



# Newsletter

First Congregational Church, PO Box 15, Laingsburg, MI 48848

## Church Family:

What a great month we've had! Thank you to everyone who made September a success! As we head into October, let me remind you of a few exciting things that are happening at church...

On Sunday October 8th during our common meal, we'll be working through a **vision & identity exercise** as a church. Asking the questions "*Who are we?*" and "*Who should we be?*". It's my hope that we might be able to better clarify our vision in order to set the direction for our future.

Also starting on Sunday October 8th, we will have an **adult Bible study**. For several weeks, from 9-9:30am we'll be working through the Sermon on the Mount in a casual atmosphere. Bring your questions and be ready to study the Bible together!

New this month, we have new **office hours**. The church office will be open from Monday - Wednesday, 9am-3pm. Be sure to drop by sometime to say hello!

There are many more things happening at First Congregational Church! God has big plans, and I'm excited to see what happens. Praying for you this month! (If you have a specific prayer request, don't hesitate to reach me by phone or email.)

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In Christ,

Pastor Scott

## Deacon Schedule

### Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> (Communion)

- Deacon: Diane Nichols

### Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> (Common Meal)

- Deacon: Dennis Spencer

### Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>

- Deacon: Olivia Graham

### Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Deacon: Shannon Graham

### Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>

- Deacon: Troy Graham

## October Calendar

- Oct. 1 Worship & Communion, 10:00 am
- Oct. 1 Operation Christmas Child kick-off
- Oct. 1 Connect Youth Group, 7:00 pm
- Oct. 8 Bible Study, 9:00 am
- Oct. 8 Worship & Common Meal
- Oct. 8 Fellowship meeting during meal
- Oct. 15 Bible Study, 9:00 am
- Oct. 15 Worship Service, 10:00 am
- Oct. 15 Connect Youth Group, 7:00 pm
- Oct. 19 Board of Trustees, 7:30 pm
- Oct. 22 Bible Study, 9:00 am
- Oct. 22 Worship, 10:00 am
- Oct. 29 Bible Study, 9:00 am
- Oct. 29 Worship, 10:00 am
- Oct. 29 Operation Christmas Child collection

## Happy Birthday!

- 6. Nick Regan
- 7. Tanya Eppinga
- 10. Grace Graham
- 13. Norma Lee
- 13. Wanda Stevens
- 16. Lindsey Sebrell
- 21. Dave Hafey
- 27. Olivia Graham



## Happy Anniversary

- 25. Fred & Virginia Trill

## Children's Church

The youth are spending the next couple of weeks discussing how and why we pray. They will be practicing by praying for David and Linda Hafey and the people of Honduras. The children will be donating 300 pencils for David and Linda's service trip November 1 – 12<sup>th</sup>.

Junior and Senior PF

Applications for the fall retreat are available and must be postmarked by October 24. See Olivia if you need a copy. Rides will be provided. Cost is \$60 per youth.

"Though I Fail I Will Rise Again"

November 3-5<sup>th</sup>

Lincoln Lake

Grades 6-12

## 12 Weeks of Christmas Giving Campaign

Beginning October 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be accepting specific donations for the Laingsburg Food Bank. There will be a large basket in Roger's Hall designated for this purpose. If everyone adds one item to their grocery cart each week, we can help many local families. Join us in this outreach to our community by bringing;

Week 1 (Oct 8)	Paper Towels
Week 2 (Oct 15)	Shampoo
Week 3 (Oct 22)	Laundry Soap
Week 4 (Oct 29)	Bath Soap
Week 5 (Nov 5)	Toothbrush
Week 6 (Nov 12)	Toilet Paper
Week 7 (Nov 19)	Deodorant
Week 8 (Nov 26)	Children's Toothbrush
Week 9 (Dec 3)	Mouthwash
Week 10 (Dec 10)	Razors
Week 11 (Dec 17)	Toilet Paper
Week 12 (Dec 24)	Shampoo

Please hang this list on your refrigerator to remind yourself of the items we are collecting.

## Operation Christmas Child

This year the youth are challenging the fellowship to pack a box and bring it back filled with gifts for a child. We will be collecting them through the month of October for delivery in November. Don't have the opportunity to shop for items? Not a problem, on October 30<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service the youth will provide lots of goodies to help fill boxes.



## Welcome of Pastor Statson

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be formally welcoming Pastor Statson to the the fellowship through a transfer of his membership during the worship service. The special service will be followed by a fall celebration of cider and donuts. Please attend and share in the good news.

## Election Day Turkey Dinner

Planning and preparation has begun for the Annual Turkey Dinner, November 7<sup>th</sup>. As always, this is an "all hand on deck" activity for the fellowship. The dinner is being led by Nikki Thelen and Joan Wolfe. Please look for sign-up sheets in the near future and ask how you can help.

## Trunk or Treat

This year we would like to offer to the fellowship and the community the opportunity to "trick or treat" in the parking lot. Decorate your car, pick out a costume and join in the fun. Cars will need to be set up by 5:45pm so that we can close off the parking lot from outside traffic. Trick or treating will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

