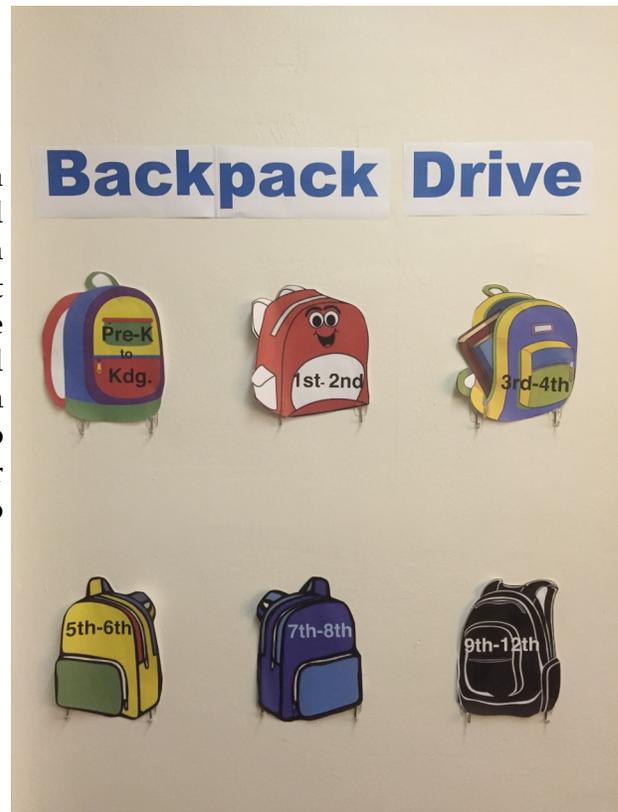


## MISSIONS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)



At press time our annual “Grow A Row” project to collect fruits and vegetables for The Food Gatherers is in full swing. Over the next two or three weeks, we are sure lots of produce will appear!

Our annual backpack drive has been a wonderful success. We collected 71 filled backpacks from our church members with an additional 20 coming from The First Baptist church on East Washington. We know the children living in Hikone, Green Baxter and Mitchell neighborhoods will be thrilled with what you so generously donated. It is hard to even tell you how excited the children get over picking out their backpacks at special “Back to School” picnic barbecues!



Yes, we have been busy and look forward to many more activities to come. We would love to have you. Formally we have a six member Committee, but over the last year have added several “adjunct” members. No worries about your vote counting, because we do everything by consensus of those in attendance. Please feel welcome to join us. We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. Please call the office to make sure the meeting is being held, or call Pam Dabbs directly if you have questions or need more information. 734-657-8544

— The Missions & Outreach Committee

## SMALL GROUPS—TUESDAY NIGHT SERIES (TNS)

Want to try a small group but don't want to commit to something for months on end? Then our Tuesday Night Series is for you. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. At TNS, we view and discuss a variety of relevant and interesting theological issues. The series often last 5 to 8 weeks, with scheduled breaks between series. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Please contact Bob at [bob@fccannarbor.org](mailto:bob@fccannarbor.org). We will begin our fall series on Tuesday, September 20 with a DVD series by John Dominic Crossan titled, "Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of Its Non-Violent God."

## 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. These gatherings will resume Wednesday, September 7. We look forward to seeing you!



## SMALL GROUPS—MIND AND SPIRIT BOOK GROUP

The Mind and Spirit Book Group meets in the Mayflower Room on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 10:15 a.m. Our group is open and welcoming to all. We share our joys and sorrows as well as review a variety of books throughout the programming year. Our first book to read is *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming the dangers of childbirth, injury, and disease from harrowing to manageable. But when it comes to the inescapable realities of aging and death, what medicine can do often runs counter to what it should. Riveting, honest and humane, *Being Mortal* shows that the ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life – all the way to the very end. Please bring a copy of the book with you. We begin our fall series on Wednesday, September 7.

## SMALL GROUPS—20/40 GROUP

We are a group of people in our 20s through 40s who are interested in trekking through the terrain of young adulthood, relationships, parenting, grad school, and more in a faithful community setting. We are single, married, and parents, and we have a blast together.

We gather at church Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Childcare is provided. On the last Wednesday of every month we meet at Wolverine Tap Room (2019 W. Stadium Blvd) for trivia from 7-9 p.m. Questions? Please contact Darcy! [darcy@fccannarbor.org](mailto:darcy@fccannarbor.org) We begin our fall meetings on Wednesday, August 31.

## SMALL GROUPS—SINGLE MOM'S MINISTRY

Our kick off to single mom's night is Thursday, September 22, 6-8 p.m. Generally, we meet on the third Thursday of the month for single mom's night out. Beginning at 6 p.m. you will be served a delicious dinner, have the chance to connect with other single moms in an informal setting, and be offered practical parenting programs. Meanwhile, your children will be fed dinner, entertained in a social setting with other kids their age, and given time and tutoring to complete their homework by screened volunteers. The program wraps up at 8:00 p.m. All Single parents are welcome. Our group includes only parents, divorced parents, widowed parents, and any parent who is raising kids solo. The event is free, but RSVPs are required. Please RSVP to Darcy at [darcy@fccannarbor.org](mailto:darcy@fccannarbor.org)

ANN ARBOR'S CROP HUNGER WALK IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016!

### **Please donate canned goods and/or**

Look for our FCC CROP HUNGER WALK boxes near the back entrance lobby and upstairs in Pilgrim Hall beginning Sunday, September 4. Put your canned and nonperishable food in the boxes.

### **Please donate funds and/or**

Any size donation (cash or check to "CWS/CROP") will be accepted in Pilgrim Hall by Mary Mostaghim or Suzanne Price, or FCC team leaders. You are also welcome to donate online to <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/fccannarbor>.

### **Please walk with the FCC Team**

Enjoy a beautiful fall day with your church friends in this year's 1, 3, or 5 miles walk. See FCC team leaders Mary Mostaghim or Suzanne Price to pick up a CROP WALK packet in Pilgrim Hall for your own donation and the support of your sponsoring friends and neighbors, or register online (see link above).<sup>3</sup>

This Washtenaw Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk raises funds and awareness of hunger relief through Church World Service and local food charities.



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**FCC Office Hours**  
**Mon. – Fri.**  
**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

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*Whatever Your  
Story, You're  
Welcome Here*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE (BEGINS SEPT 11)

8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Pilgrim Hall

9:00 a.m. Contemporary 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 SEPTEMBER 2016 CALENDAR

Sept 5		LABOR DAY (FCC Office Closed)
Sept 6		Programming Year Office Hours Resume
Sept 7	8:30 a.m.	Text Breakfast (Classic Cup, 4389 Jackson Road)
	6:30 p.m.	20/40 Group (Meeting Room)
Sept 8	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sept 11		KICK-OFF SUNDAY
		Ministry Festival (Church Grounds)
Sept 12	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting (Mayflower Room)
Sept 13	12:00 p.m.	Contemporary Issues Meeting (Mayflower Room)
Sept 14	8:30 a.m.	Text Breakfast (Classic Cup, 4389 Jackson Road)
	6:30 p.m.	20/40 Group (Meeting Room)
Sept 15		OCTOBER COURIER CONTENT DEADLINE
Sept 16–17	8:00 p.m.	Junior High Sleepover
Sept 19	6:15 p.m.	Trustees Meeting (Mayflower Room)
Sept 20	7:00 p.m.	TNS Discussion (Mayflower Room)
Sept 21	8:30 a.m.	Text Breakfast (Classic Cup, 4389 Jackson Road)
	6:30 p.m.	20/40 Group (Meeting Room)
Sept 22	6:00 p.m.	Single Mom's Night
Sept 25		3rd Grade Bibles Sunday
Sept 26	6:00 p.m.	Junior High Girls Night
Sept 27	7:00 p.m.	TNS Discussion (Mayflower Room)
Sept 28	8:30 a.m.	Text Breakfast (Classic Cup, 4389 Jackson Road)
	6:30 p.m.	20/40 Group (Wolverine State Brewing)