



# FCC PILGRIM PULSE

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*The Good News . . .*

Did you hear about the fire in the sanctuary a few Sundays ago? June 9th was Pentecost Sunday and we tried out a few new visuals to help embody the idea of the Holy Spirit descending and filling the believers on that birthday of the Church. We had a cool streamer banner that processed in at the beginning and out at the end of the service. We had twelve candles (of various sizes and shapes) to represent the tongues of flame on the heads of the Apostles. We even had this cool water and fire thing going on in the baptismal font, "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (John the Baptist in Matthew 3:11 NRSV) In addition to the water in the font, there was a three-wick candle to represent the Holy Trinity. It was all very cool. Well, of course I would say that because I'm the one who schemed it all up and assembled it (with the help of my lovely and talented wife, Megan). You know how odd we pastors are, right?

Anyway, the whole point was to get us fired up (pun intended) about the coming of the Holy Spirit and to encourage us all about the power we can tap into through faith and prayer. In fact, I felt compelled to call our congregation to a season of prayer as we call out to God and then listen for God's words of guidance and encouragement to us. Some may know that we've been in a challenging season and it seems like we could use a fresh empowering from the Spirit. Let's all get reignited!

I've been speaking with some of our members to begin forming prayer groups who are starting to set aside time to do that very thing; calling out to God in prayer and then listening to what God is calling us to. As a congregation going through our own season of struggle, and as part of the Church in America that is going through a challenging season, it seems that we are in a place of seeking God anew. We'd love it if you would join Sunday mornings before service, or Thursday afternoons at 4pm, or even start your own group! Let us know when it is, and we can direct people into the groups as we all join together in one united effort to seek and to hear God's voice. "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." – Romans 12:12

*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 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>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>             |                        |                       |

### 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 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> |

- **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!

### Birth Announcement:

**Congratulations!** To parents Josh & Becky Taylor and Grandparents Patty Barber and Roy & Sue Taylor – on the birth of twin girls! Hannah Lynn (3lbs. 14oz.) & Emily Catherine (3lbs. 10oz.) were born June 16th and will be welcomed home by brothers Ben (5) and Luke (3). Mother and girls are well but would like prayers as they are still in Kalamazoo NICU and hope they come home soon!



### Special Thanks:

“I want to thank everyone for their well wishes and caring during our rough time. The prayers worked! Happy to be back in church.” ~ *Roselyn Riddle*



### Continue Prayers for:

Larry Moss, Gavin Outman, Natalie Kilfoil, Marta Lores, and Rose Riddle. And for Candy Outman and family for the passing of her brother, Robert Deal from Lisbon, Ohio.

# ~ *July 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>2</b>   | <b>3</b><br>10a PURLS<br><br>5p Free Dinner<br>6p Group Study  | <b>4</b><br><br>~OFFICE CLOSED~<br>7:30 AA | <b>5</b><br>11:30 AA  | <b>6</b><br>*Gus Macker |
| <b>7</b><br><b>Communion</b><br>10a Worship<br>Special Music –<br><b>Valerie VanderMark &amp; Katrina Nelson</b><br><br>3p Venture | <b>8</b><br><br>6:30 Deacons | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b><br>10a PURLS<br><br>5p Free Dinner<br>6p Group Study | <b>11</b><br><br><b>11a GAMA</b><br><br>7:30 AA  | <b>12</b><br>11:30 AA | <b>13</b>               |
| <b>14</b><br>10a Worship<br>Special Music –<br><b>Lauren Gibbs</b>   | <b>15</b>                    | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b><br>10a PURLS   | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br>11:30 AA | <b>20</b>               |
| <b>PF Youth MCSC 2019 at YMCA Camp Ohiyesa July 14-19</b>  |                              |            |  |  |                       |                         |
| 2p Bike Trip<br>3p Green Acres<br>3p Venture<br>4p SHUM  |                              |            | 5p Free Dinner<br>6p Group Study                               | 6:30 F.A.N.<br>7:30 AA   |                       |                         |
| <b>21</b><br>10a Worship<br>Special Music –<br><b>TBA</b><br><br>3p Venture  | <b>22</b><br><br>7p Trustees | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b><br>10a PURLS<br><br>5p Free Dinner<br>6p Group Study | <b>25</b><br><br>7:30 AA   | <b>26</b><br>11:30 AA | <b>27</b>               |
| <b>VBS – Here at FCC from 5:30-8:00pm</b><br><b>*See "CE News" for more info!</b>  |                              |            |  |  |                       |                         |
| <b>28</b><br>10a Worship<br>Special Music –<br><b>TBA</b><br><br>3p Venture  | <b>29</b>                    | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b><br>10a PURLS<br><br>5p Free Dinner<br>6p Group Study |   |                       |                         |

# ~ August 2019 ~

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

## DEACONS NEWS

Highlights from the June Meeting:

- Val VanderMark was approved to fill the vacancy created by Jenny Milam's resignation.
- The ice cream social in June was well attended!
- **This year's picnic service at the Parsonage is planned for August 11<sup>th</sup>.**
- Pastor is working on plans for a confirmation class.
- The DDF checking account will be transferred to Commercial Bank where there are no service fees.

## FELLOWSHIP OUTING

The Deacons are hosting a bike trip Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm from Candy Outman's house (4853 Miller Rd, Sheridan) to Stanton on the Fred Meijer trail. Church members, friends, and families are invited to enjoy in fellowship and nature. Extra bikes are available if you need one! Call Terri Merritt with questions or if you need to borrow a bike.

## PF YOUTH NEWS

- The MCSC Camp July 14-19, will be hosted at YMCA Camp Ohiyesa in Holly, MI.
- July 21-27 is the Mission trip to Knoxville, TN. We will depart on the 19<sup>th</sup> for pre-trip activities.
- Check the church bulletin board for registration packets and more upcoming PF Youth trips!
- Contact Claude Johnson with any questions.

## CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

Office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 9-3 with lunch from 12-12:30pm. The office is now closed on Fridays. Fall hours will resume August 23rd. If you need assistance, please leave a message on the machine and your call will be returned.

## TRUSTEE NEWS & PLEDGING INFORMATION

Our Shortage YTD is **\$7,676.22**. The next meeting will be July 22<sup>nd</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 Terri Merritt (7/2), Betty Houle (7/4), Deb Dieckman (7/5), Claude Johnson (7/6), Cindy Hanson (7/7), Harry Riddle (7/9), Carla Durdle (7/12), Darlene Petersen (7/18), Chris Hubbard (7/19), Cap Tower (7/19), Blake Rowland (7/22), Zachary Norman (7/22), and Marta Lores (7/23). **Happy Anniversary!** To Jerry & Gloria McPherson (7/12) and Josh & Kim Kruger (7/14).

## CHOIR NEWS

The Choir groups are on break and will resume practices in the fall. Both groups wish to invite anyone who wants to make a joyful noise! Contact Katrina Nelson or Greg VanderMark with any questions.

## SPECIAL SUMMER MUSIC LINE-UP!

Please 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: Katrina Nelson acc. by Valerie VanderMark (7/7), Lauren Gibbs (7/14), Larry Moss acc. by Valerie VanderMark (8/4), Great Lakes Barbershop Chorus (8/18), 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 Annual Picnic at the Parsonage service will be held August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Please bring chairs and your own table service with a dish to pass! More info will be available soon!



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

- **WF Board Meeting** will be August 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.
- **Circle Group Meetings** will resume in the fall. Please watch mailings and bulletins for the dates and times. If you would like more information on either of the groups, please contact the leaders: Rosel Eagles (Winslow) 754-8618 or Fran Gibbs (Bethany) 754-7714.
- The refinishing of our kitchen cupboards, the work will begin on the fronts and doors on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> and will last approximately two weeks. Sunday Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, volunteers will box up all items that are inside the cupboards while work to the fronts is being done. Work should be completed by Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

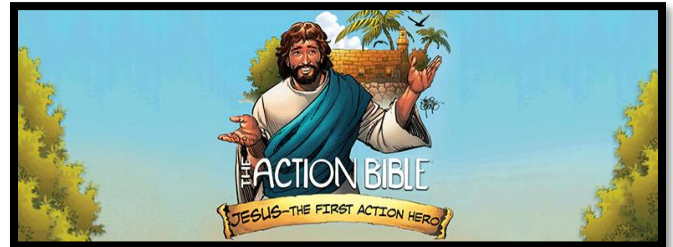
- June was bitter-sweet for all! Saying goodbye to some children until the fall or saying goodbye for good and wishing them well as they move on to Kindergarten! So, congratulations to all – you will always be loved and missed by Ms. Candy and the Grandparents!
- The end-of-year picnic was a great success and attended by many children, young and old! There was a lot of food and water shenanigans! What a great day and so many memories were made ☺
- We already have almost a dozen packet turned in! Ms. Candy is still accepting registration packets for children who will be attending Preschool in the fall. Please stop in the church office to pick up a packet! More info is on the Church website, Facebook, or by calling 754-7608.
- **ALL PACKETS AND REGISTRATION FEES must be turned in and paid BY AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> to secure your spot for the fall classes!**

## OTHER NEWS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **HEALTH NEWS!** The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is offering up to eight weeks of nicotine patches, gum or lozenges for FREE to residents of Michigan who are wanting to quit smoking. Call the Michigan tobacco Quitline at 800-QUIT-NOW or 800-784-8669. The free products to quit smoking will be available through Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Grief Support and Education:** Spectrum Health is offering two different groups: *Caring for the Caregiver* (begins July 2<sup>nd</sup>) and *Moving Through Grief Series* (begins August 13<sup>th</sup>). Call Tracey at 616-486-2854 for more information or to register.
- **Check out the CoA website** or call 989-831-7476 for important news & upcoming events at: [www.montcalmcountymissiononaging.org](http://www.montcalmcountymissiononaging.org).

## CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

- **Summer Sunday School:** Children – join us for Summer Sunday School! Some lessons have games or crafts. Come to Fellowship Hall after the Children's Sermon every Sunday except Communion Sundays for this fun multi-age class. Anyone wishing to help "teach", sign up (in the library) to take kids for a short lesson and a craft!



- **VBS is July 23-25!** Dinner is at 5:30 and classes are from 6-8pm. **VBS "needs", donations for dinners, and volunteer lists, are posted in the library at church.** Please sign-up to help! Many volunteers are still needed to help with registration, crafts, set-up, cooking, and cleaning.
- If you would like to donate or help but would rather not shop please consider a cash donation to offset cost. Christian ED has NO BUDGET for VBS. If you wish to make a monetary donation, you can put a check or cash in an envelope at any time and label it **VBS Donation by July 15<sup>th</sup>!** Thank you all for your continued support of our Christian ED program!
- If you would like to shop, here is a list of what is still needed: Assorted color dot stickers, (1) roll of aluminum foil, (32) ping pong balls, (4) beach balls, (50) smooth stones (polished), (50) clear flat-sided glass marbles, 100 jumbo craft sticks, (50) self-adhesive hook & Loop fasteners, small buttons, yarn scraps, and (4) bottles of glitter glue.
- We are also looking to "borrow" a few items: wire cutters, hand-size small foam ball, and a plastic swimming pool.
- Finally, we are asking for donations for the dinners. We are needing: (Tues) Jell-O w/fruit, ice cream cups, soft & Hard taco shells, shredded cheese, tomatoes, and shredded lettuce. (Wed) Spaghetti sauce, noodles, French bread, and cupcakes. (Thurs) we need a fruit platter(s), and popsicles. We are also asking for milk, lemonade, and iced tea, for drinks every day!
- **If you have any questions, contact Fran Gibbs at 754-7714 or call/email the church office.**

**Trustees of the Month:** Steve Roose and Larry Snow  
**Deacon of the Month:** Deb Dieckman

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

Deacons: Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Trustees: Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm

**General Fund: Operating Budget Income**

May 2018 YTD \$109,139.72 ♦ May 2019 YTD \$101,463.50  
Shortage YTD \$7,646.22

**MUTUAL MINISTRY**

**July 7 – Communion Sunday**

Greeters: Lynn & Bonnie Wickerham  
Liturgist: Marta Lores  
Children's Message: Pastor Jason  
Ushers: Lynn & Bonnie Wickerham and Don Gibbs  
Coffee Hour: Kurt & Suzy Kreeger, Julie Momber, and Carla Durdle  
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Corey Norman  
Special Music: Katrina Nelson, acc. Val VanderMark

**July 14**

Greeters: Pat Lake and Claude Johnson  
Liturgist: Pat Lake  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Larry Alman, Pat Lake, and Claude Johnson  
Coffee Hour: Don & Fran Gibbs, Deb Dieckman and Katrina Nelson  
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake Rowland  
Special Music: Lauren Gibbs

**July 21**

Greeters: Ed & Jenny Milam  
Liturgist: Scott Rowland  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Ed & Jenny Milam and Wilson Hoy  
Coffee Hour: Cindy Hanson, Claude Johnson, Patrice Fulton-Peacock, and Deb Dieckman  
Sound Techs: Corey Norman and Joe Suchowolec  
Special Music: **NEEDED**

**July 28**

Greeters: Ray & Janet Tower  
Liturgist: Bonnie Wickerham  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Scott Rowland, Ron Kingsbury and Pat Lake  
Coffee Hour: Greg & Valerie VanderMark and Larry & Karen Carbonelli  
Sound Techs: Blake Rowland and Joe Suchowolec  
Special Music: Bob & Salle Johnson

**August 4 – Communion**

Greeters: Greg & Valerie VanderMark  
Liturgist: Jenny Milam  
Children's Message: Pastor Jason  
Ushers: Greg & Valerie VanderMark and Katrina Nelson  
Coffee Hour: Peter & Roxanne Faber and Kirk & Celeste Faber  
Sound Techs: **TBA**  
Special Music: Larry Moss, acc. Val VanderMark

**August 11 – Picnic at the Parsonage**

Greeters: Deacons  
Liturgist: Linda Jones  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: N/A  
Coffee Hour: Potluck (*please bring own table service*)  
Sound Techs: **TBA**  
Special Music: **NEEDED**

**August 18**

Greeters: Don & Fran Gibbs  
Liturgist: Brianna Rowland  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Don & Fran Gibbs and Larry Alman  
Coffee Hour: Terri Merritt, Jane Truesdell, Julie Momber, and Janet Tower (*cookies only*)  
Sound Techs: **TBA**  
Special Music: Great Lakes Barbershop Chorus

**August 25**

Greeters: Julie Momber and (1) **NEEDED**  
Liturgist: Pat Lake  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Wilson Hoy, Julie Momber, and (1) **NEEDED**  
Coffee Hour: Scott & Lynne Rowland, Marcia Kemp, and Ron Kingsbury  
Sound Techs: **TBA**  
Special Music: **NEEDED**