



FAITH MATTERS

Friday, May 1, 2020

Weekly Newsletter for Faith Covenant Church of Manistee, Michigan

Dear FCC Family,

Thanks be to God and His son Jesus Christ! Spring seems to arrive at last and the Earth is growing with new life and wonder.

Let this week be a time of renewal and growth in each of us as we seek the will of our God, example of Jesus, and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Let the Word, Prayer, Sermons, and communications bring new growth to our minds, body, and spirit.

The Governor's Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy executive order is still in effect through May 17th. Faith Covenant Church will continue to be closed for Sunday church services and all other church functions through May 17th.

Spring has sprung; Grow as a part of our Faith Covenant Church family.

Faith Covenant Church Leadership Team
Scott McKenney, Chairperson

UPDATE FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

We strongly believe our continuous communication with you is of utmost importance and so share the following:

We continue with weekly (and at times 2 or 3 per week) Zoom meetings online. We are in awe of how God is using, and speaking through, each of us as such a diverse representation...as well as being truly and deeply blessed with each conversation full of insight, respect, enriching dialogue, humor and JOY. We are honored by your trust, faith in, and prayers for us as we continue to discern where God is directing us and with whom He has already chosen for Faith Covenant Church.

We are fortunate to have conducted multiple first and second interviews with some very good candidates, and have started narrowing down the choices. Again, we could say **our** choices but we're keenly aware these candidates are who **God** has brought forth in the process.

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May Celebrations

<i>Birthdays</i>		
01 Kathleen Dillon	10 Kathy A.B. Smith	22 Ruth Minster
01 Michael Poirier	12 Ben Blakeslee	26 Darrell Harrison
04 Darryl Ernst	13 Marge Clement	26 Elizabeth Mellott
05 Ben Tameling	15 Dylan Johnson	26 Abby Poirier
06 Danyal Blakeslee	15 Carissa Schmutzler	28 Angie Myers
06 Linda Elo	16 Jean Kinnan	29 Kelly Kelley
07 Kathy Engwall	16 Breanna Woroniak	30 Zach Korolenko
07 Amanda Johns	17 Denis Johnson	30 Mike Munsell
07 Kevin Schmutzler	20 Carol Sullivan	30 Tom Richert
09 Kris Thompson	21 Leah Wagner	

<i>Anniversaries</i>
01 Darrell & Yolanda Harrison
06 Greg & Amanda Tingay
16 Joe & Connie Ramon
17 Kris & Amanda Johns
17 Harold & Mary Soule
19 David & Cheryl Solberg
26 Dennis & Anna Fisk

<i>May Dates to Remember</i>
07 National Day of Prayer
10 Mother's Day
25 Memorial Day

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It is both exciting to seek where we are headed and, at the same time, a weight of responsibility in discerning God's heart for FCC. We are also very aware/alert to trials occurring in each of our families (spiritual warfare) as we have committed ourselves to this process, praying and searching God's desires for our church.

For all of these reasons, we humbly request and deeply long for your support through unceasing prayer; prayers for God's direction in every step of the process & continuing interviews, prayers for God's revelation in clarity, wisdom, & discernment, prayers for safety & protection for committee members (included individual names below) & our families, prayers of discernment & protection for the various candidates (and their families), and prayers for our church & community as we persevere through this time. We continue to pray for all of you as well.

Praise God that we are one in Spirit with the Lord, and that our God the Almighty is seated on the throne. He has already won the victory so we must stand firm, be faithful, and love one another! To God be the Glory!

Colossians 2:2-3 ("...that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love.....which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.)

James 1:5 ("If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.")

Proverbs 4:23 Everything we do flows from the heart, so please also pray we keep our hearts pure and "...with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."

Pastoral Search Committee Members

Heather Barker	Randy Jesburg
Carissa Schmutzler	Scott McKenney
Rachel Nelson	David Phelps
Libby Richert	Dick Rees
Kevin Schmutzler	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you for continuing to support Faith Covenant Church through your tithes and offerings! Giving has increased via our On-Line Giving Portal and those who have started using it are continuing to use it...proof that it is a convenient and easy way to give. You can access the giving portal via the link provided on our website: <https://www.faithcovmanistee.org/giving>.

Or scan this QR code:



If you have questions about donating or need assistance with the giving portal, please contact Carolyn: 231.723.7173 or czofficefcc@gmail.com.

CORRECTION* FROM LAST WEEKS' NEWSLETTER

Stories keep coming in to the office about ways our FCC family is helping each other out during this time of social distancing. People have been providing meals or picking up groceries & supplies for the elderly, others are performing random acts of kindness, several have been seen conducting drive-by wavings, & many of us are keeping in touch via phone calls, mailed cards, e-mails, texts, & video chats. If you are not in regular contact with someone, please contact Carolyn or Kate right away! We want you to know that there is still a connected church family here and we want YOU to be connected with us! There are resources available for helping to get groceries & supplies and for around-the-house repairs & maintenance. If you have an immediate need, please contact us:

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