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THE LAMPLIGHTER

JUNE



VOLUNTEERS

FCC is very grateful for all the volunteers who keep things running smoothly on Sundays. Here are those who have volunteers to help during Worship this month. Thanks!

June 7, 2026

Liturgist: Sue O'Brien
 Ushers: Lori Childs
 Terry Childs
 Acolytes: Mary Golden
 Larry Golden
 PowerPoint: Cindy Stull
 Camera: Rodney Dean
 Childcare: Sherry Dean
 Snacks: NA

June 14, 2026

Liturgist: Lori Childs
 Ushers: TBD
 TBD
 Acolytes: TBD
 TBD
 PowerPoint: TBD
 Camera: Rodney Dean
 Childcare: Mary Golden
 Snacks: Trudy Nicks

June 21, 2026

Liturgist: Linda Russell
 Ushers: Doreen Clark
 Dennis Younkin
 Acolytes: TBD
 TBD
 PowerPoint: TBD
 Camera: Rodney Dean
 Childcare: Cheryl Davenport
 Snacks: NA

June 28, 2026

Liturgist: TBD
 Ushers: TBD
 TBD
 Acolytes: TBD
 TBD
 PowerPoint: TBD
 Camera: Rodney Dean
 Childcare: Tina Wilhelm
 Snacks: TBD

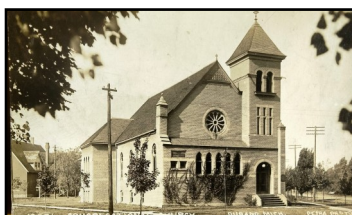
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FCC TO CELEBRATE 130TH ANNIVERSARY



First Congregational Church will mark our 130th Anniversary on Sunday, June 7, 2026, during the 10:00am Worship Celebration.

On June 8, 1896, 13 individuals met in Durand with Rev. Arthur Metcalf of Bancroft and signed the charter of First Congregational Church. They drafted Articles of Association and began holding worship services the following Sunday. By 1898 ground was broken on the land where First Congregational Church still stands. The building was completed



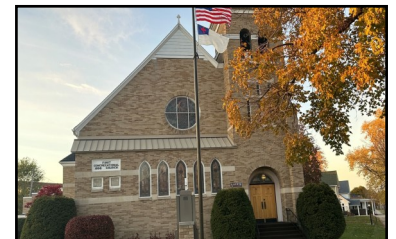
for a cost of \$4,927.93 and paid off in 1899. In 1941 Elizabeth Conn, the last surviving charter member, bequeathed her house next door to the church to be used as a parsonage. This house served well until it was replaced in 1978 by our present parsonage. In 1960 the church building was remodeled and expanded, adding the balcony and education wing.

The congregation continues to grow and serve Jesus in the



Durand area. In 130 years, God has blessed First Congregational Church through two world wars, two pandemics, the Great Depression, significant cultural changes, and other world events too numerous to list. Through it all our home has stood at the point of Saginaw and Washtenaw Streets in

beautiful downtown Durand as a testimony to God's grace and the faithfulness of his people. Today FCC holds an im-

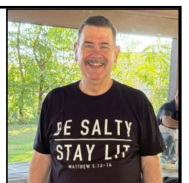


portant place in the Durand community, applying the teachings of Jesus Christ to everyday life and living as good neighbors in our little town. May God continue to bless us as we serve him until Jesus returns.

This will be a very special day that will include worship, as well as acknowledgment of the blessing of our heritage, historical displays, and a celebration dinner. FCC invites all our friends and members to join us for the day. **Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share(including entrées) and enjoy dinner together.**

FROM THE PASTOR

BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD



"Be still and know that I am God..." (Psalm 46:10).

This wonderful, familiar verse is part of a Psalm written by the sons of Korah during a time of terrible chaos and confusion. The chapter describes a crazy, mixed-up

world characterized by earthquakes, floods, volcanos, government corruption, war, and political turmoil. The verse is short enough to remember easily, but it has profound depth and practical application even in 2026 so I hope you

will take it to heart.

"Be still..."

Notice God did not say, "be busy," "be famous," "be pretty," "be smart," "be successful," "be driven," or "be rich."

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THROUGH THE BIBLE JUNE

FCC encourages our members and friends to read the Bible with us in 2026. This year's plan is chronological in that readings are scheduled in their historical order of events as much as possible. By reading five days a week we will read the entire Bible in 2026. A printed brochure is available on the Literature Table at the back of the Sanctuary, and the plan can also be accessed online at: <https://durandchurch.com/through-the-bible>.

Here are the readings for the month of June:

Week 23

- Jun 1: Song 4-8; Pro 1-3
- Jun 2: Pro 4-10
- Jun 3: Pro 11-16
- Jun 4: Pro 17-22
- Jun 5: Pro 23-24; 1 Kgs 5-6

Week 24

- Jun 8: 2 Chr 2-3; 1 Kgs 7; 2 Chr 4
- Jun 9: 1 Kgs 8; 2 Chr 5
- Jun 10: 2 Chr 6-7; Ps 136, 134, 146-150
- Jun 11: 1 Kgs 9; 2 Chr 8; Pro 25-28
- Jun 12: Pro 29; Ecc 1-5

Week 25

- Jun 15: Ecc 6-11
- Jun 16: Ecc 12; 1 Kgs 10-11; 2 Chr 9
- Jun 17: Pro 30-31; 1 Kgs 12-13
- Jun 18: 1 Kgs 14; 2 Chr 10-12
- Jun 19: 1 Kgs 15; 2 Chr 13-16

Week 26

- Jun 22: 1 Kgs 16; 2 Chr 17; 1 Kgs 17-18
- Jun 23: 1 Kgs 19-20
- Jun 24: 1 Kgs 21-22; 2 Chr 18
- Jun 25: 2 Chr 19-23
- Jun 26: Oba; Ps 82-83; 2 Kgs 1-2

Week 27

- Jun 29: 2 Kgs 3-5
- Jun 30: 2 Kgs 6-8

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He said, “*be still.*” In the original Hebrew language, the word is ‘*rapa,*’ which has elements of peace, calmness, or ‘leaving a little slack in the rope.’ So, to “*be still*” is to relax in the peace of God, to stay calm despite circumstances because, “*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble*” (Psalm 46:10).

All of this reminds me of the night Jesus’ Apostles found themselves in a little fishing boat when, “*A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped*” (Mark 4:37). I see a little humor in Mark’s account of the event because while the Apostles were bailing water in panic, “*Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion*” (Mark 4:38a). In their panic the Apostles shouted at Jesus, “*...don’t you care if we drown?*” (Mark 4:38b) Of course you know the rest, “*He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm*” (Mark 4:39).

Since you and I were not in the boat we might think the Apostles should have known they were safe because Jesus, God Incarnate was sleeping in the boat and no storm could sink it with him there. Still, it is hard to remain calm, to “*be still,*” when we’re in the boat and the storm is raging all around us, isn’t it? When it is your storm to deal with peace and calm can be elusive and you will have to choose to “*be still.*” When the world is in chaos and you don’t understand, “*be still.*” When a relationship is breaking apart in conflict, “*be still.*” When you’re standing at the gravesite of someone you love, “*be still.*” When your family suffers, “*be still.*” When

the money gets tight, when the phone rings in the middle of the night, when you want to lash out in anger, “*be still.*”

Remember, sometimes Jesus calms the storm and sometimes he calms us to face the storm, so “*be still.*”

...know that I am God.”

When God said, “*Be still and know that I am God,*” (Psalm 46:10) he was essentially telling us to keep the faith. The Bible says, “*... faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see*” (Hebrews

11:1), so faith is not so much knowing everything as it is trusting – trust God, trusting Jesus Christ. This is the “*... know I am God*” part of “*Be still and know that I am God.*” We can’t know everything, but what can we know? The Bible says, “*God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life*” (John 3:16), so we know God loves us. Jesus taught us, “*Love the Lord your*”
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Men’s Breakfast

(Dennis Younkin, Steven Wood, George Polen, Gerald Childs, Terry Childs, Jim Schuyler, Brett Stull)

June 21, 2026

FATHER’S DAY

First Congregational Church will mark Father’s Day during our 10:00am Worship Celebration on Sunday, June 21, 2026. The idea for Father’s Day is traditionally credited to Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington. Inspired by the popularity of Mother’s Day, Dodd wanted to recognize her father, a Civil War veteran who raised six children as a single parent. She organized the first Father’s Day celebration through her local Y.M.C.A. on June 19, 1910. At first, Father’s Day did

not gain the same support as Mother’s Day. Some people believed it was unnecessary or too commercial. However, the idea became more popular during the 1920s and 1930s. Several United States presidents promoted the celebration, including Woodrow Wilson and Calvin Coolidge. In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a proclamation setting the 3rd Sunday of June as Father’s Day, but Congress did not recognize it 1972, when it was signed into law by President Richard Nixon.

First Congregational Church will mark Father’s Day during the Worship Celebration on June 21, 2026, by recognizing fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, as well as all the men of our fellowship. We invite everyone to join us as we honor the men and their place in our church.



Women’s Pottery Fellowship

(Freida Glass, Morgan Wilhelm, Tina Wilhelm, Doreen Clark, Anna Monroe, Shirley Polen, Traci Cekander, Marissa Youngs, Sandy Blight, Janet Young, Lori Childs, Amy Dewald)



PRAYER MINISTRY

PRAYER CHAIN

To submit praises and prayer requests text Pastor Steve (810-624-2418).

PRAYER SPACE

We invite everyone to use our Prayer Space in the north-east corner of the Sanctuary for prayer and meditation before, during, and after Worship, as well as any time throughout the week.

God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength [and] love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:30-31), so we know how to live. "Be still and know..." that.

The sons of Korah

One more thing - If you read the heading at the beginning of Psalm 46 it probably says something like, 'For the director of music. Of the sons of Korah.' According to Numbers 16 Korah was a Levite who is remembered for leading a rebellion against Moses and Aaron. He challenged God's appointed leaders, claiming they were exalting themselves above the rest of the people.

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God punished Korah and those who followed him, "...the ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their households, and all those associated with Korah... went down alive into the realm of the dead... the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community" (Numbers 16:31-33).

One might think that awful event would have been the end the story, but the Bible says, "The line of Korah, however, did not die out" (Numbers 26:7). God spared Korah's children and his descendants became faithful servants in the temple. In 1st Chronicles they were serving as temple gatekeepers, musicians, worship

leaders, and writers of 11 Psalms. They were the ones God told, "Be still, and know that I am God..." (Psalm 46:10).

Because of God's perfect love and abundant grace, the past does not have to hinder our ability to follow him, worship him, and serve him effectively so, "be still..." If you struggle with your past or tend to live in it move into the present through God's grace.

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

In Christ,
Dr. Steven Wood
Pastor

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MISSIONS FCC MISSIONS

ONE ITEM A MONTH FCC's One-Item-a-Month

for June is **BOXED CEREAL** (Corn Flakes, Cheerios, Rice Krispies, etc.). Please leave these items and any other non-perishable items at the back of the Sanctuary.



They will be loaded up and delivered to our

friends at Loaves & Fishes for distribution to those in need. If you wish to donate cash, mark your contribution, "Loaves & Fishes" or drop them in the blue jug on the Literature Table. Thank you!

MISSIONS JUG

The five-gallon jug on the Literature Table is intended to raise money for Loaves & Fishes. Everyone is invited to drop in spare change (we take paper money, too!), which is collected by our Missions Board and sent on to Loaves & Fishes to purchase groceries for those in need. Thank you!



TYLER HENNEKE – MISSIONARY TO NORTH AFRICA

First Congregational Church is helping to sponsor a short-term international missionary through your financial support and the efforts of our Missions Board. Tyler Henneke of Flushing, Michigan departed May 11, 2026, for a three-month missionary project in North Africa. Tyler, who happens to be Pastor Steve's nephew, is serving with Café 1040, a Georgia-based ministry that specializes in sharing the Gospel and serving people in the least evangelized places in the world. Tyler is scheduled to return August 3, 2026, and we look forward to hearing about his work. Please be in prayer for Tyler and all those he is serving.

UPCOMING SERMONS



June 14, 2026

Part 10: The One Everyone Misunderstands
"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

June 21, 2026 (Father's Day)
Part 11: A Safe Space
"Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge" (Proverbs 14:26).

June 28, 2026

Part 12: Our Identity in Christ
"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9).

Pastor Steve will be continuing the "Memory Verses" sermon series throughout the month of June. The previous sermons in the series are all available at: <https://durandchurch.com/sermons/>. Here is the schedule for June:

June 7, 2026

(Anniversary Sunday)

Part 9: The Great Cloud of Witnesses

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us..." (Hebrews 12:1).



Railroad Days

(Penny Caverly, Dennis Younkin, Doreen Clark, Joan Frosh-Smithingell, Linda Lane)



JUNE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	3	4 BRAD DEYOUNG	5	6
7 ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am WORSHIP 11:00am Celebration Dinner	8 130th Anniversary of First Congregational Church	9 RODNEY DEAN WESTYN MASON	10	11	12	13
14 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am WORSHIP 11:00am Social Time 11:15am C.E. Board	15	16 7:00pm Trustee Board	17 BETTY BENSON	18	19	20
21 FATHER'S DAY STEVEN WOOD 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am WORSHIP 11:00am Social Time	22	23	24	25	26 CHERYL DAVENPORT	27 TAMMY CAUTHEN
28 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am WORSHIP 11:00am Social Time 11:15am Mission Board	29		I CAN DO EVERYTHING THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH			

WEDNESDAY NITE LIVE(STREAM) OFF FOR SUMMER

FCC's Wednesday Nite LIVE(stream) finished for the summer on May 20, 2026. Our online Bible Study that streams on Facebook and YouTube will return September 9, 2026 at 7:00pm. That night we will begin Lesson 41: 1st & 2nd Peter, Jude. Subsequent lessons will cover 1st, 2nd, & 3rd John before concluding our LOGOS Bible

Study with the Book of Revelation. So far, our online group has covered the entire Bible from Genesis through Hebrews.

For those who might want to catch up over the summer the LOGOS Study Guide, as well as all 82 video sessions since the series began are available at: <https://durandchurch.com/logos-bible-study/>



Roast Beef Dinner
(Doreen Clark, Nancy Grumley, Connie Klein, Gerald Childs, Mary Golden, Larry Golden)

DO YOU DEVO?!



STREAMING DAILY AT 6:00AM (AND THE REST OF THE DAY)



CAFÉ DEVO

FCC invites everyone to join Pastor Steve (and Buggy) "almost live" on Facebook or YouTube for a five minute devotion that will fit seamlessly into your day. Check it out!

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

FCC is always thrilled when people find their church home among us. If you are interested in taking the next step through Baptism and/or church membership please contact Pastor Steve so we can talk about it!



Railroad Days