



# Congregational Courier

## THOUGHTS FROM BOB LIVINGSTON

### SENIOR MINISTER



Dear Friends:

As we begin a new year, I harken back to one of my favorite quotes by Theodore Roosevelt:

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done better.

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly...who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least falls while daring greatly.”

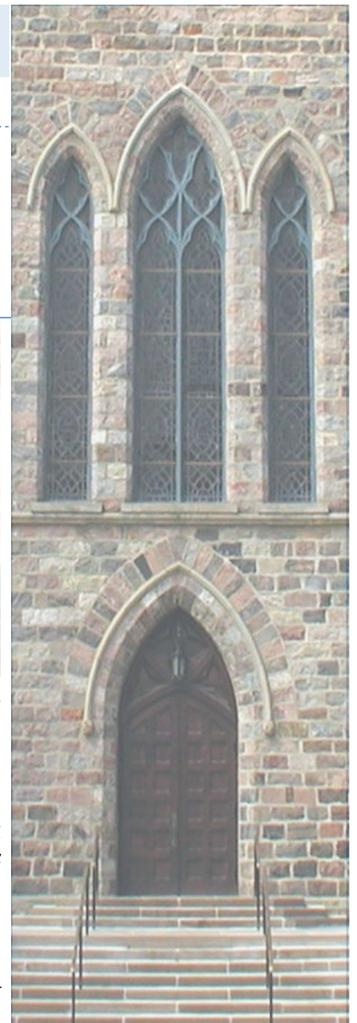
Roosevelt’s quote is also the inspiration behind a book by the title of *Daring Greatly*, by Dr. Brene Brown, a research professor at the University of Houston. You may have heard or seen her two Ted Talks that are still very popular. Brown’s thesis is that vulnerability is good and that “putting ourselves out there” is the way to succeed and to be more fully alive.

I must say I think Brown is on to something important here. Brown believes that for an individual to grow (or even perhaps for a church to grow), we need to face our fears and then exercise courage... indeed to take the initiative and make the decision to go after and live out the dreams, vision, and many other things we deem important. Brown points out, “When we step back and examine our lives, we will find that nothing is as uncomfortable, dangerous, or hurtful as standing on the outside looking in and wondering what it would be like if we had had the courage to step into the arena.”

As we head into 2017, my hope for you, and for us as a congregation, is that we will have the determination and the willingness to take a risk or two to make 2017 an incredible year of growth, adventure, vitality, and ministry.

Believing, as the angel, Gabriel, reminded Mary, that “nothing will be impossible with God” (Luke 1:37 NRSV).

Blessings to you and yours in the New Year,



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## DARCY CRAIN-POLLY

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Can I call a mulligan on 2016?

While the rolling green of a golf course seems like a distant memory in this cold, I can hear the crack of the club, or perhaps more accurately, the swish of my “practice swing.” I usually play best ball or relaxed golf. The kind where you get at least 2 mulligans a game. And by game I mean 9 holes. For the small amount I play, the more mulligans the better.

For those who don’t golf, a mulligan is when you’re shot off the tee is so horrendous that you don’t count it in the score, you claim using your mulligan, and you pretend like it didn’t happen.

The thing is, we can learn something from mulligans. We may have brought our head up, or our swing speed was far too fast, or we dropped our shoulder, or if you’re like me, some winning combination of all those errors.

I have heard a lot of people talk about the year 2016 as something they wish they could call mulligan on. While I empathize with the sentiment, and can hear and name some of the heartbreaking, scary, tragic things that happened in the past year, I believe we call mulligan only if we can learn from 2016, in all its mishaps.

As you enter a new year, don’t do so without looking back at the past and how you might have played it better. You might not be able to change it, but you can certainly do it better this time around. Maybe you need to spend more time in your friendships and less time in your emails. Maybe you need to spend more money on traveling to see old family and friends and less money on doing that one other home improvement project. Maybe you need to spend more time in your faith journey, and discerning how God is calling you to love and heal the world He so loved.

As we call a mulligan on 2016, let us learn from those 12 months and begin 2017 in wisdom, in humility, and in an earnest effort to walk more closely with our creator.

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

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## SARAH CHAFFEE

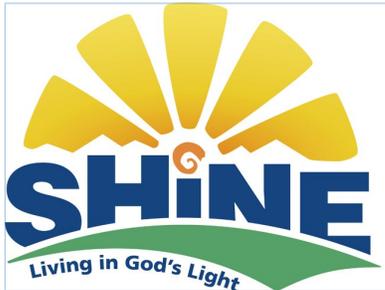
DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your encouragement and support of our Church School programs. My first semester here was a great success, thanks to many of you!

Thank you so much to everybody who has helped with Family Fellowship, the Christmas Pageant, Family Worship Sundays, youth events, kick-off Sunday, and the Advent workshop. I also want to say a special “thank-you” to everyone who donated and volunteered for our Wrapped in Love event. We were able to serve over 50 people!!

Finally, I want to extend another very special and extremely deserved “thank-you” to all of the volunteers who have worked so hard in our Church School classrooms.



Kindergarten – Second Grade: Bridget Manuel and Robin Myler

Third Grade – Fifth Grade: Ryan Munson and Jane Pettit

Sixth Grade – Eighth Grade: Colleen Creal, Katie Hart, Simone McDaniel, and Chris Vermeulen

The best news is that almost all of our volunteers will be returning to volunteer next semester!!

In this New Year, I would love for you all to consider volunteering in Church School in upcoming semesters. As I’ve gotten to know each of you, I’ve been impressed by the wisdom, generosity, thoughtfulness, and compassion you all share with this church. I have no doubt that many of you would be great at guiding our kids’ spiritual growth. Please let me know if you would consider volunteering for one of these positions.

*Sarah*

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

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## FCC ALL-CHURCH SKI RETREAT

We are so excited to offer our first annual all church FCC Ski Retreat, President's Day Weekend, February 17-19, 2017. Below are some of the details:

**Who:** FCC individuals or families, all ages.

**What:** Winter sports abound! Treetops offers downhill skiing, snowboarding, and tubing; cross country skiing and snow shoeing, an indoor pool at the resort, as well as shopping, dining, galleries, and other entertainment in downtown Gaylord. We will gather as a community for meals and for worship on Sunday morning. Darcy will be leading us.

**When:** February 17 – February 19. We anticipate people arriving Friday after school/work, and leaving Sunday afternoon. Early arrivals may check in by 5 p.m.; check out is at 12 p.m. If your family would like to stay Sunday night as well, accommodations may be made; please let us know this information asap.

**Where:** Treetops Resort, Gaylord, MI (3.5 hour drive time from Ann Arbor)

**Cost:** \$270 for 2 nights in room with 2 double beds

\$39 adult all day lift tickets; \$34 (teen, 13-17, lift ticket), \$29 (junior 7-12)

FREE lift tickets for kids 6 & under and 70+

\$12 adult for trail pass (xc ski and snow shoes)

\$19 tubing experience; 1 hour, 42" minimum height requirement

\$15 person for food (includes 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner)



The cost breakdown of a ski trip can be confusing, so let us offer some family pricing examples. These examples include lodging, lift tickets, and food.

A family of four with two teenagers: \$476

A family of four with two children (6 and under): \$408

A family of two w/ trail passes (xc ski): \$330

We have reserved a block of 20 rooms, and we think they will go fast! Please RSVP by December 30. A \$150 deposit per family is requested by January 6. You can RSVP online at [fccann Arbor.org](http://fccann Arbor.org) (look under connect).

If you would like to attend but cannot financially afford to do so, please contact Bob for scholarship opportunities.

As we see media accounts of attacks against immigrants, Muslims, and other populations, many of us have asked ourselves, "what would I do if I were there?" The good news is that there are skills and techniques that you can learn and practice to keep others safe. You don't have to be passive! This training will show you how to respond. Sheri Wander, trainer for Meta Peace Team, will teach the basic tactics you can use to deescalate or redirect threats and harassment.



*Interfaith Council  
for Peace & Justice*

When: January 28. Where: FCC Pilgrim Hall. How much: \$20 regular price, free or reduced-price spaces available for those who need them. Email [chuck@icpj.org](mailto:chuck@icpj.org) or call 734-663-1870 for details.

## RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION

A special meeting was called by a vote of our Church Council to hear, discuss, and vote on a special Church Council resolution. The proposed resolution was to affirm our Church's historical legacy of love and care, and lifting up our important and continuing role of being a welcoming, accepting, and safe place for all people. That special meeting was held on December 11, 2016, where the congregation approved the resolution. The full text of the resolution is as follows:

**Resolution Reaffirming Our Commitment to Inclusion**  
**The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor**  
**December 11, 2016**  
**(Approved at a Special Congregational Meeting on December 11, 2016)**

**WHEREAS** recently our community has been buffeted by ethnic and religious bigotry in the forms of violent physical and verbal assaults on individuals and groups.

**WHEREAS** The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor was founded in 1847 as a protest by its members against the institution and practice of slavery. As noted in our Church's earliest written history: "The founders were men and women...devoted to the principle of human brotherhood, believing that all [people] are of equal worth in the sight of God and that each one is entitled to the full and free expression of their thoughts and feelings."

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the current members of the First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor, reaffirm this commitment to the value and dignity of each human being and to the protection of the civil rights and liberties of all persons regardless of religion, race or ethnicity, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, or economic condition. We welcome all people to our sanctuary. We believe God loves and embraces all people.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we speak out against hate-speech, physical attacks, and threats aimed at individuals or groups. We work to make our communities free of hatred and intimidation. We welcome everyone of good will to join us in that effort and to embrace the task of reconciliation among all people.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that members of the First Congregational Church embrace the values expounded by our current minister, Dr. Robert Livingston: "The central message of the New Testament of the Bible, I believe, is a message of acceptance and abundance and love and inclusion. I am convinced more today than ever before that the Church, and in particular this church, is called to be such a radical and accepting community in our nation and world today. We are called to be a body of believers who take very seriously God's call upon our lives to live out and incarnate the good news of God's limitless love and welcome for all people – no matter what race, creed, sexual orientation, age, gender, marital status, economic circumstance, or political point of view."

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that we affirm our Church's historic commitment to basic human rights and to the freedom and value of all persons which remains this Church's guiding principle. It is the backbone of our congregation. "Whatever your story, you're welcome here."

## GREAT LAKES SCRIP

Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers who were extremely busy during this Christmas season. They sold \$9,271 in scrip cards, jewelry and gift boxes! This matches the yearly totals of our first couple of years promoting this easy fundraiser. Based on an average 5% return, the scrip program was able to earn over \$460 for our mission/work trips. There are still many scrip cards left from the holidays. Please stop by the scrip table in the Mayflower Lobby on Sunday mornings or call the church office to order gift cards. Thank you volunteers and those who purchased during the year.

## CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

### SECOND SUNDAY SERIES

#### Helping Adolescents Cope with Stress and Depression

##### **“Depression and Resiliency in Youth and Beyond”**

On Sunday, January 8, Contemporary Issues Committee will host their Second Sunday Series presentation in the Mayflower Room immediately following the 10 a.m. service. This month the series will be presented by Lindsay Bryan-Podvin, LMSW, Behavioral Health Consultant and Pat Rinvelt, Executive Director of the National Network of Depression Centers.

Onset of depression symptoms often occurs between 15 – 24 years of age. Early recognition and management of depression can help prevent negative outcomes and tragedy among young people. Please join us to learn about:

- Prevalence of depression in adolescents
- Signs and symptoms of depression
- Importance of awareness and early interventions
- Coping with stress
- Steps towards building resilience

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Welcome, class of 2017, to the confirmation program! This year we have 9 outstanding students and equally wonderful mentors. Our class meetings will take place approximately every other Sunday from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room in our church. You will all get to meet the new class on January 15 when they and their mentors are commissioned and receive their Study Bibles for the semester. We look forward to a time of growth, questions, and a lot of fun, which will culminate on Confirmation Sunday, May 7, 2017.

### Church Un-Decorating

Please join us after church on Sunday, January 1, to un-decorate the church. As you all know, many hands make light work. There is much to do! I look forward to seeing many of you on January 1! Thank you in advance for helping!



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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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## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Senior High

The senior high youth group will gather for high school discussions during the month of January on the following Sundays: 1/15 and 1/22. Our winter retreat this year will be during our Ski Retreat. Special high school time will be set within the ski activities already taking place. Most of our youth are planning on attending with their families. If you have youth that want to participate but whose parents are unable to do so, please contact Darcy, and we will make arrangements.

### Middle School

Happy New Year. After a busy December with Bell Ringing and helping Food Gatherers, we will look forward to having fun in January. Our first event in 2017 is on January 22 when we go to Sky Zone (in Canton). This is a jumpy place and should provide some exercise. Other upcoming events are:

- Feb. 12 (Sun) - Soup Sunday
- Mar. 14 (Tue) - Pi Run of Sledding, plus dinner
- Apr. 12 (Wed) - Food Gatherers
- Apr. 30 (Sun) - Hike in the Woods
- May 21 (Sun) - All Church Picnic
- Jun. 4 (Sun) - Canoe Trip



## TREASURER'S REPORT

MIKE DABBS, TREASURER

### 2017 FCC BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING

Following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 15, 2017, a presentation of the 2017 Gap Year (January 1 – June 30, 2017) Budget will be presented in the sanctuary. Michael Dabbs, FCC Treasurer, Trustees, and Church Council leadership will be available to answer members' questions regarding this six-month budget. It is our hope that FCC members will be fully informed and better able to vote to approve this 2017 Gap Year budget at the Annual Meeting, which will occur on January 29.

### 2016 FCC FINANCES

As we approach the end of the year, the church's 2016 Finances compared to its budget is in generally good shape. As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, our pledge receipts remain significantly less than what was pledged – only 80%.

A notable accomplishment this year has been the church's ability to live within the cap of the reserve funds that the Trustees created as part of the 2016 Budget. This is a major achievement.

A full report on the 2016 finances will be made in early 2017.

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

All 107 gift tags were taken from the Christmas Wish Tree, and every package was returned and delivered with speed! We can't thank you enough for your support through buying the gifts, wrapping them beautifully, and returning them with smiles on your faces. I think the smiles came from knowing you have done something very special and that through this donation you felt the true meaning of Christmas.



Also, several "Nothing But Nets" tags were taken, too! We were able to make a contribution to the fight against the spread of malaria in the world.



Your generosity is reflective of FCC's core values: We are a caring and compassionate community, celebrating and enjoying life with each other, and spreading that joy with those who need it most. The Missions and Outreach Committee is always looking for meaningful service projects. If you have ideas to help support our local community, or faith community abroad, please forward them to Pam Dabbs for committee consideration. Also, please feel free to join us for our next meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. We invite you to come see what the Missions and Outreach Committee is all about and what plans are in the works. You may consider joining the committee as an adjunct member.

## WRAPPED IN LOVE

This year we hosted our first Wrapped in Love event. It was such a special night, and we felt we were truly able to wrap each person in love. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to serve over 50 people! We welcomed them into our church and provided a welcoming holiday event for them.

First, they were served a warm meal that was prepared by our single-moms kitchen crew. The tables were set beautifully and there was plenty to eat for everyone. Then, the children went downstairs to the church school area to pick out gifts for their parents while the parents went to the Mayflower Room to pick out gifts for their children. All of these gifts were either donated or purchased with donated scrip cards. Everyone was so excited about the gifts! One young girl commented, "This is the first time I've ever been able to give my mom a real gift!" with a huge smile on her face. Volunteers helped wrap all of the gifts and make cards to go with each one. After everybody was done picking out gifts, parents and children were reunited in Pilgrim Hall to decorate Christmas cookies to take home with them. Everyone in attendance was extremely grateful and left with their arms full of gifts and smiles on their faces.



We so appreciate your help in making this event a success. Many of the volunteers commented on how meaningful the experience was for them as well. We loved the opportunity this event provided to welcome members of our community into our church and wrap them in God's love this holiday season. Thank you for your generosity and support!

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Our annual Stewardship Campaign wrapped up in early December, and we wanted to share the results. We received 168 pledges of time, talent or treasure during Pledge Month. To everyone who took the time to contribute to our wonderful church – THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Our total number of pledges was down from last year, when we collected 197 pledges. We recognize this campaign was unique and more than a few regular donors stayed on the sidelines or were otherwise unable to pledge. The total amount of financial pledges came in close to \$206,000. This amount was well below target as well. We are still anticipating a few more pledges to arrive soon!

Our next Stewardship Campaign – Pledge Month – will be held in April-May, 2017. You'll be hearing more about that campaign in the spring. Please remember, it's very important to pledge during Pledge Month as our annual budgets are based largely on the amounts pledged during Stewardship Campaign. The Stewardship Committee would love to hear your feedback on the most recent campaign. Constructive criticism is welcome! Please let us know what you think! You may reach out to Mark Schirmer, our Stewardship Chair. Drop an email to [1960bird@gmail.com](mailto:1960bird@gmail.com)

Lastly, please remember: Donations and pledges to FCC are always welcome. The church is in good financial shape, with a large and active membership and a healthy endowment. But like any household, it needs the constant and nurturing support of its family. Please continue to donate your time, talents and treasures to FCC... our beacon of God's hope, love and Christian freedom!

## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FUND

(For Floral Decorations and Special Christmas Music)



In memory of Bob, Jane, Mary, and David by Bruce Pringle

In memory of Frances DeBonis by Carey and Ben Allen

In memory of Florence Zylman and Marion Seaman by David Seaman and Helen Zylman

In memory of my parents, Mary and Bill Bishop by Betty Bishop

In memory of family and friends who are no longer with us by Judy Francis

In memory of our parents and to the glory of God by Peg and Dan Jacobs

In memory of Tom Weiss by Nancy and John Lucas

In memory of Kelly Reinmuth by Dennis and Elaine Reinmuth, and Wendy Magwire

In memory of James A. Campbell for our first Christmas without you by Jan & Bruce Pringle

In memory of Phyllis Ufer and Bill Wedemeyer by The Wedemeyers

In memory of John Rambo and Stephen Markel by Ellen Rambo

In memory of Roman and Tereza Ordinario, and Jim and Gloria Weill, by Elsie, Melanie & Daniel

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Circle of Friends met on November 13th to plan Christmas gifts for our friends and to gather ideas for the New Year. There were several excellent suggestions. Liz showed us the bucket she had purchased as an easier way to transport the flowers to our friends. Sally suggested that we provide an old hymnal for our friends so that they could enjoy reading the Bible verses, responsive readings and favorite hymns. There was interest in having Bob train us to serve communion to those friends who are unable to attend church. In order to make it easier to greet people in church we decided to request providing name tags for members as they enter Pilgrim Hall after the service. Mary Ann presented the ideas to Bob and he was positive about all of the ideas. Debbie Bourque will present the name tag idea to the Deacons at their next meeting.

Last year our group enjoyed a social event at the Cottage Inn. Mary Ann and Bob are choosing a date for an early Sunday in February. The first meeting in the New Year will be Sunday, January 8th at 9 a.m. in the Mayflower Room. We would love to have new members join us. If you have any questions about our group's mission, please call or email Mary Ann Marquardt. Have a wonderful New Year! Mary Ann Marquardt

## SMALL GROUPS—KNIGHT'S LUNCH CLUB

Please join us on the FOURTH Monday of the month for monthly lunch get-togethers with Bob Livingston and other FCC friends. Our lunch gatherings are highly informal and lots of fun, with welcoming and wide-ranging conversations. We will meet at Knight's Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue, at 11:30 a.m., on Monday, January 23. Everyone is welcome! We hope you can join us!

## 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 4 to 8 weeks, with scheduled breaks between series. We begin our winter series with John Shelby Spong's *Jesus for the Non-Religious*, a four part lecture: "Separating Myth from History; Did He Die for My Sins; Jesus, A Man for All Seasons; and Why I Am a Christian." Everyone is welcome! Questions? Please contact Bob at [bob@fccannarbor.org](mailto:bob@fccannarbor.org).

## SMALL GROUPS—TEXT BREAKFAST

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

## SMALL GROUPS—MIND AND SPIRIT BOOK GROUP

The Mind and Spirit Book Group will begin the New Year by reading *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. *The Invention of Wings*, Kidd's third novel was published January 7, 2014 by Viking to wide critical acclaim. It debuted on the New York Times bestseller list at #1 and remained on the hardcover fiction list for over six months.

Set in 1803, inspired in part by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, Kidd goes beyond the record to flesh out the rich interior lives of all of her characters, both real and invented, including Handful's cunning mother, Charlotte, who courts danger in search for something better, and Charlotte's lover, Denmark Vesey, a charismatic free black man who is planning insurrection.

Join us on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. in the Mayflower Room. This group is open to all. Please bring your copy of the book to the meeting.

## 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 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Childcare is provided. On the last Wednesday of every month, we meet at Wolverine State Brewery (2019 W. Stadium Blvd) for trivia from 7-9 p.m. Questions? Please contact Darcy! [darcy@fccannarbor.org](mailto:darcy@fccannarbor.org)

Our next gathering will be January 25 for trivia at Wolverine, then we will begin our upcoming series on February 1. We will be discussing *White Privilege: Let's Talk*, an adult curriculum from the UCC that's designed to invite members to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive, and bold conversations on race. The book can be downloaded free at [privilege.uccpages.org](http://privilege.uccpages.org). If you can't print it, or you'd prefer to have a bound copy, please contact Renee at [renee@fccannarbor.org](mailto:renee@fccannarbor.org) or 926-0550.

## SMALL GROUPS—SINGLE MOM'S MINISTRY

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 7:30 p.m. All single mothers are welcome: only moms, divorced moms, widowed moms, and any mom 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). Our January gathering will take place on our usual third Thursday of the month, January 19, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Last year around this time we wrote letters to our future selves; we will distribute those letters and spend some time checking in with one another. Looking forward to it, ladies!



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*Whatever Your  
Story, You're  
Welcome Here*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 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 JANUARY 2017 CALENDAR

|               |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|
| January 1     | 10:00 a.m.                                    | Sanctuary Communion Service<br>(No 9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion)              |
|               | 11:00 a.m.                                    | Church Un-Decorating Party  |
| January 2     | FCC OFFICE CLOSED                             |   |
| January 4     | 8:30 a.m.                                     | Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)   |
|               | 10:15 a.m.                                    | Mind and Spirit Book Club (Mayflower)                                       |
| January 8     | 9:00 a.m.                                     | Circle of Friends (Mayflower Room)  |
|               | 11:00 a.m.                                    | Contemporary Issues 2nd Sunday Presentation                                 |
| January 9     | 7:00 p.m.                                     | Church Council  |
| January 10    | 7:00 p.m.                                     | TNS (Mayflower Room)  |
| January 11    | 8:30 a.m.                                     | Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)   |
| January 15    | CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONING                    |   |
|               | 10:00 a.m.                                    | High School Discussion  |
|               | 11 a.m.                                       | Special Congregational Meeting – Budget Info                                |
|               | COURIER DEADLINE                              |   |
| January 16    | MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY, FCC OFFICE CLOSED |   |
|               | 6:15 p.m.                                     | Trustees Meeting  |
| January 18    | 8:30 a.m.                                     | Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)   |
|               | 10:15 a.m.                                    | Mind and Spirit Book Club (Mayflower)                                       |
| January 19    | 6:00 p.m.                                     | Single Moms Night   |
| January 20-21 | 7:00 p.m.                                     | Confirmation Retreat (FCC)  |
| January 22    | 10:00 a.m.                                    | High School Discussion  |
|               | 11:00 a.m.                                    | Meeting to Name Contemporary Service  |
|               | 11:00 a.m.                                    | BOCE Meeting  |
|               | 11:15 a.m.                                    | Middle School – Sky Zone (Canton)<br>Please RSVP to Chris at cnverm@aol.com |
| January 23    | 11:30 a.m.                                    | Knight's Lunch Club (2324 Dexter Avenue)                                    |
| January 25    | 8:30 a.m.                                     | Text Breakfast (Classic Cup Café)   |
|               | 7:00 p.m.                                     | 20/40 Trivia (Wolverine State Brewery, Stadium)                             |
| January 26    | 7:00 p.m.                                     | Missions & Outreach Committee (Mayflower)                                   |
| January 28    | 8:30 a.m.                                     | Interfaith Council<br>Bystander Intervention Training                       |
| January 29    | 11:00 a.m.                                    | Annual Meeting (Pilgrim Hall)   |

