

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023

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Faith Community

Faith Community Church Family,

Our first month together is coming to a close and we are adapting to the change. I thank you all for the warm welcome and your flexibility (like Gumbv).

I do have one change I would love to see. TEA. As a United Methodist, I understand the importance of food and coffee, but I am a teetotaler. Not all mugs are for coffee. LOL!

Coffee mugs are more than just vessels for our favorite hot drinks. They can also be a way to express our faith and share the good news with others. One of the ways to do that is to use coffee mugs with scripture sayings on them. These are mugs that have verses from the Bible printed or engraved on them, usually with a colorful design or a catchy phrase. Some examples are:

- "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)
- "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13)
- "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11)

These mugs are not only a reminder of God's promises and love for us, but also a way to start a conversation with someone who might be curious about what they mean. They can also be a great gift for a friend or family member who needs some encouragement or inspiration. By using coffee mugs with scripture sayings, we can show our Christian identity and spread the gospel in a simple and creative way.



EAST WINDS DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE SAVE THE DATE!

East Winds District Open House will be held **Saturday, September 16, 2023** at Lexington UMC to meet our new DS and District Staff. More information coming soon!

Wisdom & Discernment MI-AIM Retreat

Join us for the 2023 MI-AIM Educational Conference with Guest Speakers Deb Potts and Bishop David Bard at St. Francis Retreat Center September 29, 2023 to October 1, 2023.

However, scripture is more than a saying on a mug. Without context many people put their own spin on what they believe God's word means. Our next sermon series will take a closer look at popular scripture and proper context.

I invite you to bring in your favorite coffee/tea mug, sit in worship, sing, sip and listen to what the Holy Spirit has to say.

See you Sundays and if you meet a new friend, invite them to church. If you see an old friend, invite them to church.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Coleen

Coffee Mug Christianity: Bringing Clarity to Clichés Big Idea of the Series: The Bible is filled with passages that can be used to encourage, correct, and challenge. However, we often struggle to give context to these passages, and that leads us to confuse the message. It's not enough to place a verse on a coffee mug if we don't understand it or let it affect our lives! This four-week series will focus on one familiar verse each week and help listeners better understand that verse.




Week 1 Text: John 3:16 Topic(s): Love, Salvation

Week 2 Text: Philippians 3:12-14 Topic(s): Faith, Grace, Works, Salvation

Week 3 Text: Jeremiah 29:11 Topic(s): God's Sovereignty, Future, Hope, And Trust

Week 4 Text: Matthew 7:1-5 Topic(s): Judgment, Hypocrisy, And

Facebook Page

Check out Faith Community Church's page by clicking on the link below (it's recommended that you have a Facebook account and be logged in). Once there, look for the search bar button (with the eyeglass) near the upper right of the page. Click on the  directly below the search bar, then click 'follow'. By 'following', you'll receive all information posted to FCC's Facebook page. The page will include weekly Sunday service recordings, special event announcements, etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087939233120>



**AUGUST 2023
BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES**



8/7 - Dick & Kathy Rice
8/21 - Dick & Madeline Barker
8/24 - Melinda Shine
8/30 - David & Marilyn Hammond



Birthdays

8/8 - Sue Price
8/13 - Bill Anderson
8/13 - Lori Whipp-Weaver
8/19 - Jimmie Carrol
8/22 - Olivia Leitelt
8/30 - Loyola Dysinger
8/30 - Ina Ehrhart
8/30 - Jerry Rosen



Opportunities to Serve:

Bulletin Board:

Greeters: Bill A

Music Prelude: Sue Hammond

Liturgist: Carol Maize

Flowers: Need volunteer

8/6 – Communion

8/13 –

8/20 –

8/27 – Ellen Richard

Meet & Greet

8/6 – Simple Spread

8/13 – Laura Sayles

8/20 – Potluck

8/27 – Ellen Richard

Food Box - Deb Kline

Update:

Church Council Meeting Minutes are available for review. Separate handout in narthex and posted on Bulletin Board.

Other Updates and Announcements

If you have something you would like in the newsletter please send your information to:

ctpringer@1791.com
or

Cathy Bradley
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Laingsburg, MI 48848



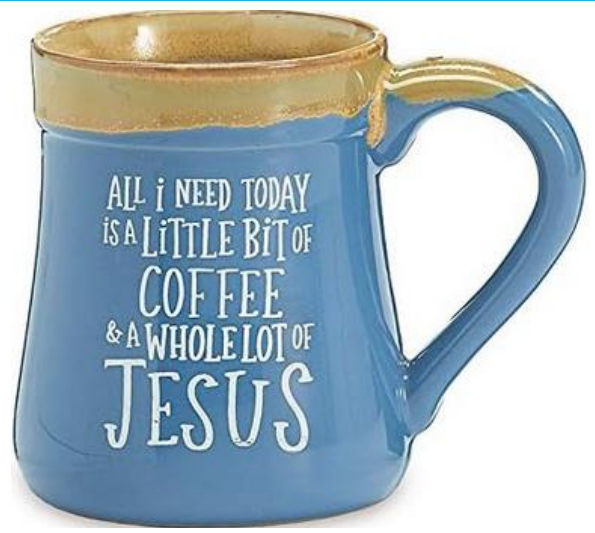
**Watch for September
Sunday School Classes
Starting September 10th**



**Coffee Fellowship Starting
In September**



**Men's Breakfast
1st Saturday
Of the Month
Starting in October**



We have a new Mission to Add

Whatever you did for one of the least of those brothers and sister of mine, you did for me.



Just yesterday Colleen and I met with the manager at Moon Lake. She has identified 12 kids who need tennis shoes to start school. So we will be collecting money or if some would like to shop that would be great too.

Missions

Do you know of a need in the area? Something we can do to assist our community?

Let the missions committee know!

Perry Public Schools

Stuff a Back Pack due August 13th

This year we are providing Back Packs and/or School Supplies for the 2023 – 2024 School year.

Requested Supplies

Back Pack (Large enough for 3-ring binder)
Spiral Paper Notebooks
3-Ring Notebooks
2-Pocket Folders
Binders
Pencil Cases
Regular #2 and Colored Pencils
Markers
Highlighters
Dry Erase Markers
Blue Ink Pens
Erasers
Glue Sticks
Post-It Notes
Tissues
Index Cards
Scissors

Missions Updates



Getting involved with missions is a wonderful way to serve God and be in fellowship with other church members. Currently there is a small group of people who work with Cathy Provines, our Missions Coordinator, to shine a light on God's goodness and love to those in need. Here are ways you can become involved:



Contribute food items or money which benefit our missions to food insecurity in the area (**Little Food Box at Woodhull Township Park**) and provide necessities for the homeless (**The Lodge Inn in Perry**). Donated items may be brought to the church and left in the plastic tote in the entry way. Donated funds may be placed in the offering plate with “**hunger relief**” noted on the check memo or envelope.

Examples of desired donated items: canned vegetables and fruits, canned pasta, soups, crackers, peanut butter, cereal or instant oatmeal, boxed potatoes, rice, mac and cheese, Ramen noodles. Anything that is in non-glass containers and non-perishable. Personal grooming items, such as toothpaste, deodorant, feminine pads etc., are also appreciated.



We will be partnering with the Perry Elementary school as a mission right now they are in need of both boy's and girl's underwear size six and up. They also need so bottoms such as leggings, sweatpants with elastic waists in the same sizes for children who may have accidents while in school. You can put your donations in the food box in the church lobby or give Cathy P if you would like her to shop on your behalf.



Did you know that Faith Community Church has a Prayer Circle? If you would like someone or something lifted up in prayer, please contact Shelly Nyquist @ shelly.nyquist@gmail.com or 517-285-5514 and she will notify Circle members of your request. If you would like to become a member of this important ministry, please contact Shelly.

JOYS

We are thankful for the beautiful flowers growing at the church, Tammy thanks Dick for the extra help he has done, Grandchildren who have been on Mission trips and are starting to come home, Family vacations that have been memory making over the summer, Celebrations of Graduates, Birthdays and Weddings of family and friends, Children and Grandchildren that have been coming home to visit, Sandy White celebrated her 80th birthday and had family with her at church, Pastor Coleen and Matt celebrate 25 years of marriage, Joys for recoveries from surgeries and procedures, Sue Rankin is pleased to say Dave was cleared to take a vacation with family, Tammy shared they had a good day at the lake with Jake and Daughter, Jimmy has had good vacations and visits with family, Laura's niece Missy is able to travel, Pastor Rey thanked us for allowing him to serve our church

CONCERNS

Families of the victims in car accident in Laingsburg, Marilyn Hammond, Nancy's daughter Tammy having mini strokes, Jimmy daughter and husband as she starts treatments, Jimmy son and daughter in law going through health issue, Val's dad is now on dialysis, Family and friends that are traveling , Duane daughter is moving home to Michigan, Loved ones that have been placed into hospice, Laura's niece Missy is wearing down from her treatments, Danny O'Bryant broken femur, Suzette and Marty traveling to Alaska separately, Family and friends with upcoming surgeries for healthy healing

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Wild Fires in Canada and within our state, our 1st responders and Leaders around the World, Unrest in Russia and Ukraine, B.J. Rosen, Nancy Somers, Char Bragg, Sue Hammonds Brother, and all unspoken requests

PRAYERS for the families who have lost a loved one recently lost Cathy's Mom, Jake Frazee, Mary Piper, Savannah's grandpa Ken, Carol Namas sister in law Carol, Devin Miller, Pastor Coleen's friend, Mike Shafts classmates Betty and Duke, Paul Beck, Jim Cox, Bruce Spencer, Kreg Grooms Mom

Website

Our website has been updated. One important new feature is an up-to-date monthly calendar, with changes made in real time. You can visit the website by using the following URL:

<https://wearefaithcommunitychurch.weebly.com>

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 <i>Worship Meeting 5 pm</i>	4	5
6 Communion <i>10:00 am Church</i>	7 6:00 pm SPRC <i>7:00 pm Ad Council</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>10:00 am Church</i> Noisy Change – Missions Backpack Due	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <i>10:00 am Church</i> Pot Luck	21	22	23	24 <i>Cut off for Newsletter</i> <i>e-mail to:</i> ctspringer@1791.com	25	26
27 <i>10:00 am Church</i> Noisy Change – Missions	28	29 <i>Choir Practice 7 pm</i>	30	31		

Faith Community Church

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

12821 S. Warner Rd. at Lansing Rd.

Worship: 10:00 a.m. **Christian Education:** 11:00 a.m. (during the school year)

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