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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>Harry Riddle</i>	<i>Bonnie Braman</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 Kilfoil</i>	<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #20</i>
<i>Mary Lou Merritt</i>	<i>-at Green Acres Room #118</i>
<i>Corla Morgan</i>	<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #103</i>
<i>Kathie Sansom</i>	<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #108</i>
<i>Mary Crittenden</i>	<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #109</i>
<i>Norma Nicholas</i>	<i>-at Green Acres Room #201</i>
<i>Bob Dunn</i>	<i>-at Metron</i>
<i>Jelane Hamper</i>	<i>-at Green Acres Room #206</i>

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

<i>Roy Wohlfert</i> <i>David Crittenden</i> <i>Dennis Snow</i> <i>Jasmine Luce</i> <i>Sarah Brygal</i> <i>Bob Deal, Jr.</i> <i>Tom Deal</i>		<i>Brother-in-law of Michele Kocher</i> <i>Son of Mary Crittenden</i> <i>Brother of Larry Snow and Sandra Tiffany</i> <i>Friend of Candy Outman</i> <i>Friend of Candy Outman</i> <i>Brother of Candy Outman</i> <i>Brother of Candy Outman</i>
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- **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: Jerry McPherson, Michael Balars, Kathy Sansom, Carrol Minard, Trudi Cunningham, Irene Carper, and Marta Lores.



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!

~ January 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10a PURLS	3 11a GAMA	4 11:30 AA	5
		Christmas Break December 24 to January 6th →				
		New Year's Day	5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	7:30 AA		
6 Communion 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:45 CC 3p Venture	7 School Back In Session 5:30 CS 7p CE mtg.	8	9 10a PURLS 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	10 6:30 GS Leader Mtg. 7:30 AA	11 11:30 AA BS Lock-in 7p to 11am	12
13 9:30 Choir 11a Service 12:15 PF Youth 12:45 CC 3p Venture	14 MLK Day *Reports due for Annual Report 5:30 CS 6:30 Deacons	15	16 10a PURLS 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	17 5:45p F.A.N. 7:30 AA	18 11:30 AA	19
20 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:45 CC 3p Venture	21 5:30 CS 7p Trustees	22	23 10a PURLS 6p Potluck 7p Annual Meeting 7p Boy Scouts	24 7:30 AA	25 11:30 AA PF Mid-Winter Retreat to Pine Hill →	26
27 9:30 Choir 11a Service 12:45 CC PF Retreat → 3p Venture	28 5:30 CS Pack Mtg.	29 7p Beer & Hymn	30 10a PURLS 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	31		

~ February 2019 ~

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					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
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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		

~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

PASTORAL NEWS

Community Life Service (CLS): Thanks to all who have donated time, food, and fellowship in 2018! Please continue to join us for a free dinner at 5pm and group study at 6pm. Please contact Pastor Jason or 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 on vacation from Jan. 2-8. If you need assistance at that time, call or text her. Patrice is off on Mondays. She is in on Tuesday & Thursday from 8am to 4pm, and Friday from 8-11am.

DEACONS NEWS

If you need assistance Monday or Wednesday, please contact the Pastoral Care Team.

Highlights from the December Meeting:

- A carload of donations was delivered to Have Mercy that will fill their shelves for 2019. The congregation's generosity was much appreciated.
- A fun buffet of holiday treats was enjoyed at December 30 coffee hour.
- Offering from the Christmas Eve services will be put into the Deacon's Discretionary Fund to assist with individual and family needs in our community.
- Beautiful poinsettias in honor and memory of family and friends decorated the sanctuary for Christmas. Plants not picked up were donated to shut-ins and local care facilities.
- Deacons continue to assist with visits and cards to members in need.

FCC ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday – the 23rd of January 2019.

***Annual Reports are due
Monday, January 14th, 2019.**

OFFICE NEWS

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

- Please remember to update your info or contact us through the Church Communication box. We would love to hear from you! Thank you!

TRUSTEE NEWS

Please drop off your tithing card, if you have not done so. Also, please stop by the church library to pick up your box of tithing envelopes. Our Shortage YTD is \$11,494.10. The next meeting will be January 21st at 7pm in the upstairs conference room.

CELEBRATIONS

- **Happy Birthday!** To Pat Toth (1/8), Bill Visch (1/17), Lynne Rowland (1/18), Carter & Madison Kruger (/23), Anita Putnam (1/24), Kim Kruger (1/25), Cheryl Flashaar (1/26), Kirk Faber (1/29), Logan Norman (1/29), and Jeff Skinner (1/31).
- If you would like your special occasion or event announced, please contact the church office.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS

We are on a short Christmas break. The group will resume practices on the 6th, from 12:45 to 1:15 in Fellowship Hall. 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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

Thank you to everyone who ordered a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one! We had 90 plants ordered this year! The plants filled the sanctuary for the Christmas services and were sent on to our loved one in care facilities to fill their homes with the Christmas joy and love from all! All proceeds benefited the Deacons Discretionary Fund. *Thanks again to all!*



BEER & BIBLE – MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Men's Bible Study will now meet every Wednesday from January 2nd through February 27th at Steve Roose's home, at 7:30pm. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Women's Fellowship hopes our church family had a glorious Holiday this year!

- Circles **DO NOT MEET** in January; they will resume February 6th. The Board will meet if needed.
- The Board will have a brief meeting after the church's annual meeting on January 23.
- There is a WF Retreat on February 1 & 2 of 2019 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.
- **BOX UP DAY!** We will be boxing up the Christmas decorations or "undocking the halls" on January 3rd at 10am. We are asking for anyone willing to help take things down, box things up, and looking for helpers with ladders as well! Come one, come all to help! Thank you!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool children began their Christmas Break and will return to school Jan. 7th. They had a wonderful Christmas Pageant; with music & laughter, snacks & friends, and a visit from Santa Claus! Ms. Candy will begin accepting applications packets in January 2019. If you or someone you know is 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! Questions? Call 754-3445 or find her on Facebook.

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

Sunday School resumes January 13!

- Would YOU like to train and be a teacher? We have openings for the 1st-3rd-grade class and the 4-6th grade class. All materials are provided and laid out. Lessons can be sent electronically to you. Your commitment can be one week per month or more than that! See Fran Gibbs or leave a message in the communication box outside the office.
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING JAN. 7th at 7pm!** The agenda includes planning for Vacation Bible School and choosing a curriculum and dates, as well as discussion of the format for a possible Confirmation Class. All Sunday School teachers, parents, and interested people are welcome!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

COMMUNITY & OTHER NEWS

- **Free Indoor Walking:** Need a place to walk on bad weather days? Please check out the bulletin board for centers where you can walk indoors, and for dates & times.
- **MCC** offers a variety of classes: from water walking, water aerobics, Senor Fitness, Snowshoeing, and the Ash Lecutre Series. There is something for everyone! Please see the bulletin board for more information on classes offered.
- **Spectrum Health** is sponsoring classes on: Diabetes Education, Diabetes Support Group, Diabetes Prevention Program and Classes, and Smoking Cessation: Kick the habit. See our church bulletin board for class dates, times, and locations.
- **AARP Foundation Tax Information:** AARP Foundation Tax-Aides will be offering Free Tax Help for low-and moderate-income taxpayers with special attention to those age 60 and older, starting February 5th through April 9th. IRS approved trained Volunteers will be assisting at the Commission on Aging in Staton, Tuesday and Thursdays, 8:30 to 2:30. Montcalm County taxpayers may call the CoA for an appointment, after January 22nd. ***NOTE:** See bulletin board for what to bring to the classes.
- **Healthier Lifestyle:** TOPS (taking off pounds sensibly – support group) is offering a class on Thurs, Jan. 10th at 11am, lunch at noon and a Weight Watchers presentation at 1pm. This is an introduction to the two groups for those looking to have a fresh start this new year! Call the CoA option 4, by January 4th.
- **Check out the CoA website** or call 989-831-7476 for important news & upcoming events at: www.montcalmcountymissiononaging.org

PF YOUTH NEWS

A winter Retreat for grades 9th through college are invited to Pine Hill Congregational Church Jan. 25-27. Register by January 15th \$40 (late registration \$55). Registration Questions? Contact Garth at gathr@gmail.com. All other questions, contact Michelle at michsimino@aol.com. HOPE Speaker: Claude Johnson and MiPF Speaker: C.Edward Milam. Registration Packets/info on church bulletin board.

Trustees of the Month: Cindy Hanson and Duane Putnam
Deacons of the Month: Hollie Stephenson

BOARD MEETINGS:

Deacons: Monday the 14th at 6:30pm
Trustees: Monday the 21st at 7:00pm

General Fund: Operating Budget Income

November 2017 YTD \$205,458.66 ♦ November 2018 YTD \$193,964.56
Shortage YTD \$11,494.10

January 6 – Communion

Greeters: Karen & Dick Canfield
Liturgist: Duane Putnam
Children's Message: Pastor Jason
Ushers: Karen Hulbert, Dick Canfield, & Don Gibbs
Coffee Hour: Al & Gloria Guilfoyle, Patrice Fulton-Peacock, and Candy Outman
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake Rowland

January 13

Greeters: Kurt & Suzy Kreeger
Liturgist: Karen Hulbert
Children's Message: **NEEDED**
Ushers: Kurt & Suzy Kreeger, and Wilson Hoy
Coffee Hour: Scott & Lynne Rowland and Don & Fran Gibbs
Sound Techs: Blake Rowland and Corey Norman

January 20

Greeters: John & Deb House
Liturgist: Roxy Rice
Children's Message: **NEEDED**
Ushers: John & Deb House and Larry Alman
Coffee Hour: Dan & Rosel Eagles, Bonnie Braman, and Marian Griffith
Sound Techs: Corey Norman and Joe Suchowolec

***January 23 – Annual Meeting Potluck**

January 27

Greeters: Jane Truesdell and Greg Gardner
Liturgist: Brianna Rowland
Children's Message: **NEEDED**
Ushers: Scott Rowland, Jane Truesdell, and Greg Gardner
Coffee Hour: John & Deb House and Ted & Therese Bush
Sound Techs: Blake Rowland and Corey Norman

February 6 – Communion & Boy Scout Sunday

Greeters: Boy Scouts
Liturgist: Ed Milam
Children's Message: Pastor Jason
Ushers: Boy Scouts
Coffee Hour: The Dillingham Family and Kurt & Suzy Kreeger; assisted by Boy Scouts
Sound Techs: Corey Norman

February 10

Greeters: Chris Hubbard and Betty Lincoln
Liturgist: Katie Dillingham
Children's Message: **NEEDED**
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

