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The Good News...

Welcome to spring in West Michigan, beloved. We've made it through another Lenten season and have celebrated Resurrection Sunday. I hope that you had a joyful Easter with family & friends and I pray that your spirit has been lifted on the good news of Jesus' victory over death. We've come a long way since last Easter and I am filled with joy and peace through all the ways we've grown together. What a good God we follow! We're just getting started this year, so buckle your seatbelts because we have a lot coming that is worthy of celebrating together.

Community Life is starting up again at a new time. We're going to try 5:00 pm for a while because we've heard that the transit takes its final call at 5:30 and there are people who would join us if they could catch the bus to join us. We're working on some great Bible & group studies to journey through together after dinner at 6:00 pm. We've developed a great group over the last several weeks and are hoping you'll join us in the study and fellowship. If there's something you'd like to discuss in the group, let us know.

April will be another busy month. It starts with Spring Break and Angela's vacation, followed by me heading down to Adrian for the NACCC Minister's Convocation. Last year was a blessed time of fellowship and spiritual grounding. I'm looking forward to rejoining the other Congregationalist pastors as well as returning to the beautiful environment of the Weber Center. That brings us to our fourth Beer & Hymns night (last Tuesday of each month), where we've made some great connections through song and fellowship out in our community. We've even met some new people who are joining us for Sunday worship.

And finally, planning is beginning for a big ordination & installation ceremony in the near future. We're looking forward to a celebration that will bring in pastors from our sister Congregationalist churches as well as leaders of our community here in Greenville. The first step is to arrange a Vicinage Council to invite the blessings and partnership of the NACCC and then we can plan a date to come together for a ceremony and reception. We'll be sure to update everyone once we have a council date and our leaders can begin planning the celebration day. What an exciting time!

I would love to spend some time with you all as we journey daily along this pilgrim path. Regular office hours are Mon/Wed/Thurs 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and by appointment on Monday and Tuesday evenings (Friday Sabbath). Just contact me and we can set aside some time to visit together.

*Pax Christi,
Rev. Jason Dillingham*



IN OUR PRAYERS

IN OUR MILITARY... Ben Crittenden, Jacob Crittenden, Matthew Crittenden, Jordan Varney, Paul Lepley, TJ Curry, Joshua Roose, Blake Schlien, Stephanie Roose, Melissa Staffen, Rick Grimes, & Joe Suchowolec

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

<i>Marta Lores</i>	<i>Bill Delp</i>	<i>Rob Sansom</i>	<i>Pat Toth</i>	<i>Jackie Kocher</i>
<i>Lucille McLachlan</i>	<i>Betty Lincoln</i>	<i>Sandra Tiffany</i>	<i>Roxy Rice</i>	<i>Dan Eagles</i>
<i>Barb Hoy</i>	<i>Dixie Kingsbury</i>	<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Brian Tiffany</i>	<i>Bonnie Braman</i>

AT CARE FACILITIES

<i>Millie Crowe</i>	<i>-at Maple Creek, Grand Rapids</i>
<i>Lois Hazlewood</i>	<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #31</i>
<i>Bette Houle</i>	<i>-at Lakeview Terrace Assisted Living</i>
<i>Natalie Kilfoil</i>	<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #20</i>
<i>Al Koett</i>	<i>-at Metron Greenville</i>
<i>Mary Lou Merritt</i>	<i>-at Green Acres</i>
<i>Corla Morgan</i>	<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #103</i>
<i>Kathie Sansom</i>	<i>-at Green Acres</i>
<i>Mary Crittenden</i>	<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #109</i>
<i>Norma Nicholas</i>	<i>-at Green Acres Room #201</i>
<i>Ken Thomas</i>	<i>-at SHUM RM #102</i>


FAMILY AND FRIENDS

<i>Debbie & Bob Stevenson</i>	<i>Family of Linda Jones</i>
<i>Mike Tuin</i>	<i>Son of Janet Tuin</i>
<i>Mason LaMange</i>	<i>Nephew of Chris Hubbard</i>
<i>Marjoan Wohlfert</i>	<i>Sister of Michele Kocher</i>
<i>Lucas Hopkins</i>	<i>Grandson of Carolyn Coles</i>
<i>Nathan Faling</i>	<i>Grandson of Carol Magoon</i>
<i>Ann Hutler</i>	<i>Daughter of Mary Crittenden</i>
<i>Jacob Baumgardner</i>	<i>Friend of Dave & Linda Jones</i>
<i>Jessica Headley</i>	<i>Daughter of Jim & Holly Case</i>
<i>David Crittenden</i>	<i>Son of Mary Crittenden</i>
<i>Bill & Jean Boyd</i>	<i>Brother & Sister-in-law of Bonnie Braman</i>
<i>Kathy Cristofoli</i>	<i>Sister of Karen Hulbert</i>
<i>Kathie Suchowolec</i>	<i>Mother of Joe Suchowolec</i>
<i>Ben Bloomquist</i>	<i>Nephew of Betty Lincoln</i>
<i>Coreen Johnston</i>	<i>Mother of Lynne Rowland</i>

SPECIAL PRAYERS for Natalie Kilfoil & family for the passing of Dick Kilfoil on March 27, 2018. Funeral services will be here on May 12th. More information to follow.

- **REMINDER – Changes for our “Please Pray for List”:** People that are placed on our prayer list will remain on the list for 3 weeks. If you would like a person to remain on the list after 3 weeks, you will need to call the church office to make your prayer request again. Thank you!

~ April 2018 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 EASTER & Communion 9:30 Choir 10a Breakfast 11a Worship <i>-PF Assist</i> 3p Venture 6p AA	2 <div style="background-color: #ADD8E6; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Spring Break</div>	3	4 10a PURLS 1p Winslow 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 6:30 Bethany	5 7:30 AA	6 11:30 AA	7
8 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:15 PF Mtg. 3p Venture 6p AA	9 5:15 Cub Leader Mtg. 5:30 Cubs 6:30 Deacons	10	11 10a PURLS 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	12 4:15 CC (sanctuary) 6:30 GS 7:30 AA	13 11:30 AA <div style="background-color: #9ACD32; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">PF Retreat in Saugatuck</div>	14
15 9:30 Choir 11a Worship <i>Children's Choir</i> 3p Venture 6p AA <div style="background-color: #9ACD32; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">PF Retreat</div>	16 5:30 Cubs	17	18 10a PURLS 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	19 4:15 CC 6:30 GS 6:30 GS Leader Mtg. 7p F.A.N. 7:30 AA	20 11:30 AA	21
22 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:15 PF Mtg. 3P Venture 6p AA	23 5:30 Cubs 7p Trustees	24 7p Council	25 10a PURLS 1p WF Board 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	26 4:15 CC 6:30 GS 7:30 AA	27 11:30 AA	28
29 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 3p Venture 6p AA	30 5:30 Cubs					

**Please don't forget to pick up your Easter flowers after service on the 1st (if you ordered them; please see Hollie Stephenson with any questions).*

~ May 2018 ~

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6 Communion 9:30 Choir 11a Worship -All Church Potluck 3p Venture 6p AA	7 5:30 Cubs	8	9 10a PURLS 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	10 4:15 CC 6:30 GS 7:30 AA	11 11:30 AA	12 <i>Dick Kilfoil Memorial Service</i>
13 Mother's Day 9:30 Choir 11a Worship PF Assist w/coffee hour 3p Venture 6p AA	14 5:15 Cub Leader Mtg. 5:30 Cubs 6:30 Deacons	15 5p HCA Potluck	16 10a PURLS 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	17 4:15 CC (Sanctuary) 6:30 GS Leader Mtg. 6:30 GS 7p F.A.N. 7:30 AA	18 11:30 AA	19 FH Setup & Bfast 1p CC Rehearsal
20 Children's Day -Teacher Appreciation -Last Day for Sunday School 11a Worship -Children's Choir 12:15 PF Mtg. 3p Venture 6p AA	21 5:30 Cubs 6p Cub Pack Mtg./Grad.	22	23 10a PURLS 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	24 4:15 CC Party 6:30 GS 7:30 AA	25 11:30 AA	26
27 Worship Service Moves to 10am 3p Venture 6p AA	28 <i>Memorial Day</i> 5:30 Cubs 7p Trustees	29 7p Council	30 10a PURLS 1p WF Board Mtg. 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	31 6:30 GS 7:30 AA		

~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

PASTORAL NEWS



Community Life Service (CLS): Please join us for our Community Life Dinner – now starting at 5pm, & study group at 6pm.

Pastor's Office Hours: Pastor Jason has open office hours Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am-2pm and visits members on Tuesdays (or as needed). Evening appointments are available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday when there aren't board & committee meetings to attend. There is an appointment schedule on the bulletin board if it's convenient to arrange a meeting time that way. Fridays are Pastor's Sabbath Day. Tuesday and Saturday's are study & writing days & event days. Call in the case of emergencies.

Pastoral Care: Our team is here for all of us! If you could use spiritual or emotional care, please let us know so we can get together. Pastor Jason has open office hours Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am-2pm and visits members on Tuesdays (or as needed). Evening appointments can be made as well. Patrice is available Tuesday & Thursday from 8am-4pm & Fridays from 8am-11pm. All our members are ministers, and many are gifted and available in this area as we care for one another as well.

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

OFFICE HOURS: are Monday through Friday 9am to 3pm with lunch from 2-2:30. For security reasons, the front door will be locked. If you need assistance, please knock or call the church office at 616-754-3445. Thank you!

FCC COUNCIL NEWS

The Council met on February 6th and agreed that the ideas & results of the surveys received from our church family will be shared with the Trustees and/or Deacons depending, on the topic, for further consideration. We participated in a Leadership Retreat at Camp Greenwood led by Pastor Jason on March 3rd focusing on strategic planning for 2018. We are also conducting a review of our By-laws to include the date for our annual meeting. Anyone who has ideas or suggestions is welcome to contact Suzy Kreeger. Our next meeting is May 22nd at 7pm. All are welcome.

TRUSTEE NEWS

The FCC budget remains a concern for the foreseeable future. As of February 2018, the year-to-date shortfall is \$4,142.51. a generous donation of \$40,000 was received in January. Maintenance and repairs continue to be the main expenditures to our overall budget. We recently paid \$4034.00 to Trane Service Group for heating & cooling repairs and maintenance. Pastor Jason will attend the Michigan NACCC Ministerial Convocation in Adrian April 9-12. A new member class will begin after Easter. The Deacons, Women's Fellowship and the Trustees will be planning an ordination ceremony & celebration for Pastor Jason this spring. The Trustees meet the 4th Monday of each month. All are welcome to attend.

DEACON NEWS

Mutual Ministry: Please don't forget about our traditional Easter Breakfast at 10am on Easter Sunday! Here are highlights from the March meeting:

- The Deacons will be looking into the possibility of creating a new membership directory, since last one is five years old.
- The Fellowship Committee is getting started on an ambitious project to bring a variety of fun activities to our congregation, at least monthly, many family-friendly and all designed to help each other grow & expand our horizons.
- The new lists of Mutual Ministry assignments for May through August are out. Please let Deb Dieckman know if there's a problem: (616) 754-3687 -or- dadiackman@gmail.com.
- We are still short one Deacon (male), having only 11 at the moment. Please let any Deacon know if you are willing to serve. Thank you!
- ***More information is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.**

CELEBRATIONS

- **Happy Birthday!** To Jack Corner (4/7), Bonnie Braman (4/8), Rosel Eagles (4/8), Duane Putnam (4/10), Gloria McPherson (4/23), Marilyn Jones (4/25), Dave & Linda Jones (4/27).
- **Happy Anniversary!** To Ron & Dixie Kingsbury (4/8) and Bryan & Angela Garvey (4/28).



BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

A new Bible Study opportunity will begin April 15th, meeting for 12 weeks. The group will meet before church on Sundays, from 9:30-10:30, and will be studying video segments based on the book entitled, *You'll Get Through This*, by Max Lucado. Our focus will be on hope and help for rebuilding trust within our personal relationships as well as our church family and learning how God uses turbulent times for good. Please join us!! To ensure we have enough materials for everyone or if you have any questions, please contact Deb Dieckman, Lynne Rowland, Bonnie Braman, Deb House, Linda Jones or Suzy Kreeger.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Happy Easter to all! This month we start out with our spring break the first week of the month. School will resume on April 9th, where the month will be filled with spring time fun! ☺ Parents Mark your calendars! Ms. Candy will begin accepting registration packets starting April 19th, for children who will be attending Preschool in the fall. Anyone interested in sending their little one to a wonderful, loving, and Christian based school. If you or someone you know is interested, please stop in the church office to pick up a packet! Find her on Facebook or call 754-7608.



MUSICAL NEWS

- **The Chancel Choir** meets Sundays at 9:30am. Please contact Greg VanderMark if you would like to sing in the choir!
- **The Children's Choir:** Will sing on April 15th! We continue to invite any children wishing to join – there is still time! We sing songs, play games, have snacks, and friendships are made – all while spreading the love and joy of Christ through music. If your child or a child you know would like to participate, please contact Valerie VanderMark. Practice is every Thursdays at 4:15-5:15pm.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Are you interested in spreading the love and word of God with are Congregational Youth? We need you! If you would like to give a message, please contact Megan at dillingham.megan@gmail.com today if you can help!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

REMINDER – PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS! Christian Education is planning a Child Led Service on May 20. Please have your children attend Children's Choir Practice and Sunday School as regularly as you can to prepare for this event. We hope to have a play portraying Pentecost because that day is Pentecost Sunday. Choir awards, Teacher Appreciation, and Bibles for our 1st graders will be distributed on May 20.

- New Spring curriculum: As we begin the newest curriculum in Sunday School, the children will be learning about Jesus and following in his footsteps. Please support your child in learning about Jesus and have them attend Sunday School.
- If you are would like to volunteer to help with the 7-9-year old class, please contact Fran Gibbs at 616-754-7714.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

- Winslow Circle meets at 1pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month in Fellowship Hall.
- Bethany Circle meets at 6:30pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month, in the upstairs conference room.
- WF Will be sponsoring an "All Church" potluck to honor our 80 years plus members on May 6th, immediately following church service.
- Rummage sale will be May 4th. Please mark your calendars and start saving your gently used items!
- WF will be holding a fundraiser to help refurbish our Kitchen Cupboards. Please watch the mailings for more information. All proceeds from our Terri Lynn nut sales will also go towards this project!

CUSTODIAL NEWS

Due to our recent budget cuts, the custodial staff is only here at the church three days a week. The areas and cleaning details are posted on the Church Bulletin board. The areas listed will only be cleaned on the days listed and will not be gone over or re-cleaned until the next work week (as scheduled). All groups who utilize the church, are responsible to "self-clean" after use of the areas used. If you see a mess or happen to make a mess, please help by picking it up. Please help us keep the cleanliness of the church at its highest standards! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Duane Putnam, Trustee Chair of the FCC Personnel.

CHURCH COUNCIL/BOARD MEETINGS:

Deacons: Monday the 9th at 6:30 pm.
Trustees: Monday the 23rd at 7:00 pm.

General Fund: Operating Budget Income

Feb 2017 YTD \$69,570.01 ♦ Feb 2017 YTD \$65,427.50
Shortage YTD \$4,142.51

Trustees of the Month: Jack Corner and Karen Hulbert
Deacon of the Month: Jerry McPherson

MUTUAL MINISTRY**April 1 – Easter Sunday & Communion**

Greeters: Dan & Rosel Eagles

Liturgist: Chris Hubbard

Children's Message: Lynn Wickerham

Ushers: Morgan Venema, Cheryl Flashaar, and Larry Alman

Coffee Hour: *NO COFFEE HOUR*

Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Joe Suchowolec

April 8

Greeters: Harry & Rose Riddle

Liturgist: Scott Rowland

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Doug & Chris Dodd and **1 more needed**

Coffee Hour: Ann & Patrick Emerson and Carrol & Vivian Minard

Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Corey Norman

April 15

Greeters: Carolyn Foster and Tami Tefft

Liturgist: Don Gibbs

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Jerry & Stephanie Garner and Corey Norman

Coffee Hour: Joe & Emily Suchowolec, Jane Truesdell, and Deb Dieckman

Sound Techs: Blake Rowland and Joe Suchowolec

April 22

Greeters: Myron & Sandra Tiffany

Liturgist: Linda Jones

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Joe & Emily Suchowolec and Marian Griffith

Coffee Hour: Lynn & Bonnie Wickerham and Terri Merritt

Sound Techs: **NEEDED**

April 29

Greeters: Doug & Chris Dodd

Liturgist: Chris Dodd

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Terri Merritt, Carla Durdle, & **1 more needed**

Coffee Hour: Don & Fran Gibbs, Cheryl Flashaar, and Larry Alman

Sound Techs: **NEEDED**

May 6 – Communion

Greeters: The Venema Family

Liturgist: Jack Corner

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Doug & Chris Dodd and Karen Hulbert

Coffee Hour: All Church Potluck (sponsored by WF)

May 13 – Mother's Day

Greeters: Corey Norman and children

Liturgist: Roxy Rice

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Larry Alman, Chris Hubbard, and Anita Putnam

Coffee Hour: Dave & Linda Jones and Ed & Jenny Milam

May 20 – Children Led Service

Greeters: Marta Lores and Patricia Butts

Liturgist: *Child Led Service*

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Steve & Diane Roose and Corey Norman

Coffee Hour: Stephanie & Jerry Garner, Michele Kocher, and Patty Barber

May 27

Greeters: Larry & Mary Snow

Liturgist: **TBA**

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Jack & Ann Corner and Larry Alman

Coffee Hour: Paul & Kris Jager, Carla Durdle, and Marta Lores

Easter Flowers

The Easter flowers adorning our chancel this Easter are placed by the following families and friends. Please feel free to take your plant after the Easter Service.

Donor

Larry & Karen Carbonelli
Kevin Carbonelli,

Christensen Family

Pastor Jason & Megan
Dillingham
Carla Durdle

Cheryl Flashaar
Jeri Gardner & Greg Gardner
Don & Fran Gibbs

Kim Hulbert
Jenny McLachlan
Gerald & Gloria McPherson

Don & Julie Momber

Candy Outman

Bob & Patrice Peacock

Mark & Trudy Petersen

Roxy Rice
Kathy Sansom

Kenneth & Coleen Venema

Placed for....

In Memory of: Robert & Elizabeth Waldo, Muriel Kintner, Elisa Nelson, Guido Carbonelli, Bill Cook, and John Stafford, Roy Ferguson, and Carolyn Hartway.

In Memory of Bruce Christensen, Grace Christensen, Ron Waldorf, and Jeffrey Copp.

In Memory of our Grandparents

In Honor of our Parents

In Memory of Michael Durdle (husband), William & Joan Thompson, and Max & Barbara Durdle.

In Honor of My Sons & their wives, and My Grandchildren.

In Memory of Scott Flashaar (husband), and Arnold Batchelder (father).

In Memory of Charlie Gardner

In Memory of Phyllis & Bill Ham

In Honor of: Don & Shirley Gibbs, Our children, and Our Grandchildren.

In Memory of David Hulbert

In Honor of Lucille McLachlan

In Memory of our Parents: Bart & Julia McPherson, and Jay & Elouise Olsen

In Honor of: Pastor Jerry & Marilyn Jones, and Our Children & Grandchildren

In Memory of: June Momber, Dalyn & Nancy Ling, and David Ling.

In Honor of Christian, Reagan & Ada Momber

In Memory of my loving husband Dave Outman

In Honor of my children: Darcie, Danielle, & J.R., and My grandchildren: Lexi, Gavin, and Liam

In Honor of our grandchildren: Elise & Ellia Devitt, and Eli & Grant Kuenzer

In Memory of: Howard & Rena Petersen, Janet & Harold Gerlach, Bob & Marguerite Thompson, and Chad Gerlach

In Memory of my mother, Gerry Rice

In Memory of my husband Bob Sansom

In Honor of our children

In Memory of Rex & Marion Braginton (Parents of Coleen), and Herman & Betty Venema (Parents of Ken)

In Honor of grandchildren: Morgan Maria, Benjamin, & Rex, and our children: Kevin & Carrie Maria.



Thank you and Happy Easter to All!