

Growing the Family of God

Telling the Story

Serving the Community

Nurturing Believers

Coffee with Jim



Dear Church Family,

Just like a mustard seed starts out small but gets nourished into exponential growth, we have seen ideas burgeon into full projects this past year and relief work change lives. Early on, an international partner said, “How do we talk about washing our hands when people here don’t have clean water to drink?”

We continue to hear words like these as invitations from Jesus Christ himself to work to bring life-giving good in communities all around the world.

We have also seen training, equipping, and relationship-building take on new and creative forms. In some cases, we celebrated how an online platform allowed far more participants than we would normally get at an in-person event. For two missionary commissioning services and a couple of IM family memorials, this was very significant.

Similarly, when a faithful servant of Christ like you begins to pray about how to steward God’s kingdom resources entrusted to you, God’s Spirit grows your mustard seed investment into something large enough to provide rest and refuge for others. Your partnership through the World Mission Offering means that your gift is multiplies with others’ gifts to bring economic development, theological education, health, wellness, and numerous other changes in people’s lives for the glory of God.

Thank you for your deep investment in the mission of God through IM. Your steadiness in the midst of a changing world and great uncertainty has made it possible for us to continue the discernment journey together with many who are seeking God’s call into cross-cultural mission around the world. Please prayerfully consider who you can contribute to this year’s World Mission Offering. IM continues to trust our Lord to provide for the work that God calls us to in God’s mission, and we trust that your mustard seed gift will be multiplied until it is like the mustard tree.

We will receive the World Mission Offering throughout the month of October.

Jim

A Thanksgiving Homecoming!

Come Home - Find a Home



This year our traditional Thanksgiving Feast is all about coming home! If you've been away from church for a while, we will happily welcome you back to our table. If you've never had a church home, there's a place for you too! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us on November 21st for a day of fun, worship, music, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

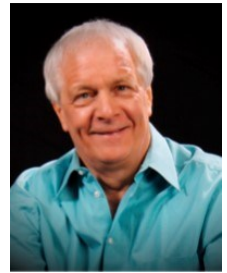
Sunday, November 21, 2021

Worship - 10:00 AM

Thanksgiving Dinner - 12:00 Noon

Ken Medema Concert - 2:00 PM

In addition to time of praise and worship and a catered Thanksgiving meal, we are excited to announce that singer-songwriter Ken Medema will be joining us that day for a concert! Ken is a special friend to those of us at FBC and this will mark his fourth concert with us. Each time we have been thrilled with his music, his story-telling, and his deep love of Christ and the church.



RESERVATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED, so please mark your calendars now and visit our website at: www.fbcpontiac.org or call the church office to make your reservations today!

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 31ST!

Important Reminder

If you feel ill, have any symptoms of Covid-19, or have been exposed to the virus, please worship with us via YouTube and rejoin us in person when you are recovered or have completed appropriate quarantine. Let's keep everyone safe and healthy!

Board of Ministries

The Board of Ministries met on Thursday, September 9th at 7:00 pm.

Youth Ministries: Hoping to attract new youth members as we start up Jr. and Sr. ABY meetings this fall.

Children's Ministries: Sunday School roster through December is completed. Karen Meister is teaching upper elementary classes.

Fellowship: In the month of August, our food pantry served 39 families representing 100 individuals.

We will begin collecting candy for our annual Halloween drive n treat.

Moderator: The Family Fun Day was very successful as was our entry into the Thresherman's parade.

Due to weather related setbacks, Eppel will not begin work on our parking lot until October.

Associate Pastor: The Friday Night youth drop-ins have had additional volunteers but attendance is down due to Friday night football games.

Senior Pastor: We will receive the World Mission Offering in the month of October.

A Thanksgiving Homecoming celebration is scheduled for November 21st. Members are encouraged to invite friends and family, those who do not have a church or those who may have left the church to come back for worship and dinner. This homecoming celebration will feature a catered Thanksgiving lunch and a concert by Ken Medema. Reservations will be required.





Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Roman Battleson
1 Kara Thomas
2 Dorley Dodd
2 Bernice Childers
3 Phylis Bowman
4 Darlene Garrett
5 Christian Waggoner
6 Nickey Gruen
7 Kay Birch
9 Maggie Crawford
9 Jay Hurd
11 Brenda Dodd
11 Eric and Missy Hoover
11 Gary Wykes
11 Edward and Julia Bonnevier
14 Todd Henderson
16 Dean Easton
17 Gordie Frobish
21 Joe Stanton
22 Julie Amdor
22 Ken Ferguson
23 Jackson Harder
23 Terry Stanton
24 Kelly Sullivan
25 Rick Golliday
26 Nicholas and Brittney Lundeen
27 Judy Leach
28 Skip Jones
28 Emily Miller
29 Teri Newsome
30 Bill and Gwen Battice
30 Shirley Carroll



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
3 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	4	5
10 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	11	12 6:00 pm Healing Hearts
17 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	18	19
24 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	25	26
31 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Drive & Treat		

October



Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
				1 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm HS Open Gym		2	
6 9:00 am ROMEO Club 9:00 am Ruth Circle 10:30 am Prayer Meeting 1:00 pm Esther Circle 6:00 pm Jr. ABY 6:00 pm ABK 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting		7		8 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm HS Open Gym		9	
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Pastor Appreciation Month

“Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.” - Jeremiah 3:15



Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? We are blessed to have two caring pastors and this is the perfect time to let them know just how much we appreciate everything they do and the sacrifices they make in their service here at FBC.

Newsletter Deadline



All articles for inclusion the November edition of our church newsletter must be submitted to the church office no later than Friday, October 15th. You may submit your articles by phone (842.4321), fax (844.6943), by e-mail (Rhonda@fbcpontiac.org) or by leaving them in the black box outside the church office door.

Drive and Treat!



On Sunday, October 31st we will be hosting our annual 'Drive and Treat' on the circle drive in front of the church. Between the hours of 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm, come by and take a slow drive around the circle and 'trick or treat'!

Our volunteers will be wearing masks and you won't even have to get your little goblins out of the car so we hope this will provide a safer and socially distanced Halloween opportunity for everyone!

If you would like to help with this event, we need donations of bags of Halloween candy. Please see Harlin Dean for more information.

Healing Hearts



Healing Hearts is a grief support small group ministry designed specifically for grieving parents. Healing Hearts meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM and is open to anyone in our community who is grieving the loss of a child.



**Prayer Chain
Number**

815.419.4454

If you wish to receive prayer chain calls, please contact the church office at 815.842.4321 and request that your name and number be added to the list.

On-Line Giving



With on-line giving, it's easier than ever to tithe or make donations to special fundraising campaigns like this month's One Great Hour of Sharing offering! .

To make an on-line donation, simply visit our website www.fbcpontiac.org and follow the donation link near the top of the page. Our on-line giving is powered through PayPal and allows you to use an existing PayPal account or any debit or credit card you'd like. You'll have the opportunity to leave specific notes about your donation and you'll receive a donation receipt in your e-mail!



Visit Us on the Web!



As we transition back into a regular fall schedule, please remember to visit our website (fbcpontiac.org) and social media pages for the latest scheduling information. While there, you will also have the opportunity to watch recent worship services, check the church activity calendar, or browse our picture gallery and see just what we've been up to lately here at FBC!

Happy



Fall



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