



First Congregational Church

300 Adams Street, St. Clair, MI 48079

"No matter where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here."

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Happy New Year Congregation!

I just wanted to keep you updated about the next few weeks while we transition to our interim minister, Reverend Chuck Guerreno. This coming Sunday, Michelle Brown will be our Pastor in the Pulpit. Please come and enjoy her and give her a hearty welcome. We will be having cookies and coffee after service. Between now and the arrival of Chuck on January 12th, please don't hesitate to call me with any needs that you might have. My cell is 810-334-1265. His first Sunday with us will be on January 15th. We'll have a special coffee hour after service that day, so that you can start to get to know him.

See you Sunday,

Pat



WELCOME

Dr. Chuck Guerreno

Our Interim Minister has been called. He will begin January 15th. He will be available from Thursday through Sunday.



Thank you for your donations that provided our church with such a beautiful display of Christmas Poinsettias on the altar this holiday season.

Lezlynn Moore

in memory of

Fred Moore

and

honoring

Aggelis Adamopolus

Wendy Drinkard-Wojtas

in memory of her best friend

Rose Anne Zelecki

The Currie Family

in memory of

Theodore Currie and Donna Jasmin

Karl & Ken

in memory of all those who have died by suicide, particularly LGBTQ youth.

Marge Guinther

in memory of

Karl C. Guinther

Alana and David Kelley

in memory of

Al, Ann & Ted Lucyk

Deuane & Mary Ann Martin

in honor of

Carol LaVigne.

Kenneth & Denise Gregg

in memory of

Alfred Gregg

Travis & Christina Baker
in memory of
Norman & Helen Grob



**ADOPTED CHRISTMAS
FAMILIES**

Many thanks to all who have shared so that our adopted families would have a better Christmas. Your generosity meant so much to the church and the families and made Christmas merry.

Lay Readers

1/8 – Bonnie Landschoot
1/15 – Jody Dkonieczny
1/22 – Rose Crowley
1/29 – Kathy Rood

Power Point

1/8 – Kathy Cilluffo
1/15 – Sam Tricomo
1/22 - Pat O'Connor
1/29 – Ash Currie

Usher Teams

1/8 – Pat & Don O'Connor
1/15 – Karen Galvin, Tim Galvin
1/22 – Karen Galvin, Tom Pennewell
1/29 – Don Rice, Tim Galvin

Facebook – Livestream

1/8 – Kathy Tricomo
1/15 – Kathy Cilluffo
1/22 – Don Rice
1/29 – Kathy Tricomo



**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?**

If you're interested in learning about becoming a church member please speak with Pat O'Connor or Chuck to set up a time to chat. Your questions about United Church of Christ in this church specifically will be answered.

SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

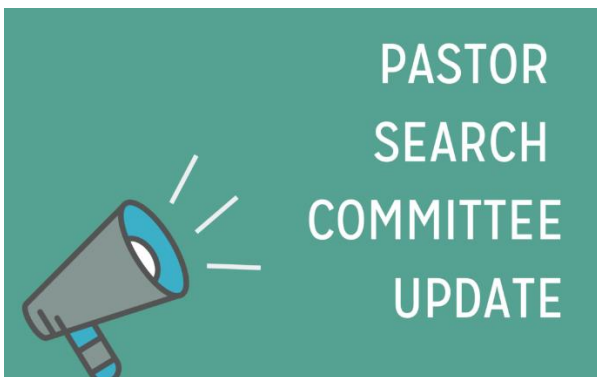
January 2023
Sunday Steward
Tim Galvin
Communion
Penny & Makayla Malcolm



Deuane and Mary Ann Martin
1/10
Dale and Cindy Frey
1/11



Karen Galvin - 1/4
Steven Hughes - 1/4
Don Rice - 1/5
Janet Cornish - 1/12
Mary Ann Martin - 1/12
Abby Thourlby - 1/14
Callan Eschenburg - 1/20



The Search Committee has begun the process of finding a new pastor for our

church. At this point in the process, we are updating the church profile. The profile will be submitted to the UCC as they assist us in finding the right pastor for our church.

Your input is important and you will be asked to participate in a survey in late January and February. The search committee members are: Co-Chairs: Avery Skonieczny & Don Rice, Rose Crowley, Mike Kennedy, Don O'Connor, Kathy Rood, Kathy Cilluffo, Sam Tricomo, Vicki Kling and Ash Currie. We are available for your questions and concerns regarding the pastoral search in person or email at: firstconggsc@gmail.com.



The Mission Team's first project for 2023 is collecting PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS for the "Free Store" at Harbor Impact. The items will go to the Health Care Services area and the Bear Necessities room. These items can all be found at DOLLAR TREE. We will collect for the month of January.

Here is the list:

- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Disinfectants
- Sanitary Napkins
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Tampax
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste/Brushes



THE LITTLE RED FOOD PANTRY

The month of January
Brings a chill.
Help feed others
With hope and good will.

- January Pantry Needs
- (1) Cereal
 - (2) Canned Chicken and Tuna
 - (3) Jelly (plastic jars)
 - (4) Canned Pasta with Meat
 - (5) Hearty Soups

For Pets - Canned cat or dog food

Please leave your food donations in the
elevator room on the shelves labeled THE
LITTLE RED FOOD PANTRY.

Any questions...please call Nancy Kennedy
@810-329-3790.



PREVENTING WINTER FALLS

Take care in risky locations, check to see if
the ground is slippery when going out in
the winter, be cautious and allow for extra
time. Change your walking style for greater
stability (slower wider gait).

Dress appropriately for weather – wear
gloves, warm clothing that covers you well,
footwear with good treads and traction.
Bring a cell phone. Clear your walks (ask
for help if you are unable to do it yourself).
Protect your bone health: get calcium from
food sources, Vitamin D from sun and
vitamins.



COVID 19 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

If you test positive for Covid 19 and are
more likely to get very sick, check with your
medical provider as soon as possible.
There are treatments available that can
reduce your chances of hospitalization and
death.

DON'T DELAY

The treatment must be started within days
of your first symptoms to be effective.
Medication to treat Covid 19 must be
prescribed by a Health Care Provider. It
must be started as soon as possible after
diagnosis to be effective. Contact your
health provider right away to see if you are
eligible for treatment.

PEOPLE MOST LIKELY TO GET SICK

Older adults above age 50.
Unvaccinated people.
People with certain

medical conditions such as chronic lung disease, heart disease, weakened immune systems.



Altar Flowers

If you wish to donate altar flowers please contact:

Bev Stewart
(810)-329-2147
(810)- 300-2664

