

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
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
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
Jennifer Veum—Tumors shrinking with chemo, having monthly infusions & PT 11/18
Joanne Arbic (Anne Abbott's sister) - Stent placement successful, prayers for improvement in health 10/18
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 11/18
Gail Williams—Kidney problems 11/18
Caleb, Dianne Baker's grandson—Biopsy showed cancer, started chemo 11/18
AJ Rogers (Marion Rogers) - Health concerns 11/18
Kate (Mike Willett's grand niece) - Prayer for healing from brain surgery 12/18
Dale Brown (Wilma's son, Bob's brother) - Recovering from neck surgery. Prayers for success and complete healing 12/18
Ed Boso—Neck and back pain 12/18
Max Metro (Nancy Darling) - Praise! Home from the hospital and doing much better! 12/18
Margaret Laursen (Pam Postma) - Melanoma, to Karmanos for treatment options 1/19
Renie Smart—Hip replacement surgery on January 14th 1/19
Family of Kenn Filkins—Passed away
Family of Claudia Crimin—Passed away

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 January 6, 2019

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



Camp Volunteer and Planning Meeting, January 27th after worship. If you would like to get involved in camp this year, we will be planning themes and curriculum and seeing where you would like to fit into the Jr. High week of camp at Wilderness! See Zack for details



Choir Practice for Resurrection Sunday beginning January 27th from 3:30 to 5:00! Please see Randy Peasley for more information.



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!



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 is on winter break and resumes Thursday, January 10th 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! **The January list is out!**

General fund giving last week: \$3,771.57. 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: Crompton Next week: Corbiere
Children: Education Classes—9:00 am Jr. Church—10:30 am
Downstairs and straight through. See above schedule for Family Sundays.

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!



We are also invited to an open house for Ardis at Freighterview Assisted Living TODAY from 1:30 to 3:30.



All Church Event! Volunteer Appreciation Potluck January 20th at 11:00 am

Come and say thanks to those who volunteer at FCOC for church events, youth, teachers, worship volunteers, leadership, camp workers, planning events, and church support in any way.

Ham is provided! Please bring a side dish or two to pass.
The Youth Group will be making desserts and serving beverages.

*Please sign up in the lobby if you plan to attend,
and see Zack with any questions.*

The Annual His House Spaghetti Lunch!



**Sunday, February 10th
after church in the Fellowship Hall**

The lunch is by donation, and the money raised will help our His House crew on their spring break mission, as they partner with Samaritan's Purse helping with hurricane relief in the Carolinas to families hit earlier this summer!

See Matt, Jessy, or Adam for more information.

Mission of the Month FCOC Food Pantry

Needed: Toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, lotion, razors and shaving cream, paper towels and toilet paper.
Please place donations in the tub on the News Table in the lobby.

I CHOOSE—PURPOSE OVER POPULARITY

**Hebrews 11:24-26
First in the series / Choose—**

Imagine a world where everyone likes you, approves of you, and admires you. It's not possible. It ain't gonna happen. Now imagine a world where you don't care that much what others think; where you are so focused on pleasing God that people's approval doesn't consume you.

One of the biggest choices we should make in life is Purpose over Popularity. But many have chased popularity over purpose. **Living for the approval of people keeps us from the purposes of God.**

THE THREE POWERS OF PURPOSE:

1. Purpose diminishes distractions.
2. Purpose pushes through the pain.
3. Purpose empowers us to please God.

(Moses) regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. Hebrews 11:26

Choose Purpose over Popularity. We know we can't please everyone. But we can please God.
