



# FAITH MATTERS

Friday, August 21, 2020

Weekly Newsletter for Faith Covenant Church of Manistee, Michigan

Dear FCC Family,

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit."* Matthew 28:19 (NIV).

This Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have a special worship service at 10:30 a.m. with Missionary Chris Vogt presenting the message to the congregation, live and in person. Chris, Rebecca, and their six children serve in N. Africa and have had, needless to say, an exciting, exhausting, and well travelled 2020. Rebecca is the daughter of our own Glenn and Mary Griffiths and a part of our FCC missions support. We look forward to hearing from Chris.

Remember, we will present four (4) worship options:

1. Worship in the church with Chris Vogt.
2. Listen to the service live from your vehicle in the FCC parking lot via FM transmitter.
3. Watch Pastor Dave Nesburg's service on our YouTube channel and website.
4. Listen to this week's sermon on our YouTube channel and website.

Continue praying for Pastor Erik and his family as they make the move to Manistee the week of September 1<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Erik plans to be in the office the week of September 8<sup>th</sup> and begin leading worship services on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We are all looking forward to seeing the Carlson's in September.

At this time, the church building & office remain closed and all other activities in the building will continue to be suspended through September 4, 2020, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order. For the safety and wellbeing of our congregation, please follow the important COVID-19 Criteria that was sent to you previously and is available on our website.

Hopefully, beginning in September we will start adding activities and events to the church, and resume normal operation in October.

*"Our love for others is our grateful response to the love God first demonstrated to us."* 1 John 4:19 (TPT version).

Scott McKenney, Leadership Team Chairperson

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Robert Wirth - Healing from a head injury.*

*Garrett Wirth - Complete healing for this toddler.*

*Bob Hecht (Jean Kinnan's nephew) - Healing from lung cancer.*

*Jean Kinnan's great nephew, Steve and his fiancée, Tess Rosales - healing (for Tess) from lung & bone cancer.*

*Rick Patterson (Maggie's husband) - Healing from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.*

*Donna, Joyce Franckowiak's sister - Healing.*

*Mary Ann Hagemeyer - Swift recovery from back fusion surgery & total healing.*

*Sheryl Zimmerman - Healing & strength.*

*Mike Zimmerman - Healing from COPD and congestive heart failure.*

*Dan Hankinson - Healing from pancreatic cancer.*

*Linda Anderson - Healing from abdominal cancer.*

*Everyone impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*Pastor Erik, Lauren, Gregory, Jonas & Clive Carlson - Relocation stresses.*

## **A MESSAGE FROM FCC'S WELCOMING COMMITTEE FOR PASTOR CARLSON & FAMILY**

Dear FCC Family,

We would like to put a Welcome Package or Basket together for the Carlson family and are looking for various items that would introduce them to our community. Please respond to Carissa Schmutzler or Heather Barker with what you would specifically like to donate. Below is a list of gift certificates we are hoping to include. Feel free to be creative with other ideas, but please specify what you would like to donate. Gift certificates requested:

- \* The Vogue Theatre
- \* Family Fare Market
- \* Meijer
- \* Wesco
- \* TJ's Pub
- \* Blue Fish
- \* The Bungalow
- \* Dairy Queen
- \* Taco 'Bout It
- \* The Glenwood
- \* Big Al's
- \* Any other local favorites

Gifts can either be picked up or dropped off with arrangements made in advance by calling either Carissa: 231.233.8654 or Heather: 231.510.5505. We would like to have all gifts by next Thursday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continued generosity and helping Erik, Lauren, the boys, and their dog be welcomed to our FCC family!

Welcoming Committee,  
Carissa Schmutzler, Heather Barker, Cynthia McKinney, & Mary Griffiths

## **YOUTH GROUP INFO FROM FCC'S INTERIM YOUTH LEADER, DEVIN SCHWEIGERT**

Hello, Church! I've had the privilege of leading our Middle School and High School Youth Groups this summer, and we've been having a great time growing in faith together! We'll be finishing up our summer activities next week and are looking toward the school year. With still many unknowns for how this fall will look, I can't give an exact schedule regarding our plans at this point. Hopefully though, we will continue outdoor meetings for as long as possible. For announcements regarding weekly plans, follow the Youth Group on Instagram: [faithcov\\_youth](#). Or send an email to: [dschweigert26@gmail.com](mailto:dschweigert26@gmail.com) and I can let you know whenever an event is coming up. Whatever happens, I'm excited to continue serving God and serving our kids!

Blessings,  
Devin Schweigert

## **A MESSAGE FROM RUTH MINSTER**

To our beloved friends at FCC,

Kevin and I want to thank you for all your prayers and support. Kevin is now on Social Security Disability. It's not as much as we had prayed for, but God knows best and we will make it work. So now we begin phase two of our journey, looking and applying for housing, opening a checking account, and making sure Kevin has all the things that make a house a home. As we discover what he needs, we will post a list of things that you may be able to help us with. Being his income will be very limited, I would like him to be set with all he will need to get going on his new journey in life knowing that Jesus is with him in all he does. Thank you and may God shine his face upon you.

We love you,  
Kevin Hildebrand and Ruth Minster

## CARD SHOWER REQUEST

Robert Wirth is suffering from a severe head injury and is alone mostly in North Carolina. It would be a wonderful thing if we could shower him with Get Well cards and notes of encouragement! Please send mail to: Robert Wirth, 3701 Pikeville Court, Fayetteville, NC 28306. Let's be a blessing to our brother who is far from home while serving in the US Army.

## CHURCH OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS

The church's main phone line, 231.723.7173, is once again operating correctly. Voicemail has been set up and messages are checked regularly. While the office is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, incoming calls will be forwarded to Staff on Mondays through Fridays from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Emails are a good way to communicate with Staff and messages will be replied to as soon as possible. Reach us at - Kate: [kateofficefcc@gmail.com](mailto:kateofficefcc@gmail.com) or Carolyn: [czoofficefcc@gmail.com](mailto:czoofficefcc@gmail.com).

Our website is continuously updated with the latest sermons and news. Check it out at: [www.faithcovmanistee.org](http://www.faithcovmanistee.org). You will also find links there to connect with us on Facebook and YouTube.

## FELLOWSHIP TEAM LEADER NEEDED

If you would like more information about this opening or to volunteer, please contact Amy Holtgren: 231.233.1231 or Kate Poirier: 231.723.7173.

## FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS

Someone is needed to collect and process Family Fare Receipts that are turned in for cash to benefit FCC's Women's Ministries. Phil Hildebrand faithfully carried out this task until his death and continuing this rewards program would be an honor to his memory. If you would like to fill this voluntary role, please contact Carolyn: 231.723.7173 or [czoofficefcc@gmail.com](mailto:czoofficefcc@gmail.com).

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for continuing to support Faith Covenant Church through your tithes and offerings! Our On-Line Giving Portal is a convenient and easy way to give anytime from anywhere. 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 [czoofficefcc@gmail.com](mailto:czoofficefcc@gmail.com).

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