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FCC PILGRIM PULSE

MAY 2017

The Good News...

Springtime in Michigan is such a beautiful time of beauty and hope. The air is pregnant with birdsong and the smell of flowers blooming. New hopes for outdoor pastimes and a community reconnecting are abuzz. The sunshine and increased activities lift our spirits. In many ways it seems to be the same with our congregation too. The somber spirit of Lent is behind us and we are celebrating the joy of Easter and Resurrection. New and returned faces are greeting us on Sunday mornings. We may even be settling into a new groove with enough comfort to branch out into new ministries engaged in the community around us.

The first of those is the Neighbor 2 Neighbor program in partnership with Spectrum United Memorial Hospital here in Greenville. We're meeting to work out the final details and get this pilot program launched, but we're excited for the ways that this program will turn our great spirit of service into a great spirit of sharing the Gospel Good News. Through this partnership, we'll be able to volunteer to help people in need as they find themselves in the hospital or physical therapy. In the same way we care for our own members during these times of need, we'll also be able to our neighbors in the community as well.

The second of these is the growth of our Wednesday evening service to extend a welcome to Community Life. They're an answer to my own prayers as I have hoped to continue offering a meal with our worship service. Starting May 10th, you'll be able to come in for a free meal (no need to bring anything), personal prayer, an energized worship service with live music, and deeper fellowship with Bible study groups. All the while the kids will be fed, cared for, and taught in their own space. This will allow an enriched contact point for our neighbors in the community around us; especially the ones in need of support and fellowship and faith. When they come in for help from our Deacon Discretionary Fund, we'll be able to point them to a free meal and fellowship with our loving members. Often parents in difficult and desperate situations need a break from parenting as well as a good meal and some adult fellowship. In the process, we hope they'll also meet Jesus in the welcoming faces of each of you. So, we'll see you at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings for the meal, or 6:30 for the worship service (come at 6:15 for prayer), or 7:00 p.m. for Women's or Men's Bible Study. If you're interested in helping, we'd love to have you on the team. Just contact me for info.

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:

Jim Butts

Celeste Faber

Barb Hoy

Lucille McLachlan

Jackie Kocher

Marta Lores

Betty Lincoln

Rylie Whitten

Rob Sansom

Pat Toth

Bill Delp

Ken Thomas

Sandra Tiffany

Roxy Rice

AT CARE FACILITIES

Eileen Burke

Millie Crowe

Lois Hazlewood

Bette Houle

Natalie Kilfoil

Dick Kilfoil

Al & Helen Koett

Mary Lou Merritt

Corla Morgan

Kathie Sansom

Mary Crittenden

-at Green Acres, Grand Rapids

-at Maple Creek, Grand Rapids

-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #31

-at Lakeview Terrace Assisted Living

-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #20

-at SHUM RNC Room #117

-at Metron Greenville

-at Green Acres

-at SHUM RNC Room #103

-at Green Acres

-at SHUM RNC Room #109

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Penny Curtis

Robert Dunn

Coreen Johnston

Olivia Kunkle

Pam Main

Judith Rice-Lesage

Debbie Stevenson

Mike Tuin

Cheryl Williams

Marjoan Wohlfert

Melissa McMullen

Margaret Monday

Ruth Hall

Jim Sayers

Mary Hopkins

Ed Horn

John Ayers

Winston Hasper

Daughter of Myron Tiffany

Brother of Sandra Tiffany and Larry Snow

Mother of Lynne Rowland

Friends of Al & Gloria Guilfoyle

Daughter of Myron Tiffany

Sister of Roxy Rice

Sister of Linda Jones

Son of Janet Tuin

Sister of Chris Hubbard

Sister of Michele Kocher

Granddaughter of Myron Tiffany

Niece of Carolyn Foster

Sister of Carolyn Foster

Friend of Larry Snow

Friend of Marta Lores


Brother of Scott Horn

Friend of Betty Lincoln

Cousin of Michele Kocher

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

~ May 2017 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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7 Communion 9:30a Choir 10a Bible Study 11a Worship Confirmation 5p Venture 6p AA	8 9:30 Morning Prayer 6p Cubs 6:30 GS 6:30 Deacons	9 6:30 Joy Bells	10 9:30 Morning Prayer 10a PURLS 7p Service 7p Boy Scouts	11 10:30 Senior Coffee 4:15p Jr. and Cherub Choir 7:30 AA	12 9:30 Morning Prayer 11:30 AA	13
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~ FCC Church News ~

Weekday Prayer Service: All are invited to join Pastor Jason in the Sanctuary on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10am.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Service: We are looking to expand our Wednesday night service! Beginning May 10th, we are going to be hosting a dinner at 5:30pm with service at 6:30pm. We are hoping to have men's and women's support groups that can meet at that time as well as offering child care for those families wishing to come. We are still working out the details but are hopeful for everyone will to join us when we launch Wednesday evening Community Life here at FCCOG very soon. If you'd like join in on this ministry or help with the evening events in any way, please contact Pastor Jason.

NACCC News: the NACCC is holding their 63rd annual conference on June 24th to the 25th at Piedmont College in Demorest Georgia. If would like more information, please contact the church office for registration forms or visit <http://www.naccc.org/2017-amc-information.html>

Deacon News: Your Board of Deacons would like to thank everyone who helped make our Lenten and Easter season a special time of year. This is a busy time at the church and several church families helped with the wonderful and tasty Lenten suppers on Wednesdays, as well as the Maundy Thursday pot luck and Easter Breakfast. Additionally many kind members of our church family purchased a flower(s) to make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter Sunday. Everyone who helped and everyone who came to worship, are appreciated.



- A special thanks to the hard work of Corey Norman and family for the bowling day last month hosted by the Deacons. Thank you to everyone who bowled or just stopped by to cheer on our bowlers. It was a good time of Christian fellowship.

The Deacons monthly meeting: is held the second Monday of the month. If anyone is interested in attending, they are open meetings and begin at 6:30pm in the upstairs church conference room. Our minutes are posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, for those who are not able to attend.

Volunteers needed: Please see the list below for dates and volunteers needed:

- Ushers needed— May 21st and June 11th.
- Coffee Hour volunteers needed – May 28th, June 4th, June 11th, and June 25th.
- If you are able to assist with any of the above dates or help bring in cookies for coffee hour, please contact the church office at 754-3445. Thank you!

Preschool News: please stop in to pick up your packet for the Fall Preschool Fall Class. Space is limited and packets are going fast! This is a great opportunity for young children to develop the skills they will need for their future education and to help them grow as a person! Contact the church office or the Preschool at 616-754-7608 to pick up a packet or for more information.

- Ms. Candy would like to send out a special thank you to all of her Grandma's and Grandpa's that help volunteer in the classroom! For all of you who don't know we have some pretty amazing people who come in and work with the preschoolers; not only to help Ms. Candy but to help the children at the different learning stations and build their team-working skills. They bring extra love, fun, and energy to the class! Please take the time to look in the back hallway to see all of the fun posters Ms. Candy had the volunteers have put together to the show the children all about *them!* ☺ This preschool's goals are to help children learn to share, show kindness, and fellowship – things we want all of our little ones to take with them as they move on in school and in life.



WOMEN' FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Annual Birthday Luncheon: is on **May 10th** at 12pm. We wish to honor our **80-year plus** members that have recently turned 80 or will be celebrating this year. All are welcome! Please bring your favorite dish for a potluck to celebrate our honorees. Beverages and cake will be provided and Nels Hansen will be presenting music from the past. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Chris Hubbard at 754-7464.

Annual Rummage Sale News: was Friday the 5th. There was a great turn-out and many donations received. Many thanks to all who helped set up and to all who came to shop! ☺

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Winslow circle: will meet the first Wednesday of every month at 1pm in the upstairs conference room.

Bethany Circle: meets the first Sunday of every month (after service). The group will be meeting on May 7th at 12:45. All women of the church are welcome!

MUSICAL NEWS

Cantata Performance: Congratulations on presenting one of the best cantata performances ever! A special thanks to our guest soloist, Kartrina Nelson, who sounded like an angel! Heartfelt thanks to all who joined the choir for the performance and to Deb Ahrens and Cindy Hanson for filling in for Chris Schut as she recuperates.

Chancel Choir: We are looking for soloists and groups to fill our Summer Special Music slots starting June 18th thru Labor Day weekend. If you would like to volunteer, have an idea, or request please contact Greg VanderMark at (616) 835-5001.

Children's Choir: Junior and Cherub choir groups continue to meet at 4:15pm to 5:15pm every Thursday in Fellowship Hall. New members are always welcome to join!



Pastoral/Inspirational Reading: more books are now available! They are \$9 per copy - written by Rev. Jerry Jones. This is a second in the series of coping with Grief; titled *After the Casseroles: Rediscovering Hope In Grief's Journey*. Stop in the office to pick up your copy!

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 the church office to organize rides for members in need! Thank you.

Parish Nurse News: A grief support group is offered for those in need by Spectrum United Memorial of Greenville. 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 continues to look for individuals to join their team. They 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: Volunteers of all ages from 7th grade and up 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 posted in the library. Thank You!

- **Donations needed:** Sunday School Leaders continue to ask for donations of individually wrapped snacks. Please drop off the snacks to the church office. Many thanks!
- **Children's Sermon:** If your child is interested in a part for the Youth-Led Church Service **on May 21st**, please email Fran Gibbs at gibbsf@hotmail.com. She will email back their part to practice. The last school year Sunday School is Mother's Day, May 14th. We lovingly encourage any and all to still join the group! May 21st will be a beautiful day to celebrate our youth, our First Graders to receive their first Bible, and confirmands will join the Church. As those who pray and live by god's word, we need to encourage our youth to also live and love in Christ.
- **Teacher Recognition Breakfast:** most Sunday School teachers have not given their RSVP for the Breakfast on May 21st at 9am. We need a number of attendees for planning and the whole family is invited. There will be a short meeting for planning next year.

Pilgrim Fellowship (PF) Youth Group: Well it has been a little while since we have been active due to conflicting commitments! The PF youth are still here and seeking to serve our Lord, church and community. There are a few more activities we can participate in prior to our summer break. Join in and be a part of one of all of them! Here is the schedule of upcoming activities:

- Saturday May 6th from 10am – 12 noon will be a raking party (weather permitting) at 8732 Godfrey Road in Belding. Take M91 South to Bricker Road, turn LEFT, proceed to Godfrey and turn RIGHT – house is .2 miles on the LEFT.
- Sunday May 7th PF meeting at 12:15 to 1:15pm.
- Sunday May 14th Mother's Day – we are helping serve coffee hour – please check with me!
- Sunday May 21st is Children's Day and a short meeting after church.
- Sunday June 4th Graduation Day – be there one and all! ☺ ☺

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- Sunday June 18th Father's day – we will be assisting with coffee hour after church.
- June 25-30 is National Conference at Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia. MIPF group will depart for their pre-trip on June 23rd.
- July 9-14 is Michigan Conference Summer Camp for those finishing 3rd through 8th grades. Forms can be found online at: www.michigancongregationalsummercamp.org. It's never too late to register!
- July 16-22 is our annual mission trip. We will be going to East Moline, Illinois; the theme this year is called, "THE ROAD." We will depart on Friday the 14th. There is still time to sign up and join us!
- Plans are being made for an August adventure and for 'Come Together Sunday' in September.

Have a wonderful & blessed summer!

PURLS of West Michigan: Meet every Wednesday from 10am to 12pm. New members are always welcome! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you!

FCC Church Hours: Monday through Friday 9am to 3:30. For security reasons, the front door will be locked early on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. If you need assistance, please knock on the door or call the church office at 616-754-3445. Thank you! You can contact Angela in the office with any questions by calling 616-754-3445 or by emailing to office@fccogchurch.com.

Special Announcements:

- **Time is running out!** Scholarship Applications are due back **May 7th!**
- Anyone interested in contacting Janet and "Cap" Tower, please contact the office for their new mailing address.
- Volunteers are needed for the end of May through August to help with the Children's Message. Please stop in or call the office to check on available dates.

Celebrations:

- Happy Birthday to Kris Jager (5/10), Candy Outman (5/12), Rich Cunningham (5/13), Linda Peterson (5/16), Ron Kingsbury (5/22).
- Happy Anniversary to John & Deb House (5/2), and Happy 57th Anniversary to Dan & Rosel Eagles (5/7)

Food Pantry Donations: Thank you to all who continue to donate. Please continue to bring in any non-perishable food items and basic household items to help those in need!

Prayer List: please help me update the prayer list. If you would like a loved one or friend added or removed from the list, please contact the church office. Many thanks!

Senior Coffee Hour: Attendance has reduced considerably at Senior Coffees the last few months. We will suspend this activity at least through the Summer. If you feel strongly that you would like to attend in the Fall, we will be happy to bring it back. Thanks to those who have prepared and served and to those who have attended

~ ***Mutual Ministry May 2017*** ~

May 7 – Communion

Greeters: John & Deb House

Children's Message: Stephanie Garner

Liturgist: Chris Dodd

Ushers: Chris & Doug Dodd and Karen Hulbert

Coffee Hour: Mary Snow, Carolyn Foster, and Chris Hubbard

May 14 – Mother's Day

Greeters: Jerry & Gloria McPherson, and Taylor McPherson

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Liturgist: Duane Putnam

Ushers: Larry Alman, Chris Hubbard, and Anita Putnam

Coffee Hour: Anita & Duane, Doug & Chris Dodd, Karen Hulbert, and Dick Canfield

May 21 – Children's Day & Confirmation

Greeters: Pat & Jim Butts, Marta Loes

Children's Message: Benjamin Venema

Liturgist: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Corey Norman, Larry Alman

Coffee Hour: Terri Merritt and Jack & Ann Corner

May 28 – Worship Hour Time Change to 10am

Greeters: Carla Durdle, Mary Snow

Children's Message: Coleen Venema

Liturgist: Karen Hulbert

Ushers: Jack & Ann Corner, Larry Alman

Coffee Hour: The Stephenson Family

Deacon of the Month: Emily Suchowolec

Trustees of the Month: Jack Corner and Cindy Hanson