



# FCC PILGRIM PULSE

MARCH 2020

## ***The Church Covenant . . .***

*We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God, to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in people a consciousness of their relations and duties to God and their fellow souls, and to inspire them with love for truth, passion for righteousness, and enthusiasm for service.*

*To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with each other to strive to express His spirit in our individual and corporate life: to live together as Christian brethren, and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, its purity, its peace, and seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.*

*Amen.*



## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

### WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

<i>Sandra Tiffany</i>	<i>Marta Lores</i>	<i>Larry Moss</i>	<i>Gary Petersen</i>	<i>Mike Tuin</i>
<i>Rob Sansom</i>	<i>Lucille McLachlan</i>	<i>Jackie Kocher</i>	<i>Roxy Rice</i>	<i>Holly Case</i>
<i>Marjoan Wohlfert</i>	<i>David Crittenden</i>	<i>Bill &amp; Jean Boyd</i>	<i>Pat Toth</i>	<i>Tom Deal</i>
<i>Bonnie Braman</i>	<i>Coreen Johnston</i>	<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Carrol Minard</i>	<i>Jasmine Luce</i>
<i>Lucas Hopkins</i>	<i>Judith Rice-Lesage</i>	<i>Michael Balars</i>	<i>Mary Haskins</i>	<i>Mark Iverson</i>

### FCC FAMILY AT CARE FACILITIES

<i>Lois Hazelwood</i> <i>Bette Houle</i> <i>Natalie Kilfoil</i> <i>Corla Morgan</i> <i>Norma Nicholas</i> <i>Jelane Hamper</i> <i>Lois Visch</i> <i>Bob Dunn</i> <i>Keith King</i> <i>Polly Boatwright</i>		<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #31</i> <i>-at The Brook Assisted Living, Cedar Springs</i> <i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #20</i> <i>-at SHUM RNC Room #103</i> <i>-at Green Acres Room #201</i> <i>-at Green Acres Room #206</i> <i>-at Masonic Pathways in Alma Room #282A</i> <i>-at Metron</i> <i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #25</i> <i>-at Green Acres Room#204</i>
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### FAMILY AND FRIENDS

<i>James Griffith, Jr.</i>	<i>Nephew of Marian Griffith</i>
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**Prayer List Reminder:** 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.

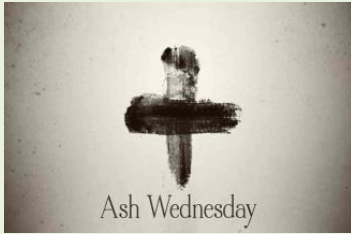

### **Congratulations to:**

Jenica Tipton on the birth of her new baby boy! Bentley Ryan 9lbs. 20". He was welcomed by his big brother Brian, sister Brionna, and Great Grandma Chris Hubbard.


### **Continue Prayers for:**

Jack Corner as he continues to recovery. Jerry McPherson as he recovers from his recent surgery. For Ken Reed, Don Haist, and Barb Hoy... and our FCC family and friends!

# ~ March 2020 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div> <b>*Ash Wednesday Activities:</b>            10a WF 64<sup>th</sup> Silent Breakfast            11a Prayer &amp; Imposition of Ashes            7p Service &amp; Imposition of Ashes         </div> <div>  </div> </div>						
<b>1</b> <b>Communion &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 9:30 Choir 11a Worship  3p Court of Honor 3p Venture	<b>2</b>     5:30 CS 6:30 Council	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10a PURLS  1p Winslow 4:30p Girl Scouts <b>6p Lenten Supper (WF)</b> 6:45 Bethany 7p Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> <b>11a GAMA</b>    6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	<b>6</b> 11:30 AA	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Daylight Savings Time Begins</b> 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:15 PF Youth  3p Venture	<b>9</b>    5:30 CS 6:30 Deacons	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10a PURLS   4p Girl Scouts <b>6p Lenten Supper (Trustees)</b> 7p Boy Scouts	<b>12</b>    6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	<b>13</b> 11:30 AA   <div> <b>Troop 125G Lock in from 6p on the 13<sup>th</sup> to 12p on the 14<sup>th</sup>.</b> </div>	<b>14</b>   12p Pine Wood Derby
<b>15</b> 9:30 Choir 11a Worship   3p Venture	<b>16</b>    5:30 CS Pack Mtg.	<b>17 St. Patrick's Day</b>  	<b>18</b> 10a PURLS  4p Girl Scouts <b>6p Lenten Supper (Scouts)</b> 7p Boy Scouts	<b>19</b>   5:30 F.A.N. 6p OA Group 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	<b>20</b> 11:30 AA	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:15 PF Youth  3p Venture	<b>23</b>   6:30p Trustees	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10a PURLS  4p Girl Scouts 1p WF Board Mtg. <b>6p Lenten Supper (Preschool)</b> 7p Service	<b>26</b>   6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30p AA	<b>27</b> 11:30 AA	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 Choir 11a Worship  3p Venture	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<div> <b>Spring Forward is Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>!</b>    <b>*All Lenten dinners start at 6:00 pm.</b> </div>			

# ~ April 2020 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 10a PURLS	<b>2</b> 11a GAMA	<b>3</b> 11:30 AA	<b>4</b>
			<div>→ <b>Spring Break April 1-5</b> →</div>			
			1p Winslow <b>6p Lenten Supper (Deacons)</b> 6:45 Bethany 7p Boy Scouts	6:30 F.A.N. 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA		
<b>5 Palm Sunday &amp; Communion</b> 9:30 Choir 11a Worship  3p Venture	<b>6</b>  <b>Holy Week</b>  5:30 CS 6:30 Council	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10a PURLS  4:30p Girl Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> <b>Maundy Thursday – Passover Begins</b>  <b>6p FCC Potluck</b> 6:30 Tp. 125G 7p Service	<b>10</b> 11:30 AA  <b>Good Friday Location TBA</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Easter</b> 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:15 PF Youth  3p Venture	<b>13</b>  5:30 CS 6:30 Deacons	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10a PURLS  4p Girl Scouts 7p Boy Scouts	<b>16</b>  6p OA Group 6:30 Tp. 125G 7:30 AA	<b>17</b> 11:30 AA	<b>18</b>
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## ~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

### CHURCH HELP NEWS

- **Community Dinners:** the community dinners are on hold for the time being. We are still looking for volunteers to help cook and organize the meals. Contact the Deacons if you are interested in helping!
- **Pastoral Care:** Our team is here for your spiritual & emotional care! To schedule an appointment or visit, please call the church office at 754-3445.

### TRUSTEE NEWS

- The January 2020 shortage is \$3,361.75. The next meeting will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- A special election to fill the vacant seats for Deacons and Trustees will be held on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. Ballots will be given to members in attendance and collected during our morning Service. Results will be tabulated and announced when available.
- 2020 Tithing boxes are now available! If you do not see your box in the library, please leave a note for the office and one will be issued to you. Thank you for your continued support and care for this wonderful church!

### DEACON NEWS

**We are still looking for volunteers for Coffee Hour, Liturgist, and Children's Sermon.** Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the church office. Please consider signing up to help deliver the wonderful message of the Holy Spirit and be a part of our wonderful Sunday Services!

Here are highlights from the last meeting:

- Choosing officers and committee assignments are on hold until after the special election, as the Deacons need (2) women and (1) man to fill out our twelve.
- Lenten soup suppers are being organized. Deacons will take Feb. 26 & Apr. 1. WF is doing Mar. 4, Trustees on Mar. 11, Scouts on Mar. 18, and the Preschool on Mar. 25.
- Maundy Thursday was discussed. The potluck will be April 9<sup>th</sup>. Ed Milam will handle the services.
- The idea of bringing back the tear-out section in the weekly bulletin for newcomers to FCCoG to fill out and turn in. These would be people we might reach out to in various ways.

### CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

**OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Thurs from 9-3 with lunch from 2 to 2:30.** The door is locked early on Tues. & Fri. If you need assistance, please call ahead. \*Please update your contact info with the church office to receive mailings on upcoming events!

### PARISH NURSE NEWS

- Patrice is in on Tues. & Thurs. from 8-4pm and on Fridays from 8-11. To make an appointment or have questions, please call (616) 894-7288.
- A new grief class being held through Spectrum Health. *Moving Through Grief* will be held every Tuesday through March 10<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30pm. Contact Tracey at 616-486-2854 for more info and to register.
- Our Parish Nurse will be out of country March 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. She will return all messages after the 15<sup>th</sup>. You may also leave a message with the office. \*For any emergencies, please contact your local physician or visit your nearest clinic or emergency room for immediate assistance. Thank you!

### CELEBRATIONS

**Happy Birthday!** To Patricia Butts (3/1), & Ann Emerson (3/1), Kristen Milam (3/10), Libbie Suchowolec (3/10), Emily Suchowolec (3/12), Rachael Milam (3/14), Carrie Venema (3/14), Gavin Outman (3/16), Jane Truesdell (3/21), and Larry Snow (3/24).  
**Happy Anniversary!** To Larry & Mary Snow (3/24), and Greg & Valerie VanderMark (3/28).

### CHOIR NEWS

- **Sound Techs NEEDED!** If you can help run the soundboard at Sunday service, please contact the church office or a Deacon.
- **Chancel Choir** practices every Sunday at 9:30am.

### CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

- **Noisy Coin:** Thank you ALL for the generous donations of noisy coins to IM KIDS 3rd Meal. This year we raised **\$339.68** to help stamp out hunger in Montcalm County.
- No Sunday School classes on March 1<sup>st</sup> for Communion. Classes will resume on March 8<sup>th</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup>. There will also be no classes for Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Food Pantry:** Students are still taking donations the 3rd Sunday of every month. Please help fill our carts with nonperishable food items for those in need!

### PF YOUTH NEWS

We continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. We will have some new youth confirming their faith to God and the Holy Spirit – date TBA. The spring retreat will be for grades 6-12 from March 20-22 down in Novi. Packets are available in the office. Please watch the calendar for more upcoming events or contact Claude Johnson!

## BUILDING MAINTENANCE NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has donated salt and helped keep the walkways and sidewalks clear! Your kindness is appreciated!

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

- March is here and spring is right around the corner! It's hard to believe we are almost through winter and have hardly had any snow days!
- The Children are getting ready for Easter Celebration and getting a visit from the Easter Bunny! They will be tasked with making an Easter basket for their annual Easter Egg hunt.
- We had a wonderful visit from the preschoolers and their families last month! They put on a great performance at our church service and got everyone tapping their feet in the pews! How blessed we are to have these little ones bring love and joy into the sanctuary with music and dancing!
- Thank you to everyone who donated to our pop can drive this month! We were able to collect \$145 to update our sensory room! Again thank you for contributing to the preschool program!
- Application packets are available for children who would like to enroll in our Preschool Program. Stop in or call the church office for more info on the different programs & requirements. Application packets are also available on our church website under "all" News/Events at [www.firstccog.org](http://www.firstccog.org). For additional questions, find Ms. Candy on Facebook, or by call the office at 754-7608 or preschool at 754-2445.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

- **Terri Lynn Nuts:** to purchase any available products, contact Chris Hubbard at ( 616) 754-7464.
- Please prayerfully consider joining in the hosting of events through Women's Fellowship..
- **Thank you** to those who participated in the Silent Breakfast this past Wednesday. It is a tradition Women's Fellowship sponsors to settle our minds and hearts into the season of Lent. And a very special thank you to Carla Durdle for her amazing presentation of the Stations of the Cross and her pilgrimage to the Holy Land.
- **WF Circles:** Circles meet Wednesday, March 4. Winslow meets at 1pm and Bethany will meet immediately following the Lenten Soup and Sandwiches in Fellowship Hall. Bethany folks should read Part 2 of Barefoot pages. 113-205.

## COMMUNITY NEWS & OTHER EVENTS

- **Spring Forward! Don't forget to set your clocks one hour forward on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Scams & the Post Office:** Join us Tues., March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the CoA in Stanton, as Post Master Mindy Barnwell tells about scams the Post Office has witnessed in the area. Join us for Soup and salad bar afterwards.
- **Hospice 101:** introduces critical concepts of hospice care/palliation, core service, quality of life & the approach of total care to the patient & family. CoA will host on Wed., March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Call CoA opt. 4 by March 9<sup>th</sup> to register.
- **AARP:** will be offering Free Tax Help for low & moderate income taxpayers, with special attention to those 60+. Starting Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup> trained Volunteers will assist taxpayers at the CoA in Stanton, most Tues. & Thurs. from 8:30 to 2:30. Call CoA after Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, opt. 4 for an appointment.
- **AARP Drivers Safety Class:** Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 5pm with a 1 hour lunch (bring a lunch or go to a restaurant in town). Cost is \$15 for AARP members or \$20 for non members. Payment made to the instructor at the beginning of class. This class can help lower your insurance cost, for drivers age 50+. Call CoA, option 4 to register by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Spring Painting Class:** with Patty Rockafellow. Sat., April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am. cost is \$10 (checks payable to instructor). Class will be at CoA in Stanton. All equipment provided and no experience necessary. Call CoA, option 4, to sign up & pay by March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Life Long Learners:** annual membership is \$12; members attend sessions for free. Non-members \$3 per session. Caroline Cook presents, "*The Young President Ford*" on Fri., April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10-12pm. John Simmons presents, "*The River is Wild/The Past, Present and Future of the Flat River*" on Fri., May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-12pm. Mike Fornes presents, "*101 Interesting Things that Happened on the Mackinac Bridge*" on Fri. May 22<sup>nd</sup> 10-12pm. And George Lessens will present "*Weather or Not – Tools of the TV Meteorologist*" on Fri., June 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-12pm. \*All Sessions are held at 1325 Yellow Jacketk Dr., room G129.
- Check out the **CoA website** or call 989-831-7476 for more important news & upcoming events at: [www.montcalmcountymissiononaging.org](http://www.montcalmcountymissiononaging.org)



**Trustees of the Month: TBA**  
**Deacon of the Month:** Coleen Venema

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

Council: Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm  
Deacons: Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Trustees: Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm

**General Fund: Operating Budget Income**

Jan 2019 YTD \$18,496.00 ♦ Jan 2020 YTD \$15,134.25  
Shortage YTD \$3,361.75

## **MUTUAL MINISTRY**

**March 1 – Communion**

Greeters: Al & Gloria Guilfoyle  
Liturgist: Don Gibbs  
Children's Message:  
Ushers: Al & Gloria Guilfoyle and Larry Alman  
Coffee Hour: Dan & Rosel Eagles and Carolyn Foster

**March 8 – Scout Sunday**

Greeters: Claude Johnson and The Girl Scouts  
Liturgist: Morgan Venema  
Children's Message: Coleen Venema  
Ushers: Claude Johnson, Wilson Hoy, and The Girl Scouts  
Coffee Hour: Carla Durdle and The Girl Scouts

**March 15**

Greeters: Dan & Rosel Eagles  
Liturgist: **TBA**  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Dan & Rosel Eagles and Larry Alman  
Coffee Hour: Josh & Lauren Gibbs

**March 22**

Greeters: Candy Outman and Patrice Fulton-Peacock  
Liturgist: **TBA**  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Larry Alman, Candy Outman, and **1 more needed**  
Coffee Hour: Bruce & Susan Beauvais and Michele Kocher

**March 29**

Greeters: Carolyn Foster and Carol Magoon  
Liturgist: **TBA**  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Carolyn Foster, Carol Magoon, and Larry Alman  
Coffee Hour: **NEEDED**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**If you are able to help with any of the areas listed above, please contact the Deacon of the month or the church office. Thank you!**