

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 in leadership

His House Ministries

Susan Alexander (Ann Abbott's daughter) - Continued health issues 3/21

John Armstrong (Tom's brother) - Stage 4 prostate cancer, chemo done for now 3/21

Gary Ferns (Mary Armstrong's bro) - Immunotherapy for stage 4 renal cancer 3/21

Gary Matheny (Dave's brother) - Approved for lung and kidney transplant, please pray the VA will pay for it 9/20

Juanita Strange (Mark's Mom) - Serious health issues 11/20

Tom Crimin—Cancer 3/21

Ruth Kins (Gary used to preach at Rosedale) - Inoperable stenosis of the lower back, in much pain. 12/20

Leslie Mitchell (Dave Matheny) - Very sick, now in Petoskey for testing 12/20

Jaelynn Vert—Adjusting medications and having side effects. Prayers that she will adjust quickly and start seeing positive results 2/21

Neva Pery—Stroke, home recovering 2/21

Dianne Baker—Stroke last fall. Not aware of her surroundings and needs total care. Her Daughter, Terri Evans is moving to where her doctors are to care for her. Dianne Baker, 5030 Broughton Place, Apt. A, Riverside, OH 45431 Terry sent a card thanking Dianne's church family for the notes, calls, and prayers.

Nancy LeGreve-Smith's friend, Joanne Kessinger—Health issues, testing 3/21

Ed Boso—Inflamed pancreas 3/21

Bob Johnston (Rene Smart's nephew) - Praise! Home after liver transplant 2/21

Eva Riddle—Health issues 4/21

Melinda Lane (Phyllis Miller's sister) - Praise! Feeling better, nothing shown on tests 4/21

Phyllis Miller—Praise! Health issues diagnosed, and treatment soon! 4/21

Kevin Farrar—PRAISE! Home from rehab, and he and Barb are in new apartment! 4/21

April Birthdays:

Jen Dunton 4-1

Diana Vert 4-2

Peggy Conley 4-6

Eva Riddle 4-8

Lisa Corbiere 4-9

Mallory Vert 4-12

Casey Kozeyah 4-13

Kallie Matheny 4-17

Nancy Wojciechowski 4-18

Bob Smith 4-19

Julian Chamberlain 4-20

Randy LaCrosse 4-21

Dolly Furr 4-28

April Anniversaries:

Mike & Marianne Willett 4-18

Mike & Dolly Furr 4-28



Welcome to First Church of Christ! Announcements for April 18, 2021

TODAY:

Sunday School: 9:00 am

Worship—10:00 am

Kid's Church—10:30 am

MONDAY:

Mid & High Sch Youth Group—

4:30 to 6:00 pm



His House Treats Needed! They meet Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. **Pre-packaged goodies only, please.** There are 50 students each week. Drop at His House or the church during the day.



Streaming Worship! Visit us on Facebook at First Church of Christ Sault Ste. Marie or www.saultchurch.com and click on the Streaming WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday at 10:00 am.



Water Bottles: Please throw out the water bottles you use during worship time so others don't have to touch them. Thank you!



Prayer Requests on Sundays: Please text to **906-630-5845** for prayer at the end of the worship service and to be added to the prayer list in the bulletin.



How to give to FCOC:

1. **Offering boxes** at the back of the auditorium.
2. **Online go to www.saultchurch.com,** and scroll down to the online giving icon, click, and follow instructions.
3. **Send a check to 300 W. Spruce Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.**

This week's giving amount: \$7,571.00

Weekly need to cover FCOC expenses: \$4,283.56

Thank you for supporting First Church of Christ!

If you would like one of the elders or ministers to contact you, please call the church office at 632-6511.

Nursery during 10:00 am worship time, located off the lobby.

This Week: LeBlanc Next Week: Rogers

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:

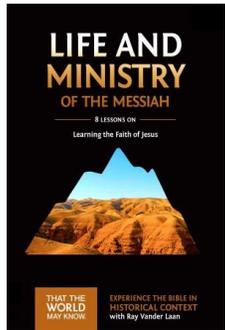
There are "Quiet Books" in a basket by the AV room door in the lobby.



Camp time is almost here!

FCOC supports Wilderness Christian Assembly, a Bible-based camp for 2nd grade - high school. Camp weeks begin in June. Covid19 precautions are in place! See the website to download the safety guidelines instituted by the directors and trustees of Wilderness Christian Assembly.

See the display in the lobby for information on WCA!
See wildernesschristianassembly.com for more information, and contact Alex Vert or Randy Peasley with any questions.



FCOC Adult Class! Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium

Join us on a video trip to the Holy Land and learn of the Life and Ministry of the Messiah!

*Study guides are available
for purchase on Amazon.com*



Graduating High School or College Seniors!

Please contact the church office! We are beginning to plan our Graduates' Reception, which will be April 25th!

High School: Michael Gunckel, Krista Morehouse, Aliah Robertson
College: Caleb Forbes, Vicky Merchburger, Bethany Peasley, Katherine Peasley, Mikael Ranta

Graduates: Call the church office with your open house date and time, and we will let the church family know so they can celebrate with you!



FCOC Campout at Fayette Historic State Park on the Garden Peninsula!

Randy and Ann Peasley are coordinating a camping weekend for this summer!

More information at:

<https://www.saultchurch.com/summer-campout/>

Prayer: Wrestling with God Genesis 22:22-32; Nehemiah 2:1-6

Jacob had a problem. As a young man he was headstrong and pursued his own course. He did not worry much about how his decisions affected others. Years later, facing the potential of a horrific battle with his twin brother, he prayed all night long.

Nehemiah had a problem. While in captivity, he heard devastating news. The walls of Jerusalem failed; they were no longer protecting the city. He prayed for four months before approaching the king. Shallow imitation prayers are worthless. Real heart pleading involves soul-to-soul conversations with God. Genuine, spontaneous prayer is one of God's greatest gifts. Note the questions the king asked Nehemiah:

1. Why are you so sad? (verses 1-3)

2. What do you need? (verses 4-5)

3. How long will it take? (verse 6)

"The fewer the words, the better the prayer" (Martin Luther). "Short time or long--I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains" (The Apostle Paul). Practice your prayers, write your prayers, and revise your prayers until they become concrete. Pray without ceasing!