

October 11, 2020



## Fairport Harbor Congregational Church United Church of Christ

### An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

### You are invited to join us in ministry...

**Join us for Sunday worship on Facebook live, 10:30am every Sunday!**

Be sure to join us on Sunday, Oct. 25 when Rev. Dick Dunn will be preaching.

### Sunday evening prayer service continues at 5pm

Please join us as we gather for an in-person evening prayer service at the Fairport Harbor village park across the street from the church. Please bring a chair or blanket.

***We will be practicing social distancing and masks are required.***

Service is about 30 minutes and includes prayer, scripture, sharing, and music.

### Adult Study, Thursday, Oct 8, 6pm on zoom

Join us as we discuss sections of the book Letters to the Church: Encouragement and Engagement for the 2020 election by William B. Kincaid. The book looks at different aspects of what we are experiencing now, what we hope for, and what we are called to. We will begin with the letter, "Often On Edge and Off Balance."

*\*Reading will be sent separately on Tuesday, Oct. 13.*

### Church Council will meet this Sunday at 11:45am via zoom.

Everyone is invited to attend. Zoom invitations will be sent out on Thursday morning.

### Tina is debuting a Monday Morning Prayer time on YouTube.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGdI4583wbs&list=UUecM9wgy\\_p9Cq2lwh\\_gsaEg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGdI4583wbs&list=UUecM9wgy_p9Cq2lwh_gsaEg)

She will be gathering each Monday morning at 8 for live for about 5 or so minutes of prayer. Join her at 8am or catch her later, watch or just listen.

### Can you help? We need "souplike" cans – will take any size, ***clean please.***

Collecting through October. Contact Tina to arrange drop off. We will be using these for a November project.

## **Fairport Harbor Prayer Walk, Saturday November 7 at 9:30am**

We will meet at the church and walk around Fairport Harbor stopping to pray for the churches, our first responders, and our schools. Everyone is welcome to join us. It's a walk, so dress for the weather.

*\*We will do this the first Saturday of every month, weather permitting.*

***Masks and Social Distancing are required at all in-person church gatherings.***

## **Thank you for remembering to support each other and support the church!**

We love and miss our building and our in-person time there, yet, like the Israelites in the wilderness, God continues to go with us. Thank you for continuing to reach out and engage each other, check on each other, and pray for each other during this time.

### **Mark these dates:**

Tuesday, Oct. 27: Free Community Dinner, 5-6:30p. Will be served as take out only.

\*More ministry opportunities are in the works! Watch for more details.

## **Follow us on facebook – Fairport Harbor Congregational Church**

## **Follow us on instagram at fairportharbor\_ucc**



\*Thanks to you, lots of people are engaging with our social media posts. Please like and share our posts on facebook and Instagram!

Tina is in the office various times throughout the week. (Sometimes Samwise comes too.)

If you would like to set up a time to meet, please contact her:

[pastortinagreen@gmail.com](mailto:pastortinagreen@gmail.com) or text or call her cell phone, 440.474.2821.

*If you'd like to donate financially...*

ONLINE Giving is available through the church website OR download the free GIVEPLUS+ mobile app. You can give once or set up a recurring gift.

You can also send your check to the church in the mail. FHCC, 308 Third St., Fairport Harbor, OH 44077. Thank you for your faithful giving.

Our church website has the church calendar of events and takes online donations!

Check it out at [www.fairportharborucc.org](http://www.fairportharborucc.org)

Counters: council members

Reprints of music are under One License A-725714.

**📷 📷 Pictures may be taken at this service and posted online.**

## **Pastor's Report, October 18, 2020**

### **This month's report looks different.**

Instead of reporting on what is happening - all information you can get in the announcements - I'd like us to turn our discussion to necessary items and visionary conversation.

### **Necessary items:** *(Let's plan 15 minutes for this part. I'm setting a timer.)*

\*Please give some thought to these items, so we can move through them rather quickly.

### **Association Fall Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9-noon via zoom.**

Anyone interested in attending?

### **New Tech:**

In a workshop, I learned of tech that may do what we need for much less than the company I spoke with. I will investigate further. We will still need reliable people who are willing to learn and run it.

### **Annual Meeting:**

Our annual meeting needs to be held on or before the last Sunday of January. I would like 2 people from council to work with me on preparing for it - getting budget and reports, planning format, etc. At this time, I'm assuming it will be via zoom?  
Budget committee meeting?

### **In person gatherings:**

Do we want to have in person gatherings in the building? If so...

1. Will we allow outside groups to use the building?
2. Considering social distancing, what would be the maximum number in the hall?  
Side room? Are there any rooms we will keep closed?
3. Thoughts about Evening Prayer service coming inside when weather is too cold?

I have mixed feelings. It would mean limiting numbers and enforcing protocols, which is why we decided not to have Sunday morning worship - although the service is already set up to be low risk of contagion. We could also require sign ups and add another service if needed. If we say 'yes', who will enforce protocols?

If we allow inside, in person gatherings, I suggest protocols become building policies that cover anyone using our building.

With our outside gatherings we have required masks, social distancing, and, when necessary, sanitizing the space.

### **FYI - Advent and Christmas:**

Kat, Dick, Cathy, and I met to discuss the upcoming season. We have some engaging activities and worship services planned, including Christmas Eve.

*Christmas Eve worship: facebook live at 5pm and a candlelight service at the park across from the church at 7pm.*

**Visionary Conversation:**

On Oct. 1, I attended a workshop on Digital Church hosted by the association. It was led by Cameron Tribble who wrote the article below.

<https://convergenceus.org/2020/04/02/ten-ways-the-church-will-be-changed-by-covid-19>

I'd like to spend some time discussing the article (how does this apply to us, if at all?) and your thoughts about the 4 questions below:

As we continue to create opportunities for community and do ministry...

1. What is working?
2. What is not working?
3. What is working, but not effective?
4. What is missing?

**Report:**

*September stats:*

Visits: 14  
 Contacts: 31  
 Weddings: 1 (Ulrich)  
 Funerals: 1 (Pace)  
 Meetings: 4

Week of...(Sunday)		9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27
Adult Study	4	5	9	6	(oct)
Prayer/Nature walk	2	5 +2 kids	-----	-----	-----
Sunday Evening Prayer Service		20	30+	~20	20

Attended Heartland Conference Annual Meeting (formerly known as Ohio Conference)  
 Attended Weekly Worship Design Studio webinars

**Personal Note:**

My involvement in the wider church:  
 NEOSOM – the association’s continuing education/formation program  
 I meet monthly with my UCC clergy community of practice

I’m enrolled in CPE until mid-Dec.

*Respectfully submitted, Tina Green*

**\*Marketing and Communications:**

Cali and I continue to communicate about marketing. She is ensuring our presence on facebook and instagram, keeping up with church happenings and creating interesting posts.

**\*Building and Grounds:**

Council decided to put the door on hold in order to prioritize money to tech.  
Still working on the water holding tank to help with water pressure.  
Nick changed the side door handle and will work on the doorframe. Thanks, Nick!



**IT'S GOING TO  
BE A "GRAPE"  
TIME FOR  
EVERYONE!**

**SUNDAY, OCT 4 AT 1PM.  
RAINDATE OCT. 11**

A great time for the whole family! We will hear about growing grapes and making juice, then we will pick some to take home!

*Dress to be outside and remember to wear your mask!*

*Please RSVP to Tina by Sunday, Sept. 27.*

Covered Bridge Farms  
1517 LeFevre Rd. Geneva

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