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The Good News...

May you be filled with the peace of Christ this Christmas season; the peace which truly passes all understanding; the peace that lifts the stumbled soul and strengthens the weary spirit. May you rejoice in hope this new year through faith in almighty GOD, who loves you and your family. May you be filled with love; the Father's love for you as a beloved child and love for one another as brothers and sisters in this faith family of ours. My love for you all only continues to grow as we embark on a new year of ministry here together.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

My heart is soaring with what lies ahead for us all here at FCCOG this next year. Behind is a year of getting to know our congregation and all our traditions, of studying through the NACCC history & polity courses, of healing and struggling through a difficult season of suffering hearts and decline. We've face sad goodbyes and a shrinking attendance resulting in more empty pews and a tightening of the budget, but I am hopeful for us. Attendance is stabilizing and even growing a bit and I sense a peace and love in the congregation that is stronger and more mature than a year ago. I have had the privilege of witnessing you all co-labor with one another through a difficult season when you could have easily taken a seat or retreated. Your faith and love have been a powerful witness and an encouragement to me. Our community sees it.

In a few days' time we will come together for a congregational vote to determine whether this journey of ours is going to continue together. We have had a full year to get to know one another and I can say with all my heart that I have a greater love for you all and a greater commitment to the ministry of FCCOG than ever. I am excited for the possibilities of growing all the more, following this freshman/rookie year. I am anticipating joy as we have healed and grown stronger and become a loving welcoming place to invite new people to experience the Gospel of Christ.

It would be a high honor and profound privilege to embark on a permanent Call here with you all to minister in the community that we love so much; the community that has become my children's hometown. I see with a pastor's heart our great potential, and it is truly the prayer of my heart to be your pastor through all that is before us as we pursue our Lord Christ Jesus 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>Lucille McLachlan</i>	<i>Betty Lincoln</i>	<i>Sandra Tiffany</i>	<i>Roxy Rice</i>
<i>Barb Hoy</i>	<i>Dixie Kingsbury</i>	<i>Greg Gardner</i>	<i>Brian Tiffany</i>
<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Patricia Butts</i>	<i>Chris Bosch</i>	<i>Jackie Kocher</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 & Dick 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

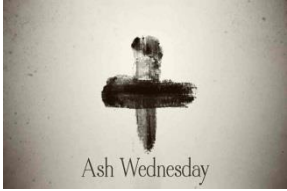

<i>Robert Dunn</i>	<i>Brother of Sandra Tiffany and Larry Snow</i>
<i>Coreen Johnston</i>	<i>Mother of Lynne Rowland</i>
<i>Judith Rice-Lesage</i>	<i>Sister of Roxy Rice</i>
<i>Debbie & Bob Stevenson</i>	<i>Family of Linda Jones</i>
<i>Mike Tuin</i>	<i>Son of Janet Tuin</i>
<i>Mason LaMange</i>	<i>Nephew 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>Gary Petersen</i>	<i>Son of Darlene Petersen</i>
<i>Brian Adair</i>	<i>Husband of Deb Adair</i>

***Please help to keep our prayer list current. Let us know if there are any changes needed to the prayer list.**

~ January 2018 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <div style="background-color: #f08080; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Christmas Break</div> 	2 <div style="background-color: #f08080; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Pastor back from vacation</div>	3 School Back In Session 10a PURLS 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Service 7p BS Groups 7p Boy Scouts	4 6:30 GS 7:30 AA	5 11:30 AA	6
7 Communion 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:15 PF Mtg. 3p Venture 6p AA	8 *Reports due for Annual Report 5:15 Cub Leader Mtg. 5:30 Cubs 6:30 Deacons	9 7p CE Mtg.	10 10a PURLS 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Service 7p BS Groups 7p Boy Scouts	11 4:15 CC 6:30 GS 6:30 GS Leader Mtg. 7:30 AA	12 11:30 AA	13
14 9:30 Choir 11a Service 3P Venture 6p AA	15 <i>MLK Day</i> 5:30 Cubs	16	17 10a PURLS 6p Potluck 7p Annual Meeting 7p Boy Scouts	18 4:15 CC (Sanctuary) 6:30 GS 7p F.A.N. 7:30 AA	19 11:30 AA	20
21 9:30 Choir 11a Worship Children's Choir 12:15 PF Mtg. 3p Venture 6p AA	22 5:30 Cubs 7p Trustees	23	24 10a PURLS 7p Boy Scouts	25 4:15 CC 6:30 GS 7:30 AA	26 11:30 AA <div style="background-color: #90ee90; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">PF Retreat in Wayne, MI</div>	27
28 9:30 Choir 11a Service <div style="background-color: #90ee90; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">PF Retreat</div> 3p Venture 6p AA	29 5:30 Cubs 6p Cubs Pack Mtg.	30 7p Council	31 10a PURLS 1p WF Board 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Service 7p BS Groups 7p Boy Scouts			

~ February 2018 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
*Ash Wednesday Activities: 9:30 Prayer & Imposition of Ashes 10a WF 63 rd Silent Breakfast 11a Prayer & Imposition of Ashes 12:10 Service & Imposition of Ashes 7p Service & Imposition of Ashes				1 4:15 CC 6:30 GS 7:30 AA	2 11:30 AA	3
						
4 Communion 9:30 Choir 11a Worship PF Super Bowl Soup & Subs 3p Venture 6p AA	5 5:30 Cubs	6	7 10a PURLS 1p Winslow 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Service 6:30 Bethany 7p BS Groups 7p Boy Scouts	8 4:15 CC 6:30 GS 6:30 GS Leader Mtg. 7:30 AA	9 11:30 AA	10
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18 1st Sunday in Lent 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:15 PF Mtg. 3p Venture 6p AA	19 President's Day 5:30 Cubs	20	21 10a PURLS 6p Lenten Supper (Girl Scouts) 6:15 Service 7p BS Groups 7p Boy Scouts	22 4:15 CC 6:30 GS 7:30 AA	23 11:30 AA	24 GS
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~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

PASTORAL NEWS

Community Life Service (CLS): Please join us for a dinner at 5:30pm, service at 6:15, and Bible study at 7:00 pm. There is childcare for those families wishing to come. If you'd like to join in on this ministry or help with the evening events in any way, please contact Pastor Jason. We are asking for any donations to help with the dinner to help feed the members in our community who are in need.



Pastoral Care: Our Pastoral Care team is here for all of us! If you could use some spiritual or emotional care, we hope you will reach out to our Pastoral Care Team. Contact the church office to arrange a time to get together.

DEACON NEWS

Angel Tree for the Homeless: Many thanks to all who donated in an effort to help the homeless here in Greenville!

MUTUAL MINISTRY: Deb Dieckman was tasked late last year, with building the 2018 mutual ministry volunteer list. The Deacons have found the sign-up sheets used in the past, have become a "bit much." It was decided to return to the more traditional method of assigning volunteers. The 2017 sign-ups were used to get an idea of when people were for the 2018 list, and for what task(s). Those involved for January through April have already been notified; if you didn't receive a notice and list(s) by email or regular mail, never fear! You'll undoubtedly be tapped to help with one or more tasks at some point later on. Deb is going to publish the May-June-July-August lists in late March-early April. At any rate, if you end up assigned to do a task you don't want to do, or on a date you're not available, please let Deb know and she will work with you. Her contact info: (616) 754-3687 and dadieckman@gmail.com. The Deacons are hopeful the Mutual Ministry tasks will be an enjoyable and satisfying experience for all!

BECOMING BETTER

Thank you to all who participated in the sessions. There is an evaluation available in the Church Office; if you would like to fill one out to let us know the sessions helped you, we would be very grateful for the feedback! If you have questions, please call Suzy Kreeger (616 794 6055) or Linda Jones (231 343 2244).

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Just a reminder that Circles do NOT meet until February 7. The Board may meet to finalize plans for the Silent Breakfast on February 14. All Women: Be sure to set aside time to bring in Lent by attending the Silent Breakfast on February 14 at 9:30 AM. You will be inspired while fed a symbolic breakfast. This is an event for personal prayer and reflection while preparing for the Lenten season. No reservations required.

- Terri Lynn Nut products are still available for purchase. Contact Chris Hubbard with any questions.
- Thanks to everyone who attended this year's Women's Fellowship Vintage Tea. Thank you to the Greenville Village Singers and director. A special thanks to all who helped set up for the event and the volunteers who helped in the kitchen, and with the cleanup ~ *WF Board*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

A very important Christian Education Meeting is open to all on Tuesday, January 9, at 7pm. On the agenda is low attendance, age appropriate curriculum, and Sunday School coverage with teachers. Parents and teachers are encouraged to attend and give us input.

- With Communion on January 7, 2018, Sunday School will resume January 14, 2018.
- We are looking for more volunteers to teach for the 7-9-year-old class. If you are would like to volunteer to help, please contact Fran Gibbs at 616-754-7714.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

The Preschoolers are back from break and ready to start the new year! Ms. Candy will be holding open enrollment in the preschool. If you or anyone you know is looking to send their child to a fun, Christian based preschool, please contact Ms. Candy for more information. Find her on Facebook or call 754-7608. *The fun never stops here at Ms. Candy's Preschool!*

CELEBRATIONS

- *Happy Birthday!* To Pat Toth (1/8), Lynne Rowland (1/18), Anita Putnam (1/24), Cheryl Flashaar (1/26), and Logan Norman (1/29).
- If you would like your special occasion or event announced, please contact the church office.



CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

FCC Church Hours: Monday through Friday 9am to 3:30pm. Please contact the church office at 616-754-3445 with any questions or requests. Thank you!

MUSICAL NEWS

The Chancel Choir meets on Sundays before church at 9:30am. We are always looking for new members to join. Please contact Greg VanderMark if you would like to sing in the choir!

The Children's Choir: We are still looking for any children wishing to join the group! We sing songs, play games, 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. The Children's Choir continues to meet weekly on Thursday's at 4:15-5:15pm.

General Fund: Operating Budget Income

November 2016 YTD \$231,664
November 2017 YTD \$205,458
Shortfall \$25,206

CHURCH COUNCIL/BOARD MEETINGS:

Deacons: Monday the 8th at 6:30pm.

ANNUAL MEETING



Annual Report Announcement: Church leaders, please turn in your report by Monday the 8th of January. If your report is not turned in by the deadline, please be prepared to present your report the night of the 17th at the meeting. We will have a church potluck prior to the meeting. All are welcome!

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

The church council held an information session last month to give our church family and opportunity to provide input as to church leadership due to the one-year contract with Pastor Jason coming to an end. Following the informational session, as well as review of the survey results, a motion was passed by the Council to recommend to the Congregation that we extend a call to Pastor Jason Dillingham to be our Pastor. A special congregational meeting will be held following the church service on January 14, 2018 for this purpose.

- If you are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, please notify Angela in the church office by submitting your name as a candidate. Thank you!
- The Annual Meeting is Wednesday January 17. The potluck dinner will begin at 6pm and the meeting will immediately follow. All are welcome! Please contact the Deacons if you have any questions regarding the potluck dinner. Thank you!

~ Mutual Ministry for January 2018 ~

Pease see the list below. If you able to help in any way, please contact the Deacons. Thank you!

January 7 – Communion

Greeters: Karen Hulbert and Dick Canfield

Liturgist: Scott Rowland

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Bonnie Braman, Don Gibbs, and Scott Rowland

Coffee Hour: The Chancel Choir

Sound Tech: Corey Norman

January 14

Greeters: Carrol & Vivian Minard

Liturgist: Chris Hubbard

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Carol Magoon, Wilson Hoy, Greg Gardner

Coffee Hour: Al & Gloria Guilfoyle, Patrice Fulton -Peacock, and Candy Outman

January 21

Greeters: Kurt & Suzy Kreeger

Liturgist: Don Gibbs

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Anita Putnam, Terri Merritt, and Morgan Maria Venema

Coffee Hour: Scott & Lynne Rowland, Karen Hulbert, and Dick Canfield

January 28

Greeters: Jerry, Gloria, and Taylor McPherson

Liturgist: Linda Jones

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: John & Deb House and Chris Hubbard

Coffee Hour: Dan & Rosel Eagles, Bonnie Braman, and Deb Dieckman

~ Trustees of the Month: Cindy Hanson and Dan Eagles ~

~ Deacon of the Month: Hollie Stephenson ~