



# FCC PILGRIM PULSE

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## *The Good News...*

It seems like just a month ago we were canceling service because of a winter ice storm and just Monday (Memorial Day) I burned blisters on the bottoms of my feet at the beach because it was so hot. What a crazy time we have here in Michigan! I hope that you are enjoying the weather and adjusting to our summer service time at 10:00 am. I hope that you are finding some time to rest and reconnect with the Lord lately. I pray that we'll all continue to stay connected to one another over the busy summer months ahead. We've had such peace and joy lately and I love to see you all gathering in worship and fellowship each week. It's a great time at FCCoG.

This last month has seen a higher number of funerals than normal, and we are praying for peace and comfort for the families of those who have passed on to glory. In particular, we are praying for the Flashaar, Kilfoil, Coles, Taft, Paulsen, and Eagles families. If there's a way you can reach out to them with a word of comfort, fellowship, or some service, I encourage you to do so. Let us continue to be a community of love and care for one another. Likewise, give some thought to visiting one or two of our shut ins this month. They long to stay connected to the congregation they spent so many decades in, and they will be glad to hear from you or see you.

We've had several new births in some of our families extended abroad and we celebrate those new lives with them. Likewise, we are celebrating the new chapters of life for our graduates this year. In particular we are congratulating Tom Stephenson, Bergen Bolthouse, Emma Fowler, Rylie Whitten, Alysia Carey, and Ryan Mulcahy! Prayers for the future as they venture out into that pilgrim journey of adulthood.

Be sure to watch our calendar these next few months as we'll have some unusual activities going on; from Summer Sunday School and the Church Worship & Picnic at the Parsonage to New Member Classes and other activities. It's going to be a busy and blessed Sunday for us here and we're looking forward to celebrating it together.

*Peace of Christ,  
Rev. Jason Dillingham*



## IN OUR PRAYERS

**IN OUR MILITARY...** Ben Crittenden, Jacob Crittenden, Matthew Crittenden, Jordan Varney, Paul Lepley, TJ Curry, Joshua Roose, Blake Schlienzy, Stephanie Roose, Melissa Staffen, Rick Grimes, & Joe Suchowolec

### WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

<i>Marta Lores</i>	<i>Bill Delp</i>	<i>Rob Sansom</i>	<i>Pat Toth</i>	<i>Jackie Kocher</i>
<i>Lucille McLachlan</i>	<i>Betty Lincoln</i>	<i>Sandra Tiffany</i>	<i>Roxy Rice</i>	<i>Dan Eagles</i>
<i>Barb Hoy</i>	<i>Dixie Kingsbury</i>	<i>Gloria McPherson</i>	<i>Brian Tiffany</i>	

### AT CARE FACILITIES

<i>Millie Crowe</i>	<i>-at Maple Creek, Grand Rapids</i>
<i>Lois Hazlewood</i>	<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #31</i>
<i>Bette Houle</i>	<i>-at Lakeview Terrace Assisted Living</i>
<i>Natalie Kilfoil</i>	<i>-at Hathaway Hills Assisted Living Room #20</i>
<i>Al Koett</i>	<i>-at Metron Greenville</i>
<i>Mary Lou Merritt</i>	<i>-at Green Acres Room #118</i>
<i>Corla Morgan</i>	<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #103</i>
<i>Kathie Sansom</i>	<i>-at Green Acres Room #106</i>
<i>Mary Crittenden</i>	<i>-at SHUM RNC Room #109</i>
<i>Norma Nicholas</i>	<i>-at Green Acres Room #201</i>
<i>Ken Thomas</i>	<i>-at SHUM RM #102</i>

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS




<i>Mike Tuin</i>	<i>Son of Janet Tuin</i>
<i>Marjoan Wohlfert</i>	<i>Sister of Michele Kocher</i>
<i>Lucas Hopkins</i>	<i>Grandson of Carolyn Coles</i>
<i>Nathan Faling</i>	<i>Grandson of Carol Magoon</i>
<i>Ann Hutler</i>	<i>Daughter of Mary Crittenden</i>
<i>David Crittenden</i>	<i>Son of Mary Crittenden</i>
<i>Bill &amp; Jean Boyd</i>	<i>Brother &amp; Sister-in-law of Bonnie Braman</i>
<i>Kathie Suchowolec</i>	<i>Mother of Joe Suchowolec</i>
<i>Maynard McPherson</i>	<i>Brother of Rose Riddle and Jerry McPherson</i>
<i>Ryan Schmiecker Family</i>	<i>Friends of Linda &amp; Dave Jones</i>
<i>Gary Petersen</i>	<i>Son of Darlene Petersen</i>
<i>Miranda Durham</i>	<i>Granddaughter of Sandra Tiffany</i>

- **REMINDER** – People that are placed on our prayer list will remain on the list for 3 weeks. Please help us update the prayer list. If your loved one is doing well, or needs to be kept on, please let us know. Thank you!
  - **This last month, we welcomed Westin Tipton, Great-grandson of Chris Hubbard, and Sophie Hanson, granddaughter of Peter and Chris Hanson. *Congrats and blessings to all!***

#### **Special Message of Thanks:**

- *From the Family of Richard Kilfoil. We thank our church family for all the cards and prayers.*
- *From the Family of Ron "Bud" Flashaar. For all the food and visits after our father's procedure. And for the support, cards, and prayers for our family as we endured such a great loss. We are also grateful for all the monetary gifts that have been donated towards the Deacon's Discretionary Fund; as our father was such a giving man, this money will go to help others in need, as he would have wanted.*
- *To Pastor Jason, Megan, Patrice and Claude, for your support during our emergency room visit after our auto accident. We felt much love, comfort, and support from all of you. Thank you, Patrice, for your assistance and home visit and the Dillingham's and Claude for getting us all home safely. Many thanks to our church family for the phone calls, texts and cards we received. We also thank you all for the ongoing prayers. Blessings – Scott, Lynne, Brianna, & Blake Rowland*

~ June 2018 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 11:30 AA  -Registration money due for MCSC (in July)	<b>2</b>
<b>3 Communion &amp; Graduation Sunday</b> 9a Choir 10a Worship -PF Assist w/coffee hour  3p Venture 6p AA	<b>4</b>     5:30 Cubs	<b>5</b> <b>Last Day of Preschool</b>  11a 3-Year-Old Graduation  7p Preschool Graduation	<b>6</b> 8a Piano tuned 10a PURLS  1p Winslow @Turk Lake 5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 6p Bethany @Turk Lake 7p Boy Scouts	<b>7</b>     6:30 GS 7:30 AA	<b>8</b> 11:30 AA	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10a Service Special Music – <b>TBA</b>  6p AA	<b>11</b>  5:15 Cub Leader Mtg. 5:30 Cubs 6:30 Deacons	<b>12</b>   5p HCA Potluck	<b>13</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study 7p Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> <b>Flag Day</b>  6p Wedding Rehearsal & Dinner 7:30 AA	<b>15</b> 11:30 AA	<b>16</b>  Deacons/ Miller Wedding
<b>17</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 10a Service Special Music – <b>TBA</b> -PF Assist w/coffee hour  6p AA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>21</b>   7p F.A.N. 7:30 AA	<b>22</b> 11:30 AA	<b>23</b> 12p Bridal Shower Chris Hubbard  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <b>PF Annual NAPF-HOPE Conference in San</b> →         </div>
<b>24</b> 10a Service Special Music – <b>TBA</b> Sundae Sunday (in courtyard)  6p AA	<b>25</b>   7p Trustees	<b>26</b>   7p Beer & Hymns	<b>27</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>28</b>   7:30 AA	<b>29</b> 11:30 AA	<b>30</b>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <b>PF Annual NAPF-HOPE Conference in San Diego, CA</b> →         </div>						

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> <b>Communion</b> 10a Service Special Music – <b>TBA</b>  6p AA	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>5</b>   7:30 AA	<b>6</b> 11:30 AA	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10a Service Special Music – <b>TBA</b>  6p AA	<b>9</b> 5:15 Cub Leader Mtg. 6:30 Deacons	<b>10</b> 5p HCA Potluck	<b>11</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>12</b>   7:30 AA	<b>13</b> 11:30 AA	<b>14</b> Baker Wedding
<div style="background-color: #f0d0d0; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> <b>Michigan Congregational Summer Camp (MCSC) July 8 – July 13</b> →         </div>						
<b>15</b> 10a Service Special Music – <b>TBA</b>  6p AA	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>19</b>   7p F.A.N. 7:30 AA	<b>20</b> 5a Danish Festival Breakfast  11:30 AA	<b>21</b>
<div style="background-color: #f0d0d0; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> <b>PF Depart for Mission Trip</b> →         </div>						
<b>22</b> 10a Service Special Music – <b>TBA</b>  6p AA	<b>23</b> 7p Trustees	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10a PURLS  5p Free Dinner 6p Group Study	<b>26</b>   7:30 AA	<b>27</b> 11:30 AA	<b>28</b> 9a Bridal Shower brunch
<div style="background-color: #f0d0d0; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black;"> <b>PF Mission Trip to Elizabeth City, NC</b> →         </div>						
<b>29</b> 10a Service Special Music – <b>TBA</b>  6p AA	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>   7p Beer & Hymns 7p Council				

# ~ FCC COMMITTEE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

## PASTORAL NEWS

**Community Life Service (CLS):** Please join us for a free dinner that is at 5pm & group study at 6pm. If you are interested in helping with set-up/clean-up or donations towards the dinner, please contact Pastor Jason or Megan Dillingham.



**Pastor's Office Hours:** Pastor Jason has open office hours Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am-2pm and visits members on Tuesdays (or as needed). Evening appointments are available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday when there aren't board & committee meetings to attend. There is an appointment schedule on the bulletin board if it's convenient to arrange a meeting time that way. Fridays are Pastor's Sabbath Day. Tuesday and Saturday's are study & writing days & event days. Call in the case of emergencies.

**Pastoral Care:** Our team is here for your spiritual & emotional care! If you'd like to schedule an appointment or visit please call, email, or text Pastor Jason at pastor.dillingham@gmail.com, or contact the church office. Pastor has open office hours Mon., Wed., & Thurs. (10am-2pm) and visits members on Tuesdays (& as needed). Evening meetings can also be scheduled.

**Parish Nurse – NEW HOURS:** Patrice is in on Mondays from 8-11am and on Tuesday & Thursday from 8am to 4pm. She will now be off on Fridays. If you need assistance on Wednesdays or Fridays, please contact the Pastoral Team.

## CELEBRATIONS

**Happy Birthday!** To Steve Roose (6/9), Rose Riddle (6/11), Morgan M. Venema (6/15), Marian Griffith (6/17), Katrina Nelson (6/17), Pat Flashaar (6/20), Corey Norman (6/21), Sophia Norman (6/23), Dawson Weber (6/25). **Happy Anniversary!** To Steve & Diane Roose (6/11), Paul & Kris Jager (6/17), Ken & Kathy Reed (6/17), Duane & Anita Putnam (6/19), Vivian & Carol Minard (6/21), Jim & Patti Ritzema (6/28), Kirk & Celeste Faber (6/29), and Ken & Coleen Venema (6/29).

## GRADUATION SUNDAY – JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>

We will be honoring our Graduates Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>! We invite all graduates to Sunday service and ask that they wear their caps and gowns. We will be awarding four of our graduates an FCC Congregational Scholarship. Please come to help us honor their great accomplishments!

## TRUSTEE NEWS

The May Trustees meeting found our general fund operating budget to be closer to our budgeted amount. This is good news! Some Memorial funds are being moved to our new Edward Jones account to better utilize our funds. The scholarship committee met to determine this year's recipients. The scholarships come from designated memorial funds and will be awarded on Graduation Sunday., June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The next meeting will be June 25, at 7pm. all members are invited to attend.

## DEACON NEWS

Here are the highlights from the May meeting:

- A revised copy of the Duties of the Diaconate was shared. It will be edited this month with input from the group and adopted at our next meeting. Members of the congregation are welcome to view this working document.
- An all church walk has been planned by the fellowship committee for May 27 at 3 pm. More details coming soon.
- Potluck scheduled for June 24 after church will now be a Sundae Sunday with ice cream served in the courtyard in place of coffee hour.
- An update on bylaw revision was given by deacons who are part of that whole church committee.
- Ways to best serve our congregation were discussed including pre-school services, graduation, honoring Val's work as junior choir director, supporting Christian Education and memorial candles.
- All are welcome to attend our meetings. Next meeting is July 9 at 6:30.
- Terri Merritt will be organizing several outings over the summer, giving our FCC Family a chance to get out as a fellowship group to enjoy the summer time! There was a recent run, walk, bike event on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May down the Meijer trail. Thank you all who came out! We will announce another outing in the weeks to come – please watch our mailings and bulletins for more information!

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The New Bible Study group is taking a "break" for the summer. They will meet again in the fall - date is TBD. If you would like to be contacted for this next session, please contact the church office.

## MUSICAL NEWS

**The Chancel Choir:** We are looking for volunteers to sing in the summer months! If you are interested in joining the choir or volunteering to sing in the summer, please contact Greg VanderMark at 616-835-5001. **The Children's Choir:** Sang for the final time in May. We are sad to announce Valerie VanderMark will be stepping down as Children's Choir Director. We cannot thank her enough for all her hard work and all she has done to inspire our youth! *You will be greatly missed!* At this time, we are looking for anyone interested in taking over the program. If interested, please contact the church office.

## PILGRIM YOUTH NEWS

- PF will assist with coffee hour on June 3<sup>rd</sup> & June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- June 23-28 NAPF-HOPE National Conf. in San Diego
- July 8-13 MCSC Summer Camp in Holly MI.
- July 15-21 Claude will attend a work camp in Erie PA
- August 10-12 planning to attend Cedar Point or Six Flags for a pre-back to school Excursion! Kids get to choose the destination!
- Please see Claude with any additional questions.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Here are some highlights from the last few weeks:

- The annual rummage sale was a great success as always! We would like to thank *everyone* for helping set-up, work the day of, and clean-up for this event! We would not be a success without your help! Special thanks to Danielle for setting up the tables and to the volunteers who helped box up the left-over items and take them over to Arms of Love.
- Thanks to everyone who helped to make our Annual Birthday Celebration a success! From decorations, set-up and clean-up, to music. Heartfelt thanks to all and Pastor Jason for the birthday blessing. *~God's grace to you!*
- Winslow Circle will meet at Turk Lake on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Bethany Circle will meet at Turk Lake on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- The Board will not meet until the end of August.
- WF are raising funds to help refurbish our Kitchen Cupboards. We are having a sale on our Terri Lynn Nuts - **ALL ITEMS ARE NOW \$6.00 per bag or 2 for \$10!** All proceeds will go towards this project! Here is a list of the items available: (5) Fruit & Nut Mix, (6) Almond Cranberry Granola, (7) Choc. Covered Raisins, (5) Milk Choc. Peanuts, (6) Malted Milk Balls, (7) Harvest Medley, (5) Heart Healthy Mix, and (4) Fruit-Nut Mix. If you would like to purchase any of the nuts listed above, or have questions, please contact Chris Hubbard.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Ms. Candy still accepting registration/application packets, for children who will be attending Preschool in the fall. Anyone interested in sending their little one to a wonderful, loving, and Christian based school. If you or someone you know is interested, please stop in the church office to pick up a packet! Find her on Facebook or call 754-7608. Space is limited so get your packet today!!!

*Come make memories with us!*



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**WE NEED YOU!** Are you interested in spreading the love and word of God with are Congregational Youth? If so, please contact Megan Dillingham by email at [dillingham.megan@gmail.com](mailto:dillingham.megan@gmail.com) today if you can help!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Thank you to our wonderful Sunday School teachers this year. FCC honored them with a breakfast and in church last Sunday. The faithful staff included: Patrice Fulton-Peacock, Mary Snow, Brianna Rowland, Suzy Kreeger, Marta Lores, Terri Merritt, Hollie Stephenson, Chris Hubbard, and substitute, Candy Outman. Also honored were committee members: Pastor Jason Dillingham, Megan Dillingham, Bonnie Braman, Jane Truesdell, and Youth Director Claude Johnson. Angela Grimes helps with so many preparations for Sunday School that she was honored as well.

- **Pentecost Sunday:** Our Sunday School students led the worship service May 20<sup>th</sup> by performing a Pentecost Play and reading scripture and offering the message. Thank you, Grandparents, Great Grandparents, and Parents, for supporting practices to prepare for this event.
- **Vacation Bible School:** Be sure to mark your calendars for July 24, 25, 26 for Vacation Bible School held at St. Paul Lutheran Church and sponsored by Settlement Lutheran Church. Dinner starts at 5:30 to 6:00 PM and VBS will be held at 6:30-8:00 PM. More information will be coming soon so watch in the church library to provide and volunteer and the bulletin board for the theme and important information.
- **We will be having Summer Sunday School at the Parsonage!** Mark your calendars for June 10 & 24 and July 8 & 22, and August 5<sup>th</sup>. Time TBA.

**CHURCH COUNCIL/BOARD MEETINGS:**

Deacons: Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.  
Trustees: Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**General Fund: Operating Budget Income**

April 2017 YTD \$97, 188.65 ♦ April 2017 YTD \$95, 797.72  
Shortage YTD \$1,390.93

**Trustees of the Month:** Dan Eagles and Kirk Faber  
**Deacon of the Month:** Don Gibbs

**MUTUAL MINISTRY****June 3 – Communion & Graduation Sunday**

Greeters: Peter & Roxanne Faber & Family  
Liturgist: Sandra Tiffany  
Children's Message: Betty Lincoln  
Ushers: John & Deb House and Larry Alman  
Coffee Hour: Bonnie Braman, Darlene Petersen, and Carolyn Coles  
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Corey Norman

**June 10**

Greeters: Carol Magoon and Betty Lincoln  
Liturgist: Ed Milam  
Children's Message: Don Gibbs  
Ushers: The Rowland Family  
Coffee Hour: Dan & Rosel Eagles, Roxy Rice, and Marian Griffith  
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake Rowland

**June 17 – Father's Day**

Greeters: Kirk & Celeste Faber  
Liturgist: Roxy Rice  
Children's Message: Ed Milam  
Ushers: Bonnie Braman, Terri Merritt, and Deb Dieckman  
Coffee Hour: PF Youth, Joe & Emily Suchowolec, Jane Truesdell, and Corey Norman  
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Corey Norman

**June 24**

Greeters: Megan Dillingham and children  
Liturgist: Blake Rowland  
Children's Message: Suzy Kreeger  
Ushers: Kurt & Suzy Kreeger and Marian Griffith  
Coffee Hour: Sundae Sunday (*in courtyard*)  
Sound Techs: Blake Rowland and Joe Suchowolec

**July 1 – Communion**

Greeters: Dave & Linda Jones  
Liturgist: Chris Hubbard  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Lynn & Bonnie Wickerham and Larry Alman  
Coffee Hour: Mary & Larry Snow, Julie Momber, and Judy Swartz  
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake Rowland

**July 8**

Greeters: Dan & Rosel Eagles  
Liturgist: TBA  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Larry Alman, Bonnie Braman, and Patricia Butts  
Coffee Hour: Don & Fran Gibbs, Carol Magoon, and Carolyn Foster  
Sound Techs: Corey Norman and Blake Rowland

**July 15**

Greeters: Lynn & Bonnie Wickerham  
Liturgist: Don Gibbs  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Jack & Ann Corner and Claude Johnson  
Coffee Hour: Candy Outman, Rose Cole, Patrice Fulton-Peacock, and Claude Johnson  
Sound Techs: Corey Norman and Joe Suchowolec

**July 22**

Greeters: Candy Outman and Patrice Fulton-Peacock  
Liturgist: Scott Rowland  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Don & Fran Gibbs and Julie Momber  
Coffee Hour: Greg & Valerie VanderMark and Larry & Karen Carbonelli  
Sound Techs: Blake Rowland and Joe Suchowolec

**July 29**

Greeters: Linda Petersen and Mary Lou Merritt  
Liturgist: Sandra Tiffany  
Children's Message: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: Bonnie Braman, Carolyn Foster, and Chris Hubbard  
Coffee Hour: Kirk & Celeste Faber and Peter & Roxanne Faber  
Sound Techs: Bruce Beauvais and Blake Rowland