

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER
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Faith Community Church



A Time Invite and Gather

Where did the summer go? As I write this, my husband and I are getting ready to go camping for only the second time since June. It is the first day of school for many districts. And next weekend will be Labor Day.

Hold on to your hats, (you know who you are) because we are heading to the busy season of the church. It is a fast sprint to the finish line of Ordinary Time, crossing over to a new church year and Advent.

In the next few months, we will focus on gathering together and being thankful for what FCC has done and will do as a new expression of the Body of Christ. We will start the sermon series, *Come to the Table* in September and end with the Reign of the King Sunday in November.

We will gather in many settings, worship, potluck, ladies' dinner, men's breakfast, Communion and Sunday School. Let us show our gratitude for God's gifts by sharing them with others. Invite someone to church. If they beg off, ask again at Advent. Offer to drive someone who is not attending for health or money concerns. Ask a friend or family member to participate in a church outreach or fellowship. Share FCC Facebook posts to let people know we are here.

As the leaves start to change, there is no better time for people to change their lives by connecting with a new worship community. Most new visitors come to church because they were invited. So, *Come to the Table* and bring along a friend or two.

"...when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there." Matthew 18:20 MSG

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Coleen




In this “Come to the Table” series, we hear the call to dine with Jesus — an invitation that means much more than a simple eating experience. It never was with Jesus. The table was the place where he fed people, and also challenged them to acts of hospitality that reflect God’s way. When we say “yes” to the place at Christ’s table, we accept a way of life that embraces God’s definition of love, peace, grace, and joy. Let us celebrate the depth of communion to which we are called.

Sept 3 – Matthew 16: 21-28, Romans 12: 9-21 Table of Hospitality
Sept 10 – Matthew 18: 15-20, Romans 13: 8-14 Table of Love
Sept 17 – Matthew 18: 21-35, Romans 14: 1-12 Table of Peace
Sept 24 – Matthew 20: 1-16, Philippians 1: 21-30 Table of Grace
Oct 1 – Matthew 21: 23-32, Philippians 2: 1-13 Table of Joy
(World Communion Sunday)



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>

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>



PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that Faith Community Church has a Prayer Chain? 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

- Vacations with friends and family, beautiful weekend and receiving rains, school supplies collected and delivered, First Responders and other who helped with Tornado damage Clean up in Perry, babies born , visitors among us, Birthdays and Reunions, Families visiting, Learning History of Perry UMC, New eaves troughs have been put up, Sandy thanks unknown mower of an empty lot, Dale song has a meaning that was sung, Tammy thankful for family and friends, Deb got Ins. straightened out, Bonnie Dunn 18th great grandchild has joined the family

CONCERNS

- Upcoming surgeries and recovery, Recovery for Perry from damage from Tornado, Roxanne's family is safe from fire in Maui prayers for safety home, A family who has lost everything from the fire in Maui, Jimmies daughter Jennifer is in hospital, A friend having complications from diabetes, A neighbor with some health issues, Pastors friend who was T-boned while on his motorcycle, Meredith's friends son in ICU, Carol N. daughter Mary and husband are raising granddaughter,

CONTINUOUS PRAYER

- Char Bragg, Ukraine, Natural Disasters, Leadership/Family/ Direction for those affected by the fire damage in Maui, Family and Friends of City of Perry as they recover from Tornado damage,

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

- Nancy Somers Surgery and Recovery, Dick White, Mike Shaft, Walt Saxton Surgery and Recovery

Birthdays In September:

*Sue Hamond 9/13
Gerrad Leitelt 9/13
George Dunn 9/19
Tammy Frazee 9/24*



Anniversary's In September:

*Dewey & Shirley Smith 9/9
Dave & Sue Rankin 9/15
Dale & Val Grubb 9/26*

Opportunities to Serve:

*Bulletin Board:
Greeters: Bill A.
Music Prelude: Sue Hammond
Liturgist: Carol Nama*

Food Box:

*8/3 –
8//10 –
8/17 –
8/24 –*

Flowers:

*8/3 –
8/10 –
8/17 –
8/24 –*

Meet & Greet:

*8/3 – Simple Spread
8/10 –
8/17 – Potluck
8/24 –*

Pastor Coleen will schedule future Worship Committee meetings as necessary.

Missions meeting dates TBA by Cathy Provines.

Mission Update:

*Backpacks and School Supplies delivered to Middle School.
Underwear, Leggings, and Sweatpants delivered to Elementary school.
Moonlake Ministry – Shoes, backpacks and School Supplies deliver to 12 Children in need.*

September Announcements

Women's Table Fellowship



Women's Fellowship

Soup & Salad Dinner - September 27 @ 5 p.m. @ Cathy Provines' home

Soup provided sign up to bring: or salad, rolls, crackers, cheese or a dessert. Bring a can(s) of food for Thanksgiving dinner will be collected in support of a missions project.

9/30-10/1

MI-AIM Educational Conference



**2023
EDUCATIONAL
CONFERENCE**

*Wisdom
&
Discernment*



Deb Potts

Thinking & Listening
Like Jesus



Bishop David Bard

Worship & Communion

Conference Dates

9/29/23 - 12pm Registration Opens

10/01/23 - 4pm Conference Ends

Location

St. Francis Retreat Center
703 E. Main Street, DeWitt, MI 48820

Registration Forms

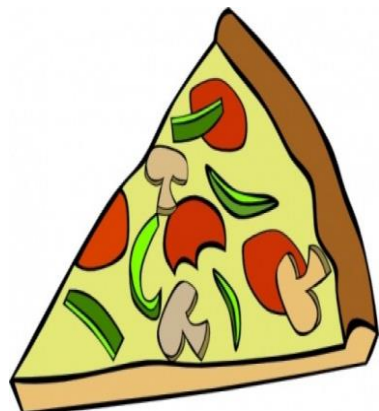
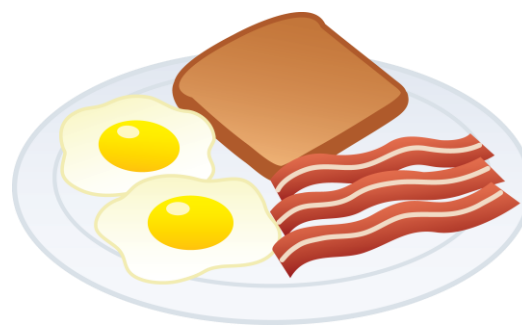
Registration forms are on our
Facebook page and Website.

Registration Deadline

September 9, 2023

**Men's Breakfast returns on
October 7th!**

7 am cook; 8 am eat



Pizza Party for Olive Branch Assisted Living Facility residents. If you're interested in helping, please contact Cathy Bradley (ctspringer@1791.com) or Shelly Nyquist (shelly.nyquist@gmail.com). Additional details coming soon. Pizza Party for Olive Branch Assisted Living Facility residents.

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8 Communion 10:00 am Church	4 	5 Choir Practice 7 pm	6	7 6:00 pm SPRC 7:00 pm Ad Council	8	9
10 10:00 am Church Noisy Change Missions Haiti Children's Project 11:15 Sunday School	11	12 Choir Practice 7 pm	13	14	15	16
17 10:00 am Church Potluck	18	19 Choir Practice 7 pm	20	21	22	23
24 10:00 am Church Noisy Change Missions Local Missions 11:15 Sunday School	25	26 Choir Practice 7 pm	27 Women's Table Fellowship 5:00 PM CATHY PROVINES HOME	28 Cut off for Newsletter e-mail to: ctspringer@1791.com	29 MI-AIM Educational Conference Begins St. Francis Retreat Center	30 MI-AIM Educational Conference

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. 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.

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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