

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

South Haven, MI



NOVEMBER 2023

NOVEMBER 5th  
ANNUAL MEETING  
11:45 A.M.  
Sanctuary

The Annual Meeting of the church will be held following worship. At this meeting we will hear a financial report, approve the budget for 2024 and elect officers. There will also be a vote to accept changes to the Constitution and Bylaws.

Do plan to attend this meeting.



Family Fellowship Night  
Sunday, November 5th  
Immediately following the Annual Meeting

Those wishing to attend are asked to bring a dish to pass.

All are welcome to join!



Join us  
November 12 at 3 p.m.

First Congregational Church will be having an Installation Service for our new minister Rev. David Frey.

*Prayers for continued healing of our church family:*

Art Ayers  
Joyce Thompson  
Rick Olsen  
Donna Capps  
Mary Pietenpol  
Steve Gray

God   
Answers  
Prayers

**Grieving**

Family of Larry Lewis  
Family of Bob Sollman



**Sunday, November 5th**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends!**

Turn your clocks back one hour as you head to bed Saturday night so as not to be early for church.

Cold weather is coming and children **need hats and caps**. You can donate brand new, or gently used, winter hats. The collection will take place through November 12. A collection box has been placed in the Narthex for your donations.

*This drive is being sponsored by the SH Kiwanis Club. If you'd like more information contact Wes Stephens, 401-523-5089.*



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## Saturday, November 18th

Crafts, greens, and cookies will fill Fellowship Hall from 9-3 p.m. There will be a few crafters in the entry hallway.

The main attraction is South Haven Garden Club and annual greens, and Al-Van Cookie Caper. You'll be able to choose your favorite plate of assorted cookies.

## New Address

Some of you may know one of our church's members, Marilyn Arnott. She is moving into the Grand Rapids area, with her daughter Jean.

During the month of October she, and her family, had been working on clearing out the house and downsizing.

*Her new address is:*

2562 56th St. SW  
Wyoming, MI 49418

Speaking of Marilyn, a day to celebrate her 90th birthday, as well as saying farewell, happened in October. She wrote the following note to the church:

*Thank you to everyone who participated in the Saturday celebration of my 90th birthday party. It was great to see everyone and for all the cards.*

*I appreciate you all and Thanks again!*

*-Marilyn Arnott*

## YES or NO, that is the question

The Diaconate presented a policy to the Council and was approved, regarding the cancelling of worship services due to the weather.

It states if there is a need to close the church, cancel a service or delay the start time, due to inclement weather, information will be shared by means of local broadcast channels, 3 & 8, and the church's Facebook page.



## Thanks You

The church received several shawls this past year and were much appreciated by those who received them.

If you knit, or crochet, and would like to make a shawl to donate, speak with Bonnie Deke, 630-272-5972. She has instructions she can give you.

## In the spotlight

Most likely, you've heard church member, Adam Peterson, singing in the choir, or as a soloist. But did you know that's not a paid job for Adam. He is employed with our church though, as a Worship Support Person. What's that? Well, Adam is the creativity behind the scenes of the Visual slides, or powerpoint that is created each week for our service.

Adam has a background and continued interest in graphic design arts, and uses those skills to create templates from scratch for our service. He ties in the background colors of the slides to the liturgical or other themes of the season, or the theme of that morning. Adam reports that his goal with the slides is not to stand out/distract, but to quietly enhance the whole of the service. It usually takes between 3 and 5 hours a week to create this slideshow! Aside from that, Adam's responsibilities are to help during the service in other practical ways, and "as assigned by the pastor."

So next time you're watching the service--either in the Sanctuary, or on-line-- take a moment to notice Adam's work!



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## Birthdays

11/01 Barb Wittkop  
11/02 Kyle Bos  
11/04 Felimon Saucedo  
11/10 Mark McClendon  
11/27 Marcia Claggett

## Anniversaries

11/18 Mike & Nancy Nelson  
11/30 Doug & Donna Schnepf



## Christmas Flower Fund

This year for Christmas we are offering you the opportunity to order a poinsettia that will be used for adorning our Sanctuary during this Advent season. After the Christmas Eve service you are encouraged to take your poinsettia home with you OR stop by during the week to pick it up. Please let us know on the form if you will be doing that.



You may order a flower for a donation of \$15 or more which can be in memory or in honor of someone. A list of donators will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

To make a donation, fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office by **December 17th**.  
Thank you.

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I wish to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_ memory/honor

\_\_\_\_\_ memory/honor

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

I would like my poinsettia. Yes/No (circle one)