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## Thoughts from Bob

Dear Friends,

Have you ever noticed, if you keep your eyes and ears open, how you can see and hear hope being announced all around you? Even in winter, it is as if God and creation is reminding us that there is more to life than just darkness and bleakness...that springtime does follow. Let me give you a few examples.



Several couple of weeks ago, on one of the warmer days of January, I caught sight of a plant in our garden pushing itself up through the snow toward the sunlight. I was fascinated by the tenaciousness of the plant's life energy, and it reminded me of the spiritual principles of perseverance and opening oneself to the Light.

Then last week I was walking our four dogs (yes, four!!) through one of our

neighborhood parks when I heard a loud chirping and clattering coming from one of the trees along the pathway. When I looked up, the tree was populated with a party of Robins all having a great time together. Seeing all these lovely birds in one place, I was reminded of what my mother would say to us as children, "When you see a Robin in winter, it means that spring is almost here!" "Wow!" I thought to myself. "Winter must be almost over!" It gave me a boost the rest of the day and reminded me of the spiritual principles of anticipation and faith.



This time of year, from a Christian perspective, we also remember that Easter brings us hope. The good news of Easter is the glad news of the empty tomb, reminding us that even disappointment and death are not the final answer, that God is still working God's purposes out beyond what we can see, and, God is present with us in all the circumstances of life...and even beyond life.

May you be filled with Easter joy,

Bob Livingston,



## From the Associate

We are halfway through Lent and if you've given something up for Lent you're either experiencing transformation or frustration or failure, or if you're human, a little bit of all three at the same time.

This year for Lent I gave up impatience (pause for laughter). It seems far-fetched. Impossible to measure. A nice idea but impractical. And if you know me relatively well, you're probably still laughing at the ludicrous attempt.

As I sit here typing, I am hooked up to a NexWave Portable Stimulation machine that reteaches my atrophied quadriceps how to fire again. Which means about every 20 seconds my quad muscle is fully engaged (and probably confused as to how it got that way). This tedious work will continue for multiple weeks after the surgery because the body is figuring out how to return to normal functioning. And it takes a long time. I begin each session with grumbles and gripes about why this rehab takes so long. Enter: the reason my spirit desperately, this year more than any other, needed to give up impatience to make room for gratitude and Godly timing.

Upon my giving up impatience for Lent, I pushed away my desire to gripe and gave myself this pep talk instead. "You hurt yourself doing something you love (soccer). You were fortunate to get the surgery, and you are blessed to have access to the recovery. This is a blip in the

timeline. Suck it up, cupcake." I have also stopped asking my PT if I can do a race in May, or return to the soccer field by June. Time will tell, and the answer will still be "probably not."

Though my physical therapy is what has taken center stage, my impatience runs far deeper. I click through the calendar, looking into the summer dates and plans; conferences, and trips, special Sunday celebrations and my children's last day of preschool. I wanted to know exactly when the bells were at Dicken Elementary, and my boys won't be there for 7 months. Seven! I am worrying about my 17th step when I haven't even been present enough to take my first. I zip my kids coats, repeatedly, because I haven't taken the time to be patient, and wait 5-10 minutes for them to start learning how to do it themselves. I want our church to blossom into the kind of church that defies the statistics of church decline and is the face of outreach and love in Ann Arbor but forget that growth takes time; a process that is incredibly life-giving and transformational if I can stop drumming my fingers and checking my calendar long enough to let it change me.

So as crazy and difficult as it sounds, I gave up impatience for Lent. I have learned, so far, that waiting doesn't actually kill you. I have learned that my impatience doesn't make the time past faster, but it does make it pass less engaged. I have been more present. I have experienced more silence.



It's not my favorite thing to fill space with, but I am allowing it more and more. I have taken a lot and a lot of deep breaths. I have counted to 10 and to 30. I have lost my patience and regained it. I've said sorry. I have limited my calendar clicking obsession to a work-necessity (mostly). And my spirit has thanked me. In the silence I talk to God more. In my moments where I'm taking deep breaths and about to lose my cool, I pray to God more. In moments where the cool is long gone and I ask for forgiveness, I experience God's mercy.

So yeah. I guess this Lent thing is working on me. And who knows. Maybe by the time it's warm enough to not need a coat, my kids will have been given the time to learn how to zip their own.

Peace,

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

Darcy Crain-Polly  
Associate Minister

# Church School News Holly Porter

Lent and Easter are really early this year, so we are rolling with it for church school activities also.

The schedule for Sunday's during March are:

March 6th - Regular church school classes and finish talking about Jonah

March 13th - Sing and serve community project

March 20th - Lent into Easter Workshop

March 27th - Easter celebrations

Our Lent into Easter Workshop on Sunday, March 20th will be held in the church school lobby area from 9:30 - 11:30. We will have a

petting farm with lambs, ducks, rabbits and chicks, and of course we will be coloring hard-boiled eggs for the Easter breakfast on the 27th. Several Lent and Easter crafts and activities will also be going on as we rotate through the church school lobby area. Make sure that you are here to enjoy the great activities.

Easter Sunday, March 27th, please plan to join us for fun Easter celebrations.....He has indeed RISEN!! Of course we will have an Easter egg hunt for all children, including the little ones, during the 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. After the 10 a.m. service, please plan to

stay for the pancake breakfast in Pilgrim Hall, I have heard that they even make chocolate chip pancakes!

Our Contemporary service will be at 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday in Pilgrim Hall, (with delicious breakfast casseroles and more.) Children of all ages are always welcome to attend this music-filled, active service. Childcare will be provided for nursery and preschoolers. What a great way to spend your Easter day!

## Save the Date for "Holly - Day"

Please save the date for this year's Annual Church Picnic, or, in other words: "Holly-Day", May 22.

This year we will be celebrating Holly Porter and her tenure as Christian Ed Director at FCC. We will have a photo booth which will

be part of the creative process for a memory book for Holly. We will also feature a cotton candy machine for sugar filled treats, the traditional burgers and hot dogs, face painting, the balloon lady, bounce house for the kids, music

and more. We will celebrate in our own "backyard", on the church grounds. Please plan to stay after the 10 a.m. service on May 22 to take part in the "Holly-Day" celebration.

### **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.

### **Our Mission:**

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

## Senior High Event for Families

Our senior high youth will have a booth at this year's Jewish Family Services Kids Care Fair from 2-5 p.m. at the City Club. The JFS Kids Care Fair is an interactive family service-learning event! The fair will engage and energize youth in our community about the importance (and joys) of service and giving back. The hands-on activities at the event are designed for children ages 2 to 10 and their families. All ticket proceeds directly benefit JFS family programs including food pantry and counseling.

The event features:

- Cultural Sensitivity and Disability Awareness Activities
- Kids/Family Yoga
- Magic Show by A2 Magic
- Musical Instrument Petting Zoo
- Emergency Preparedness and "Hands-Only CPR"
- Gymnastics and Tumbling
- Book Nook and Storytime
- Teddy Bear Triage
- Activities focus on hunger prevention and food insecurity



- Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt
- Snacks and Light Refreshments
- Raffle for Fabulous Prizes
- Crafts benefiting older adults and homeless children and families
- "Family Ticket"- \$25/family

## Senior High Mission Trip

Thank you to the many students and families who have already turned in deposits for the mission trip to Pine Ridge Reservation. The dates will be June 18-25. We will need the extra day for driving.

Pictured to the right is one of the children we will have the honor of serving through this experience. 97% of the people at Pine Ridge live below the poverty level line.

Under 10% of kids graduate from high school. Comparatively, the graduation rate for AA Skyline is 95%.

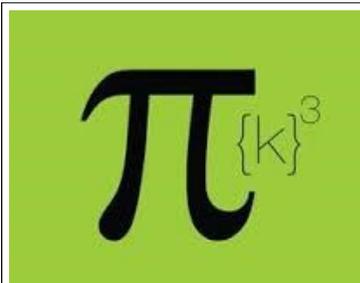
Our youth will experience profound poverty and have the opportunity to make an impact in these children's lives. Their experience over this week will have a lasting impact in theirs.

There is still room left on the trip. Hope you can join us! Please contact Darcy,



[darcy@fccannarbor.org](mailto:darcy@fccannarbor.org)

## Junior High Group Event



At 10:30 on Saturday, March 12, we will meet at Gallup Park to run 3.14 miles in honor of Pi Day. Families are welcome to join us in the run or cheer us on to the finish line. We will need some volunteers to help with pies for celebrating the

end of the run. Please RSVP to Chris Vermeulen by email ([cnverm@aol.com](mailto:cnverm@aol.com)) or by phone (734-663-1186).

## Contemporary Issues Presentation

### Philanthropic Giving: Investing in Causes that Matter to You

**Speaker: Neel Hajra, President  
& CEO Ann Arbor  
Community Foundation**

Please join Neel Hajra, President & CEO of the Ann Arbor Community Foundation for a discussion of philanthropic giving. With so many nonprofits doing important work, do you struggle with deciding what

causes to support? The presentation will include ideas about investing in causes that matter to you; how to get the most satisfaction out of charitable gift; stories of philanthropy; how to sort through mail solicitations; and how to engage people in giving.

Neel Hajra joined the AAACF in 2011 as Chief Operating Officer and became the President in January, 2015. Prior to joining AAACF, he was the President & CEO of Nonprofit Enterprise at



Work. He is also a lecturer at the University of Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. His list of accomplishments in the nonprofit sector and field of philanthropy is extensive.

**Please put these Contemporary Issues Second Sunday Presentations on your calendar:**

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| <b>March 13</b> | <b>Philanthropic Giving; Investing in Causes that Matter to You</b><br>Neel Hajra, Executive Director, Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation |
| <b>April 10</b> | <b>Adolescent Depression and Resilience</b><br>Pat Rinvelt, Executive Director, National Network of Depression Centers                     |

## Vote ChadTough



Many of you are aware that 5 year old Chad Carr lost a 15-month battle with a brain tumor: Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG). What you may not know is that his parents have created The ChadTough Foundation in his memory and with a mission: to fund research and raise awareness for Pediatric Brain Tumors with an emphasis on DIPG. Right now

the winner of the Coaches Infinity Challenge through ESPN, gets \$100,000 for his charity of choice. For Michigan Basketball Coach John Belein, it is the ChadTough Foundation. Where do you come in? You VOTE!! EVERY DAY! Go to [chadtough.org](http://chadtough.org) and click on the VOTE tab at the top of the website. It will take you to ESPN's website and you will create a user name and password that you can save. Then every day you vote for John Belein. There is also a link on the FCC website: [www.fccannarbor.org](http://www.fccannarbor.org). The voting

goes on for several months so keep at it.

Thank you and know you are making a difference. A big one.



# FCC: A Beacon of Hope in the World

FCC is partnering with Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County (JFS) to help support Syrian and other refugees coming to live in the Ann Arbor area.

JFS has a long history of resettling refugees and is the only agency in Washtenaw County approved by the U.S. State Department to do so. This year, they expect to resettle at least 80 Syrians, many of whom have been living in remote camps in Jordan and other Arab countries for extended periods, some for up to 4 years.

FCC will conduct a Resettlement Drive in March to gather items most needed by newly arriving refugees, many coming to the U.S. with only a few clothes and personal items, as they set up their households.

We will follow the very successful model developed by the Mission and Outreach Committee for the Christmas gift program. Starting

on Sunday, March 6th, the Resettlement Drive will feature a tree with paper Easter eggs decorated by children in our FCC church school. Members can select eggs that will be labeled with specific needed items. After purchasing the items, they can be brought to church during the month of March leading up to Easter on March 27.

Script cards will be a very important part of the program since they can be used in two ways:

- They can be purchased by church members to shop for items at stores such as Target, Meijer and Walmart
- And they can also be purchased and donated to the Resettlement Drive for use by refugee families.

Typical needs of families are cleaning items, home/kitchen

items, linens and personal care items.

More information about the Drive will be in Friday emails, Sunday bulletins and the FCC website. There will also be videos available showing the stark lives of people living in refugee camps.

Please join us during the weeks leading up to Easter to reach out into the world and address an extreme humanitarian crisis. The Resettlement Drive is an opportunity to offer a hospitable welcome to refugees coming into our community.

Thank you for your generosity.

On behalf of the Mission and Outreach Committee:

Sara Holmes      Mary Jackson  
Bob Holmes      Greg Jackson



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## Community Festival March 6

*Our annual Community Festival will be on March 6 at 11 a.m. in Pilgrim Hall. Please come upstairs and meet representatives from the organizations we support through our Missions and Outreach Committee's grant program.*

### **FCC Vision Statement:**

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

# Easter Tree Wish List

**“Wish List” for the First  
Congregational Church –  
Jewish Family Services  
Refugee Resettlement  
Drive  
March, 2016**

**FCC Script cards:**

Meijer, Walmart and Target

**Home and Kitchen Items:**

10 sets of dishes (plates, bowls, mugs and/or cups)  
10 sets of utensils (forks, knives, spoons, and serving utensils)  
2 sets of basic cooking utensils)  
2 sets of basic pots and pans (new or like new condition)  
2 sets of mixing/serving bowls  
2 coffee makers (no other kitchen appliances needed at this time)  
2 tea kettles  
2 sets of Tupperware (each with various sized containers)  
6 packages of Aluminum foil  
6 packages of Plastic wrap (e.g., Glad wrap)  
2 hand operated can openers  
4 kitchen plastic trash containers  
10 packages of plastic bags for trash cans

**Cleaning items:**

2 new or like new vacuums (some FCC families may wish to split the cost of each vacuum)  
2 brooms and dust pans  
25 kitchen sponges  
25 kitchen scrub brushes  
20 containers of dish soap  
10 containers of dishwasher soap  
4 large containers of laundry detergent  
8 containers of toilet cleaner  
4 toilet brushes  
8 containers of kitchen cleaner (e.g., Ajax, Bon Ami)

**Linens:**

20 dish and kitchen towels  
  
10 sets of bed linens – sheets  
    6 twin (top and bottom)  
    4 queen (top and bottom)  
Bath linens  
    10 bath towels  
    10 hand towels  
  
10 pillows  
10 blankets

**Personal care items:**

20 containers of shampoo  
20 containers of hair conditioner  
20 men’s deodorant  
20 women’s deodorant

20 tubes of toothpaste  
20 bars of soap  
15 containers of liquid hand soap  
5 boxes Maxipads (no tampons please)  
5 packages of toilet paper with 12-36 rolls per package  
10 packages of paper towels (3 rolls in each package)  
12 boxes of Kleenex-type tissues  
10 hair brushes

**Miscellaneous:**

4 alarm clocks  
Paper, pens, pencils  
5 packages each of 60W, 75W, and 100W light bulbs  
10 large packages of crayons  
25 coloring books  
4 shower curtains  
4 sets of shower curtain rings  
4 laundry bags  
4 plastic laundry baskets

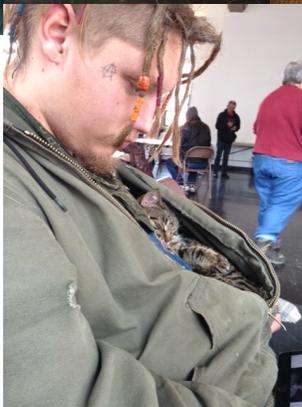


# Warming Shelter 2016

February 2016 was not as cold as February 2015 or 2014, but the warming shelter still served many in our community on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the month. Many thanks to Pam Dabbs, the Mission and Outreach Committee and the many volunteers who made this sanctuary

possible. A warm meal, a smile, a cup of coffee, or conversation with our volunteers made many a day brighter for those who live on the streets. It is with great appreciation that we say thank you to those who volunteered in the kitchen, those who made food or brought in fresh fruits, those who baked cookies, those who gave financially, those

who sat in Pilgrim Hall talking to our guests, and those that prayed for our guests and those who prayed that we would be a blessing to those we meet during the warming shelter days here at FCC.



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

### **ALPHA HOUSE**

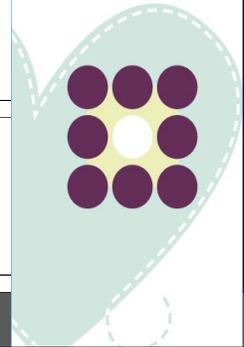
*Alpha House is always looking for volunteers to make and serve hot breakfasts for their residents on Sunday mornings. The volunteer commitment includes purchasing food, preparing, serving and then cleaning up. A couple of adults or a family can easily make and serve breakfast to the residents at Alpha House. Please contact FCC member Jennifer Hall at [a2halls@gmail.com](mailto:a2halls@gmail.com) or call/text 734.395.1696 for available dates to volunteer.*

single moms ministry

## small groups - single mom's ministry

Our moms and their children will gather for their March dinner and programming on Thursday,

March 17, (St. Patrick's Day!) to share a dinner and spend time amongst friends.



## small groups - weber lunch club



Monthly lunch gatherings with Bob Livingston and other FCC friends are highly informal, with welcoming and wide-ranging conversations. We meet at Weber's Restaurant, 3050

Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor, at 11:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 21. We look forward to seeing you!

## small groups - text breakfast

The text breakfast group with Bob Livingston meets together on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. at the **Classic Cup Café** located at 4389 Jackson

Road. Our discussions conclude by 10 a.m. The text or texts to be discussed will be the text or texts for the next Sunday's sermon. Generally

the texts will be available in the bulletin the preceding week. Please make your plans to be there at 8:30 a.m.! All are welcome to join us!

## small groups - aa meeting

Although not directly connected to FCC, a group from Alcoholics Anonymous meets on Tuesdays all year long at 7:15 p.m. in

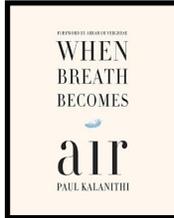
Pilgrim Hall. Please feel free to attend these meetings.

We are pleased to welcome this

group to use our church for their meetings and pray for their continued recovery and healing.

## small groups - mind and spirit book group

The Mind and Spirit Book Group meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the Mayflower Room. The book that we will read in March is *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. For readers of Atul Gawande, Andrew Solomon, and Anne



Lamott, a profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir by a young neurosurgeon faced with a terminal cancer diagnosis who attempts to answer the question What makes a life worth living?

In April we will begin reading *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Chrstina Henriquez which is also this



year's *Ann Arbor/Ypsi Reads*. The local discussions related to this for the Ann Arbor Reads are starting in March in case you want to check them out.

Please join us—this group is welcoming to all.

## small groups - 20/40



The 20-40 group continues to read and discussing Jen Hatmaker's *Book: 7: An*

*Experimental Mutiny on Excess*. This month we take a look at media, waste, and spending. We will NOT meet on March 2 in observance of the UM spring break. We will have regular meetings at church March 9, 16, and 23. March 30 we will be at

Wolverine trying our luck in trivia.

If you have questions, please email Darcy: ([darcy@fccannarbor.org](mailto:darcy@fccannarbor.org)).

## small groups - tuesday night series group

The Tuesday Night Series will NOT be meeting on Tuesday, March 1. We will, however, meet again on Tuesday, March 8, and throughout the rest of the month and begin to view a new four-part series by John Dominic Crossan, an Irish-American New

Testament scholar, historian of early Christianity, and former Catholic priest, and prolific writer and speaker. The topics Crossan will focus on include: Justice and the World, History and Jesus, Paul and Justice, and Resurrection and

Community. We meet on Tuesday evenings in the Mayflower Room from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please join us!

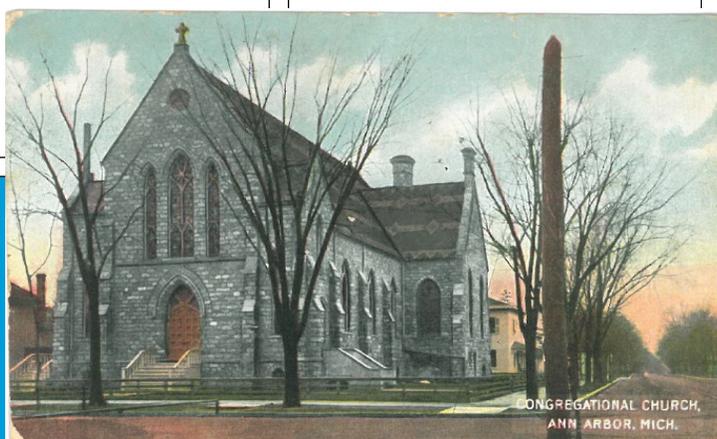
## Church History Betty Bishop, Historian

The First Congregational Church has been active in community outreach for many years. Activities have included sponsorship of Boy Scout troops, support of "Our Own Thing" for providing learning and performing opportunities in for young people in Ann Arbor, and almost 50 years of support for the House by the Side of the Road. Recently moved to 2051 S. State in Ann Arbor, the House by the Side of the Road was started in 1970 by

concerned church women from the major churches in Ann Arbor. "Clothing Missions" were united with a small building being provided by the county. Women from FCC regularly participated in this program of collecting, sorting, repairing, and distributing clothing donations. These items are made available for needy

families and those suffering from disasters like house fires. To this day there is a barrel for donations at FCC and volunteers regularly deliver those donations to the House by the Side of the Road.

Betty Bishop, Historian



## Help Us Update the Church History

Many of you have been involved with FCC for years and have stories to tell. We want to collect those stories as part of the update of the church history. We will have a time

for videotaping your stories and memories on a Sunday after church in April or May. If you would like to participate, please contact Betty Bishop at

[bbishop@umich.edu](mailto:bbishop@umich.edu) or 734-662-9492. Thank you for your involvement - History Committee

## Circle of Friends Mary Marquardt

Fifteen members of the Circle of Friends attended a luncheon at Cottage Inn after church on Sunday, January 24th. Everyone enjoyed both the food and the company. The next meeting of COF will be on March 13th at 9a.m. Sarah Holmes will be

presenting a talk on the Silver Memory Club. We will also be planning the Easter gifts for our friends. Please join us to hear Sarah's talk and join our discussion about the Easter gifts and any other suggestions you may have. Circle of Friends, along with other church

members, provided meals for Darcy after her surgery. Mary Ann Marquardt.

## American Guild of Organists



**Lenten Organ Series**  
**12:15 p.m.**  
**The First Congregational Church**  
**of Ann Arbor**  
**FREE**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Friday, March 4      Tom Granum**  
**Friday, March 11    Students from the University of Michigan**  
**Friday, March 18    Noah Horn**

**Relax, reflect, and end your work week with  
 45 minutes of beautiful music.**

**This annual event is sponsored by the  
 Ann Arbor Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.  
 To learn more, please visit [annarborago.org](http://annarborago.org)**

## The Wilhelm Organ

The Wilhelm Organ in The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor was built in 1985. It is a three-manual, 36-register, mechanical-action instrument. Built in the German baroque style, it also includes elements of the French romantic, so it is a

perfect medium for both German 18th century and French 19th century organ music.

The builder, Karl Wilhelm, maintains an active organ-building shop and creates five to ten pipe organs each year. All

such work is custom-built, and every part has been carefully perfected. Such work demands loving care and dedication, and Wilhelm, indeed, has demonstrated that. Please enjoy the sounds of the Wilhelm Organ during the Lenten Organ Series.

# AFC Bus Trip to Fredrick Meijer Gardens

Please save the date and join us as we travel to Grand Rapids on, Friday, April 22, 2016 for a day trip to the Fredrick Meijer Gardens. *Please note that this is a date change from our original plan.* We begin our tour with the annual Butterfly Exhibit. A tram ride will tour the Gardens and deliver us to the latest addition to The Gardens - The Richard and Helen DeVos Japanese Garden. Tranquility, simplicity and beauty are the very essence of The Richard and Helen DeVos Japanese Garden which opened in 2015. One of the most revered and deeply appreciated international garden



styles, the eight-acre addition furthers the organization's dual mission of horticulture and sculpture.

There will be time to wander the 158 acre main campus as well as to stroll through the Lena Meijer Tropical Conservatory and more. We will enjoy a delicious lunch at Taste of the Gardens Café, with its dazzling glass ceiling sculpture by renowned artist Dale Chihuly. The food is always good. Beer and wine is also available for purchase.

We will end our tour of Grand Rapids at Founder's Brewery before returning to A2. For pricing, a schedule of events, more details, and to reserve your spot on the bus, please email Nancy Sauve:

[nancy@fccannarbor.org](mailto:nancy@fccannarbor.org)



# Great Lakes Scrip

Please stop by the Mayflower Lobby to see our great selection of Scrip cards, and please think of us when you need gifts for baby showers, weddings, birthdays, and more. In addition to making your life easier, we receive a discounted rate...the profits of which go to

supplement the mission/work trips of our church. Please visit [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) for ways to make your Scrip purchases work even better for our church. Thanks

so much for your participation!





Please join us for a performance by

**The Hamilton College Choir**  
 and  
**The College Hill Singers**  
 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, March 13, 2016**

**First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor**  
 608 E William Street  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48104

## Hamilton College Choir

Please join us in welcoming the Hamilton College Choir to FCC on March 13. The Hamilton College Choir has a history of performance dating back over a century. The College Hill Singers is a chamber vocal ensemble that draws its singers from the College Choir. It's repertoire is drawn from all

historical period vocal genres. We are in need of housing for about 60 choir members. This would be taking choir members home with you after the concert on Sunday night, feeding them breakfast and returning them to the church in the morning. Please consider this opportunity to meet the members and give them a place to lay their

heads for the night. It's easy to do, please fill out the survey: <https://my.hamilton.edu/survey-manager/survey?id=2366> or click here: [2016 Choir Tour Housing Survey](#) Please contact Glenda Ward for more information: [ggward1010@gmail.com](mailto:ggward1010@gmail.com)

# Chancel Choir Palm Sunday Presentation

We hope you'll join us on Palm Sunday, March 20, for the Chancel Choir and orchestra's very special presentation of



Mozart's  
*Mass in C*

*Minor.* Mozart received the commission to write this work from the priest at the local Orphanage Church in the town of Rennweg, Austria. What's more remarkable is that Mozart was only twelve when he composed it! You will not want to miss this beautiful example of Mozart's youthful genius!



- March 20 Palm Sunday/Anniversary Sunday**  
 8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service  
 9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion  
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Special Music, Mozart, *Mass in C Minor*  
 10:00 a.m. Lent into Easter Workshop, Church School Lobby  
 11:00 a.m. Anniversary Celebration with pie dessert
- March 24 Maundy Thursday**  
 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service, FCC Sanctuary
- March 25 Good Friday Service**  
 12:00—1:30 p.m. First United Methodist  
 120 S. State St. Ann Arbor
- March 27 Easter Sunday**  
 8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
 9:00 a.m. Easter Contemporary Service  
 9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Easter Traditional Service  
 11:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast, Pilgrim Hall

# The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor



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Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
Phone: 734.662.1679  
fccannarbor.org



Robert Livingston, Senior Minister, x554  
Darcy Crain-Polly, Associate Minister, x552  
Holly Porter, Director of Christian  
Education, x553  
Newsletter information:  
E-mail: nancy@fccannarbor.org

## Sunday Worship Schedule

**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 a.m.**  
**Traditional Service,**  
**Sanctuary**  
**Church School during the**  
**10 a.m. worship service**

**11 a.m.**  
**Friendship Hour,**  
**Pilgrim Hall**

## The First Congregational Church March 2016 Calendar

Mar. 1	7:00 p.m.	NO Tuesday Night Series, Mayflower Room
Mar. 1	7:15 p.m.	AA Meeting, Pilgrim Hall
Mar. 2	8:30 a.m.	Text Breakfast, Classic Cup Café
Mar. 2	10:15 a.m.	Mind and Spirit Book Group, Mayflower Room
Mar. 4	12:15 p.m.	AGO Organ Concert Series, Sanctuary
Mar. 6	11:00 a.m.	Community Festival, Pilgrim Hall
Mar. 8	12:00 p.m.	Contemporary Issues Committee Meeting, Mayflower Rm
Mar. 8	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Series, Mayflower Room
Mar. 8	7:15 p.m.	AA Meeting, Pilgrim Hall
Mar. 9	8:30 a.m.	Text Breakfast, Classic Cup Café
Mar. 9	12:00 p.m.	Glacier Hills Luncheon, Glacier Hills
Mar. 9	6:30 p.m.	20/40 Group, Meeting Room
Mar. 11	12:00 p.m.	AGO Organ Concert Series, Sanctuary
Mar. 13		Daylight Savings Time begins
Mar. 13	11:00 a.m.	Second Sunday Presentation, Mayflower Room
Mar. 13	7:00 p.m.	Hamilton College Choir, Sanctuary
Mar. 14	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting, Mayflower Room
Mar. 15		COURIER DEADLINE
Mar. 15	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Series, Mayflower Room
Mar. 15	7:15 p.m.	AA Meeting, Pilgrim Hall
Mar. 16	8:30 a.m.	Text Breakfast, Classic Cup Café
Mar. 16	10:15 a.m.	Mind and Spirit Book Group, Mayflower Room
Mar. 16	6:30 p.m.	20/40 Group, Meeting Room
Mar. 17	6:30 p.m.	Single Moms Night Out, Mayflower Room
Mar. 18	12:15 p.m.	AGO Organ Concert Series, Sanctuary
Mar. 20		Palm Sunday/Anniversary Sunday
Mar. 20	9:00 a.m.	Deacons Meeting, Mayflower Room
Mar. 20	10:00 a.m.	Lent into Easter Workshop and Petting Farm
Mar. 20	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Chancel Choir Presentation
Mar. 20	11:00 a.m.	Anniversary Celebration (with Pie)
Mar. 20	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class, Meeting Room
Mar. 21	11:30 a.m.	Weber's Luncheon, Weber's Restaurant
Mar. 21	6:15 p.m.	Trustees Meeting, Meeting Room
Mar. 22	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Series, Mayflower Room
Mar. 22	7:15 p.m.	AA Meeting, Pilgrim Hall
Mar. 23		FCC 169 Year Anniversary
Mar. 23	8:30 a.m.	Text Breakfast, Classic Cup Café
Mar. 23	6:30 p.m.	20/40 Group, Meeting Room
Mar. 24	7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary
Mar. 25	12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service at First United Methodist Church
Mar. 27	11:00 a.m.	Easter (please see Holy Week Calendar—see page 15)
Mar. 29	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Series, Mayflower Room
Mar. 29	7:15 p.m.	AA Meeting, Pilgrim Hall
Mar. 30	7:00 p.m.	20/40, Trivia Night at Wolverine Tap Room