



# FCC PILGRIM PULSE

JANUARY 2023

May the faith of God  
be with you this year.  
May the peace of God  
surround you,  
and may you be blessed  
each day!

*Happy New Year*

**If you wish to have your name or your loved one to be placed on our prayer list, please contact the church office. \*Please remember you must have permission to do so. Thank you!**

### IN OUR PRAYERS

**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.

#### ONGOING PRAYERS FOR:

<i>Lucas Hopkins</i>	<i>Jerry McPherson</i>	<i>Dr. Joe &amp; Valerie Mejia</i>	<i>John Koppenol</i>	<i>Brian Tiffany</i>
<i>Rob Sansom</i>	<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Ken &amp; Kathy Reed</i>	<i>Wilson &amp; Barb Hoy</i>	<i>Jerry Haverdink</i>
<i>Nic (Perry)</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Rice</i>	<i>James &amp; Pauline Griffith</i>	<i>Carole Cole</i>	<i>Tom Antor</i>
<i>Dawn Dickinson</i>	<i>Pearl Fulton</i>	<i>Kim Massengale</i>	<i>Carol Jorgenson</i>	<i>Jim Cathey</i>

#### FCC FAMILY AT CARE FACILITIES:

<i>Lois Hazelwood</i>	<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #26</i>
<i>Bette Houle</i>	<i>-at The Brook Assisted Living, Cedar Springs</i>
<i>Corla Morgan</i>	<i>-at SHUM RNC, Room #103</i>
<i>Barb &amp; Wilson Hoy</i>	<i>-at Canal View Houghton County Medical Facility</i>
<i>Pat Toth</i>	<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living, Room #15</i>
<i>Doris Dieckman Marshall</i>	<i>-at Boulder Creek Assisted Living, Room #8</i>
<i>Ray (Cap) Tower</i>	<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living, Room #12</i>



#### PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

<i>Jerry McPherson (home)</i>	<i>FCC Members and friends to all</i>
<i>Diane Jones</i>	<i>Friend of Darlene Petersen</i>
<i>Michael Dexter</i>	<i>Brother-in-law of Michele Kocher</i>
<i>Marjoan Wohlfert</i>	<i>Sister of Michele Kocher</i>

#### SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:

- *The Enbody family; parents of Toni Enbody-Clayton, for the recent loss of her parents.*
- *The McCowen family; for the sudden loss of their young son, Miles.*
- *Danielle McConnell*
- *Roxanne Faber*

**\*Thank you to all for your Prayers! Please feel free to send a card to anyone listed above.**

#### Pastoral Contact Info:

**If you are in need of prayers or other assistance, please feel free to email Pastor Ed at [pastor.edfccog@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.edfccog@gmail.com).**

#### BOARD MEETINGS:

Deacons: Tuesday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Trustees: Monday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm

**Trustees of the Month:** Duane Putnam and Scott Horn

**Deacon of the Month:** Don Gibbs

# ~ FCC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

## PASTORAL NEWS

- **New Member Class:** We are so blessed to have an exciting and active church family. We have all come together to form the Body of Christ. Every one of us plays an important role in the service of God through the ministries of His church. There will be an opportunity for anyone who feels led by the Spirit to learn more about the history, ministries, organization, and beliefs of this Congregational church. Starting in mid-January, we will be holding a series of New Members Classes. Please contact the church office or Pastor Ed for more info if you are feeling led to join this community of faith by becoming a member!



## CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

The church office hours are Mon. through Thurs. from 9:00-3:30 with a break from 2:00-2:30pm. Please call ahead if you need assistance.

- **Contact Info:** Please update your contact info (new address, email or phone number) to receive church mailings, with the church office. \*You need not be a member to receive all the latest news and updates!

## PARISH NURSE NEWS

Our Nurse is available Mon. and Tues. from 8-4, and Thurs. from 8-12. Call/text Patrice at (616) 894-7288 for assistance.

- **Medical Assistance:** If you have medical questions, concerns, or need a ride, please call or text Patrice.
- **Mental Health Emergency Number:** call "988" for mental health crisis help.
- **RSV, the flu and COVID** continue to be hitting our community hard right now. If you feel sick please stay home to get well. Infants, toddlers and the elderly need to be especially careful at this time. Please call if you have any questions.

## PF YOUTH NEWS

Our next meeting is Sun., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> after service. Church youth are encouraged to join us to plan for upcoming events and fellowship trips!

- Jan 27-29: Plans are being made for a PF and HOPE retreat in Livonia.
- To join the group, call/text Claude Johnson at 616-894-5595 or email: [claudej2002us@yahoo.com](mailto:claudej2002us@yahoo.com).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

- **Sunday School** has resumed from Christmas Break and we meet every Sun. at 9:30am.
- **Welcome!** new Grades 3-5 teacher, Tim Hyde, who has a very lengthy Christian teaching experience at all ages. He will begin teaching on January 22 and we are lucky to have him!
- **Acolyte Training January 15:** Calling all current acolytes and any children in grades 2 on up that would like to light and extinguish the candles on Sundays. The training will be in the sanctuary right after the service.
- **"Noisy Coin"** is coming up every Sunday in February. Please save your loose change to put in the bread pans. Kids get the experience of "making noise" while learning about giving, and the proceeds go to Kids 3RD Meal to help with hunger when not in school in Montcalm County. The first collection is Feb. 5.



## MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS

### Special Music Performances for January:

- Jan. 1: Deb Dieckman
- Jan. 8: Chancel Choir (practice at 9:30am)
- Jan. 15: Praise Choir (practice at 9:30am)
- Jan. 22: Chancel Choir (practice at 9:30am)
- Jan. 29: Larry Snow
- \*Chancel Choir will practice at 9:30am on Jan. 1, 8, 15, and 22 – in the sanctuary.
- If you are of high school age or older and interested in singing with the Chancel Choir, contact Deb Dieckman, the office or come to a rehearsal. No audition is necessary!

## CHILDREN'S PRAISE CHOIR NEWS

The group practices every Tues. evenings from 4-5pm and sings once a month at our Sunday Services. This group is for children ages pre-k through middle school. Please come join us one and all!

- Our next performance is Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

The children are back in class and are busy learning new things such as: things about winter, where animals go in winter, nursery rhymes, and fairy tales.

- Next month we will begin preparations for the Valentine's holiday, where the children will make valentine boxes and we will have our annual Valentine's dance with the preschool families after school! (Date TBA).

## DEACONS NEWS

- **New!** We will now be adding a video music with words to learn some new songs and/or maybe sing an additional hymn now and then. We are getting back to pre-pandemic worship! Pastor Ed is helping with song and video selection.
- **Help NEEDED:** Please be sure to sign up to help with Nursery, Coffee Service, and Children's Sermons. There are always many ways to become involved with worship and service to the church!
- **2022 Advent Mission:** Thank you for all the giving during Advent. The Mission for helping Rest Assured Adult Foster Care was very successful and earned the church several hugs of appreciation.
- **2022 Christmas Poinsettias:** The participation in Poinsettia purchases was over the top! The most we have had in many, many years. We had 124 plants on display! Many were picked up and others were given to our shut-ins to spread the love this past Christmas Season! Thank you for the continued support for our DDF!
- Have you received a card from the church when you really needed it? Bonnie Wickerham does a wonderful job of sending cards on behalf of the church and deacons. She writes beautiful notes and sends close to 40 cards per month! Thank you, Bonnie for your continued devotion to our church family!
- **Lent:** Looking ahead to Lent in February, we will not have a weekly Lenten soup and sandwich dinner but will host a Seder Supper with beef stew and biscuits on Maundy Thursday. More information coming soon!



## CELEBRATIONS!

**Happy Birthday!** To Pastor Ed (1/5), Pat Toth (1/8), Lynne Rowland (1/18), Anita Putnam (1/24), Cheryl Flashaar (1/26), Kirk Faber (1/29), Logan Norman (1/29), and Jeff Skinner (1/31).

- If you would like your special event listed, please contact the church office!



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

- **Terri Lynn Nuts** are still available! \*Please see Chris Hubbard for product availability.
- **Boxing Up Day!** Now that we have all enjoyed the lovely decorations at church, it is time to help box things up! Please join us in helping take the decorations down on Tues., Jan. 10 at 10am. Many hands make light work! Hope to see you there!
- **WF Board Meeting:** We have a board meeting after church on Jan. 29 to plan for the Silent Breakfast.
- **The Silent Breakfast** is Feb. 22 at 10am. Our speaker is Pastor Ed and the symbolic breakfast is more like communion. He will also conduct an imposition of ashes. This event is open to all people and is intended as a personal time of preparation for Lent on Ash Wednesday.
- **Circle Meetings:** Our next circle meetings will be held Wed., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm (Winslow) and 6:30pm (Bethany). Contact Rosel Eagles or Fran Gibbs, if you would like to join either of these groups.

## MUTUAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We are always looking for ways for our congregation to be involved in our Sunday Service! Here are some ministries we are needing volunteers for:

- **Nursery** (background check required)
- **Children's message** (short 3-minute message)
- **Coffee service**
- **Liturgist:** If you would like to join our rotation of readers, please contact the church office. \*If you are already on the rotation, no need to contact the office, unless you would like specific dates or would like to be taken off the list.
- Please see the signup sheets by the church bulletin board in the lobby. \*Many dates are still available!
- \*We are also needing sound tech volunteers to help learn our sound booth system and streaming services. If interested, contact the church office (training is available).

## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Tithing boxes are now available by the church bulletin board. If you did not receive a tithing card or do not see your box, please contact the church office and we can provide you with a card or box. Thank you for your continued support!

## OTHER FCCoG NEWS...

FCC Family and Friends are invited Jan. 28th in fellowship hall from 2-4 will be a Celebration Open House to celebrate Jake Peacock & Rose Douglas (son of Patrice & Bob) for their wedding that took place in March 2022 and the arrival of their baby girl coming in April 2023!



## *Christmas Poinsettias 2022*

Patty Barber	In Memory of Ted Barber In Memory of Kenneth & Ethel Wilson In Memory of Don & Bea Barber In Memory of Dean & Edith Wiesen
Bruce & Sue Beauvais	In Memory of Carl & Evelyn Berg In Memory of Bob & Ruth Beauvais
Bonnie Braman	In Memory of Russell & Alice Braman and Fred & Kathryn Boyd In Memory of Hal Braman In Memory of Bill & Jean Boyd In Honor of J.R. Braman, Jamie & Sarah (Braman) Smith, Andrew & Sarah Braman In Honor of Ellie, Alanah, & Sophia Braman In Honor of Dan & Rosel Eagles In Honor of Bruce & Sue Beauvais In Honor of The Sunday Lunch Group
Bart Brown	In Memory of Marilyn Brown nee Fries In Memory of Prudence Bower Tower
Larry & Karen Carbonelli	In Memory of Kevin Carbonelli In Memory of Elisa Nelson In Memory of Doug Shaw In Memory of Muriel Carbonelli In Memory of Bob & Elizabeth Waldo
Carla Durdle	In Memory of Michael Durdle (husband) In Memory of Max & Barbara Durdle (In-laws) In Memory of William & Joan Thompson (parents) In Honor of Children: Scott & Marianne Durdle and Chad & Tracy Durdle In Honor of Grandkids (8) In Honor of Greatgrandchildren (4)
Marilyn Ferguson	In Memory of Roy Ferguson In Memory Julie Ferguson
Fran & Don Gibbs	In Memory of Donald Gibbs, Sr. In Memory of Bill & Phyllis Ham In Honor of Shirley Gibbs In Honor of Our Children In Honor of Our Grandchildren
Judy Graham	In Memory of my loving husband, Dale Graham In Memory of H.D. & Bettye Graham In Memory of Bob & Ann Snyder
William & Peggy Ham	In Memory of William & Phyllis Ham In Honor of Don & Fran Gibbs
Cindy Hanson	In Memory of David Hanson In Honor of Jerry Haverdink
Scott Horn	In Memory of Sue & Jim Briggs In Memory of Ed Horn In Memory of Dave & Dotti Rackliff
Karen Hulbert	In Memory of David Hulbert In Memory of Richard Canfield In Memory of Kathy Cristofoli
Stephanie & Tim Hyde	In Memory of Lillian Sly In Memory of Grandma & Grandpa Eldridge In Memory of Chuck & Alice Sly
Claude Johnson	In Memory of Clarence & Gwendolyn Y. Johnson, parents In Memory of Great Grandparents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles In Memory of Clarence H. Johnson (brother) and & Gwendolyn C. Waymer (sister) In Honor of My Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren In Honor of Local, State, and National Pilgrim Fellowship Youth
Rev. Jerry & Marilyn Jones	In Memory of Deb Kazmierczak In Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren In Honor of Our Faith Family



Ronald Kingsbury	In Memory of my loving wife, Dixie Kingsbury In Honor of Debbie In Honor of Lisa
Robin Kiste	In Memory of Jerry Kiste, loving husband and father
Kurt & Suzy Kreeger	In Memory of Robert Hoseth (father) In Memory of Roma Dart In Memory of Norma Nicholas In Honor of Zaniyah Williams
Carol Magoon	In Memory of my husband Ray Magoon In Memory of Chelsea Magoon In Memory of Trudi Magoon In Memory of Christina Magoon
Gerald & Gloria McPherson	In Memory of Our Parents: Burt & Julie McPherson and Jay & Elouise Olsen In Memory of Our Children and Grandchildren
Pastor Ed & Jenny Milam	In Memory of Charlie & Peggy Milam (Ed's parents) In Honor of Betty Pettit (Jenny's mom) In Honor of John Pettit & Bridget Jeffery (Jenny's parents)
Vivian Minard, Mary Ellen, and Melissa	In Memory of Carrol Scott Minard In Memory of Our Parents and Grandparents
Don & Julie Momber	In Memory of Dalyn & Nancy Ling and David Ling In Memory of June Momber In Honor of Our Grandchildren: Christian and Raegan, Ada and Logan Momber
Patrice Fulton-Peacock	In Honor of Elise & Ellia Devitt In Honor of Grant & Eli Kuenzer
Darlene Petersen	In Memory of Gary Petersen In Memory of Darwin (Buzz) Petersen
Joseph & Emily Suchowolec	In Memory of Kathie Suchowolec (Joe's mom) In Honor of Our Kids: Elizabeth Jane, Katherine Rose, and Joseph Allen, Jr.
Linda Stafford	In Memory of John Stafford In Memory of Leslie Stafford In Memory of Dale & Vivian Stafford In Memory of Robert & Hazel O'Connor In Memory of Margie Scheid In Memory of Kitty Armel In Memory of Jack Harris In Memory of Albert Vining In Honor of Jerry & Marilyn Jones In Honor of The Macdonald Family
Judy Leslie-Swartz	In Memory of Jon Leslie In Memory of Dale & Jean Hubbs In Honor of My Children and Grandchildren
Kenneth & Coleen Venema	In Memory of Herman & Betty Venema (Ken's parents) In Memory of Rex & Marion Braginton (Coleen's parents) In Honor of Kevin and Carrie Maria In Honor of Morgan Maria, Benjamin, and Rex
Lynn & Bonnie Wickerham	In Memory of Joe & Ruth Wickerham and Waldo & Marguerite Fisher In Honor of Brent, Karen, Brett Wickerham and Denise Webb and Greta Schultz In Honor of Nicholas, Blake, Colleen, and Holden Wickerham In Honor of Our Lord and Savior & Church Family



*Thank you and Christmas Blessings to all!*

# ~ January 2023 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Communion &amp; New Year's Day!</b> 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Special Music – <i>Deb Dieckman</i> 12p PF Youth Mtg 3p Venture	<b>2 New Year's Day (observed)</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <div>Christmas Break</div>	<b>3</b>  4p Praise Choir	<b>4</b> 10a PURLS  <b>School Back In Session (all)</b>  6:30 Bethany	<b>5</b>  4:30 Scouts (all) 7:30 AA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  9:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Special Music – <i>Chancel Choir</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  4p Praise Choir 6:30 Deacons	<b>11</b> 10a PURLS	<b>12</b>  4:30 Scouts (all) 7:30 AA	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Special Music – <i>Praise Choir</i> 12p PF Youth Mtg 3p Venture	<b>16 MLK Day</b>	<b>17</b>  4p Praise Choir	<b>18</b> 10a PURLS	<b>19</b>  4:30 Scouts (all) 7:30 AA	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Special Music – <i>Chancel Choir</i>	<b>23</b>  6:30 Trustees	<b>24</b>  1p WF Board 4p Praise Choir	<b>25</b> 10a PURLS	<b>26</b>  4:30 Scouts (all) 7:30 AA	<b>27</b>  <div>PF Youth Retreat 27-29 in Novi, MI</div>	<b>28</b> 2p Peacock Celebration
<b>29</b> 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Special Music – <i>Larry Snow</i>  <div>PF Youth Retreat in Novi, MI</div>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<div>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy New Year!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Praying that you have a truly remarkable and blissful year ahead! Happy new year to you and your family!</p> </div>			

## Calendar Notes:

# ~ February 2023 ~

*\*We will collect coins for Noisy Coin throughout the month! Please bring in your loose change to help fight hunger in our community!*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 10a PURLS  1p Winslow 6:30 Bethany	<b>2</b>  11a GAMA  4:30 Scouts (all) 7:30 AA	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			<b>8</b> 10a PURLS	<b>9</b>  4:30 Scouts (all) 7:30 AA	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>5 Communion &amp; Scout Sunday</b> 9:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Special Music – <i>Chancel Choir</i> 3p Venture	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  4p Praise Choir 6:30 Deacons	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  4:30 Scouts (all) 7:30 AA	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>12</b> 9:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Special Music – <i>Praise Choir</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <i>Valentine's Day</i>  4p Praise Choir	<b>22</b> 10a PURLS <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 10a Silent Bfast & Imp. of Ashes 	<b>23</b>  4:30 Scouts (all) 7:30 AA	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>19 Transfiguration Sunday</b> 9:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Special Music – <i>Chancel Choir</i> 12p PF Youth Mtg 3p Venture	<b>20</b>  <i>President's Day</i>	<b>21</b>  1p WF Board Mtg 4p Praise Choir	<b>*Ash Wednesday Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10a WF 64th Silent Breakfast</li> <li>• 11a Prayer &amp; Imposition of Ashes</li> <li>• 6p Lenten Supper Begins</li> <li>• 7p Service &amp; Imposition of Ashes</li> </ul>			
<b>26</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 9:30 Choir Practice 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Special Music – <i>TBA</i>	<b>27</b>  6:30 Trustees	<b>28</b>  4p Praise Choir				

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