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The Good News . . .

As you read this, events like Easter Sunday and the tragic fire that burned Notre Dame in Paris, France will be past events. As I write this to you, however, they are the not yet or present reality for me. Time and how it relates to us is a curious thing. The season of Lent is past, but hopefully its lessons are still present with us. The joy of Resurrection Sunday is a not yet anticipation for me, but it is a warm recent memory for you. As time stretches out before us and behind us, so too does the road of our pilgrimage toward Christ. Most moments pass by us, barely noticed, like a stream in the river, or like the Parisian pigeons roosting on the spire of Notre Dame or flying away to some other nearby building, not caring whether it is historic or modern. But there are moments along this pilgrimage of ours that sort of stick in our minds, living as ever-present experiences that linger and shape us. Moments like the resurrection on Easter, or the graduations that are fast approaching us. There are places and spaces that are like that for us too.

While I have never been to Paris myself and I have never stepped foot beneath those beautiful vaulted ceilings of Notre Dame Cathedral, I found myself unable to resist weeping as I watched the video of the fire and the spire collapsing. The images of tragic destruction stopped my breath short and broke my heart. You see, Notre Dame isn't just a church. It's an historic monument to the enduring nature of our faith and a celebration of the beautiful creativity that humanity can achieve. It is a bastion of beauty and peace in a world that is often ugly and chaotic. Honestly, there is nothing in our own country that can begin to compare to the significance of what was lost in that fire. Notre Dame is more than 850 years old and has survived the ravages of two world wars. It took almost two centuries to build. Our own country is only two and a half centuries old. How can we even begin to measure the significance and worth of something like this? And yet there is a connection.

Our own church is the second oldest church in Greenville; surpassed only by First United Methodist Church. It is an historic building; having been dedicated in June of 1880. Its beautiful design was created by E. E. Myers; the same architect who designed our Michigan State Capitol. It is a profound privilege to be the present stewards and caretakers of such a beautiful edifice. I sense that it too represents the solid longevity and faithfulness of the church in our area too. So it was natural, that as I watched the spire of Notre Dame collapse in flames, I thought of our own beautiful white steeple stretching above the Greenville skyline. As I feared for the beautiful rose windows in that great historic cathedral, I thought of our own beautiful rose window. As we all held our breath to hear what caused this great fire, I wondered if we here were being faithful in caring for what has been handed down to us.

The church, and our congregation, is so much more than just a building. We recently pondered how Scripture calls us the living stones in a new temple. And yet our church building is such a significant part of who we are, how we are recognized, how people find us, and the peace and joy that people feel gathering here. I pray that we are and will be worthy heirs of this place, as well as the faith, that has been so diligently passed on to us. May it be a joy for us to pass on to our children.

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
Larry Moss	Bonnie Braman	Pat Flashaar	Carrol Minard	Dennis Snow
Holly Case	David Crittenden			

FCC FAMILY AT CARE FACILITIES

Millie Crowe
Lois Hazlewood
Bette Houle
Natalie Kilfoil
Corla Morgan
Mary Crittenden
Norma Nicholas
Jelane Hamper
Lois Visch

Bob Dunn



-at Maple Creek, Grand Rapids

-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #31

-at Lakeview Terrace Assisted Living

-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #20

-at SHUM RNC Room #103 -at SHUM RNC Room #109 -at Green Acres Room #201 -at Green Acres Room #206

-at Masonic Pathways in Alma Room #282A

-at Metron

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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
Debbie Bolthouse	Friend of Dave & Linda Jones
Gabriela Kilanski	Friend of Lynne Rowland
Brenda Bailey	Sister of Holly Case
Shirley Durham	Friend of Greg & Valerie VanderMark

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:

From Rev. Jerry Jones: I was both surprised and deeply touched by my Greenville Faith family's prayers for my recent surgery. Words cannot fully express my appreciation. With two new knees, I 'm not likely to ever have an NFL career, but I'm still a candidate to drive the Zamboni Machine. God Bless

From Dick Canfield: I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during my sickness. Especially Patrice and Rev. Jason for their concerns and visits during my hospital stay. I believe the way I'm feeling now is due to prayers!

Continue Prayers for:

Larry Moss, Rev. Jerry Jones, and Nyama Newkirk-Davis.

~ <u>May 2019</u> ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy M. Day	other's		1 10a PURLS 1p Winslow 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 6:30 Bethany 7p Boy Scouts	9a Setup for Rummage Sale 11a GAMA 7:30 AA	3 8a WF Rummage Sale 11:30 AA	4
5 Communion 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:45 CC	6	7	8 10a PURLS 5p Free Dinner	9 6:30 GS	10 11:30 AA	11
3p Venture	5:30 CS		6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	Leader Mtg. 7:30 AA		
12 Mother's Day 9:30 Choir 11a Worship 12:15 PF Youth	13	14	15 10a PURLS	16	17 11:30 AA	18 1p CE will Setup for Bfast
12:45 CC 3p Venture	5:30 CS 6:30 Deacons	5p HCA Potluck	5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	6:30 F.A.N. 7:30 AA		
19 Children's Day 9a Breakfast 11a Worship -Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation -Hand out Bibles to 1st Graders	20	21	22 10a PURLS	23	24 11:30 AA	25
2p Birthday Celebration for Ron Kingsbury 3p Venture	5:30 CS Pack Mtg. 7p Trustees		5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	7:30 AA		
Sunday 9a Choir Worship Service Moves to 10am 12:15 PF Youth	27	28	10a PURLS 1p WF Board Mtg. 5p Free Dinner	30	31 11:30 AA	
3p Venture	~office closed~	7p Beer & Hymns	6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	7:30 AA		

~ <u>June 2019</u> ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9 10a Worship Special Music – TBA	10	11a – 3yr old Preschool Graduation	12 10a PURLS 5p Free Dinner	13 Flag Day 7p - 4&5yr old Preschool Graduation	14 11:30 AA 10a - Ms. Candy's Preschool Picnic	15
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30 10a Worship Special Music – TBA	-Preschool Graduaitons are June 11 th and 13 th Preschool Picnic is 10am on the 14 th NAPF is end of June in Cleveland, Ohio; dates and cost TBD					
3p Venture						

~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

PASTORAL NEWS

Community Life (CL): Our free dinner is at 5pm with group study at 6pm. We are looking for volunteers to help cook and serve supper on Wednesday nights. Food prep begins between 2-3pm and cleanup is typically done by around 6pm. Please see Megan Dillingham if you are interested in volunteering.

- 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.
- <u>Pastoral Care:</u> Our team is here for your spiritual & emotional care! If you'd like to schedule an appointment or visit, call the office, the parsonage (835-9032) or email pastor.dillingham@gmail.com.
- <u>Parish Nurse</u>: Patrice is off on Mondays. She is in on Tuesday & Thursday from 8am to 4pm, and Friday from 8-11am.

DEACONS NEWS

Highlights from the April Meeting:

- Lenten soup suppers were a success. Thanks to all who sponsored and worked a dinner!
- Fellowship committee sponsored a fun card night. A movie event was planned for April 28.
- Membership committee has been busy sending cards and making visits.
- Special Lenten collection for Forgotten Man Ministries is now complete.
- A reminder that for safety and security the back door is locked each Sunday at 11:05. Front doors are always open. This allows our deacon of the month to keep an eye on just one entrance during the service.
- Thank You From the Deacons! We were overwhelmed with the donations that came in to cover the cost of our Easter breakfast. Enough money was given to cover next year's Easter breakfast as well! Thank you so very much.

2019 GRADUATION SUNDAY - MAY 26TH

up a 2019 Scholarship Application & information form. Return the packet with a Senior picture to the church office, before May 17th. We want to celebrate you! *Packets are also available on the church bulletin board.

TRUSTEE NEWS & PLEDGING INFORMATION

Our Shortage YTD is \$6,405.47. The next meeting will be May 20th 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 Don & Julie Momber (5/9), Kris Jager (5/10), Kim Burden (5/12), Candy Outman (5/12), Kaydie Weber (5/12), Rich Cunningham (5/13), Jackie Kocher (5/13), Michael Balars (5/15), Linda Petersen (5/16), Doug Dodd (5/19), and Ron Kingsbury (5/22).
- Happy Anniversary! To John & Deb House (5/2), Joe & Emily Suchowolec (5/5), and Dan & Rosel (5/7).

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

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 years old. Contact Katrina at kat.k.nelson@gmail.com if you have any questions.

BEER & BIBLE - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The group is meeting again on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. If you would like to host meetings at your home, please contact Pastor Jason. Please see the bulletin board for the schedule & join us anytime!

PARISH NURSE NEWS

There is a flyer on the bulletin board from the State of Michigan regarding the recent measles outbreak here in Michigan. The flyer lists the symptoms to look out for, who is at-risk, and the local Health Department's phone number (989-831-5237) if you would like to get vaccinated. If you would like more info or if you have questions, please contact Patrice, our Parish Nurse.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

- WF Board Meeting will be May 22nd at 1pm.
- CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE MAY 3! Bring items to donate beginning Monday, April 29th. Set up is Thursday, May 2nd. If you can help with set up or working the event, please contact Rosel Eagles or Mary Snow.
- TERRI LYNN NUTS: Anyone wishing to purchase a bag of nuts, please contact Chris Hubbard or call 754-7464. We still have a few bags left for sale!
- YOU ARE INVITED! to our ANNUAL BIRTHDAY
 POTLUCK SUNDAY, MAY 5th, after worship.

 Please bring a dish to pass and your table service.
 Women's Fellowship will provide beverages and cake. HONORED GUESTS ARE 80 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE! Please come celebrate with us!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

April was full of fun and adventure! The children brought in their Easter baskets they made at home and went on an Easter Egg hunt here at school. They even got a visit from the Easter Bunny! Spring has brought new life and fun playtime outside for our little ones! The children were able to watch some chicks grow to chickens and will be able to see them out at Grandpa Duane's farm when they go to visit later this month! The children will also be visiting the Zoo in Grand Rapids this month and will be having our annual Bike Rodeo at the beginning of June!

- Ms. Candy is now accepting registration packets for children who will be attending Preschool in the fall. If you know anyone interested in sending their little one to a wonderful, loving, and Christian based school, please stop in the church office to pick up a packet! You can find more information on Ms. Candy's Facebook page or by calling 754-7608. Space is limited – so get your packet today!
- Thanks! To all who ordered Popcorn in support of the Preschool! We had great success with our new fundraiser! The proceeds will help with school supplies in the classroom.

PF YOUTH NEWS

Our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of month. There is a NAPF/HOPE retreat June 23rd-28th at Mohican Outdoor School. Check out the church bulletin board for registration packets and upcoming PF Youth trips! If you would like to join the PF Youth Goup or have questions, contact Claude Johnson for more information.

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

Children's Sunday on May 19th. If you have a First Grader, please call the church office so they may get a First Bible. This will also be the last day of Sunday School until September.

- Mark Your Calendars for JULY 23, 24, 25! Vacation Bible School will be hosted by our church and we will need all hands-on deck! We will need food preparing and serving, group leaders, crafts, and all kinds of help. Sign up for any or all days will begin in May. St. Paul Lutheran and Settlement Lutheran Churches help us as well. We will follow their format by providing dinner and then VBS fun!
- If you have been thinking about becoming a Sunday School teacher, contact the office to try it for a Sunday or try out Vacation Bible School. We ask for one Sunday per month and all materials and training are available.
- Do You Have A Story to Share? Please contact Megan Dillingham to lead a brief children's message on Sunday mornings.

OTHER NEWS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **BIRTHDAY INVITE:** May 19th from 2-5pm the family of Ron Kingsbury invites the FCC Family to join in the Birthday celebration of their father who will be turning 80! Light refreshments will be provided. Please come wish him *Happy Birthday* (no gifts please)!
- Walking Club: Mon, Wed, & Fri at 9am starting May 6th on the Fred Meijer trial in Stanton. Call CoA option #4 to register and for more information.
- **Summer Shuffleboard:** May 17th at 10am in McBride. Call the CoA option #4 for more information and to register.
- Mother's Day Celebration: Friday, May 10th at noon there is a senior meal offered at the Greenville & Stanton meal sites only. Call CoA, option #4 for more information.
- **Memorial Day Luncheon:** Friday, May 24that noon in Stanton. Help us to honor those who have served. Sign up by May 10th by calling CoA, option #4.
- AARP Dirvers Safety Class: Thurs. May 9th from 8-5. This is a classroom refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. Call CoA, option #4 to register by May 16th.
- Alzheimer's Assoc. is having a seminar on the basic understanding of Alzheimer's and Dementia. Tuesday, May 21st from 9:30-11:30am. Call CoA option #4, to sign up by May 16th.
- Check out the CoA website or call 989-831-7476 for important news & upcoming events at: www.montcalmcountycommissiononaging.org.

Trustees of the Month: Jack Corner and Duane Putnam Deacon of the Month: Terri Merritt

BOARD MEETINGS:

Deacons: Monday the 13th at 6:30pm Trustees: Monday the 20th at 7:00pm

General Fund: Operating Budget Income

March 2018 YTD \$79,197.00 ◆ March 2019 YTD \$72,791.53 Shortage YTD \$6,405.47

MUTUAL MINISTRY

May 5 – Communion & The 80th Birthday Celebration

Greeters: The Venema Family

Liturgist: Ed Milam

Children's Message: Pastor Jason

Ushers: Doug & Chris Dodd and Don Gibbs

Coffee Hour: Potluck (WF)

Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Corey Norman

May 12 – *Mother's Day*

Greeters: Michael Balars and Irene Carper

<u>Liturgist</u>: Katie Dillingham Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Larry Alman, Chris Hubbard, and

Hollie Stephenson

Coffee Hour: Dave & Linda Jones and

Ed & Jenny Milam

Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake Rowland

May 19 – Children's Day & Teacher Appreciation

Greeters: Marta Lores and Patricia Butts

Liturgist: Children Led

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

<u>Ushers</u>: Jack & Ann Corner and Wilson Hoy Coffee Hour: Lynn & Bonnie Wickerham,

Carolyn Foster, and Nyama Newkirk-Davis Sound Techs: Corey Norman and Joe Suchowolec

May 26 – Worship time moves to 10am, Graduation & Memorial Sunday

Greeters: Hollie Stephenson & Family

<u>Liturgist</u>: Blake Rowland Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Scott & Lynne Rowland and Brianna

Rowland

Coffee Hour: Carla Durdle, Chris Hubbard, Carol Magoon, and Deb Dieckman

Sound Techs: Blake Rowland and Joe Suchowolec

June 2 – Communion Sunday Greeters: The Peter Faber Family

Liturgist: TBA

Children's Message: Pastor Jason

<u>Ushers</u>: John & Deb House and Don Gibbs <u>Coffee Hour</u>: Bonnie Braman, Carolyn Coles,

Marian Griffith, and Janet Tuin

Sound Techs: TBA

June 9

Greeters: Candy Outman and Patrice Fulton-Peacock

Liturgist: TBA

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Larry Alman, Candy Outman, and

Patrice Fulton-Peacock

Coffee Hour: Larry & Mary Snow, Betty Lincoln, and

Roxy Rice

Sound Techs: TBA

June 16 – Father's Day Greeters: Kirk & Celeste Faber

Liturgist: **TBA**

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

<u>Ushers</u>: Wilson Hoy, Ron Kingsbury, and Marian Griffith <u>Coffee Hour</u>: Joe & Emily Suchowolec, Jane Truesdell

and Corey Norman

Sound Techs: TBA

June 23

Greeters: Dave & Linda Jones

Liturgist: TBA

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

<u>Ushers</u>: Dave & Linda Jones and Scott Rowland <u>Coffee Hour</u>: John & Deb House, Karen Hulbert, and

Dick Canfield Sound Techs: **TBA**

June 30

Greeters: Deb Dieckman and Katrina Nelson

Liturgist: TBA

Children's Message: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Steve Roose, Deb Dieckman, and Katrina Nelson

Coffee Hour: Ice Cream Social

Sound Techs: TBA



Easter Flowers



The Easter flowers adorning the chancel this Easter were placed by the following families and friends.

Placed for.... **Donor**

Patty Barber In Memory of Ted Barber, Ken & Ethel Wilson, and Dean & Edith Wiesen

Bart Brown In Memory of Marilyn Lucille Brown nee Fries

Dick Canfield In Memory of Donna Canfield

In Memory of Bruce Christensen, Grace Christensen, Ron Waldorf, and Christensen Family

Jeffrey Copp

Nyama Newkirk-Davis In Memory of Cynthia Newkirk Dann & Doug Newkirk,

Bob Davis, & (parents) Mildred & Ira Reed

In Honor of Bill & Jane O'Connor, Glenn & Cheryl Griffin, & all my grandchildren In Memory of Pamela Dodd, Bob & Phyliss Dodd, and Darrell & Helen Hodge

Doug & Chris Dodd In Memory of Julie Christine Ferguson & Roy John Ferguson Marilyn Ferguson & Family

In Memory of Phyllis & Bill Ham, and Don Gibbs, Sr. Don & Fran Gibbs

In Honor of Shirley Gibbs, Our Children, & Our Grandchildren

In Memory of Sue Briggs and B. Edward Horn, Jr. The Horn Family

Kim Hulbert In Memory of David Hulbert

Claude Johnson In Memory of My Parents, Grandparents, and Great-grandparents,

Clarence H. Johnson, and Gwendolyn C. Wagner (siblings)

In Honor of my children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren, and

The Local, State & National PF

In Memory of William Kalbfleisch The Kilfoil Family

In Memory of Dixie Kingsbury Ron Kingsbury

In Honor of my family

In Memory of Lynn Kocher Michele Kocher

In Honor of Jackie Kocher, and Andy, Nate, Kyle, & Rylie

In Memory of my mother, Marjorie Lores Marta Lores

In Memory of our Parents Bart & Julia McPherson, & Jay & Elouise Olsen Gerald & Gloria

In Honor of Our Children & Grandchildren

Terri Merritt In Honor of Molly Stockton, Nicolette Cafmeyer and Andrew Merritt

In Memory of June Momber, Dalyn & Nancy Ling, and David Ling Don & Julie Momber

In Honor of Our grandchildren: Christian, Reagan & Ada Momber

In Memory of Loren & Rhea Moss, Casimir Ziolkowski, and Cancer Heroes Larry & Sue Moss

In Honor of Florence Ziolkowski, Cancer Pioneers, and Cancer Caregivers

In Honor of Elise & Ellia Devitt, and Eli & Grant Kuenzer **Bob & Patrice Peacock**

In Memory of Darwin (Buzz) Petersen Darlene Petersen In Memory of my mother, Gerry Rice Roxy Rice In Honor of Ian Macdonald family

Kay Thomas & Kevin Tiffany In Memory of Ken Thomas and Ashley Tiffany Kenneth & Coleen Venema

In Memory of Rex & Marion Braginton (Parents of Coleen),

and Herman & Betty Venema (Parents of Ken)

In Honor of Kevin & Carrie Venema, and Morgan Maria, Benjamin & Rex