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IN OUR PRAYERS

IN OUR MILITARY: Matthew Crittenden, Jordan Varney, Paul Lepley, TJ Curry, Joshua Roose, Blake Schlien, Stephanie Roose, Melissa Staffen, Rick Grimes, Joe Suchowolec, Griffin Gloeden, and Kyle Durdle.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

<i>Marta Lores</i>	<i>Jackie Kocher</i>	<i>Rob Sansom</i>	<i>Pat Toth</i>	<i>Anne Burgess</i>
<i>Lucille McLachlan</i>	<i>Betty Lincoln</i>	<i>Sandra Tiffany</i>	<i>Roxy Rice</i>	<i>Keith King</i>
<i>Barb Hoy</i>	<i>Brian Adair</i>	<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Brian Tiffany</i>	<i>Kathy Reed</i>
<i>Nathan Failing</i>	<i>Marjoan Wohlfert</i>	<i>Coreen Johnston</i>	<i>Gary Petersen</i>	<i>Jade Hannah</i>
<i>Lucas Hopkins</i>	<i>Bonnie Hoseth</i>	<i>Bill & Jean Boyd</i>	<i>Mike Tuin</i>	<i>Michael Balars</i>
<i>Larry Moss</i>	<i>Bonnie Braman</i>	<i>Pat Flashaar</i>	<i>Carrol Minard</i>	<i>Dennis Snow</i>
<i>Holly Case</i>	<i>David Crittenden</i>			

FCC FAMILY 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>Corla Morgan</i>		<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #103</i>
<i>Mary Crittenden</i>		<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #109</i>
<i>Norma Nicholas</i>		<i>-at Green Acres Room #201</i>
<i>Jelane Hamper</i>		<i>-at Green Acres Room #206</i>
<i>Bob Dunn</i>		<i>-at Metron</i>

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

<i>Jasmine Luce</i>	<i>Friend of Candy Outman</i>
<i>Sarah Brygal</i>	<i>Friend of Candy Outman</i>
<i>Bob Deal, Jr. and Tom Deal</i>	<i>Brothers of Candy Outman</i>
<i>Jody VaderYact-Jones</i>	<i>Cousin of David Jones</i>
<i>Debbie Bolthouse</i>	<i>Friend of Dave & Linda Jones</i>
<i>Gabriela Kilanski</i>	<i>Friend of Lynne Rowland</i>

- **REMINDER** – People that are placed on our prayer list will remain on the list for 3 weeks. Please help us update the prayer list. If your loved one is doing well, or needs to be kept on, please let us know. Please remember when putting a name on the prayer list, **you must have permission to do so** – for privacy issues. Thank you!

Special Prayers for:

The family of Kathie Suchowolec as she was called home on the 14th of March. She will be dearly missed by her son, Joe Suchowolec, and the rest of the Suchowolec family. We ask for prayers for Dick Canfield, Larry Moss, Scott Horn, Nyama Newkirk-Davis, and Jackie Kocher.

We also send prayers to Jerry Jones as he will be having double knee replacement surgery on April 1st. Please pray for his surgery and recovery to go well. Thank you!

~ *April 2019* ~

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	1	2	3 10a PURLS 1p Winslow 6p Lenten Supper (Preschool) 6:45 Bethany 7p Service 7p Boy Scouts	4 11a GAMA 7:30 AA	5 11:30 AA	6
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14 Palm Sunday 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:15 PF Youth 12:45 CC 3p Green Acres 3p Venture 4p SHUM	15 Holy Week 5:30 CS 7p CE Mtg.	16	17 10a PURLS No Comm. Life 7p Boy Scouts	18 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6p FCC Potluck 7p Maundy Thursday 7:30 AA	19 11:30 AA Good Friday 1p Service here at FCC	20 Holy Saturday
21 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 9:30 Choir 10a Breakfast 11a Worship 12:45 CC 3p Venture	22 5:30 CS 7p Trustees	23	24 10a PURLS 1p WF Board 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	25 7:30 AA	26 11:30 AA	27 9-3 Clothing Swap
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~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

PASTORAL NEWS



Community Life (CL): We are continuing our Lenten Suppers at 6pm and group study at 7pm. The free dinner will resume to 5pm on April 24th with group study at 6pm.

- **Pastor's Office Hours:** Open office hours are Monday & Wednesday (10am-2pm). Study day on Tuesday. Visits on Thursdays or as needed. Evening visits are available by appointment. If you'd like to schedule an appointment or visit, please call the church office or email Pastor Jason at pastor.dillingham@gmail.com.
- **Pastoral Care:** Our team is here for your spiritual & emotional care! If you'd like to schedule an appointment or visit, call the office, the parsonage (835-9032) or email pastor.dillingham@gmail.com.
- **Parish Nurse:** Patrice is off on Mondays. She is in on Tuesday & Thursday from 8am to 4pm, and Friday from 8-11am. If you need assistance Mon. or Wed., please contact the Pastoral Care Team.

DEACONS NEWS

Highlights from the March Meeting:

- Forgotten Man Ministries continues to take donations.
- The card night was a big success! Family movie night is now being planned.
- Membership committee could use donations of cards and stamps.
- Lenten suppers end April 10.

SCHEDULE OF LENTEN SUPPERS

Here is the April Schedule:

- April 3rd – Ms. Candy & Preschool Grandparents
- April 10th – Women's Fellowship
- April 18th – Maundy Thursday Church Potluck
- **Good Friday Service** will be April 19th at 1pm **here at FCC in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!**

*All dinners are at 6pm with group study following dinner. All are welcome!

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITY

The Deacons are hosting a Family Movie night on March 28th from 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall! We will be watching "Wreck-It Ralph Breaks the Internet." Bring a snack and a comfy blanket or pop-up chair and come join us for the afternoon! Popcorn provided! It's a movie night for the whole family! See you there! ☺
Our Shortage YTD is **\$4,690.50**. The next meeting will be April 22nd at 7pm in the upstairs conference room.

TRUSTEE NEWS & PLEDGE INFORMATION

Please stop by the church library to pick up your box of tithing envelopes, if you have not done so. We also still have tithing cards, for those of you who have not turned in your pledge card yet.

Happy Birthday! To Jack Corner (4/7), Lizzy Emerson (4/7), Bonnie Braman (4/8), Rosel Eagles (4/8), Duane

CELEBRATIONS

Putnam (4/10), Joe Suchowolec (4/17), Gloria McPherson (4/23), Marilyn Jones (4/25), Dave & Linda Jones (4/27). **Happy Anniversary!** To Bill & Deb Ahrens (4/17), and Bryan & Angela Garvey (4/28). Office hours are Monday thru Friday 9am to 3pm with lunch from 2:00 to 2:30pm. The front door will be

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

locked early on Tuesday and Fridays for staff safety; please call ahead. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS

The Children's Choir will be performing on Palm Sunday, April 14th. If your little one would like to join – there is still time! The group practices on Sundays from 12:45 to 1:15. All children ages 3 and up are welcome to join. Parents are asked to stay at practices if your child is under 8. Contact Katrina at kat.k.nelson@gmail.com if you have any questions.

BEER & BIBLE – MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The group is still on "break." We will pick back up on Wednesday the 24th of April at 7:30pm. We will have a new location – TBA. If you would like to host meetings at your home, please contact Pastor Jason. Please see the bulletin board for the schedule & join us anytime!

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

We are now taking orders for Easter plants, to honor or remember our loved ones. Will we be offering a 6" plant for \$10 dollars. You will have your choice of a Lilies, Tulips, or Hyacinths (pink, lavender, or white). Please fill out the form (below) and turn into the church office with your payment. **All proceeds will go towards the Deacons Discretionary Fund. If you would like to make an additional donation above the \$10 – that too will be put toward the DDF. Thank you for your order and donation to help others!*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

- Circles meet the first Wednesday of this month.. Please contact Fran Gibbs or Rosel Eagles with any questions.
- WF Board Meeting will be April 24 at 1pm.
- It is time for spring cleaning for the Church Rummage Sale on May 3rd.
- **TERRI LYNN NUTS:** Anyone wishing to purchase a bag of nuts, here is what is available – for \$11 per bag: Pistachios, Giant Cashews, Walnut Pieces. For \$10 per bag: Cocoa Almonds, Heart Healthy Mix, Milk Choc. Bridge Mix, Dark Choc. Sea Salt Caramels. For \$9 per bag Malted Milk Balls. For \$8 per bag Almond Cranberry Granola, Gummi Bears, Milk Choc. Jumbo Raisins, and Mixed yogurt Raisins. See Chris Hubbard or call 754-7464 if you would like to purchase a bag!
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The Annual Birthday Luncheon will be held on May 5th. We wish to honor our eighty year plus members that have recently turned 80 or will be turning 80 this year. All are welcome to come and honor our members! There will be a pot luck with cake to celebrate! Please contact the church office to add your name to the list and join us for this special day!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

- March was a quick but fun month! The children brought in their leprechaun traps in an effort to catch that naughty leprechaun – and they succeeded! The children also came to visit on the 10th at service and preformed their Spring Concert. The last week of March the children went on Spring Break and now this month, they will focus on Easter Celebrations – to include an Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny! Members – help us spread the word! Ms. Candy is now accepting registration packets for children who will be attending Preschool in the fall. If you know anyone interested in sending their little one to a wonderful, loving, and Christian based school, please stop in the church office to pick up a packet! You can find more information on Ms. Candy's Facebook page or by calling 754-7608.
- All those who ordered Popcorn in support of the Preschool, your order will be available for pick-up after the 10th. you may stop in the church to pick up the order during the week or pick it up at the service on the 14th. *Thank you for your continued support!*

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

- Now that Lent has begun, kids will be having some fun in April in their Sunday School Classes! We will also be preparing for Children's Sunday on May 19 when we showcase some things that we have learned this year.
- **Mark Your Calendars for JULY 23, 24, 25!** Vacation Bible School will be hosted by our church and we will need all hands-on deck! We will need food preparing and serving, group leaders, crafts, and all kinds of help. Sign up for any or all days will begin in May. St. Paul Lutheran and Settlement Lutheran Churches help us as well. We will follow their format by providing dinner and then VBS fun!
 - If you have been thinking about becoming a Sunday School teacher, you can try it for a Sunday yet this spring or try out Vacation Bible School. We ask for one Sunday per month at most grade levels and all materials and training are available. Contact the church office if you want to give it a try! Do You Have A Story to Share? Please contact Megan Dillingham to lead a brief children's message on Sunday mornings.
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PF YOUTH NEWS

The spring retreat was rescheduled to March 8-10 at Royal Oak Congregational Church. \$55 per person. The NAPF will be the end of June in Cleveland, Ohio - for all grades entering 9th-12th and Hope. Please check the church bulletin board for PF Youth retreat registration packets and updates.

OTHER NEWS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **CARE CARDS:** Anyone wishing to send cards to people in care facilities, to show love and encouragement, please stop in the church office for a directory of all the main facilities.
- **Spectrum Health Classes:** Grief Support & Education begins in April. The group meets every Tuesday in April and the first Tuesday in May; from 2-3:30pm. Call Tracey at 616-486-2854 to register and for more information.
- **AARP Foundation Tax Info:** is offering Free Tax Help, starting Feb. 5th thru April 9th. IRS Volunteers will be assisting at the CoA in Stanton, Tues. & Thrus. from 8:30 to 2:30. Call the CoA for an appointment.
- **Check out the CoA website** or call 989-831-7476 for important news & upcoming events at: www.montcalmcountymissioning.org.

Trustees of the Month: Dan Eagles and Karen Hulbert
Deacon of the Month: Jerry McPherson

BOARD MEETINGS:

Deacons: Monday the 8th at 6:30pm
Trustees: Monday the 22nd at 7:00pm

General Fund: Operating Budget Income

January 2018 YTD \$65,427.50 ♦ January 2019 YTD \$60,737.00
Shortage YTD \$4,690.50

MUTUAL MINISTRY

April 7 – Communion Sunday

Greeters: Harry & Rose Riddle
Liturgist: Bonnie Wickerham
Children's Message: Pastor Jason
Ushers: Harry & Rose Riddle and Greg Gardner
Coffee Hour: Hollie Stephenson, Janet Tuin,
Rose Cole, and Larry Alman
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Corey Norman

April 14 – Palm Sunday

Greeters: Carolyn Foster and Carol Magoon
Liturgist: Karen Hulbert
Children's Message: **NEEDED**
Ushers: Don Gibbs, Carolyn Foster, and
Carol Magoon
Coffee Hour: Ray & Janet Tower and
The Venema Family
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake Rowland

April 21 – Easter Sunday

Greeters: Jerry & Gloria McPherson
Liturgist: Roxy Rice
Children's Message: **NEEDED**
Ushers: Larry Alman, Jerry McPherson, and
Nyama Newkirk-Davis
No Coffee Hour
Sound Techs: Corey Norman and Joe Suchowolec

April 28

Greeters: Myron & Sandra Tiffany
Liturgist: Brianna Rowland
Children's Message: **NEEDED**
Ushers: Wilson Hoy, Myron Tiffany, and
Marian Griffith
Coffee Hour: Doug & Chris Dodd and
Kirk & Celeste Faber
Sound Techs: Blake Rowland and Joe Suchowolec

May 5 – Communion & 80th Birthday Celebration

Greeters: The Venema Family
Liturgist: Ed Milam
Children's Message: Pastor Jason
Ushers: Doug & Chris Dodd and Don Gibbs
Coffee Hour: Potluck (WF)
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Corey Norman

May 12 – Mother's Day

Greeters: Michael Balars and Irene Carper
Liturgist: Katie Dillingham
Children's Message: **NEEDED**
Ushers: Larry Alman, Chris Hubbard, and
Hollie Stephenson
Coffee Hour: Dave & Linda Jones and
Ed & Jenny Milam
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake Rowland

May 19 – Children's Day & Teacher Appreciation

Greeters: Marta Lores and Patricia Butts
Liturgist: Children Led
Children's Message: **NEEDED**
Ushers: Jack & Ann Corner and Wilson Hoy
Coffee Hour: Lynn & Bonnie Wickerham,
Carolyn Foster, and Nyama Newkirk-Davis
Sound Techs: Corey Norman and Joe Suchowolec

**May 26 – Worship time moves to 10am,
Graduation & Memorial Sunday**

Greeters: Hollie Stephenson & Family
Liturgist: Blake Rowland
Children's Message: **NEEDED**
Ushers: Scott & Lynne Rowland and Brianna Rowland
Coffee Hour: Carla Durdle, Chris Hubbard,
Carol Magoon, and Deb Dieckman
Sound Techs: Blake Rowland and Joe Suchowolec

Order Your Easter Flowers Today!

We invite you to place a lily, tulip, and/or hyacinth in memory of or in honor of a friend or a loved one. Once again, this year, the Deacons are offering you a convenient, affordable and mission-centered way to order your flowers through the church office. For the cost of \$10.00 per plant, you can help support the Deacon's Discretionary Fund and celebrate or remember a loved one. Orders made through the church office need to be placed by **April 12th**. Simply fill out the form listed below. You may pick up your flowers after the 11:00 AM service on Easter Sunday, April 21st, or have it delivered to someone on the Friendship list.

Please make checks Payable to: **First Congregational Church*

Name of donors _____

of plants ordered _____ x \$10.00 per plant = _____ total

____ **Lily** ____ **Tulip** OR ____ **Hyacinth** ____ Blue ____ Pink ____ White

In Memory of _____

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In Honor of _____

In Honor of _____

- ☐ I will pick up my plants
- ☐ Please deliver my plant to someone on the Friendship List.