

First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
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## *“The Tie that Binds”*

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#### Newsletter of First Congregational Church UCC Cadillac, MI

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# MONTHLY MUSINGS

We are so grateful for the creativity, artistry and inspiration Ted Parkhurst has brought to our congregation. As an example, on Sunday Jul 18<sup>th</sup> Ted put together his own interpretation of 1 Corinthians 13 as follows:



## **1 Corinthians Chapter 13**

If I speak seventeen languages—even the language of the angels—but have not love, I am just a tin can tied to a car bumper.

If I take every graduate course at the University of Michigan, but have not love, I am unable to teach kindergarten.

If I sign over my car, my home, and my checking account to the poor, but have not love, I am just a sad guy with no assets.

Love makes me patient, love makes me kind and considerate. Love envies nobody and wants no reward to set on the mantle. Love is no braggard, love is no show-off, love takes no pride in itself.

Love is not rude to the lowly or the powerful. Love does not seek its own satisfaction. Love keeps no journal of helps or wrongs.

Love does not delight in the pain of others, but rejoices with all who seek the truth. Love is not sure of its prejudices, but seeks to learn from every individual, every group.

Remember this: love always protects the poor as much as the rich, always trusts the seeker as much as the certain, always hopes the best for everyone, always preserves good thoughts, good words, good deeds.

Love will never abandon you because love never fails. Prophets may speak eloquently without any meritorious result. Indeed, many prophets will be forgotten, their books burned and their suits taken to Goodwill. All of the plans of men and women are subject to rust, erosion, mold, and reversal.

We mortals know much, but we do not know our limits.  
When the godly appears, the ungodly disappears.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, and I reached childish conclusions. When I became a full adult, I learned new ways of speaking, new ways of listening, new ways of thinking, and new ways of reasoning. When I became an adult, I put childish things in the closet and sought the example of Jesus.

Now we see as if looking through waxed paper, then we see without impediment. Now I count the exposed tiles, then I see the hidden foundations. Now I seek to cover my innermost thoughts, then I will be unafraid to be fully known.

After all, these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. [Selah]

*Thank you Ted for your contribution to our monthly musings.  
Others in our congregation are welcome to make contributions.*

## WE'RE BACK!



### *Resumption of In-Person Worship: First Congregational UCC Church of Cadillac, MI*

#### *Considerations, Protocols and Policy for Coming Back Together*

The First Congregational UCC Church of Cadillac is excited to welcome everyone back to our church building! **Live-streaming of services is provided for those wishing to worship remotely.**

Our coming back together has been eagerly anticipated by all. The Board of Trustees and the Safety Committee, jointly, have developed the following policy, based on the suggested guidelines and protocols of our local District 10 Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). We are hoping that this policy will help ease concerns and make for a smooth transition, as we move towards resumption of in-person services. Please take a few moments to read over this policy and familiarize yourself with the protocols and expectations.

## **MASK AND SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS**

**MASKS:** Those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks. Those who are not fully vaccinated should wear masks. The Board of Trustees and the Safety Committee urge those who are fully vaccinated but vulnerable, to wear a mask.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Please respect the personal space of others and maintain a social distance of 3 feet or greater.

## **LIVE STREAM OPTION FOR THOSE WISHING TO WORSHIP REMOTELY**

The resumption of sanctuary worship will change the “Zoom” church experience. Remote congregants will sign in as they have in the past, but the service will be a “live stream” of the service, as it is occurring within the sanctuary. Remote users will be muted during the course of the service and there will be no interaction between sanctuary congregants and those joining remotely. The worship experience will be “one way,” from the sanctuary to your computer/phone.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT - THE RETURN OF SANCTUARY WORSHIP**

- You will be greeted at the outside door, and asked to give contact information that will be used in the event of a confirmed COVID case. This will be voluntary.
- Upon entering the church, you will be greeted by sextons and ushers.
- Nursery will not be offered during service but those with small children are encouraged to make use of the upstairs “crying room,” where crayons, coloring books, and busy bags will be available. Unaccompanied children are not allowed upstairs. Children must be supervised by an adult.
- We are asking that the coat closet not be used.
- Collection plates will be placed at the long table behind the pews - please leave your donation in the collection plates upon entering or leaving the sanctuary.
- There will be no singing by the congregation.
- There will be NO fellowship/coffee hour after the service.
- Hand Sanitizer will be located in various places throughout the sanctuary and narthex.
- There will be no communion

The Board of Trustees and the Safety Committee will continue to monitor the COVID infection rate in our area and reinstate those worship experiences (communion, congregational singing, etc.), gradually. At this time, there is no timeline as to when this will occur. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we progress back to the full worship experience.

## **Board of Trustees**

Here is a summary of the monthly Board meeting on July 18, 2021:

### **Administrative Assistant Post**

Rachel Whiteman's last day in the office will be August 11<sup>th</sup>. Kelly McCann will take over duties after that.

### **Organist Post**

Margie Annis will take on the role of organist starting August 15.

### **Cleaning**

Marie Linn and Richard Harvey are meeting with Service Pro to get an estimate of the cost of a deep cleaning. A regular cleaner is still needed. A request will be put out to the congregation about the need for a cleaner.

### **Resumption of In-Person worship**

In-person services started back on July 18, with a Zoom streaming option. There were some technical difficulties with streaming that should be resolved by July 25.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Sunday August 15, 2012 at 7pm

## **CLEANER NEEDED!**

The church needs a regular cleaner! If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Laura Jacobson-Pentces or Angie Brugger.



### **2021 Missions**

Jan.: Our Church's Wider Mission, Feb.: After 26 Project, March: One Great Hour of Sharing, April: Love, INC, May: Strengthen the Church, June: New Hope Shelter, July: Back Pack Program, August: Stehouwer Free Clinic, Sept.: Feeding America, Oct.: Neighbors in Need, Nov.: Salvation Army, Dec.: Christmas Fund

## AUGUST SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Date	Greeters/ Ushers	Liturgist	Fellowship Hr	Sexton	Preacher
1	Ann Lockwood & Amber Davis	George Davis	N/A	Don Liebau	Deb Johnson
8	Joyce Oatley & Marie Linn	Kelly McCann	N/A	Angie Brugger	John Doud
15	Carol and Jerry Nilsson	Catherine Doud	N/A	Carol Nilsson	John Doud
22	Steve & Laura J. Pentces	Ted Parkhurst	N/A	George Davis	Judy Coffey
29	Don and Nancy Liebau	Cindy Morley	N/A	Marie Linn	John Doud

## AUGUST 2021 CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> Worship 10:30am Minister: Deb Johnson	<u>2</u> Office 12-2pm	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> Office 12-2pm	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> Worship 10:30am 11:15 Rachel Whiteman celebration	<u>9</u> Office 12-2pm	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> Office 12-2pm (Rachel's last office day)	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> Worship 10:30am  7pm Board of Trustees (Zoom meeting)	<u>16</u> Office 12-2pm (Kelly McCann starts as administrative assistant)	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> Office 12-2pm	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u> Worship 10:30am Minister: Judy Coffey	<u>23</u> Office 12-2pm <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Office 12-2pm	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> Worship 10:30am	<u>30</u> Office 12-2pm	<u>31</u>	<b>AUGUST Mission: Stehouwer Free Clinic</b>			