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The Good News . . .

I feel like a broken record every time I sit down to write the monthly Good News, but can you believe it's already February of 2019. It seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas together, but here we are watching Valentines Day and Lent quickly approaching! That must mean we have a vibrant and busy ministry going here in Greenville for time to be slipping so quickly by.

We just gathered together at our Annual Meeting. Unfortunately the ice and snow kept many from participating, but it was a good meeting. I think it was the quickest and most peaceful Annual Meeting I've personally experienced yet. All our votes passed with unanimous voice votes and all was peaceful. The potluck was great too; wonderful food and even better fellowship. I am so grateful to everyone for their hard work preparing reports and making the whole thing go off without a hitch; well, except for the sound system that wanted to take the night off. We're getting all that fixed and upgraded though. There was a special touch from our heritage when we inducted our new (and returning) officers; Chris from Women's Fellowship shared an induction rite from several years ago and we were able to usher in the new while acknowledging the old. What a great night.

January is our one-year anniversary of Beer & Hymns at Castle Brewing! We have had such fun together as we have enjoyed great fellowship and singing. We've made wonderful new relationships with people we might never have met otherwise. I am so grateful for our congregation as we courageously go out into the community to embody the Gospel of love.

I hope you're ready for our Lenten Suppers & Studies to return. They're back on the first Wednesday in March at 6:00 pm. I'm looking forward to our time together, eating and studying. I heard some good feedback about our intentional journey through Advent to Christmas and the request that we do the same during Lent, so I'm pulling together a study that will help us walk (as we continue through the Gospel of Luke) through the weeks of Lent right up to Holy Week and the Passion observances and on to Easter. I know we're just really getting our first serious snows and ice of the winter season, but our eyes are already looking toward the spring and Easter preparation.

Peace of Christ,
Rev. Jason Dillingham

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Marta Lores	*Jackie Kocher*	*Rob Sansom*	*Pat Toth*	*Anne Burgess*
Lucille McLachlan	*Betty Lincoln*	*Sandra Tiffany*	*Roxy Rice*	*Keith King*
Barb Hoy	*Brian Adair*	*Gloria McPherson*	*Brian Tiffany*	*Kathy Reed*
Nathan Failing	*Marjoan Wohlfert*	*Coreen Johnston*	*Gary Petersen*	*Jade Hannah*
Lucas Hopkins	*Bonnie Hoseth*	*Bill & Jean Boyd*	*Mike Tuin*	*Michael Balars*
Harry Riddle	*Bonnie Braman*	*Pat Flashaar*	*Carrol Minard*	

FCC FAMILY AT CARE FACILITIES

Millie Crowe	*-at Maple Creek, Grand Rapids*
Lois Hazlewood	*-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #31*
Bette Houle	*-at Lakeview Terrace Assisted Living*
Natalie Kilfoil	*-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #20*
Mary Lou Merritt	*-at Green Acres Room #118*
Corla Morgan	*-at SHUM RNC Room #103*
Mary Crittenden	*-at SHUM RNC Room #109*
Norma Nicholas	*-at Green Acres Room #201*
Bob Dunn	*-at Metron*
Jelane Hamper	*-at Green Acres Room #206*

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

David Crittenden	*Son of Mary Crittenden*
Dennis Snow	*Brother of Larry Snow and Sandra Tiffany*
Jasmine Luce	*Friend of Candy Outman*
Sarah Brygal	*Friend of Candy Outman*
Bob Deal, Jr. and Tom Deal	*Brothers of Candy Outman*
Jody VaderYact-Jones	*Cousin of David Jones*
The Baker Family	*Friends of the Dillingham Family*
Sheli Kesteloot	*Friend of Dave & Linda Jones*
Adalynn Hemmes	*Friend of Ms. Candy's Preschool*

- **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!

Continue Prayers for:

Lois Hazelwood, Pat Flashaar, Michael Balars (Laurels of Carson), and Carrol Minard (home).

Special Prayers for:

The Sansom family as Kathie Sansom passed on the 17th of January. For the Geiger Family as Jerry Geiger (Patty Ritzema's uncle) passed away January 15th. And finally, prayers for Monroe Schultz, daughter of Brandy & Paul, granddaughter of Greg & Valerie VanderMark; she was admitted to U of M with pneumonia.

FCC Medical Equipment:

If you have borrowed a piece of medical equipment for you or a loved one, please return it to the church, as we are needing our equipment back to lend out to others in need! Thank you!

~ February 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 11:30 AA	**2**
3 ***Communion & Scout Sunday*** 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:45 CC 3p Venture	**4** 5:30 CS	**5** 7p Council Mtg.	**6** 10a PURLS 1p Winslow 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 6:30 Bethany 7p Boy Scouts	**7** **11a GAMA** 6:30 GS Leader Mtg. 7:30 AA	**8** 11:30 AA	**9**
10 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:15 PF Youth 12:45 CC 3p Venture	**11** 5:30 CS 6:30 Deacons	**12** ***Preschoolers Valentines Party***	**13** 10a PURLS 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	**14** **Valentines Day** ***Preschoolers Valentines Party*** 5:45p F.A.N. 7:30 AA	**15** 11:30 AA	**16**
17 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:45 CC 3p Venture	**18** ***President's Day*** 5:30 CS	**19**	**20** 10a PURLS 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	**21** 7:30 AA	**22** 11:30 AA	**23**
24 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:15 PF Youth 12:45 CC 3p Venture	**25** 5:30 CS Pack Banquet 7p Trustees	**26** 7p Beer & Hymns	**27** 10a PURLS 1p WF Board Mtg. 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	**28**		

~ March 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Ash Wednesday Activities:** 10a WF 63rd Silent Breakfast 11a Prayer & Imposition of Ashes 7p Service & Imposition of Ashes					**1** 11:30 AA	**2**
3 ***Communion*** 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:45 CC 3p Venture	**4** 5:30 CS	**5**	**6** ****Ash Wednesday*** 10a PURLS **10a Silent Bfast & Imposition of Ashes** **6p Lenten Supper (Deacons & Cubs)** 7p Service 7p Boy Scouts	**7** **11a GAMA** 6:30 GS Leader Mtg. 7:30 AA	**8** 11:30 AA	**9**
PF Youth Spring Retreat to Royal Oak						
10 ***1st Sunday in Lent & Daylight Savings Time*** 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:15 PF Youth 12:45 CC 3p Venture	**11** 5:30 CS 6:30 Deacons	**12**	**13** 10a PURLS **6p Lenten Supper (Trustees)** 7p Service 7p Boy Scouts	**14** Preschool Leprechaun Traps due 5:45p F.A.N. 7:30 AA	**15** 11:30 AA	**16** 5a Pine Wood Derby
17 ***St. Patrick's Day*** 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:45 CC 3p Venture	**18** 5:30 CS Pack Mtg.	**19**	**20** 10a PURLS **6p Lenten Supper (Choir)** 7p Service 7p Boy Scouts	**21** 7:30 AA	**22** 11:30 AA	**23**
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Spring Break March 25th through the 29th						
31 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:45 CC 3p Venture	**Lenten Supper Schedule:** March 6th Deacons & Cub Scouts March 13th Trustees March 20th Choir March 27th FCC Council April 3rd Preschool April 10th WF April 16th Maundy Thursday *All dinners start at 6:00 pm.					

~ FCC Committee News And Announcements ~

Pastoral News

Community Life Service (CLS): continue to join us for a free dinner at 5pm and group study at 6pm. Contact Megan Dillingham if you can donate food for the dinners or help in any way!

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 please call, email, or text Pastor Jason at pastor.dillingham@gmail.com, or contact the church office.

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 Monday or Wednesday, please contact the Pastoral Care Team.

Deacons News

Highlights from the January Meeting:

- Have Mercy sends a big thank you for the donations made to our Christmas Angel Tree
- Game night was 5-7pm on Jan. 27th.
- Membership committee made 15 visits and sent 14 cards.
- Plans for welcoming pre-school families on Feb 10 were discussed.
- Feb 23 activity night. Come build a sofa side table.

2018 – 2019 Annual Meeting

Thank you to everyone for getting your reports in on time! And thank you to all who brought some delicious dishes for the Church Potluck, prior to the meeting! There is nothing like getting your belly filled with delicious home-cooked food just before a meeting. ☺ And even though the weather was questionable, we still had a good turnout for the meeting and are thankful to all who came to hear from our Leadership on things that were completed and things to look forward to for the new year. *Thanks again to all!*

Children's Message

Do You Have A Story to Share? Please contact Megan Dillingham to lead a brief children's message on Sunday mornings.

Office News

Office hours are Monday thru Friday 9am to 3pm with lunch from 2:00 to 2:30pm. The front door will be locked early on Tuesday and Fridays for staff safety; please call ahead. Thank you!

- If you did not get an Annual Report, please contact the church office for a copy.

Pledge Information & Trustee News

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. Please feel free to drop them off in the secure envelope provided, to the church office, or in the offering plate. Our Shortage YTD is $4,640.83. The next meeting will be February 25th at 7pm in the upstairs conference room.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday! To Pat Ritzema (2/1), Ken Reed (2/4), Scott Rowland (2/9), Rex Venema (2/10), Lois Visch (2/10), Rev. Jerry Jones (2/12), Nancy Staffen (2/14), Greg VanderMark (2/15), Coleen Venema (2/15), Michele Kocher (2/17), Katie Dillingham (2/118), Patrick Emerson (2/20), Johnathon Dillingham (2/24), and Celeste Faber (2/24). ***Happy Anniversary!*** To Myron & Sandra Tiffany (2/14).

Children's Choir News

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

Our Men's Bible Study continues to meet every Wednesday from at Steve Roose's home at 7:30pm. There will be no Bible Study during the Lenten Supers scheduled in March thru April. If you would like to host meetings at your home or would like to join us, see the bulletin board for the schedule & join us anytime!

PF Youth News

The winter retreat for the PF Youth was a great time for all! To inlude the guest speakers, our own, Claude Johnson and Ed Milam! PF Youth may be hosting subs and soup for Souper Bowl after church; more info to come. Please check the church bulletin board for PF Youth updates.

Women's Fellowship News

- Circles meet February 6: All women are invited to attend Winslow at 1pm or Bethany at 6:30pm. Both Circles meet at the church.
- There is a WF Retreat on February 1 & 2 at Youth Haven Ranch, Rives Junction, Michigan. The speaker is Mary Darling, Co-Author of the book, *"Connecting Like Jesus"*. The event runs Fri & Sat. Registration is $50 per person (to include room and meals). If you wish to only attend Saturday, the price is $20 per person. The morning session starts at 7am with breakfast. The event will end at noon. Questions? Please call Seneca Nierer at (765) 413-0893. There are also registration packets available on the church bulletin board.
- **Terri Lynn Nuts will be for sale on the 10th!** Anyone wishing to purchase a bag of nuts, here is what is available – for $11 per bag: (7) Pistachios, (2) Giant Cashews, (4) Honey Roasted Cashews, (2) Deluxe Mixed Nuts (no peanuts), (1) Walnut Pieces. For $10 per bag: (4) Cocoa Almonds, (10) Heart Healthy Mix, (6) Milk Choc. Bridge Mix, (5) Dark Choc. Sea Salt Caramels. For $9 per bag (1) Malted Milk Balls. For $8 per bag: (3) Almond Cranberry Granola, (5) Gummi Bears, (6) Milk Choc. Jumbo Raisins, and (9) Mixed yogurt Raisins. Please see Chris Hubbard or call 754-7464 if you would like to purchase a bag!
- **Men & Women of our Church** – Be sure to mark your calendar now for the SILENT BREAKFAST on Ash Wednesday to begin the Lenten Season. The Silent Breakfast is a symbolic breakfast/communion within a peaceful and quiet setting. The speaker is our own Pastor Jason Dillingham, with Roxy Rice doing the invocation, and Janet Tower playing the piano. At the end of the service, an *Imposition of Ashes* will be available. All are invited!

Christian ED News

This month we will be having our Valentine Party – to include movies, popcorn, & PJ's! We are looking to fill a few more spots for anyone interested in sending their little one to a wonderful, fun & loving Christian based school, please stop in the church office to pick up a packet! SPACE IS LIMITED! Questions? Find her on Facebook or call 754-3445.

- Preschoolers will be visiting our Sunday Service on the 10th for a special musical presentation for our members!

Christian ED News (cont.)

We will miss Mary in our 1-3 class in February due to surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery! In the meantime, we will combine the 1-3 class & the 4-6 class to cover February Sundays. Teaching this month are Feb. 10-Jenny Milam, Feb. 17-Suzy Kreeger, and Feb. 24-Marta Lores. Patrice Fulton-Peacock remains our Preschool and Kindergarten teacher, and Hollie Stephenson is our 7-9 teacher for February. Please support our teachers by going to Sunday School! We have a Valentine's Craft on the 10th!

- **NOISY COIN:** Collection begins on the 3rd and will continue thru the 24th. Make some ***NOISE*** by bringing your change to church for a special offering to benefit I M Kids 3rd Meal. In addition to our Noisy Coin Collection, our Sunday School Classes will have a service project of decorating lunch sacks. Kids: be sure to come help collect the offering in February and decorate bags! LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE TO END HUNGER!

Other News & Community Events

- **CHURCH CLOSINGS:** please check WZZM 13, Wood TV-8, and Facebook for any activities that may be closed at the church.
- **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.
- **MCC Classes**: water walking, water aerobics, Senior Fitness, Snowshoeing, and the Ash Lecutre Series. There is something for everyone! See the bulletin board for more info on classes offered.
- **Specturm Health** is sponsoring classes on: Diabetes Education,Support Group, & Prevention, Grief Support & Education, and Smoking Cessation: Kick the habit. See our church bulletin board for class dates, times, and locations.
- **AARP Foundation Tax Information:** is offering Free Tax Help for low & moderate-income taxpayers with special attention to those age 60 and older, starting Feb. 5th thru April 9th. IRS approved trained Volunteers will be assiting at the CoA in Staton, Tues. & Thrus. from 8:30 to 2:30. Montcalm County taxpayers, call the CoA for an appointment, after Jan. 22nd. *See bulletin board for what to bring to the classes.
- **Check out the CoA website** or call 989-831-7476 for important news & upcoming events at: www.montcalmcountycommissiononaging.org.

Trustees of the Month: Karen Hulbert and Duane Putnam
Deacon of the Month: Greg Gardner

BOARD MEETINGS:
Deacons: Monday the 11th at 6:30pm
Trustees: Monday the 25th at 7:00pm

General Fund: Operating Budget Income
December 2017 YTD $228,675.31 ✦ December 2018 YTD 224,640.48
Shortage YTD $4,640.83

MUTUAL MINISTRY

February 6 – *Communion & Boy Scout Sunday*
Greeters: Boy Scouts
Liturgist: Benjamin Venema
Children's Message: Pastor Jason
Ushers: Boy Scouts
Coffee Hour: The Dillingham Family and Kurt & Suzy Kreeger; assisted by Boy Scouts
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Corey Norman

February 10 – *Preschoolers Visit*
Greeters: Chris Hubbard and Betty Lincoln
Liturgist: Katie Dillingham
Children's Message: Ed Milam
Ushers: Jack & Ann Corner and Don Gibbs
Coffee Hour: Duane & Anita Putnam and Mark & Trudy Petersen
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake Rowland

February 17
Greeters: Terri Merritt and Bonnie Braman
Liturgist: Chris Hubbard
Children's Message: ***NEEDED***
Ushers: Wilson Hoy, Terri Merritt, and Bonnie Braman
Coffee Hour: Bruce & Susan Beauvais, Marcia Kemp, and Michele Kocher
Sound Techs: Corey Norman and Joe Suchowolec

February 24
Greeters: The Suchowolec Family
Liturgist: Blake Rowland
Children's Message: ***NEEDED***
Ushers: Jim & Patty Ritzema and Larry Alman
Coffee Hour: Steve & Diane Roose and Paul & Kris Jager
Sound Techs: Blake Rowland and Joe Suchowolec

March 3 – *Communion & Transfiguration Sunday*
Greeters: Al & Gloria Guilfoyle
Liturgist: Sandra Tiffany
Children's Message: Pastor Jason
Ushers: Al & Gloria Guilfoyle and Scott Rowland
Coffee Hour: Terri Merritt, Marta Lores, Greg Gardner, and Claude Johnson
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake Rowland

March 10 – *First Sunday of Lent, Daylight Savings Begins & Girl Scout Sunday*
Greeters: Girl Scouts
Liturgist: Don Gibbs
Children's Message: ***NEEDED***
Ushers: Girl Scouts
Coffee Hour: Potluck – assisted by Girl Scouts
Sound Techs: Corey Norman and Blake Rowland

March 17 – *St. Patrick's Day*
Greeters: Scott & Lynne Rowland
Liturgist: Susan Beauvais
Children's Message: ***NEEDED***
Ushers: Larry Alman, Chris Hubbard and Hollie Stephenson
Coffee Hour: Jerry & Gloria McPherson and Harry & Rose Riddle
Sound Techs: Corey Norman and Joe Suchowolec

March 24
Greeters: Paul & Kris Jager
Liturgist: Scott Rowland
Children's Message: ***NEEDED***
Ushers: Paul & Kris Jager and Greg Gardner
Coffee Hour: Doug & Lisa Stek and Jim & Patti Ritzema
Sound Techs: Blake Rowland and Joe Suchowolec

March 31
Greeters: Dan & Rosel Eagles
Liturgist: Megan Dillingham
Children's Message: ***NEEDED***
Ushers: Dan & Rosel Eagles and Steve Roose
Coffee Hour: Jack & Ann Corner, Dick Canfield and Karen Hulbert
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Corey Norman