



FAITH MATTERS

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Weekly Newsletter for Faith Covenant Church of Manistee, Michigan

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

*Hymn #264: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Welcome

Pastor Kris Johns

Greetings

*Praise Songs

Praise Team

Giving Back to God

Pastor Paula Frost

Special Music

Mert Youngberg, Organist
Mary Peterson, Pianist

*Hymn #685: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

Scripture: **John 12:1-8**

Randy Tomaszewski

Children's Moment

Pastor Paula Frost

Sermon: **Wasteful Love**

Pastor Herb Frost

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation in Unison

*Closing Song

Praise Team

Sending Out

Pastor Herb Frost

*Please stand as you are able.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the A/V Booth.
Nursery care for babies thru age 3 is provided.

Sermon Notes

Knowing & Following Jesus-The Path of the Disciple-Wasteful Love

Remembering and Imagining

The _____ filled the house...

The people also...

Lazarus – Martha - Mary

Simon – Judas - The Disciples

Jesus

_____ Lazarus

It was not so long ago that he was anointed – was it with this same _____?

What _____ does this evoke?

What is he feeling for his _____ who called him back?

What is he thinking about his _____ (s)?

Or Martha

Martha _____ ... (remember Luke 10:38-42)

SERMON NOTES ...continued

Was she _____? Or was she more comfortably _____-aware?

What is she thinking about her sister?

And Mary

Mary ... (remember Luke 10:38-42)

Uncommon love... is ...

Adam and Eve _____

Mary _____ out the Savior

And Simon and Judas and the Disciples

Is it _____ to lump _____ all together? (Matthew 26:8)

When does _____ get in the way of _____?

Which lasts longer, _____ or _____?

Wasteful, Extravagant love (worship)

Seeks the One who _____ and casts aside the _____ (or the fig leaf) of _____ perfection.

Extravagant love rejoices more in His _____ and _____ than in my own desires for _____

A _____-lived, quickly-_____ and _____-minded life is Exchanged for life "inside the wardrobe"

Uncommon love (worship)

Bartimaeus followed without a _____.
Zacchaeus _____ generously and made reparation

Mary _____ her money

Luke 16:13-15

"_____ did you pour out your one, fragrant, expensive and invaluable life for Jesus? What a _____! Can you imagine what _____ have been?"

Yet, even her extravagant love is a mere _____ of the extravagant love of Christ – Philippians 2:1-10 – Echo on!

So what do we do with this?

_____ to Him

_____ extravagantly

_____ the world and its desires behind us.

There is hope "inside the wardrobe"

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER BONFIRES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 9-12

We will have a bonfire for the girls and a bonfire for the boys at 5th Avenue Beach every other Monday starting at 7:30pm. We will swim, play volleyball/nuke'em, or walk on the pier together, then sit around the fires for specific study and discussion for the guys and gals. The dates are June 24, July 8, July 22, Aug 5, and Aug 19.

YG: TRIP TO MICHIGAN'S ADVENTURE

Tuesday, July 16th. All MS and HS youth are invited. RSVP w/ KJ.

YG MISSION TRIP: CAMP BARNABAS

Camp Barnabas is a 100% special needs camp in Missouri. We get to serve these campers one-on-one as missionaries for a week, July 26th - August 4th! For more information, contact Pastor KJ: 231.907.3044.

YG: MANISTEE RIVER TRAIL OVERNIGHT HIKING TRIP

Thursday, Aug. 8 - Friday, Aug. 9. More details to come.

THE TEAM: THIS WEEK'S PLAN

Wednesday, 9:00-11:00am, meet for BB-n-B (Breakfast, Bibles, & Buds).

ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP

This summer, our elementary youth group is expanding to include students who have completed grades 5, 6, 7, & 8. Pastors Paula & Kris are leading this combined group of great kids to make a seamless transition come fall when they plan to offer a Jr. High Youth Group for students in grades 6, 7, & 8. The transition up of our 6th grade students will mean we can reach down in the fall, to include students in grade 4 in The Team. The Team youth group that meets Wednesdays after school beginning in the fall will be comprised of students in grades 4 & 5. Access to more students means more opportunity to influence lives for the Kingdom. Yay! Please see Pastor Paula or Kris for ways YOU can be involved!

NEEDED FOR THE TEAM'S "BB-N-B" BREAKFAST

We eat breakfast together every Wednesday at 9:00am and already have the staples of cereal, fruit, milk, juice, & yogurt. But we are in need of people willing to add the special touch of a hot breakfast item. It can be prepared on-site or brought in ahead of time. There are only 2 more Wednesday mornings available for you to volunteer to bless our students this summer in this special way: July 3 or August 21. See Pastor Paula for details. A huge THANK YOU to those who have already signed up to serve!

SUMMERTIME SISTERS

These informal gatherings are open to all women of the church and their friends! We meet at 7:00pm on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of June, July, & August. Our next gathering will be June 24th at Mary Griffith's home. Please note: Parking is limited, so carpooling is recommended. Call Mary if you would like to ride with someone or need directions: 231.889.3157. Copies of the full schedule are available on the Welcome Center. For more information about the program, contact Carole Lindberg: 231.398.0958 or 231.510.7113.

THIS WEEK'S MINISTRIES CALENDAR

SUNDAY, June 23

7:30am: Praise Band Rehearsal
10:00am: Fellowship & Coffee Time
10:30am: Worship Service

MONDAY, June 24

7:00pm: Summertime Sisters
7:30pm: YG Bonfire Night

WEDNESDAY, June 26 - ECC ANNUAL MEETING

9:00am: Men's Breakfast at the Bungalow Inn
9:00am: The Team: BB-n-B
12:00pm: Faith Matters Weekly Deadline

SUNDAY, June 30

7:30am: Praise Band Rehearsal
10:00am: Fellowship & Coffee Time
10:30am: Worship Service

SUNDAY MORNINGS SUMMER SCHEDULE MAY 26th - SEPTEMBER 2nd

10:00am: Fellowship & Coffee Time
10:30am: Worship Service

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS JUNE 1st - August 31st

Mondays - Thursdays: 8:00am - 5:00pm
(Closed for lunch from 12:00 - 1:00pm)

FAITH MATTERS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER DEADLINES THROUGH LABOR DAY

Please communicate newsletter information to the office staff by Noon on Wednesdays.
(Exception: The 1st week of July,
The deadline is Tuesday, July 2nd.)

God hears our prayers! *Remember in your prayers this week:*

Benny Croissant	Hank & Edie Minster
Paula Frost	Tom Richert
Stan Hagemeyer	Jeanne Youngberg
Sharon Hankinson	Garrett Wirth
Doug Hanna	Sheryl Zimmerman
Yolanda Harrison	Carol Zink

ECC Annual Meeting & Delegates

Students, Counsellors, Staff, & Speakers at Camp

THE COMPLETE "RIGHTNOW MEDIA" LIBRARY IS AVAILABLE TO YOU AT NO COST, EXCEPT TIME!

This streaming library of Bible study videos that inspires faith every day of the week is available to you as our gift! Contact Carolyn in the church office at: 231.735.7305 or czoofficefcc@gmail.com to receive our church's login information so that you can be inspired & encouraged!

TENTS NEEDED FOR ECHO HIS LOVE

In the winter, ECHO His Love works with FCC and other churches/agencies to shelter and feed the homeless in the Safe Harbor program. In the non-winter months, ECHO's ministry is called "TENTS" (The Essential Needs in Temporary Shelter). More tents are urgently needed! Please contact Sherry O'Neal at ECHO: 231.723.6613 extension 113.

FAITH FAMILY FASHIONS CLOTHING MINISTRY

We are in need of bathing suits in girls, teens, & ladies sizes. Ladies PJs are also needed. Thank you so much for all the support!!

FCC MINISTRY TEAMS NEED ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Do you have a desire to serve God and our church family? These ministry teams are looking for additional team members &/or team leaders:

Missions Team: Contact Scott McKenney.

Congregational Care Team: Contact Dick Lindberg.

Fellowship Team: Contact Amy Holtgren.

Property Stewards: Contact Denis Johnson.

Worship & Music Team: Contact Pastor Herb Frost.

Contact info is on the Welcome Center.

ECC ANNUAL MEETING...CONTINUED

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES FALL RETREAT

October 4th - 6th at Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp. This year's theme: "Pierced & Embraced", presented by Kelli Worall. Brochures are available on the Welcome Center. For more info or to register, please visit: www.glcwomen.org. Early bird registration ends Aug. 4th.

YOUNG LIFE MANISTEE

Young Life would work in partnership with the Armory Youth Project and the local church to reach un-churched kids in Manistee. Our goal is that EVERY KID would get the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus and they would have opportunities to respond to it and grow in their faith. To start Manistee Young Life, we need financial resources, committee members, and adult & high school student leaders. More information is available on the Welcome Center or you can contact Bill Kuiper, Committee Chair: 616.862.8441 or wjk.kuiper@gmail.com.

INFORMATION FROM THE FCC LEADERSHIP TEAM REGARDING EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH'S GATHER '19 - ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 26-29, 2019

In the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC), the Annual Meeting is the highest governing authority. For the first time in our denomination's history a motion will come to the Annual Meeting for the involuntary dismissal of a member church. This pathway of involuntary dismissal was anticipated by the framers of the ECC Constitution and Bylaws, but up to this time has never had to be exercised. This highlights the critical nature of our participation in our denomination's Annual Meeting. Please take a moment to read the following from the ECC Executive Board.

"On behalf of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) Executive Board, with a heavy heart we present this recommendation regarding First Covenant Church of Minneapolis (FCCM):

"Because FCCM is and remains out of harmony with the ECC after all steps required or allowed by Section 4.4 of the ECC Bylaws and attempts to bring the congregation back into harmony have been unsuccessful, the Executive Board of the ECC recommends to the 134th Annual Meeting that FCCM be involuntarily dismissed from the roster of ECC churches."

This matter comes before you after several years of ECC and Northwest Conference leadership working with FCCM's leadership team and pastor in attempting to restore harmony. That significant effort has been to no avail, which leads to this most unfortunate but necessary motion.

In summary, the Executive Board has determined that FCCM is out of harmony by contravening the ECC in five areas:

1. The ECC's standard of marriage by eliminating its heterosexual nature;
2. The ECC's prohibition of clergy officiating and participating at same-sex weddings;
3. The ECC's requirement that clergy adhere to a personal behavioral standard of celibacy in singleness and faithfulness in heterosexual marriage;
4. The Covenant's guideline and expectation that congregation refrain from hosting same-sex weddings and related events;
5. The determination of the Board of Ordered Ministries by locally credentialing a pastor whose ECC credentials were removed for cause."

FCCM will have opportunity to defend themselves at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will then vote upon this motion. Please be in prayer for our delegates and our denomination.

**You can live stream the business sessions at:
<https://gather.covchurch.org>**

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS								
Sunday	Ushers	Greeters	Nursery	Scriptures	Coffee Host	Stewards	Audio	Video
June 23	Ruth Minster Doug Malm Don Moore Karen Moore	Bev Johnston Una Miller	Lauren Mendians	Randy Tomaszewski	Jeanne Youngberg Mert Youngberg	Pat Krolczyk Ruth Minster Mark Miller	Scott McKenney	Kathryn Stansell
June 30	Ruth Minster Dave Wagner Sheryl Zimmerman Joyce Reed		Kris Thompson Sara Thompson		Amy Holtgren	Pat Krolczyk Mark Miller Denis Johnson	Dave Phelps	Annette Phelps

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