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APRIL 2017

The Good News...

Here we are in April and it's already Palm Sunday with Resurrection Sunday just a week away. I pray that your journey through Lent has been a meaningful one and that you've grown in some way or heard the Lord's voice anew. I am very eager to experience Holy Week with all of you for the first time this year. Palm Sunday we will pause as Jesus enters Jerusalem to consider "What Would the Very Rocks Cry Out?". There will be no Wednesday evening service as we instead gather on Maundy Thursday for a potluck dinner and worship through music, Scripture, and the humble service of foot washing. The churches of our community are coming together for the ecumenical Good Friday service at St. Paul Lutheran just south of town. It's my turn to preach for the community, so I hope to see lots of our FCCOG family there (that hopefully means you). Resurrection Sunday / Easter will have two services at 8:30 and 11:00 am with a breakfast in between. Spring Break will be over already by then, so I'm looking forward to a big triumphant worship service that morning.

This has been a good month as the staff continues to grow together as a team, with new church officers and new staff members (including myself) growing in their roles and responsibilities. I was pleased to witness a very encouraging and uplifting Church Council Meeting this last month with lots of healing and maturity that gives good signs of things to come. We're seeing several people returning to services after a time away as well. I keep hearing good words from lots of folks about how we are healing and finding a new peace and foundation again. I have been reaching out to those who are still searching for that peace and I hope to be able to meet together more to encourage one another and continue to heal. This has been a powerful and genuine journey for everyone as we face some difficult trials and are seeing the hand of love and grace at work amongst us.

Confirmations classes are right around the corner and I'm looking forward to my time with our young people who are taking a big step in their faith. If there's anyone who would still like to participate, it's not too late. Give me a call or email. We'll be meeting four Sunday evenings in a row leading up to Confirmation on May 21st.

Would you like to participate in an Adult Faith Foundations: Basic Christian Doctrines group/class? How about gathering together for some Philosophy & Theology in Media? We have so many possibilities ahead for fellowship and growth. I'm grateful and excited to be part of our Pilgrim Journey 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>Jim Butts</i>	<i>Jackie Kocher</i>	<i>Rob Sansom</i>	<i>Sandra Tiffany</i>
<i>Celeste Faber</i>	<i>Marta Lores</i>	<i>Pat Toth</i>	
<i>Barb Hoy</i>	<i>Betty Lincoln</i>	<i>Bill Delp</i>	
<i>Lucille McLachlan</i>	<i>Rylie Whitten</i>	<i>Ken Thomas</i>	

AT CARE FACILITIES

<i>Eileen Burke</i>	<i>-at Green Acres, Grand Rapids</i>
<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 & Helen 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>Robert Dunn</i>	<i>-at Metron</i>
<i>Roxy Rice</i>	<i>-at SHRNC</i>

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

<i>Penny Curtis</i>	<i>Daughter of Myron Tiffany</i>
<i>Robert Dunn</i>	<i>Brother of Sandra Tiffany and Larry Snow</i>
<i>Katie Edick</i>	<i>Friend of Tara Allen</i>
<i>Jerry Heydenberk</i>	<i>Friend of many</i>
<i>Kirsten Johnson</i>	<i>Friend of Tara Allen</i>
<i>Coreen & Gordon Johnston</i>	<i>Parents of Lynne Rowland</i>
<i>Olivia Kunkle</i>	<i>Friends of Al & Gloria Guilfoyle</i>
<i>Pam Main</i>	<i>Daughter of Myron Tiffany</i>
<i>Judith Rice-Lesage</i>	<i>Sister of Roxy Rice</i>
<i>Debbie Stevenson</i>	<i>Sister of Linda Jones</i>
<i>Mike Tuin</i>	<i>Son of Janet Tuin</i>
<i>Cheryl Williams</i>	<i>Sister of Chris Hubbard</i>
<i>Marjoan Wohlfert</i>	<i>Sister of Michele Kocher</i>
<i>Melissa McMullen</i>	<i>Granddaughter of Myron Tiffany</i>
<i>Margaret Monday</i>	<i>Niece of Carolyn Foster</i>
<i>Ruth Hall</i>	<i>Sister of Carolyn Foster</i>
<i>Jim Sayers</i>	<i>Friend of Larry Snow</i>
<i>Mary Hopkins</i>	<i>Friend of Marta Lores</i>
<i>Ed Horn</i>	<i>Brother of Scott Horn</i>
<i>Billie & Barbara</i>	<i>Friend of Lisa Gibson</i>
<i>John Ayers</i>	<i>Friend of Betty Lincoln</i>
<i>Winston Hasper</i>	<i>Cousin of Michele Kocher</i>

Special messages:

- † *Dear Friends ~ Dick & Natalie want to thank everyone who were so kind during their illnesses. They hope to attend church very soon. Sincerely, Catherine Adams*
- † *A special thanks for all the cards and Prayers for Roxy Rice. Though she is improving every day, we still ask for your prayers for her full recovery. Thank you!*

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

~ April 2017 ~

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16 Easter 8:30 Worship Easter Brunch 9a Choir 9:15 Cantata Rehearsal 10a Bible Study 11a Worship Jr. & Cherub Choirs Sing 5p Venture 6p AA	17 9:30 Morning Prayer 6p Cubs 6:30 GS	18 6:30 Joy Bells	19 9:30 Morning Prayer 10a PURLS 7p Service 7p Boy Scouts	20 4:15p Jr. and Cherub Choir 7p F.A.N. 7:30 AA	21 9:30 Morning Prayer 11:30 AA	22
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~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Weekday Prayer Service: Due to the growing need of Pastoral Services in and around the community, Tuesday and Thursday services are now cancelled. All are still welcome to join Pastor Jason in the Sanctuary on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 to 10am. Wednesday evening service will still be held at 7pm.



- **Don't forget!** The NACCC is holding their 63rd annual conference on June 24th to the 25th at Piedmont College in Demorest Georgia. If you would like more information, please contact the church office for registration forms or visit <http://www.naccc.org/2017-amc-information.html>

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS: Thank you to all for the orders! The flowers will be delivered on Good Friday the 14th and will be on display for all to see and smell for the Easter Service on the 16th! If you ordered a plant and chose to take them home, you may do so after the service on Easter Sunday. Thank you!

Deacons: Are hosting the Maundy Thursday Potluck on the 13th at 6 pm. Bring your favorite dish to share, along with your table service. Beverages will be provided. There is a service following the dinner at 7pm. All are welcome!

- This year's Maundy Thursday worship service will end with a humble ritual of foot washing. Pastor Jason will take time to symbolically wash the feet of anyone who would like to come forward. The opportunity will also be there for our members to wash each other's feet as a sign of humility and unity.
- Easter services will be held at 8:30 am and 11am. An Easter Brunch will be served by the Deacons from 9:30 to 10:30 am. A free will offering to the Deacon Discretionary fund will gladly be accepted.



Pastoral/Inspirational Reading: more books are now available! They are \$9 per copy - written by Rev. Jerry Jones. Stop in the office to pick up your copy!

Senior Coffee Hour: Will be held at 10:30am on Thursday the 11th in Fellowship Hall. All seniors are invited to attend!



Women' Fellowship: The Annual Rummage Sale will be held May 5th. If you would like to donate any new or slightly used items, please bring them in beginning May 1st - to the Fellowship Hall. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

- We will be honoring our eighty year plus members at the Annual Birthday Luncheon on May 10th. Please register in the office if you have recently turned 80 or will be turning 80 this year. All are welcome to come honor our members! Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Musical News: Plan on attending the Chancel Choir spring cantata at the Sunday morning worship service on April 30, "Our Father" by Pepper Choplin. It is rare to find a major, non-seasonal musical with such power and meaning. Choplin has taken *The Lord's Prayer* and shaped it as the foundation of this creative worship experience. With original music and thoughtful narration, the most beloved passages are turned into a musical presentation with teaching moments for the choir and congregation. This musical delivers both artistry and ministry. Please invite your friends!

Children's Choir: Junior and Cherub choir groups now meet at 4:15pm to 5:15pm every Thursday in Fellowship Hall. We are still seeking new members to join! We have a few performances left this year and would love to invite any and all children who love to sing! If you have any questions please contact Angela in the office.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.) ~

Preschool News:

Packets for the Preschool Fall Classes are going fast! Pick up a packet and return it soon – space is limited. This is a great opportunity for young children so please contact the church office or call the Preschool at 616-754-7608 to pick up a packet or for more information.

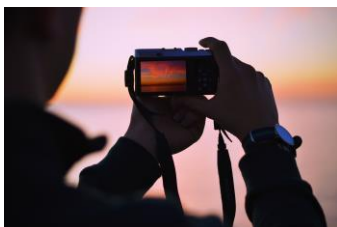


Drivers Needed: We are still seeking several volunteers who would be willing to pick up and drop off fellow members in need of rides to Sunday Service as well as weekday events. If you would be willing to assist, please call Angela in the church office to organize rides for members in need! Thank you.

Lenten Suppers: A special thank you to all who donated their time for the suppers! We also thank all who came out for the delicious food and fellowship.

Parish Nurse News: There is still a grief support group offered for those in need. It is sponsored by Spectrum Hospice; the cost is free and you may join at any time. This is an ongoing support group that meets the third Wednesday of every month from 4-5 p.m. at United Memorial. If you are interested in joining or need more information, please contact Patrice at 616-754-3445.

Website Development Team: The Website Development Committee is still looking for individuals to join our team. We are especially looking for people with experience in photography and videography. If you have an aptitude in these areas and would like to serve, please contact Angela in the office.



Christian ED & Sunday School News:

Sunday School Teachers are encouraged to sign up for available Sundays. Even if you don't have your schedule, go as far as you can and trade with others as needed. Schedules are in the library on the brown shelves. Thank You!

- Sunday School Leaders are also asking for donations of individually wrapped snacks. Please drop off the snacks to the church office. Many thanks for all of your kind donations!

Pilgrim Fellowship (PF) Youth Group:

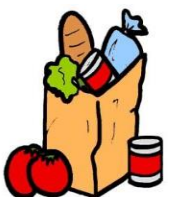
Michigan Congregational Summer Camp July 9-14. MCSC is moving to Camp Ohiyesa in Holly. MCSC is open to any child who will have completed grade 3 through 8 by the summer 2017. The cost is \$315 for early registration (by June 1). If you would like to learn more about camp, please contact Claude Johnson or the visit the website:

www.michigancongregationalsummercamp.org.

PURLS of West Michigan: The knitting group known as PURLS would like to invite any and all who would like to join their group! They meet every Wednesday from 10am to 12pm. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Food Pantry Donations: Thank you to all who have donated items so far. Please continue to bring in any non-perishable food items and basic household items to help those in need! The pantry is asking for these much needed items:

- Peanut Butter, vegetables, fruit, potatoes, crackers, canned meat, pork & beans, canned tomatoes, macaroni, oatmeal, pancake mix, spaghetti, soup, jelly, spaghetti sauce, rice, cereal, syrup, juice, and stew. All donations are welcome and appreciated!



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.) ~

A Note from Your Secretary: The office hours are 9am until 3:30 pm Monday through Friday. You can contact Angela in the office with any questions by calling 616-754-3445 or by emailing to office@fccogchurch.com.

Special Announcements:

- Scholarship Applications are available in the church office. Applications are due back **by May 7th**.
- Birthdays to Celebrate: Jack Corner (4/7), Bonnie Bramen (4/8), Rosel Eagles (4/8), Duane Putnam (4/10), Dave & Linda Jones (4/27).
 - A special birthday wish to Mary Crittenden who will be 95 on the 17th of April! If you wish to send her a card, please send it to:
 - SHRNC
c/o Mary Crittenden
615 S. Bower Street, Rm #109
Greenville, MI 48838
- Anniversaries: Ron & Dixie Kingsbury (4/8), Bill & Deb Ahrens (4/17), Ron & Pat Flashaar (4/28), Bryan & Angela Garvey (4/28), Jim & Pat Butts
- A special and loving farewell to Janet and "Cap" Tower from your FCC Family. You will be missed by all! Safe travels and many blessing on your new journey with your family out west!
- Very special congratulations to Chris Hubbard on her new great-granddaughter Brionna Maria Tipton (daughter to Jenica Tipton).
- If you would like to have a name added, or notice one that needs to be removed from the prayer list, please contact the office. I would like to keep the list as up-to-date as possible for those in need of prayer.
- Please contact the office if you would like to be added to the celebration list. Email to office@fccogchurch.com or call 754-3445

~ Mutual Ministry April 2017 ~

April 2 – Communion

Greeters: Dan & Rosel Eagles,
and Corey & Holly Norman
Children's Message: Megan Dillingham
Liturgist: Duane Putnam
Ushers: Morgan Venema, and
Myron & Sandra Tiffany
Coffee Hour: Jane Truesdell

April 9 – Palm Sunday

Greeters: Harry & Rose Riddle
Children's Message: Duane Putnam
Liturgist: Don Gibbs
Ushers: Jerry & Taylor McPherson, and
Carol Magoon
Coffee Hour: Ann & Patrick Emmerson, and
Dan & Rosel Eagles

Deacon of the Month:

Tom Stephenson

Trustees of the Month:

Jack Corner and Karen Hulbert

April 16 - Easter

Greeters: Carolyn Foster, and Tami Tefft
Children's Message: Morgan Maria Venema
Liturgist: Blake Rowland
Ushers: Corey Norman
Coffee Hour: **No Coffee Hour**

April 23

Greeters: Betty Lincoln, and Myron & Sandra Tiffany
Children's Message: Benjamin Venema
Liturgist: Chris Hubbard
Ushers: Marian Griffith, and Jerry & Stephanie Garner
Coffee Hour: Lynn & Bonnie Wickerham, Terri Merritt,
Janet Tuin, and Ed & Jenny Milam

April 30

Greeters: Chris & Doug Dodd
Children's Message: Scott Rowland
Liturgist: Linda Jones
Ushers: Terri Merritt, Carla Durdle, and Chris Hubbard
Coffee Hour: John & Deb House, and Steve & Diane
Roose