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Growing the Family of God

Telling the Story

Serving the Community

Nurturing Believers

Coffee with Jim



"Come and see . . ." (John 1:39, 46).

With the invitation "Come and see" Jesus invited Andrew into the adventure of discipleship. Andrew's immediate response was to locate his brother Simon and encourage him to come and meet Jesus. When Jesus invited Philip to join him Philip's first response was to find his friend Nathanael and issue the invitation, "Come and see."

Sunday, September 18 is your opportunity to invite your family and friends to "Come and see" what mission and ministry look like in our faith community. On that day we will hold an outdoor worship service at ten o'clock AM. This is a departure from our customary nine o'clock service so please make note of the time change. The service will feature special music, message, and many opportunities for fellowship.

Following worship we will share a picnic meal together. Meat and drinks will be provided; you need only bring a dish to share. You may also want to bring a lawn chair. This is a day to fellowship and enjoy the company of the church family.

The most important aspect of this day is that each of us invites someone to "Come and see" . . . what it means to be loved without question; what it means to be a member of the family of God; what it means to worship in spirit and in truth.

We talk a lot about love in this family. On Sunday, September 18 we can give our words flesh by inviting and welcoming those outside the community of faith to "Come and see" what it means to be the family of God.

Come and See

Sunday, September 18th Worship at 10:00am



Did You Know?



Donations to the church and her specific ministries can make wonderful gifts for those hard to shop for people on your gift lists! Have a friend with a birthday and a heart for children? Make a donation on their behalf to the ABK or ABY programs. A relative with an anniversary and a heart for helping the needy? A donation in their name to the Food Pantry or Jubilee Christmas might be the perfect gift. Also, don't forget about those hard to shop for people on your Christmas list! It's coming up faster than you think!

When you make a gift donation to the church in a loved one's name the church will acknowledge your gift by sending a lovely thank you note letting your loved one know of the gift you made on their behalf.

If you would like to honor a friend or family member by making a gift to the church, please be sure to include the person's name and address as well as the specific ministry to which you'd like your gift applied.

Covered With Prayers

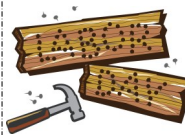
After a summer hiatus, Covered With Prayers will resume meeting on the second Monday of each month, at 7:00 pm in the Koinonia Koffee Room. Bring your current project to work on while we visit, share yarn, patterns, etc.

If you would like to join us but don't know how to knit or crochet, come and we will teach you! If you want to be a part of the prayer shawl ministry but don't want to crochet or knit, we will gratefully accept donations of yarn.

In whatever way you feel led, please consider being a part of this important ministry.



Schedule Notes - Labor Day



In honor of the Labor Day holiday, there will be no evening activities on Sunday, September 4th and the church office will be closed on Monday, September 5th.

We wish our entire church family a safe and happy holiday weekend!

Don't Forget...

When leaving the church after an event, please take the time to ensure that you have turned off all the lights and locked all the doors.

Adult choir

It's that time of year again so everyone start warming up your vocal chords and come and join us at the first adult choir practice of the season at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 28th.



Nursery Care Available

Nursery care is available during worship services for infants and toddlers through age 3.

The nursery is located across the hall from the sanctuary.

Newsletter Deadline



All articles for inclusion in the October edition of the church newsletter must be submitted to the church office no later than Wednesday, September 21st.

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.

Radio Services

Beginning Sunday, September 4th, we will no longer be broadcasting our services on WJEZ 98.9 or cable television channel 13.

We regret any inconvenience and remind you that services are available to download in .mp3 format on our website.



Children's Church

Sept. 4: Patty Gray and Mary Frobish

Sept. 11: Patty Gray and Mary Frobish

Sept. 18: Juanita James

Sept. 25: Juanita James

Thank You



We would like to thank the church family for all of the prayers for our twin grandbabies, even as they were being born at 32 weeks and since their birth. Brynlee and Ryker are both now finally home from the hospital and doing well. They will continue to be on monitors for several months so your ongoing prayers would be appreciated.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

Gary and Peggie Boldt

To the church family,

I want to thank everyone for the gifts and prayers you gave me as I graduated and prepare to leave for college. Thanks to the Church and scholarship committee for selecting me to receive the scholarship which will help with books and supplies.

Many of you say that you pray for me each morning which reminds me that I am not forgotten and will not be alone while I'm in college. Your encouragement will be with me always.

Aaron Newsome

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the support for our recent Teen Serve Mission Trip. We were blessed by the trip and the opportunity to 'serve the community'. It was a wonderful trip for the youth and adults alike and we are so grateful for the support of this amazing and loving church family.

Love,

Jay

Board of Ministries

The Board of Ministries met on Thursday, August 11 at 7:15 pm.

Stewardship: The One Great Hour of Sharing offering collected \$2,820.

Sunday School: The month of July had an average attendance of 52 with an aver-

age offering of \$38.00.

Fellowship: There were 105 families representing 297 individuals in the month of July.

Facilities: Plans for the garage are complete and work should begin soon.

Senior Pastor: Women's Bible Study Fellowship will be using our facilities on Thursday morning for Bible Study.

We will host an outdoor worship service on Sunday, Sept. 18th at 10:00 am.



Notes From the Church Office



From Monday, September 12th - Friday, September 16th, our Administrative Assistant Rhonda will be taking some time away from the office. During that time the office will be operating on an abbreviated schedule from 8:30 am - Noon.

We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Small Group Opportunity

Ken Ferguson and Harlin Dean will begin hosting a small group study on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 pm. The group will meet at the church and will be studying the book "In the Grip of Grace".



Prayer Chain Number

815.419.4454

Visit Us on the Web!



For convenient access to the latest church news and schedule information, don't forget to visit us on-line at www.fbcpontiac.org. While there, you also have the opportunity to download recent services in MP3 format or browse our picture gallery and see just what we've been up to lately here at FBC! Also, don't forget to follow us on Facebook and receive all the latest church updates!



September



- 7 Ruby Lloyd
- 8 Samantha Patterson
- 10 Les Amdor
- 10 Debbie Verdun
- 12 Robert and Donna Brackney
- 13 Griffin Nyi
- 13 James Perkins
- 16 Reva Johnson
- 20 Heather Battice
- 20 Leah Crawford
- 20 Ed and Diana Rich
- 21 Maria Poshard
- 22 Inge Watson Telford
- 25 James Bohm
- 26 Roger and Karen Christianson
- 26 Danny Grider
- 26 Robert and Rosa Wing
- 29 Brad and Marcia Harder
- 30 Wayne Verdun

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
4 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School No evening activities	5 Labor Day Church Office Closed	6	7 9:00 am Ruth Circle 9:00 am ROMEO Club 1:00 pm Esther Circle	8 6:00 pm Diaconate Council 7:15 pm Board of Ministries	9	10 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
11 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 5:00 pm ABY	12 1:00 pm Single Women of Faith 7:00 pm Covered in Prayers	13	14 9:00 am ROMEO Club 6:30 pm Grace Sm. Group	15 9:00 am BSF Women's Class	16	17 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
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