

## Prayer Concerns

Requests are left for 3 months, **the start date, month and year, is listed at the end of request.** Please notify the office of updates.

Our country and those serving in the military, those adjusting after service  
Kevin Farrar—Breathing issues due to RA, RA flare-ups  
His House Ministries  
Kenn Filkins—Serious health issues  
Jeannine Kelly (Therese Boucha's mother) - Parkinson's Disease 3/18  
Ron Atkins (Pam Postma's brother) - Cancer treatment is working, no growth! Continuing treatments 9/18  
Linda Gades (Nancy Earl-Wojo's sister) - Metastasized cancer, on Hospice care now, prayers also for her daughter's family, who is caring for her 11/18  
Brenda Brown—Health issues, that doctors would figure out how to help her 6/18  
Therese Boucha—New treatment begun. Continued prayers for healing. 9/18  
Gary Ferns (Mary Armstrong's bro) - Tumors are dying! Continued prayers please! 11/18  
Trudy Ranta—Melanoma now in her brain, in LTC at WMH 11/18  
Evelyn Henry, Terry Lawson, Lee Lawson, and Patty Jones—Family issues 8/18  
Jennifer Veum—Tumors shrinking with chemo, having monthly infusions & PT 11/18  
Rachael Jones (the Henry's granddaughter) - Strength to stay drug and alcohol free and turn to God, trying to get her children back 8/18  
Joanne Arbic (Anne Abbott's sister) - Stent placement successful, prayers for improvement in health 10/18  
Tanya Moore (Phyllis Miller)—Cancerous brain tumor removed, to Detroit for chemo 9/18  
Leslie Belleau (Judy Vert) - Pancreatic cancer, starting radiation 10/18  
Barb Farrar—High muscle enzymes, testing for muscle diseases 10/18  
Gary Matheny (Dave's brother) - Diagnosed with stage 4 kidney cancer which is preventing a needed lung transplant, may need kidney transplant first 11/18  
Rob Ward (Pam Lahti) - Going through a difficult time 11/18  
Odin Eitrem—On list for a kidney transplant 11/18  
Carol Garlinghouse (Swick) - Breast cancer, treatment starting soon in Florida 11/18  
Gail Williams—Kidney problems 11/18  
Caleb, Dianne Baker's grandson—Had a biopsy last week which showed cancer, started chemo last week 11/18  
AJ Rogers (Marion Rogers) - Health concerns 11/18

### Many Praises This Week!

Hannah Grace Monroe—Praise! No more feeding port!  
McKenzie Monroe—Praise! Matt & Leslie's new daughter is home from the hospital!  
Evelyn Henry—Praise! Doing much better, and was in church last Sunday!  
Tyler, Jim & Debbie Howie's nephew—Praise! Doing well after an accident which crushed his leg!  
Kevin Miller—Praise! Out of the hospital after surgery for a broken leg. Doing well!

**If you would like a visit from an elder or one of the ministers, please call the church office at 632-6511.**

## Welcome to First Church of Christ! Announcements for December 2, 2018

### Today:

Sunday School—9:00 am  
Worship Service—10:00 am  
Kid's Church—10:30 am  
Mid & Hi School Youth Group—6:00 pm

### Wednesday:

Worship Team Practice—5:45 pm



### FCOC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be December 24th at 6:00 p.m.



**Volunteers are needed to shovel and salt the walkways before the 9:00 a.m. Sunday School hour each week!** Please pick a date and sign up in the lobby. Shovels will be outside by the front door. Thank you!



**Please check the Prayer List and update** us by filling out a prayer request card located in the pew. Please write "update" on the request, so we can update the bulletin. Thank you!



**Upcoming event! We are planning a time of Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 9th! We will meet at the church at 2:45** to carpool to the assisted living homes to sing and encourage the residents. Plan to join the fun and fellowship with your church family!



**Ladies Prayer and Bible Study meets Thursdays at 10:00 am** at FCOC All ladies invited! We are studying "Leading a Life of Balance"



**His House Christian Fellowship meets on Thursdays at 8:00 pm at the Crow's Nest at LSSU!** Our LSSU Staff: Matt Monroe, Jessy Stark, and Adam Steinhauer.



**We need bakers! FCOC provides treats for His House meetings!** If you can help, please sign up at the News Table! The students really appreciate your baking skills!

General fund giving last week: \$4,544.18. Weekly requirements: \$4,283.56

### PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:

**There are "Quiet Books" in a basket by the AV room door in the lobby.**

**Nursery at 9:00 and 10:00, located off the lobby.**  
**10:00 Service—This week: Vert Next week: Corbiere**  
**Children: Education Classes—9:00 am Jr. Church—10:30 am**  
**Downstairs and straight through. See above schedule for Family Sundays.**

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The holidays are coming quickly! We are collecting food items for our  
**Christmas Baskets for those in need.**



Please sign up to donate food for these meals at the **News Table** in the lobby.  
**Items due by December 23rd.**



**Meijer Simply Give is still available until December 29, 2018!**

At the “Simply Give” display by the Welcome Table in the lobby there are information cards. Grab a card and take to our local Meijer store, where you can purchase a food card for \$10, which will go directly to our food pantry. **Meijer matches all donations!**

**Double Match Day is December 7th!**

**See Bob or Marie Smith or Teresa Pietrangelo for more info.**

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## **Ardis Bruno’s 100th birthday is January 7th**



Please see the display by the office window, sign a card, and place it in the basket.



**We will surprise Ardis with her FCOC church family’s birthday wishes!**

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## **Mission of the Month Christmas Food Baskets**

**Needed: Food items for Christmas dinner for those in need.  
Please place donations in the tub in the office.  
Food donations due by December 23rd.**

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## **The Coming of Christ in Mark: Slow Down, Pay Attention**

Mark 1

First in the series *awaiting the Already:  
An Advent Journey Through the Gospels*

**Four biographies of Jesus. Written by four people. Each is called a Gospel.** Each is found in the front of your New Testament. While Matthew, Luke, and even John speak of Christ’s Advent, Mark skips 30 years of Jesus’ life and begins with his baptism. Not a speck of Christmas can be found in Mark’s Gospel.

Not so fast. As we are thrust into the hectic pace of the Holiday rush, Mark’s Gospel, which tells the fastest paced story of Jesus, begs us to pull over, slow down, and pay attention.

**1. Prepare the way**

**2. Participate in remembering**

**3. Pave the path**

**The best and most effective way to prepare for Christmas starts first with what is in our hearts.** “Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight.” It doesn’t sound much like Christmas, but it sure sounds a whole lot like Advent.



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## **Youth Christmas Party at Zack’s!**

(610 Spruce Street)

**December 23rd at 6:00 pm**

**Come over to Zack and Rachel’s for great food and game time! Bring a friend and join the fun!!**