



FAITH MATTERS

Friday, August 8, 2020

Weekly Newsletter for Faith Covenant Church of Manistee, Michigan

Dear FCC Family,

Psalm 34, verse 18 should be ours to remember this week, *"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."* Psalm 34:18 (NIV).

It is with heavy hearts that our Faith Covenant family has lost a long time member, Bob Lancaster. We offer up our prayers and condolences to the Lancaster family. Funeral information to follow in today's Faith Matters Newsletter.

This Sunday, August 9th, we will have regular worship service at 10:30am with Pastor Jack Hudson presenting the sermon live and in person. We hope and pray this can continue to grow as the week's progress into the month of August.

We will present four (4) worship options:

1. Worship in the church with Pastor Jack Hudson
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. Watch/Listen to this week's Sunday service on our YouTube channel and website.

A letter was sent to you with our Worship Service details. 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.

At this time, the church building & office remain closed and all other activities will continue to be suspended through September 4, 2020, in accordance with the Governor's new Executive Order. Sunday worship services will continue, as according to Sections 14 & 17 of the Executive Order, with a maximum gathering of 25% of maximum capacity, while maintaining social distancing & wearing masks.

Remember in your prayers Pastor Erik and his family as they will be transitioning to Manistee the week of Sept. 1st, with Erik beginning work at the church on Sept. 8th and beginning to lead our worship services on Sept. 13th.

Let us be servants of the Lord, servicing the needs of our brothers and sisters over our own desires and wishes.

Scott McKenney, Leadership Team Chairperson

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Family & Friends of Robert Lancaster.

Robert Wirth - Healing from a head injury.

Garrett Wirth - Complete healing for this toddler.

Rick Patterson (Maggie's husband) - Healing (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 (COPD and congestive heart failure).

Dan Hankinson - Healing (pancreatic cancer).

Linda Anderson - Healing (abdominal cancer).

Everyone impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pastor Erik, Lauren, Gregory, Jonas & Clive Carlson

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR BOB LANCASTER

The memorial service for Bob Lancaster will be held tomorrow, Aug. 8th, on FCC's front lawn beginning at 11:00am. Our former FCC Senior Pastor Marc Eix will officiate with Kyle Garber and Mert Youngberg providing music. As you walk from the FCC parking lot to the front lawn, folding chairs & service bulletins, will be available for you to pick up. Please sit in family groups maintaining social distancing. There will be singing, so please keep that in mind when selecting your family's space. The chairs already set up under the tent are reserved for family. As the weather forecast is for sunny skies and 81°, please allow our elderly guests and those who cannot be out in the sun to have seating under the tent. Restrooms inside the church will be accessible through the doors off the parking lot. There will be no gathering in the church building.

The burial following the service will be attended by family only. Everyone is invited to Bob's mom's home for food and fellowship following the memorial service. (Please do not bring food as they have more than enough!) Bob's mom's address is: 14133 Blickenstaff Ave., Brethren.

MISSIONS UPDATE: ECHO HIS LOVE (ECHO = Everyday Christians Helping Others)

STUFF THE BUS 2020 - BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Supplies will benefit students of low-income families in Manistee & Benzie Counties.

Drop off your donated school supplies:

ECHO Resale—Manistee, 1600 Memorial Drive (Save-a-Lot parking lot)

Monday, Aug. 17th, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesday, Aug. 18th, 2:00pm - 6:00pm

ECHO Resale—Benzie, 1505 Benzie Highway (Drop off in store)

Monday, Aug. 17th, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Tuesday, Aug. 18th, 10:00am - 3:00pm

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Registration is now open for 2020 Classes: Parenting, Finance, & Skill-Building

Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WYH3Q9P> to complete the survey and registration questions. Resource points are awarded for attending and homework is redeemable for household supplies and ECHO Store vouchers!

For more info, call ECHO His Love: 231.723.6613.

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 or Carolyn - czofficefcc@gmail.com.

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

by Kim Carlson, FCC Treasurer

July 2020 Year-to-Date Financial Summary

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Receipts:	\$ 154,356	\$ 173,070	\$ (18,714)
Disbursements:	<u>\$ 107,028</u>	<u>\$ 161,247</u>	<u>\$ 54,219</u>
Net:	\$ 47,328	\$ 11,823	\$ 35,505
Memo: General Fund cash = \$72,546 [60 day target = \$50,000]			

In May, we received \$13,600 from the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program. This COVID-19 support revenue has helped us to generate a year-to-date surplus of \$47,328. Especially important, we are grateful for the gifts that are coming in so faithfully from the people of Faith! This is a huge blessing during this time of extreme uncertainty as we have reached and exceeded our targeted General Fund cash balance target. Again... Wow! Please continue to support our Church with your giving as you are able as we navigate this global pandemic. And most importantly: **KEEP THE FAITH!!**

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 czofficefcc@gmail.com.

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