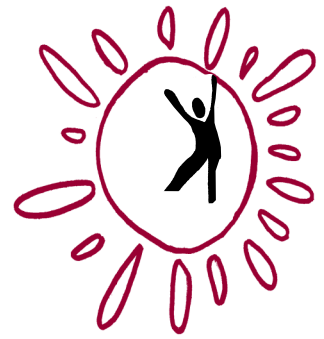


First Christian Church SALT & LIGHT



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Plan to Help at the FCC Monthly Work Day!!

Saturday, March 2nd, 8:30 am to 12 noon

All able-bodied church attendees

(& friends) are invited!

**We are planning on plumbing,
sanding scraping, painting,
varnishing. And more...**

Bring your work gloves!!

Child care will be provided!!



The process to update our Congregational Directory has started. Please make sure to check your entry on the lists in the Great Room. If all the information we have is correct, please mark your entry with a large red checkmark to let us know it can be published as is. If there is anything that is incorrect, please make the necessary changes. Thank you!!



From The Pastor

Several times, our older church members have told me their life stories. And they have related a common incident: As a child, they were sitting at their family dinner tables and were reciting various incidents of bullying and name calling on school playgrounds, when their fathers interjected with some version of the following plea: “Other kids do that, but don’t you ever do that! You hate nobody!”

In that same spirit of fairness and tolerance, there is a group in our church that is exploring a recent social problem: widespread incidents of name-calling and violence against a misunderstood and vulnerable group of people: transgender men and women, in America and worldwide.

Our Social Justice committee is trying to understand the plight and the needs of this group, and to figure out how our church can be a safe and healing place for their spiritual recovery. These church members are blessed to be friends with transgendered families whom they know and love for the content of their character.

For many of us of a certain age, this is a topic that we never thought about while we were growing up, so we don’t know what to think. That’s normal.

To that end, there will be a chance on Sunday March 3 after worship to share a lunch, to watch a film together, and to ask questions. Please join us! The committee will also be getting to know members of the Lansing transgender community as they prepare for a rally at the Capitol on Saturday March 30. [Please read the article in this issue of Salt and Light that lays out all the details.]

All church members are welcome to attend the events of their choice. Even so, we recognize that there is a wide range of interest and opinion in our congregation, even as we have in common a desire to be kind and considerate, especially when learning about something new.

We want our church to be a place where all people can heal from wounds inflicted in the outside world. We recognize that every one of us is on our own learning curve, and that there are no dumb questions, only impatient answers. All honest inquiries are welcome.

We are blessed to have a congregation where diversity of opinion enriches our life together. Our church is one big tent, marked by unity, but not uniformity of opinion. “In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. And in all things, charity.” Just as one person does not think for all, all members do not think for one. Please feel free to participate in any of these educational events as you wish. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SUNDAY, MARCH 3 - EAT & EDUCATE**

- Following worship on Sunday, March 3, the Social Justice committee will provide a tasty luncheon to be followed by a viewing of the documentary "Gender Revolution". As sponsors of the General Assembly Resolution Offering Sanctuary to, and Receiving the Gifts of, Transgender and Gender-Diverse People, it is our responsibility and privilege to put action behind our words. That begins by educating our community, and those around us. In this film, Katie Couric sets out to explore the rapidly evolving complexities of gender identity. We hope that viewing this film together will allow us to continue the dialog of who we are welcoming into our church and what needs they may have.

- **TUESDAY, MARCH 5 - FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

Please join us to start the Lenten season with a pancake supper from 6-7 pm! See Josh Martin or Danielle Murphy if you are able to help serve/cook/clean!

- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT 7:30 pm**

- **SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be the Annual Congregational Meeting after service which everyone is invited to attend. There will also be a potluck that day.

- **FRIDAY, MARCH 29 & SATURDAY, MARCH 30 - PRE-RALLY SIGN-MAKING PARTY & TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY**

Join us Friday, March 29, from 6-8pm as we make signs for the Transgender Day of Visibility. Join us at the State Capitol at 12p on Saturday, March 30 for the rally. Day of Visibility is an international event that recognizes transgender and gender-diverse people and their right to be visible. This day of recognition was founded by a Michigan native and is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. As part of our commitment to sponsor the General Assembly Resolution Offering Sanctuary to, and Receiving the Gifts of, Transgender and Gender-Diverse People, we need to be visible to the transgender community and let them know we are a safe place for them to worship. There are many gender-diverse people of faith who no longer feel welcome in The Church. Help us be visible in affirming the faith and spiritual gifts of this community.

Prayer Requests:

For those facing challenges: Katie, Samantha & Mervyn Shepherd; Chris Strayer; the people of South Sudan & Syria; Carrie & Nate Chance & Zephaniah & Miranda; Ken Sparks; Pat Lipsey; Jennifer Brown's father, Doug Roberts; Alize Charles; Linda Dunn; Carolyn Haun; Dawn Epstein; Jill Dimmitt.

From Karen & Rick: Continued prayers please for Emma as she begins to find her way to come to terms with her visual disability. Some struggles continue as she works to find a new role at her job.

From Tom Snitgen: For Rose, her stomach troubles continue. For our friend Andrea who is depressed & having a hard time finding a good job.

From Donald & Yvonne: Please Lord, let every thought, word, & deed of each of us be that of the Love of Jesus Christ.

Urgent Prayer Concern: Please lift your prayers to God for our twins that they will do that which is right in the sight of God.

For the Pastor & congregation of First Christian Church, Battle Creek, after an embezzlement & a suspicious death in the congregation.

For Mary Williams whose "little" sister, Lee Nowland, passed away. Also for Mary's niece, Amy, as she mourns the loss of her mother.

From Alison McCann: For my coworker & friend, Lisa. Pray she finds quality time with her husband & strength to fight through the hard times they are experiencing. For me as I find new opportunities at work & grow into new challenges.

From Elaine Simon: Please pray for the right full time job & right timing.

For the people of Portland having water problems.

From Carolyn Davis: Praise for Jack Dunn's successful stent surgery. He was able to go home the next day!

From Karen & Rick: For a close friend struggling with depression after a divorce.

From Jazzy Kat: Happy birthday to my mom & my sister.

From Corinne: Hope that she can get on the honor roll again for the 2nd semester.

Don't forget to pick up your giving envelopes from the table in the Narthex. Using these for your tithes & offerings makes the job of accounting much easier for our financial secretary & our treasurer.

Thank you!!

Disciple Women's Information

Interracial Fellowship is March 4th at First Christian Church.

At 12 pm will be a sack lunch—drink & dessert will be furnished.

At 1 pm, for the program, we will have a guest speaker discussing recycling. All ladies of the church are welcome!

A Call for Support of our First Christian Church - Battle Creek community

This is a moment when we as Michigan Disciples and friends are called to be community ... family!

The leadership of the Michigan Disciples region has approved a special #WeAreFamily online fund drive with 100% of donations going to help our Battle Creek congregation and pastor.

We INVITE YOU to join the effort. The goal is \$10,000 with \$3,000 going to the pastor for personal losses.

DONATE NOW - #WeAreFamilyFundDrive

Friends, a few weeks ago I began a message, "Being defrauded by someone trusted causes much pain ... and sorrow." Pastor Kingery Clingenpeel and the congregation of First Christian Church, Battle Creek continue to deal with those feelings and the significant consequences as victims of embezzlement that not only emptied the church's savings accounts but also funds of Pastor Kingery and Laura, his wife.

Losses are more than \$40,000, with insurance covering only a small portion and even that money will not be seen for several months, plus \$3,000 that Pastor Kingery paid from personal funds to clear the embezzled charges on the church credit card. Pastor Kingery and his wife have committed to continue pastoring for the coming year without salary.

Your support will be greatly appreciated. #wearefamilyfunddrive

Thank you and may God bless you.

Eugene James,
Regional Minister

NOTE Our Mission Committee is making a contribution in our name. If anyone else wants to help, please talk to Dawn Epstein or Carol McAlvey.

FEBRUARY!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Randy Black	02/02	Tamara Nash	02/12
Juanita Cade	02/03	Jenaye Nash	02/13
Shu-shin Chou	02/03	Douglas Miller	02/15
Jack Dunn	02/04	Sharry Wight	02/16
Yi Jiang	02/06	Larry Cass	02/19
Gerry Such	02/07	LillieAnn Sue Arnett	02/20
Mallory Arnett	02/09	Patricia Pope	02/22
Landon Morgan	02/09	Lu Wang	02/22
Rick Boyd	02/10	Hanna Fedewa	02/23
Ben Tumminello	02/10	Karen Evans	02/24
Paul Kelly	02/11	David Sturdevant	02/28



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

Steve & Lisa McAlvey 02/11/1995

Jim & Jill Dimmitt 02/26/1983

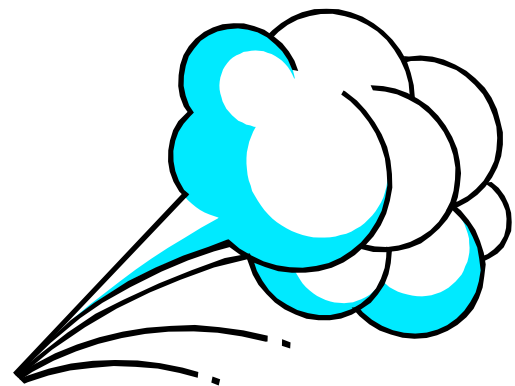
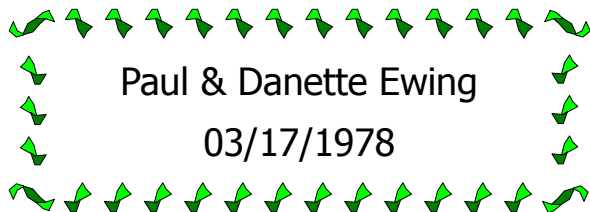
Elijah & Jessica Burton 2/26/2005

Look What March Blew In...

Birthdays

David McAlvey	03/02	Greg Opsommer	03/19
Raquel Ortiz	03/02	Deshawn Rondrese Johnson	03/19
Steve McAlvey	03/03	Miles James McEvoy	03/20
Lindsey Strayer	03/03	Ryan Edward Opsommer	03/21
Fred Wurtzel	03/06	Holly Shepherd	03/21
Conner Wallace Huss	03/07	Dylan Simon	03/22
James McCann	03/07	Lana Marie Murphy	03/23
Mitchell Selby	03/10	Dominic Schalter	03/24
Jan Wilson	03/13	Pat Lipsey	03/27
Ismaiel Abdelrhman	03/14	Laura Reyner	03/28
Taye Peyton Hart	03/16	Marc Wurtzel	03/28
Blake Norman Patrick McCann	03/17	Miranda Lea Chance	03/29
Zephan S. Chance	03/18	Nik Singh	03/31
		Remaz Abdelrhman	03/31

Anniversaries





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Sunday Schedule

Please join us for our
 “Everyone Worships” Service
 at 10:30 am
 Gather at 10:20 am



All Church Rummage Sale Date Changed to March 23rd

Due to a calendar conflict, the date for the Rummage Sale has been changed to March 23rd. The monthly work crews have been cleaning out the nooks & crannies of the church & have begun gathering items for a rummage sale. What can you do? As you are cleaning out your homes, garages, barns, etc., please consider donating your items (no clothing) to the rummage sale. Please store your items until March 2nd at which time you may begin to bring them in & place them on the north wall of the Great Room.

Questions? ask Penny Ascroft.

