



Happy Mother's Day!

# FAITH MATTERS

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Weekly Newsletter for Faith Covenant Church of Manistee, Michigan

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

\*Hymn #412: *Be Thou My Vision*

Welcome

Pastor Kris Johns

\*Praise Songs

Giving Back to God

Pastor Paula Frost

Choir Anthem: *Amazing Grace*

\*Hymn #407: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Scripture: **Matthew 25:31-40**

Children's Moment

Pastor Paula Frost

Sermon: ***Knowing the Unseen by  
Loving the Seen***

Pastor Herb Frost

\*Closing Song

Sending Out

Pastor Herb Frost

Postlude

\*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 and Following Jesus - The Path of the Disciple:  
Knowing the Unseen by Loving the Seen  
Matthew 25:31-40***

A burning desire for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ desire when we need it. Psalm 51:1

\_\_\_\_\_ desire when we need it. Exodus 33:19

Luke 13:34

It makes me wonder...

How much \_\_\_\_\_-heartedness must we have if, at  
the end, he has to utter the word "\_\_\_\_\_?"

The Son of Man

Prophetic \_\_\_\_\_ that he will return as

Judge and \_\_\_\_\_

Context: Daniel 7:13,14 and Matthew 5:17

Like a son of man has become THE son of man

He loves with self-\_\_\_\_\_ omnipotence

Philippians 2:6-11

Sermon Notes, continued...

The God we Love

Is a \_\_\_\_\_ fire – Hebrews  
12:29

Knows us \_\_\_\_\_ –  
Revelation 2:17

Somehow, separation is  
\_\_\_\_\_ – and performed  
by innate, intuitive, inerrant knowledge

Yet the opportunity for immense consolation  
remains:

"\_\_\_\_\_, o blessed of my Father –  
\_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom" –

the \_\_\_\_\_ of the king who has worked  
so hard to see this day.

Recognizing Jesus in the \_\_\_\_\_ of these

Unmistakable \_\_\_\_\_ resemblance?

Matthew 5:44-48

This kind of perfection comes not from  
\_\_\_\_\_ agency but \_\_\_\_\_  
adoption.

Romans 8:16,17

"You have done it to me"

Not abstract or merely institutional moral  
choice, but actual personal \_\_\_\_\_.

Who are the "least"?

\_\_\_\_\_, vulnerable persons are either  
generously cared for or ignored, revealing our  
true \_\_\_\_\_.

Apostles or \_\_\_\_\_ – who experience  
death, abuse, torture, contempt.

1 John 4:20,21 – loving the seen.

They are all "\_\_\_\_\_ " children.

Where will the "heralds" of this generation be  
seen?

What do we do with this?

Read the Scriptures – John 5:39

\_\_\_\_\_ encounters with the "least"

Portage Lake Bible Camp \_\_\_\_\_

### SUNDAY MORNINGS:

9:15am: Fellowship Coffee Hour  
9:30am: Christian Formation Classes  
10:30am: Worship Service & "Meet with God" for kids

### YOUTH GROUPS

#### The Team (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades)

Wednesday, 3:00-5:00pm: This week - Root Beer  
Floats Day at Green Acres

#### Youth Group (Middle & High School grades)

Sunday, 6:30-8:30pm

### CHURCH SPRING CLEANING DAY

Saturday, May 18th, 9:00am - 1:00pm. Put on your work clothes and grab your gloves...the Property Stewards will be sprucing up the church and grounds and can use your help! For more information, contact Denis Johnson: 231.723.3464 or drjohnson464@sbcglobal.net.

### SUMMERTIME SISTERS

Ladies, it's almost time for Summertime Sisters...informal gatherings open to all women of the church and their friends! We meet at 7:00pm on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of June, July, & August (June 10th & 25th, July 8th & 22nd, and August 12th & 26th). Mark your calendars! A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center for you to indicate your interest in hosting a meeting, providing refreshments, leading a devotional, or simply planning to attend. For more information, contact Carole Lindberg: 231.398.0958 or 231.510.7113.

### FAITH COVENANT CHURCH'S ON-LINE DIRECTORY

Our church's on-line directory is continually being updated by our office staff to provide our church family with the most current information available. If you have a change in family members or contact information (address, phone #(s), email address, etc.), please remember to let Carolyn or Kate in the office know. It is also very beneficial for the church family to have your photo with your contact information, so we are asking everyone to send us your photo, portrait, or selfie. Please email them to: czofficefcc@gmail.com or bring in your picture to the office and we can scan it in. Thank you for assisting in this effort to keep our directory current and helpful!

### *Keep in Your Prayers:*

Sheryl Zimmerman

Stan Hagemeyer

Benny Croissant

Garrett Wirth

Tom Richert

Carol Zink

Doug Hanna

Paula Frost

Bill Kuiper

Carol Sullivan

Milt Mosier

Yolanda Harrison

Sue Wagner

Jeanne Youngberg

Jennifer Reid

Hank & Edie Minster



### THIS WEEK'S MINISTRIES CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, May 12 - Mother's Day

7:30am: Praise Band Rehearsal  
9:15am: Fellowship & Coffee Time  
9:30am: Christian Formation Classes  
10:30am: Worship Service  
6:30pm: Youth Group

#### MONDAY, May 13

6:00pm: Property Stewards Meeting (Room 2)

#### TUESDAY, May 14

6:30pm: Leadership Team Meeting (Room 2)

#### WEDNESDAY, May 15

9:00am: Men's Breakfast at the Bungalow Inn  
1:00pm: Staff Meeting (Library)  
3:00pm: The Team (Root Beer Floats Day @ Green Acres)  
4:30pm: Missions Team Meeting (Room 2)  
5:30pm: Youth Ensemble Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
6:30pm: Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
7:00pm: Men's Basketball Night

#### THURSDAY, May 16

9:00am: MOPS  
12:00pm: Faith Matters Weekly Deadline

#### FRIDAY, May 17

No ministries scheduled.

#### SATURDAY, May 18

9:00am: Church Spring Cleaning Day  
9:30am: Men's Bible Study at Riemer Eye Center

#### SUNDAY, May 19 - Graduation Sunday

7:30am: Praise Band Rehearsal  
9:15am: Fellowship & Coffee Time  
9:30am: Christian Formation Classes  
10:30am: Worship Service  
12:00pm: Membership Vote for Mutual Ministries Team Member  
2:00pm: Medical Care Service  
6:30pm: Youth Group

#### Upcoming Calendar Items:

06.02.19: Camp Sunday  
06.20.19: ECC 2019 Annual Meeting

### ANNUAL CAMP SUNDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>

We invite you to join us at Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp for Sunday morning worship at 10:30am followed by a meal served in the camp dining hall. How can you help? Please take a moment to look over the CAMP SUNDAY sign-up located in the church lobby and determine what food choice you would like to bring. Please note that there will be no services here in Manistee on that date.

### DEAR BAKERS AND NON-BAKERS:

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in freezable baked items for coffee hour! We realize that not everyone enjoys baking or has the time. We have placed a donation jar near the coffee. If you feel led, please consider donating monetarily and our Fellowship Team will use these funds to help purchase coffee hour snacks.

## **APRIL, 2019 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Receipts:	\$132,330	\$135,039	\$(2,709)
Disbursements:	<u>\$151,157</u>	<u>\$146,499</u>	<u>\$(4,658)</u>
Net:	<u>\$(18,827)</u>	<u>\$(11,460)</u>	<u>\$(7,367)</u>

Memo: General Fund cash = \$26,608 [60 day target = \$69,000]

Our stewardship provides the resources for His Kingdom work. We thank you for your generous support of the "4 Our Church, 4 His Work" campaign in April which raised over \$8,400! These gifts allowed us to generate a \$4,000 surplus in April, which reduced our year-to-date deficit from \$(23,000) to \$(19,000). As our newsletter proclaims, FAITH MATTERS!

### **INVITATION TO THE WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH - TRIENNIAL, "I AM" CONFERENCE**

As women, we are daughters of the great I AM! This triennial conference is an invitation for every woman to grow in her understanding of both who God is and whom God has created her to be. Join us July 18-21, 2019 in Minneapolis, Minnesota for a triennial gathering for women by women sponsored by Make and Deepen Disciples. Our purpose is to (re)discover who we are as individuals uniquely made in God's image, listen to each other's voices and advocate for women, and build a community of women of the Covenant—because we are stronger together! Be sure to elect your excursions before you register. These are great opportunities to build connections and develop relationships with other women in the Covenant. Please find more information and registration forms on the Welcome Center in the church lobby. Visit our website to learn more and to register at: iam.covchurch.org.

## **ECHO HIS LOVE'S ANNUAL MEETING**

We invite you to attend our annual meeting where we will share the good news of God's love shown through ECHO His Love. We are in this together and without you, our church partners, there is no ECHO His Love. And without ECHO, where would they go to find the help, hope, and love they are seeking? We hope you and others from your church will join us tomorrow, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at our Ministry Campus, 525 Michael Street, Manistee to see all that we have done together as the united body of Christ in 2018. Light refreshments will be provided. Limited seating, so please RSVP.

## **LIGHTHOUSE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER'S 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00pm, we will be hosting an open house at the Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center, 215 Maple Street, Manistee, with a special ceremony beginning at 5:30pm. Please come and take a tour, enjoy refreshments, and join us in thanking our Lord for allowing us to minister to the women, men, and little ones in our community for the past 15 years! If you have any questions, please call LPCC: 231.398.7984. We hope to see you there!

## **PORTAGE LAKE COVENANT BIBLE CAMP'S GOLF OUTING, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Join us at PLCBC for a wonderful day of golf! This outing is an annual fundraiser for camper scholarships which allows us to reach kids who otherwise wouldn't be able to come to camp. Outing includes Friday night lodging, Saturday breakfast, 18 holes with cart & range balls, and lunch (following the outing). Help impact every life for Jesus Christ! Learn more and reserve your spot: portagelake.org or 231.889.5911. Hole Sponsor and Golfer Registration forms are available on the Welcome Center in the church lobby.

## **SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Scriptures</b>	<b>Coffee Host</b>	<b>Stewards</b>	<b>Audio</b>	<b>Video</b>
<b>May 12</b>	Ruth Minster Kevin Hildebrand Jim Henderson	Bev Johnston	Jill Johnson Ellen Doefer Karen Tameling Erin Pontiac	Ruth Minster	Kathy A.B. Smith	Pat Krolczyk Mark Miller Denis Johnson	Tom Richert	Esther Poirier
<b>May 19</b>	Ruth Minster Dave Wagner Kevin Hildebrand Jim Henderson	Mark Miller Connie Miller	Karen Sundbeck Pam Carlson Amy Rankin Emily Rankin	Rachel Nelson	Julie Kuenzer	Mark Miller Denis Johnson James Barker	Scott McKenney	Kathryn Stansell

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*We exist to help people KNOW Christ, GROW in Him, and GO to the world with His message.*

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