



June-August 2023

Welcome Picnic for Pastor Dave

The crew from the family fellowship nights is hosting a welcome picnic on June 4th, following worship at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Sarah Peterson will be grilling the burgers and hot dogs. Everyone attending is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to pass.



Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 11th

A service at 9:30 will be held
in the sanctuary.

There is no early service in the chapel.



Celebrate those who answer to
“dad” on June 18th.

The Diaconate will have a treat
for all those ‘dads’ after worship
that day.

Please continue to pray for...

Rick Olsen Joyce Thompson
Art Ayers Megan Lindsey
Donna Capps Cheri Kjellin
Frank Cunningham



Grieving

Family of Dave Wellever,
husband of Juanita

Our thoughts and prayers are with Diane & Lisa on the passing of Lisa's mom, Gay. Please hold their family in your hearts.

Adopt-a-Days from May

Honoring the Pulpit Committee for their patience and diligence in finding our new minister, Rev. David Frey. Given by Cathy Siler

May 29th, honoring those who have fought and died for our country's freedoms. Given by Women's Fellowship.

Sign up for your favorite day(s) of the summer. See the calendar in the Narthex!



Hello members and friends of First Congregational UCC,

I'm grateful and happy to have joined you in ministry as your settled pastor. I'm happy to be here and I am eager to get to know you!

During the month of June, my wife, Maureen Goddard and I, anticipate completing our physical move to Michigan. We should be relocated by the middle of the month. Then, as we find and unpack our things here, we'll attend to selling our house in Wisconsin. Consequently, I'll be traveling back and forth between SW Michigan and NE Wisconsin for a while.

My schedule will be topsy turvy in the early part of the summer, but don't let that stop you from contacting me. I'll keep office hours in the morning: 9-11 AM, Monday-Thursday. Typically, I will take Friday as my day off. My pastoral office is accessible—unless I'm 1) shivering cold and need the room warm, 2) playing music too loud, or 3) meeting with someone, my door is usually open. Please stop in! If you want to make sure I'm available, I encourage you to contact me for an appointment. My schedule is flexible—most of the time I'm able to adjust my plans, so I can meet you when you are free.

To contact me, please use one of the following:

Email:
pastordavefccuccsh@gmail.com

Church phone: (269) 637-3804

Cell phone: (608) 774-0640.
Please feel free to text!

I also accept friends on Facebook,

which then allows the additional communication channel of Messenger. My page is identified by my first and family names: David Frey; the picture attached to my page is a younger version of myself in which my beard is still brown! I'll make a habit of liking FCC worship service posts so you should be able to find me that way. For what it is worth, I don't typically submit friend requests to congregants because I know some people don't necessarily want that kind of connection with their pastor. As a fair warning, if you friend me, over time you'll be able to decipher my spiritual, political, artistic, and musical tendencies!

Please ask for what you need from me. You might need prayer, a visit, me to meet you for coffee, my response to your concern, a topic you'd like addressed in worship, spiritual conversation or direction, whatever. I'm here to serve God with and alongside you. Thanks for calling me to join you.

in time with hope,
Pastor Dave

2023 Education and Service Award given to Keri McGarr

A South Haven resident dedicated to helping students achieve success as they begin their college education, has been presented with the 2023 Education and Service Award for the Rotary Club of South Haven.

Keri McGarr, the Campus Support Specialist and Coordinator for Lake Michigan College's South Haven campus, received the award during the Rotary Club's annual scholarship fundraiser dinner on April 29th.

The award recognizes a South Haven resident in the education field who exemplifies the attributes of quality teaching, mentoring, and community involvement. The South Haven Rotary contributes a \$ 500 grant to the South Haven Public Schools Foundation in honor of the Educator of the Year recipient.



Food Trucks

June 13
August 17

Contact Scott Raue if you can help. Workers arrive at 10:30. We serve beginning at 11 a.m.



Thank you church family for your support and beloved work these last 8 months. Our time together has brought learning, love and hope to our community. Thank you for the lovely coffee time send-off and gifts. I'll either be in my sewing room, or eating at Taste, and thinking of your generous and giving hearts.

I will miss you all and hold you in my prayers as you begin the new adventure of service with Rev. David Frey.

Blessings,
Pastor Dani

"We are all just walking each other home"
Ram Dass

THIS EDITION

This newsletter edition contains June through August. Please check in with our weekly news for any new activities that come up during these next few months.

The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services is looking for volunteers (individuals or organizations) who would like to assist foster families. Suggested ways to assist are frozen meals, mentoring teens, tutoring, providing occasional respite care or actually becoming a foster parent.

If you are interested contact:
Stephanie DeGroff at
Degroffs at Michigan.gov
or
269-254-7703



06/04 Diane Ritchie
06/09 Griffin Larson
06/17 Nathan Morey
06/21 Robert Gleason
06/23 Eleanore Peterson
06/24 Ann Raue
06/27 Jason Danczyk
06/30 Barb Musgrove

6/10 Robert & Lynn Gabel
6/13 Jeff & Barbara Reber
6/19 David & Nancy Daugherty

Deacons for June

Jason Turner and Mike Nelson



07/01 Stuart Comiskey
07/02 Janice Peterson
07/03 Jim Mears
07/06 Mary Pietenpol
07/08 Elena Garcia
Susan Meyer
Louise Wepfer
07/11 Jeanne Lyon
07/17 Laura Bos
Cheryl Gauntlett
07/18 Yamil Garcia
Keri McGarr
07/20 Linda Olsen
Elaine Stephens
Celeste Wheeler
07/23 Alicia Garrison
Pat Martorano
07/25 Rick Olsen
07/26 Bob Linderman
07/27 Greg Meyer

07/02 Terry & Keri McGarr—**40th**
07/09 Al & Jeanne Lyon
07/11 Larry & Barb Wittkop
07/12 Greg & Susan Meyer
07/16 Tom & Abby Larson

Deacons for July

Jason Turner and Jane Strebeck



08/01 Dan Thompson
08/10 Doug Schnepf
08/11 Jerry Gruber
08/16 Ron Danczyk, Jr.
08/18 Liam Cochran
08/24 Doug Gruber
08/25 Denise Muck
08/26 Donn Schnepf
08/29 Donna Capps
PJ Lindemann
08/30 Sean Peterson

08/10 Wes & Elaine Stephens—**60th**
08/11 John & Sue Gillett
08/15 Rick & Linda Olsen
08/21 David & Kathy Campbell
08/24 Tom & Karen Ruesink—**60th**
08/31 Jack & Millicent Huminsky

Deacons for August

Mary Pietenpol & Elaine Kitchin