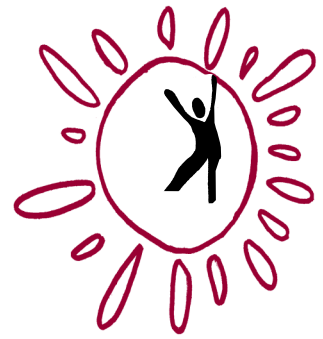


First Christian Church SALT & LIGHT

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In Worship This Week

We welcome Rev. Pete Morgan to the pulpit while Pastor Rick is away at a training event. Welcome, Pete!

Missions and Membership Meeting

In an effort to have more voices heard regarding how we are spending/ utilizing our missions funds and to involve all the committees in membership efforts, all committee chairs are required to attend or send a representative to the quarterly M&M meeting. Please bring any ideas or requests to this meeting. Sun Feb 10, 2019 12pm – 1pm



Next week we will start the process to update our Congregational Directory. 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 to it can be published as is. If there is anything that is incorrect, please make the necessary change(s). Thank you!!



A Message From Pastor Rick

Dear church friends,

With sadness, I am announcing my retirement from full-time ministry on July 1, 2019. I hope to follow Jesus now in other ways. I am away at a scheduled training this weekend, but I will announce this decision publicly on Sunday, Feb. 17.

This is not easy for me, but I feel it is for the best. For 17 years, I have placed the needs of the congregation above my own, but the time is now right for a change, for me, for Karen, and for Emma. Developments in my family life now take priority.

I want to thank everyone who has been kind to me during our time together. We have lived through many changes in the world around us, and we have done what we could to worship God and to serve the people that God has brought to us. Together we have opened the doors to the House of the Lord, generously and unselfishly, even when it was not easy. This took Love and Sacrifice, Cooperation and Risk. We have been a good team.

I will always admire and value your dedication to God and to family life. Because of you, I know I have grown as a pastor and as a student of the Bible. May the Holy Spirit guide us all as we go forward.

This is a good time in the life of our church for a change. I hope that my departure will be a gift for you. A fresh perspective will be helpful. You have a talented and dedicated leadership team, a wonderful congregation, and a rich life together. This combination will be attractive to a new candidate. I believe that you will find a good person that you will want to work with.

I thank God for you all. I have learned a lot from everyone here. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I have given you all that I have. It has been my honor to serve you. You will always have my love and affection. May God be with you in all that you think, and feel, and do.

Your friend always,
Rick Boyd

Attention Deacons:

The hard copy sign-up sheets are hanging in the office. Please help fill in the slots for February ASAP.

Also, I will be looking for each of you on Sundays to connect a face with a name and to get updated contact info, so please make it a point to attend church in the next few weeks so you and I can meet. :)

Going forward, keep an eye on your emails as we make a move to get all of the scheduling online for easy access.

- Cheers, Elijah Burton, Deacon Chair (eburton@lansingdiscples.org)



The church as a mosaic

A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in First Christian Church is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: "I make God visible." But others who see us together can say: "They make God visible." The First Christian Church community is where humility and glory touch.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen

John Stanbarger Memorial

John was a huge supporter of our church's scholarship program to send young people to Camp Crystal. You can honor John's memory by making a donation to the Camp Crystal Scholarship Fund.

There are giving envelopes on the Narthex Table.

Thank you!!

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 & Rose Snitgen: Please say a prayer for Rose's father as he passed this last Tuesday, unexpectedly. In Jesus we pray, Amen. We are very blessed to have such a church as ours. Amen

Prayers for the family of John Stanbarger.

From the Nash Family: For Lester after the funeral of his brother & the hospitalization of his sister. For Tamara after the loss of her cousin. Also prayers for Jazzy.

From Donald & Yvonne: Please pray for Rose as she mourns the passing of her father. Help her to be strong in her faith.

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.

From Akhlaq Kago: I want to say thank you to the church for all you have done for my family & for my new job. Thanks Pastor Rick.

From Carolyn Charles: My 6th great grandson arrived last Sunday. Also, Levi McEaddy is hospitalized.

For the Pastor & congregation of First Christian Church, Battle Creek, after an embezzlement & murder 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: Prayers for my U.P. cousins who just lost their dog after 10 years. For my coworker's husband on high oxygen right now & can't be left alone. For me to have a different experience at work & get more positive support.

Prayers for Doug & Pam Morgan as they are on a missions trip to Paraguay.

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!!

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



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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 - March 30th

The monthly work crews have been cleaning out the nooks and crannies of the church and 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 and place them on the north wall of the Great Room.

Questions? ask Penny Ascroft.

