



# FCC PILGRIM PULSE

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## *The Good News . . .*

Are you becoming love? We have just launched into a video & study series by Bob Goff (author of "Love Does") called Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People. It's one of the several books that I finished during my week off at the end of June and I have been excited to work through it with all of you ever since. Bob is such an affable storyteller and I am sure you're enjoying him. I know videos are a change of pace for us during worship, but this message of becoming love is so healing and encouraging. Several people have even asked for the book and are looking to engage beyond the study series itself. It's a great time to invite a friend to join us on Sunday, because this is a really positive and fun group study that we're journeying through together.

Since our Pentecost celebrations, we've formed a couple of intentional prayer groups that I'm hoping you will join. Both are meeting down in the Columbarium Chapel adjacent to the Fellowship Hall. We have had a really powerful time together praying for one another, praying for our congregation, and our community. I'm trusting that the Holy Spirit will meet us here and pour out power and peace to step out in courageous ministry and express profound love for one another. As we journey through the narrative history in the Book of Acts, we see the overarching thread of prayer connected to Holy Spirit power and I'm confident that we too can live into that reality today. If you can join us on Thursdays at 4:00 pm or Sunday mornings at 9:30 am (just before service), we'd love to welcome you. If you'd like to start a group of your own, we'll help you get started and help spread the word too.

While you're enjoying our steamy West Michigan summer, don't forget that Come Together Sunday is just around the corner and will be here quicker than you expect. It's going to be a great Sunday celebration of coming together again after all of our summer activities, trips, and activities. In the meantime we've got Vacation Bible School (VBS) and all the other busy summer activities going on. God is so good and has been blessing us with a great congregation and community where we can all grow into becoming love together.



*Peace of Christ,  
Rev. Jason Dillingham*

## 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 Gloden, 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>Mike Tuin</i>
<i>Lucille McLachlan</i>	<i>Betty Lincoln</i>	<i>Sandra Tiffany</i>	<i>Roxy Rice</i>	<i>Michael Balars</i>
<i>Barb Hoy</i>	<i>Brian Adair</i>	<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Keith King</i>	<i>Carrol Minard</i>
<i>Lucas Hopkins</i>	<i>Marjoan Wohlfert</i>	<i>Coreen Johnston</i>	<i>Gary Petersen</i>	<i>Dennis Snow</i>
<i>Larry Moss</i>	<i>Bonnie Hoseth</i>	<i>Bill &amp; Jean Boyd</i>	<i>Jade Hannah</i>	<i>Brian Tiffany</i>
<i>Holly Case</i>	<i>Bonnie Braman</i>	<i>Pat Flashaar</i>	<i>Jerry McPherson</i>	<i>Kathy Reed</i>
<i>Darlene Petersen</i>	<i>David Crittenden</i>	<i>Ken Reed</i>	<i>Judith Rice-Lesage</i>	

### FCC FAMILY AT CARE FACILITIES

<i>Millie Crowe</i>	<i>-at Maple Creek, Grand Rapids</i>
<i>Lois Hazelwood</i>	<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #31</i>
<i>Bette Houle</i>	<i>-at The Brook Assisted Living, Cedar Springs</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>Lois Visch</i>	<i>-at Masonic Pathways in Alma Room #282A</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>Tom Deal</i>	<i>Brother of Candy Outman</i>
<i>Pierre Lesage</i>	<i>Brother-in-Law of Roxy Rice</i>
<i>Michael Lake</i>	<i>Son-in-Law of Sandra Tiffany</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 Thanks:

*"I wanted to express my gratitude for the Scholarship and for everything this church has done for me!" ~  
God Bless! Lizzy Emerson*

*"Dear Patrice – our family is so grateful for your friendship and over-the-top devotion to mom and dad. Everyone should be fortunate enough to have a friend like you in their life. Thank your being Jesus in the flesh to us. You are an example of the comfort Paul describes in 2 Cor. 1:3-4 and we pray God's blessings over you always, as described so beautifully in Psalm 121 – you are loved!"*

*~Debbie & Steve Abbott (daughter of Ken & Kathy Reed)*



### Special Prayers:

For Susan Beauvais, Kyle Durdle (deployed to Afghanistan) and Griffin Gloden (deployed to Korea)


### Continue Prayers for:

Larry Moss, Ken Reed, and Bill Visch.

# ~ August 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>  <b>11a GAMA</b>   7:30 AA	<b>2</b> 11:30 AA	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Communion</b> 10a Worship Special Music – <b>Larry Moss</b>  1p Pack up kitchen cupboard supplies 3p Venture	<b>5</b>  <b>Work begins on Kitchen cupboards</b>  5p Council	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10a PURLS   5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>8</b>   6:30 GS Leader Mtg. 7:30 AA	<b>9</b> 11:30 AA	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>10a Picnic at the Parsonage</b> Special Music – <b>TBA</b>  3p Venture	<b>12</b>  6:30 Deacons	<b>13</b> <b>6:00pm FCC Calendar Meeting 2019-2020</b>	<b>14</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>15</b>  6:30 F.A.N. 7:30 AA	<b>16</b> 11:30 AA  <b>*Kitchen cupboard project completed</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 10a Worship Special Music – <b>Great Lakes Barbershop Chorus</b>  3p Venture	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10a PURLS <b>Public School Classes Begins</b>  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>22</b>  7:30 AA	<b>23</b> 11:30 AA	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10a Worship Special Music – <b>Bob &amp; Salle Johnson</b>  <b>1-3 Preschool Open House</b> 3p Venture	<b>26</b>  5:30 CS Pack Mtg. 7p Trustees	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10a PURLS  1p WF Board 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	<b>29</b>  <b>7p Preschool Parent Night</b> 7:30 AA	<b>30</b> 11:30 AA	<b>31</b>

# ~ September 2019 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> <b>Communion</b> 10a Worship Special Music – <i>Deb Dieckman</i>  3p Venture	<b>2</b>  <b>Labor Day</b>  <i>~Office Closed~</i>	<b>3</b> <b>First Day of Preschool (3's)</b> 	<b>4</b> <b>First Day of Preschool (4's &amp; 5's)</b>  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 6:30 Bethany 7p Boy Scouts	<b>5</b>  <b>11a GAMA</b>  7:30 AA	<b>6</b> 11:30 AA	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Come Together Sunday</b> 9:30 Choir <b>11a Worship</b> 12:15 PF Youth 12:45 CC  3p Venture	<b>9</b>   5:30 CS 6:30 Deacons	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	<b>12</b>  6:30 GS Leader Mtg. 7:30 AA	<b>13</b> 11:30 AA	<b>14</b>
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<b>29</b> 9:30 Choir 11a Worship <b>12p Flu Shot Clinic</b> 12:45 CC  3p Venture	<b>30</b>  5:30 CS Pack Mtg.	<b>*FLU shot clinic sponsored by Specturm Health is Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> from 12-1:30pm.</b>				

# ~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

## PASTORAL NEWS

**Community Life (CL):** Dinner is at 5pm with group study at 6pm. Volunteers needed to help cook and serve supper on Wednesday nights. Food prep begins between 2-3pm and cleanup is done by around 6pm. Please see Megan Dillingham if you can help!

- **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. To schedule an appointment or visit, please call the church office, email Pastor Jason or call the Parsonage.
- **Pastoral Care:** Our team is here for your spiritual & emotional care! To schedule an appointment or visit, call the office, the parsonage (835-9032) or email pastor.dillingham@gmail.com.
- **Parish Nurse:** Is off on Mondays. She is in on Tues. & Thurs. from 8-4, and Friday from 8-11am.
- **Beer & Hymns** will resume again at 7pm on Tuesday September 24th. Location TBA.

## DEACONS NEWS

- There was no meeting in July.
- The bike event was held in July.
- **This year's picnic service at the Parsonage is planned for August 11<sup>th</sup>.**
- The next meeting will August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

## CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

The office is closed on Fridays. Summer hours are Mon-Thurs from 9-3 with lunch from 12-12:30. The regular office hours of Mon-Fri will resume August 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you need assistance, please leave a message on the church answering machine. Thank you!

## MCCCC NEWS

*"Why aren't people coming to MY church?"* The annual meeting and fellowship Oct. 18-19, 2019. Hosted by Central Lake Congregational Church; with Guest speakers Rev. Dean Sinclair and Rev. Gary Bekkering. We encourage all lay persons and ministers to attend this fellowship and business meeting opportunity. Registration info will be announced mid-August. See the bulletin board for the flyer with more information!

## HEALTH NEWS

There will be a flu-shot clinic (sponsored by Spectrum Health) here at the church on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

## TRUSTEE NEWS & PLEDGING INFORMATION

Our Shortage YTD is **\$8,565.22**. The next meeting will be August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the upstairs conference room. Tithing boxes are available in the library; if you do not see your box, please leave a note for the office and one will be issued to you. Pledge cards are still available in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support and care for this church!

## CELEBRATIONS

**Happy Birthday!** To Dick Canfield (8/6), Adalyn Weber (8/6), James Ritzema (8/10), Claire Dillingham (8/11), Megan Dillingham (8/21), Benjamin Venema (8/24), Brian Gardner (8/25), and Thomas Dillingham (8/30). **Happy Anniversary!** To Lynn & Bonnie Wickerham (8/3), and Jeffrey & Cheryl Staffen (8/11).

## CHOIR NEWS

Chancel Choir will resume 9:30 practices Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at Come Together Sunday. Contact Greg VanderMark with any questions, or if you would like to join the group!

## SPECIAL SUMMER MUSIC LINE-UP!

Please continue to watch the bulletins and all mailings for the Special Music we have lined up for the summer! Here are some of the performances to mark your calendars for: Larry Moss (8/4), Bob & Salle Johnson (8/25), and Deb Dieckman (9/1). If you or someone you know, has musical talent and would like to sing or play an instrument for our summer *Special Music* program, please contact Greg VanderMark.

## PICNIC AT THE PARSONAGE

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Picnic at the Parsonage service will be held August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am at 912 S. Macomber Street. Please bring lawn chairs, your own table service, a dish to pass, and any yard games to enjoy after service! Feel free to bring a friend, all are welcome!

## FELLOWSHIP OUTING

You are invited to join us at the Irish Music Festival at Heritage Landing in Downtown Muskegon on Sat., Sept. 14. There will be several bands, food booths, and activities. We will carpool from the church at 10am, have lunch at the festival (bring money for lunch) and return around 3pm. Tickets are \$25 or \$20 online at michiganirish.org – if purchased by Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Call Terri Merritt at 616-894-7760.



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

- The church kitchen project begins with packing up the kitchen on Sunday, **Aug. 4**. Please bring bins and boxes in good shape and clearly labeled for return back to you.
- The kitchen will be available on Sunday, **Aug. 18** when we move back in and label where everything goes! No worries about coffee hour on 8/11 as that is the Outdoor Service at the Parsonage.
- Plan to be in church on **Come Together Sunday, Sept. 8** for a potluck and a special dedication of the improved kitchen!
- Women's Fellowship Fall Potluck, Recipe Exchange, and Chrismon Making are scheduled for **Sat., Sept. 28 at Noon**. Come join the fun and bring a favorite dish to pass and the recipe that can be copied and that you are willing to share! Names will be taken to get the new collection of recipes.
- Bethany Circle will meet **Wed., Sept. 4 at 6:30pm**. Fran will email when books arrive so we can read and be ready to discuss!
- Winslow Circle will meet **Wed., Oct. 2 at 1:00pm**.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

- As we are going into the final month of summer, many preparations are being made and updates to our Preschool classroom! We recently got new flooring installed in the snack room and the art area of the preschool. And we got a fresh coat of paint on the walls to highlight the new theme for the 2019-2020 School Year...the Wizard of Oz! The children will be "following the yellow brick road" to a year full preschool educational learning and fun! Ms. Candy and the Preschool Grandparents cannot wait for another school year to begin and help make memories with your little one! ☺
- We already have many packets turned in for the new school year! Ms. Candy is still accepting registration packets for children who will be attending Preschool in the fall. If you or someone you know, would like to send your little one to a loving and Christian based preschool, please stop in the church office to pick up a packet! More info is on the Church website, Facebook, or call 754-7608.
- **REGISTRATION FEE must be paid when you submit your packet; to secure your spot for the fall classes!**



## CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

- **THANK YOU CONGREGATION FOR A SUCCESSFUL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS YEAR!** We had a daily attendance around 25 kids. VBS is not possible without help, donations, and great leaders to cover the food, cooking, crafts, games, Bible Story, snacks, and all that is involved in hosting a public event. Meat donations were superb to help save costs!
- **Summer Sunday School:** Thanks to our volunteers, we will have Sunday School, Aug. 18 & 25. Aug. 4 is Communion and Aug. 11 is the Outdoor Service at the Parsonage so no Sunday School on those days.
- **Regular Sunday School resumes with Come Together Sunday on Sunday, Sept. 8**, during worship. If you would like to teach or be a substitute, please see Fran Gibbs or leave a message in the office.

## OTHER NEWS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Summer Painting Class:** Join Patty Rockafellow Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am for a step by step painting class. Cost is \$20 (make checks out to Patty). Call the CoA number, option 4, to sign up & pay by August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Summer Sippers Class:** starts Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Learn how to make 3 different summer sippers with health benefits. Call CoA by Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, option 4. Join us afterwards for Soup & Salad Bar. (\$2.50 donation 60 & up, \$6 for under 60).
- **Weight Watchers meeting in Stanton:** now meets in Stanton at the CoA. They meet every Thurs. at 4:30pm. for more info call CoA, option 2.
- **Heritage Village Festival in August:** Thurs. the 1<sup>st</sup> is Honoring Seniors Day 10am. Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> is kids Day and Sat. the 3<sup>rd</sup> is Salute our Veterans Day.
- **Grief Support and Education:** Spectrum Health is offering: *Moving Through Grief Series* (begins Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>). Call Tracey at 616-486-2854 for more information or to register.
- **Hiking Club in August:** starts Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Join the hiking club that meets every Monday at MCC in Sidney at the tennis courts and enjoy a peaceful walk on the nature trails. Call CoA, option 4 to register.
- **Check out the CoA website** or call 989-831-7476 for important news & upcoming events at: [www.montcalmcountymissioning.org](http://www.montcalmcountymissioning.org).

**BOARD MEETINGS:**Deacons: Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pmTrustees: Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**General Fund: Operating Budget Income**

June 2018 YTD \$119,344.72 ♦ June 2019 YTD \$110,779.50

Shortage YTD \$8,565.22

**Trustees of the Month:** Cindy Hanson and Larry Snow**Deacon of the Month:** Ed Milam**MUTUAL MINISTRY****August 4 – Communion Sunday**Greeters: Greg & Valerie VanderMarkLiturgist: Megan DillinghamChildren's Message: Sue MossUshers: Greg & Valerie VanderMark and  
Katrina NelsonCoffee Hour: Josh & Lauren Gibbs and  
Kirk & Celeste FaberSound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Corey NormanSpecial Music: Larry Moss, acc. Val VanderMark**August 11 – Picnic at the Parsonage**Greeters: DeaconsLiturgist: Linda JonesChildren's Message: **NEEDED**Ushers: N/ACoffee Hour: Potluck (*please bring own table service,  
dish to pass, and lawn chairs*)Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake RowlandSpecial Music: **NEEDED****August 18**Greeters: Don & Fran GibbsLiturgist: Brianna RowlandChildren's Message: **NEEDED**Ushers: Don & Fran Gibbs and Larry AlmanCoffee Hour: Terri Merritt, Jane Truesdell,  
Ron Kingsbury, & Janet Tower (*cookies only*)Sound Techs: Corey Norman and Joe SuchowolecSpecial Music: **NEEDED****August 25**Greeters: Julie Momber and Terri MerrittLiturgist: Pat LakeChildren's Message: **NEEDED**Ushers: Wilson Hoy, Julie Momber, and Terri MerrittCoffee Hour: Scott & Lynne Rowland, Marcia Kemp,  
and Julie MomberSound Techs: Blake Rowland and Joe SuchowolecSpecial Music: Bob & Salle Johnson**September 1 – Communion Sunday**Greeters: Ron Kingsbury and Larry AlmanLiturgist: Roxy RiceChildren's Message: Pastor JasonUshers: Don Gibbs, Ron Kingsbury, and Larry AlmanCoffee Hour: Dillingham family & Dave & Linda JonesSound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Corey NormanSpecial Music: Deb Dieckman**September 8 – Come Together Sunday (*return to 11am Worship*)**Greeters: Mark & Trudy PetersenLiturgist: **TBA**Children's Message: **NEEDED**Ushers: Mark & Trudy Petersen and Larry AlmanCoffee Hour: *Meal provided by Christian ED*Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake Rowland**September 15**Greeters: Jon & Paula AylsworthLiturgist: **TBA**Children's Message: **NEEDED**Ushers: Jon & Paula Aylsworth and Wilson HoyCoffee Hour: Anita Putnam, Gloria Guilfoyle,  
Mary Snow and Hollie StephensonSound Techs: Corey Norman and Joe Suchowolec**September 22**Greeters: Jack & Ann CornerLiturgist: **TBA**Children's Message: **NEEDED**Ushers: Jack & Ann Corner and Scott RowlandCoffee Hour: Bruce & Susan Beauvais, Betty Lincoln,  
and Nyama Newkirk-DavisSound Techs: Blake Rowland and Joe Suchowolec**September 29 – Flu Shot Clinic**Greeters: Jim & Patty RitzemaLiturgist: **TBA**Children's Message: **NEEDED**Ushers: Pat Lake, Jim Ritzema, and Steve RooseCoffee Hour: Venema family and Dan & Rosel EaglesSound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Joe Suchowolec