

FAITH MATTERS

Weekly Newsletter for Faith Covenant Church of Manistee, Michigan

January 15, 2021

FCC is having in-person worship each Sunday at 10:30 am! For those who cannot attend, you are invited to watch Sunday's morning service with Pastor Erik Carlson on our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page. Tune in at **10:15am** by clicking on either link above.

FCC 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021

Immediately following the Worship Service

Voting will be held to fill 3 seats on the Leadership Team, 1 seat on the Mutual Ministries Team, and 1 seat on the Nominating Committee. Voting is limited to the FCC Members who are present, but everyone is invited to attend. Please be in prayer for the Lord's wisdom and guidance, as always.

Members will also vote on the Membership Candidates who have been approved by the Leadership Team.

The 2020 Annual Report will be made available Sunday, January 26th. A PDF copy of the 2020 Annual Report can be emailed to you, if desired. [Email Carolyn](#) for your copy.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Terri Rees, Dick and Barb's daughter- in-law - *Recovery from hip replacement surgery this past Wednesday.*

Tom Johns, Kathryn Stansell's husband - *Healing and pain relief after back surgery.*

Mike & Sheryl Zimmerman - *Mike's health and peace for Sheryl.*

ECHO His Love and the Safe Harbor Program - *God's provision and protection.*

Karen McCreery- *Salvation for family members.*

Eric Jensen, Randy Tomaszewski's brother- *Recovering from severe COVID-19 problems.*

PRAISE REPORT

To Our FCC Family,

Great news!!! Kevin Hildebrand is moving into his own apartment tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 16th! God has blessed our journey every step of the way. Even when we didn't feel in control, God was. We can't thank our Family at Faith Covenant enough for all your prayers, donations, and support. Kevin will still need prayers and support for a long time, so keep him in your mind and heart and include him when you can. I will continue my guidance and support as long as the Lord allows.

God Bless You All!
Ruth Minster & Kevin Hildebrand

LPCC ANNUAL BABY SHOWER



The Promise FM will be broadcasting live inside Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center on Friday, Jan. 15th, 4:00-6:00 pm. This year, it will be a "Drive-thru to Drop-off" Baby Shower.

There will be a little gift for everyone who comes. Baby Shower wish list items can be found on [Amazon by clicking here.](#)

GENESIS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, join us as we continue to explore the book of "Beginnings" where we witness the wonder of God creating the universe, the tragedy of humanity's fall into sin, and God's gracious redemption. Bible Study Fellowship walks through each chapter in Genesis, exploring God's Word in context. Please email [Mary Griffiths](#) or call her at 231.889.3157 if interested, due to limited space and COVID-19 restrictions. We meet on Wednesdays: 9:30 - 10:45am (in person at FCC), 10:30 - 11:45am (in person at FCC), and 5:00 - 5:45pm (on-line discussion through Zoom).



MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers meet twice monthly. The first meeting of the year will be on Jan. 21st in the evening. Contact Karen Tameling for all the info: 231.362.3416.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult Sunday School class meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Room 1. You are invited to join teacher Mike Woroniak for this deep dive into Scripture. He will begin teaching through the Book of John on Jan. 24th, so now is a great time to get in on this class.

YOUTH GROUPS

The Middle and High School Youth Groups have resumed and are currently using RightNow Media's Francis Chan materials as the spiritual focus. High School students meet at the church on Sundays at 6:15pm. Middle Schoolers meet at 2:30pm on Wednesdays for an hour of homework help and then to have Youth Group at 3:30pm. For all the info, call Devin: 231.286.7751.

REGARDING EMAILS AND TEXT MESSAGES

According to the FBI and Michigan State Police, scamming and phishing activities from thieves on the Internet is on the rise, and we all need to be mindful of messages we may receive asking for donations. We, the Staff of Faith Covenant Church want you to know that FCC will never solicit money, gift cards, or any money-related activity from anyone via email or text. If you receive a message of this nature, please call Carolyn, Kate, or Pastor Erik immediately.

SAFE HARBOR

Thank you to Kristian Snyder, James and Tina Agle and Jenny Olson for providing for the needs of Safe Harbor guests. Currently there are three guests. If you are able to help out next week, we are looking for a Gatekeeper as well as female overnight help. Joyce can be reached at: 231.510.5475.

FREE: AN ANTI-SEX TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE

On Jan. 21 & 22, 2021, 12:00-2:00pm CST, the Evangelical Covenant Church will launch "FREE", an anti-sex trafficking initiative. You are invited to learn how you can be part of the movement that leads to breaking the cycle of sex trafficking and advocating alongside survivors. The virtual launch event is a gathering space to inspire and mobilize the Church to join the movement to break the violent cycle of sex trafficking and to learn how we can be a place of healing and restoration for survivors. You can join the event on [Zoom](#) or live on the Serve Globally Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/serveglobally>.

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