



# Crossroads

## What's Happening



The Christian Women's Fellowship will be conducting a Sock Drive for the Salvation Army **through February**. The homeless and less fortunate in our area often do not have warmth and protection for their feet during these cold winter months. Please place donations of socks for men, women, children, and babies in the basket in Fellowship Hall. The socks will be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution for those in need in our local area.



### Ash Wednesday Service

**Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year, with Easter landing on April Fool's Day!**

Ash Wednesday Service is February 14 at p.m. with Communion by Intinction.

The Community Church will host the Community Table ministry on **Tuesday, February 20 at 4:30 p.m.** We need volunteers to set-up, cook, serve, and clean up after the dinner. If you are willing to participate in this event, please contact Ed or Donna Hallin at 757-3360.



Our church is providing the **Nursing Home Worship Services** on Sunday, February 25, for two locations. Come with a smile, and bring joy to our shut-in community.

- Ludington Woods: 3:00 pm
- Oakview Medical Care: 3:45 pm





## Time to Pray

This past month I've been reading and preparing for our 40 Days of Prayer event for our church during this Lenten Season. Some would say; I know how to pray, I do it every day. One thing I've found over the years; it is easy for our prayer life to get repetitious. We can all benefit from new perspective and I'm looking forward to that during this study together.

One example of my prayer life being changed was after I read a book by Stormie Omartian, titled, "The Power of a Praying Husband. One particular section talks about and encourages praying for your wife that:

She will know that she is loved by God.

She will sense the beauty of the Lord in herself.

She will feel loved by me.

She will value herself as God values her.

Pray for myself that I will always see how beautiful she is.

I remember praying these prayers for Kathy and I still do today.

I remember another time being challenged by a book I read to pray for a different person or family in the church for a straight week. I didn't select them based on need, but totally random, that meant the prayers for them were largely based on them being drawn closer to God and finding a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

I remember praying for several people that they always know that they are loved by God. It is ironic that all Christians (new and old) can sometimes forget that they are loved by God.

I would pray that they would always sense the beauty of God in themselves; after all, we are all created in God's image. God sees the beauty He created in us all the time; but I'm not sure we always sense that – even though we should.

I remember back then praying several times for people of the church to see how much their service is of value to others. This sense of value isn't so we can feel good about ourselves, but that we can see how God values us.

I've begun praying for our church; that all of us will have a desire to take part in this time of prayer together. I've been praying that this will be a time of breakthrough; that we will together see God's vision for Community Church moving forward. I'm asking you to pray for these same things as we approach the beginning of 40 Days of Prayer.

Grace and Peace, **Pastor Brett**

### Worship Leaders for February:

February 4	Steve Iteen
February 11	Diane Swathwood
February 18	Maralyn Gable
February 25	Bev Anderson



### Serving Communion on February 4:

Steve Iteen  
David Carpenter  
Darlene Carpenter  
Janet Van Epps  
Pastor Brett Spalding





**Sermon Titles  
and Scripture for  
February 2018**

2/4/18: "Close Encounter with God's Grace" Scout Sunday
2/11/18: "Who Are We?" Acts 10:9-16, Daniel 1:3-17
2/18/18 : "Do You Really Want to Grow Up?" "Forty Day's of Prayer-Sermon 1
2/25/18: "Jesus Guide to Prayer" Forty Day's of Prayer-Sermon 2 Luke 11:1



Sally Burmeister	2/3
Terry Grams	2/3
Sherrie Sanders	2/3
Bruce Fletcher	2/4
Dorothy Boon	2/8
Elaine Brogren	2/8
Harry Laude	2/12
Dick Powell	2/13
Jerry Holton	2/13
Anna Belle Houk	2/13
Lee Schoenherr	2/15
Kim Iteen	2/22
Dave Swathwood	2/22
Janet Miller	2/24
Bruce Pelletier	2/28

**2018  
COMMUNION  
SCHEDULE**



February 4		Intinction
February 14	Ash Wednesday	Intinction
March 4		Pews
March 29	Maundy	Intinction
April 1	Easter	Pews
May 6		Intinction
June 3		Pews
July 1		Intinction
August 5		Pews
September 2		Intinction
October 7		Pews
November 4	All Saints	Intinction
November 25	Christ the King	Pews
December 2		Intinction
December 24	Christmas Eve	Intinction



Gary and Ann Miller	2/12
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## Highlights from the January Council Meeting

### Summary of Council Meeting: Wednesday January 17, 2018

Treasurers Report: as of December 30, 2017 – for Financial details see the Annual Report. Donna Hallin (treasurer) made note of the fact that we are blessed with a General Fund surplus for the first time in several years.

Pastor Brett provided a written report regarding pastoral activities and staff activities. Pastor's report also highlighted thanks to all for their service during Advent. We had a wonderful Advent season in worship, fellowship, outreach, and stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. Pastor Brett also noted the upcoming 40 Days of Prayer event the entire church will be participating in beginning February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Worship Report noted Scout Sunday is February 4<sup>th</sup> and plans for 40 days of Prayer Lent Study. All Worship Leaders and Communion Servers are assigned for 2018.

OAKS has planned 2018 activities and meetings will happen in March, August, September, and October.

Finance and Personnel noted Cheri will celebrate her first anniversary of service on January 23<sup>rd</sup> – please thank her for her great work. Building Use forms have been revised and all job description have been revised and approved for all staff positions.

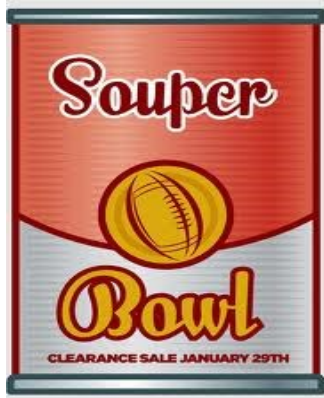
Nominating Committee for 2017 met once more to replace Bobbi Maclean who is unable to serve due to health reasons. Judy Bach has accepted the call to serve this three year term.

Scholarship Committee will begin meeting Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Assignments were made for Elders for 2018.

Ed Hallin was approved as Resident Agent of Community Church for 2018

It was announced that John Clement will be retiring at the end of June, 2018. Please thank John over these next few months for his wonderful 16 years of service.



## Annual Souper Bowl Sunday

**FEBRUARY 5, 2017**

Bring in your Soup for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Let's make this a Super Souper Bowl!



**Hospitality INC** - We have been blessed with the opportunity to serve this wonderful organization. Our next day will be **Saturday, February 10.** Please contact Kathy Bromley at 843-9395 to volunteer.



## Monthly Update

Date	Attendance Count	General Fund Collection
December 31	49	\$3,939.00
January 7	42	\$2,673.00
January 14	59	\$3,466.00
January 21	51	\$1,957.00
January 28	TBA	TBA

### FEBRUARY

- Sock Drive Continues through February
- Souper Bowl—February 4
- Hospitality INC - February 10
- Ash Wednesday - February 14
- Community Table - February 20 - WE SERVE

### MARCH

- Hospitality INC - March 110
- Daylight Savings Time Begins—March 11
- Palm Sunday - March 25

### APRIL

- Easter Sunday - April 1
- Celebrating 40 Days of Prayer - April 8
- Hospitality INC - April 14
- 5th Sunday Noisy Coin Offering for Adopt-A-Family - April 29

## Council and Committee Meetings— February 2018

Christian Women's Fellowship	Monday, February 5, 9:30 am, Room 11
Finance and Personnel Committee	Monday, February 5, 1 pm, Room 20A
O.A.K.S. Committee	Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 pm, Room 10
Worship Committee	Wednesday, February 7, 6 pm, Room 20A
Missions Committee	TBA
Christian Education Committee Membership/Outreach/Evangelism Committee (M.O.E.), Communications Committee	TBA
Building Use and Maintenance Committee (B.U.M.)	TBA
Council of Ministries	Wednesday, February 21, 6:00 pm, Room 11



## 2018 Capital Campaign

We have embarked on a capital campaign to take care of maintenance issues in the church building. The newest part of the church is 20 years old and things need replacing; the carpet in the Narthex and the air conditioning units in Fellowship Hall, and the two offices. We are seeking \$10,000 from the congregation and using \$10,000 in memorial money to make this happen.



To date, the response to our 2018 Capital Campaign has been overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to support this project. Please remember when making your Capital Campaign giving to **mark on your envelope with the amount that is to be designated for this special Campaign.**

If you have any questions please call Pastor Brett or Donna Hallin.



**Crossroads  
Deadline:  
February 21**

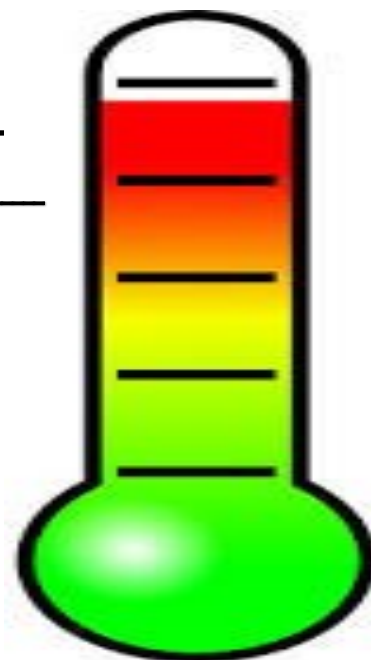
**Crossroads Folding:  
March 1**

**WE ARE HERE —**

82% of our goal

\$1770 collected

Thank You!



## Cancellations

In cases of bad weather, a decision to cancel Sunday worship will be made by 7:30 a.m. Cancellations will be announced on the following radio stations: WMOM, WKLA (AM and FM). It will also be shown on TV channel 13 WZZM. If school is closed during the week, all church activities will be cancelled **until noon**. If committees wish to cancel afternoon or evening meetings, committees should contact their members and the office should be contacted.



**Charter Spectrum Cable** (CableVision) Channel 190 broadcasts our worship service each week. Broadcast times are 11 am Sunday morning, 7 pm Sunday evening, and again at 7 am on Monday morning. Tune in if you had to miss worshipping with us - or if you want to listen and worship again.

## Getting to Know You, Getting to Know All About You



Dick Powell is easy to recognize at the church – his is often in Fellowship Hall or the Dining Room carrying a coffee carafe and refilling our coffee cups. He also really enjoys drinking coffee himself as often as possible!

Dick has an interesting life story – he grew up on a 540 acre farm in California, but left farming behind at the age of 16 to pursue an education in Engineering. He earned his degree by attending college classes at night, while working various day jobs and playing football.

In 1956, he was drafted into the Army, obtaining his training at Fort Ord in California, and basic plus cold weather training at Camp Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was part of special operations and clandestine projects. Dick was the reassigned to help implement a NIKE Hercules (surface to air missile) Pilot Site in Chicago, and he spent Christmas in China and New Years in Russia. He operated and manned the launch control and supervised the assembly building. He completed his two years of active duty with the inspection team for the new NIKE sites in the Midwest. Later, Dick was called back to active duty for the failed Bay of Pigs invasion.

He returned to plant engineering at Aerojet General Corporation, and was transferred to the solid rocket testing laboratory as the structural engineer. There he worked on numerous rockets, missile systems, and the intercontinental Minuteman guided nuclear ICBM (meant to neutralize Moscow). He was chairman of the material review board, and a quality control engineer, for the Apollo and Gemini spaceflight programs – plus worked with many astronauts.

After some other engineering jobs, Dick moved to Ludington and opened the “Bear Trak Trader” on South James Street. He also worked as office manager of Lidke’s Home Center, and with engineering services for Whitehall Industries. He taught management classes at West Shore Community College, was the Assistant City Manager for Ludington, and started a successful construction company. That’s when life changed for Dick!

Dick plunged through the second story floor of a building site in downtown Ludington. The critical injuries caused by the fall were expected to be fatal, but he credits is only son, Dr. Don Powell, with his survival. Don is a trauma doctor in Grand Rapids, who with a team of medical personnel, saved Dick’s life.

Dick has two grandsons he is very proud of - Dominic and Oliver – plus a sister-in-law Linda, who all live in Rockford, MI. He raised his son from fifth grade on, and is proud of the scholarships he achieved and Don’s successful medical career after college.

Dick says his proudest achievement at Community Church is becoming a Stephen Minister. He has served in nearly every capacity on boards in leadership for the church. The Memorial Scholarship Program is something he had a big hand in implementing, and Dick takes pride in helping with OAKS and BUM. He very much appreciates the friends and ministry of Community Church who are supportive to him now, and when he went through hard times after his injury.

Look for Dick’s smile and friendliness as he helps out around the church. As a resident of the Towers, he can get to church easily to pour that coffee and help out as needed.

**PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**IMMEDIATE PRAYER NEEDS**

Linda Kenney, health concerns

Roger Johnson, health

Tonda Cadey, health concerns

Mary Young, health concerns



**OUR MISSIONARIES**

Daryl and Leshia Beltz - both have health concerns

Jim and Yuri Cerminaro

Tony and Connie Johnson

Dean and Debbie Lundberg - health concerns for Dean



**ON-GOING**

M.J. Grech, health concerns

Dar Carpenter, recovery

Adam McCann, Iteen's nephew, health concerns

Bobbie Maclean, health concerns

Wendy Lanterman, healing

Jeanne Rabe, health concerns, Godmother of Kathy Bromley

Judy d'Anton, continuing recovery, Dave Swathwood's sister

Terry Krystiniak, health concerns, encouragement and support

Dale Guenthardt, health issues

Barbara Peters, multiple sclerosis, Bob and Lynn Olmstead's daughter

Chuck Oleniczak, health concerns

Harold Figgins, health concerns

Daniel Williams, health concerns, Sandi Steckel's cousin

Sherrie Sanders, health concerns

Eric Lund, recovery - double arm transplant



**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Autumn Winds - Marylyn Brown

Willowbrook - Thelma Bowden

Village Haus - Hilda Parker, Dorothy Boon

Tendercare - Darlene French

Oakview - Gary Miller, Barbara Johnson, Mary Carlson



All persons placed on the prayer list will remain there for a period of two weeks. If you have a prayer need that you would like to have the members of the prayer chain pray for, please activate the prayer chain by calling Janet VanEpps at 843-3122.

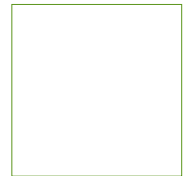




SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Jan 28 Worship and <b>Annual Business Mtg</b> to follow 	Jan 29	Jan 30 Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	Jan 31	1 Bulletin Folding 10am Vocal Choir 6pm Bell Choir 7pm	2	3
4 Worship with Communion Boy Scout Sunday	5 <b>CFW, 9:30 am</b>	6 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	7	8 Bulletin Folding 10am Vocal Choir 6pm Bell Choir 7pm	9	10
11 Worship	12	13 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm Scouts 7pm	14  <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>	15 Bulletin Folding 10am Vocal Choir 6pm Bell Choir 7pm	16	17
18 Worship	19	20 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm <b>Community Table 4:30-6pm WE SERVE</b> Boy Scouts 7pm	21 Crossroads Deadline <b>Council, 6 pm</b> 	22 Bulletin Folding 10am Vocal Choir 6pm Bell Choir 7pm	23	24
25 Worship <b>Nursing Home Services:</b> Lud Woods 3 pm Oakview 3:45 pm	26	27 Ladies Bible 9:30am Missions 11 am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	28	Mar 1 Crossroads Folding 9:30 am Bulletin Folding 10am Vocal Choir 6pm Bell Choir 7pm	Mar 2	Mar 3

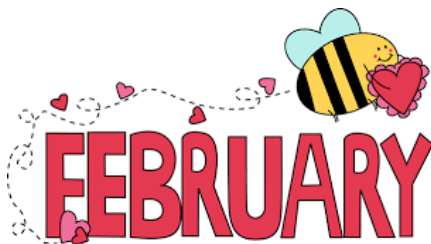
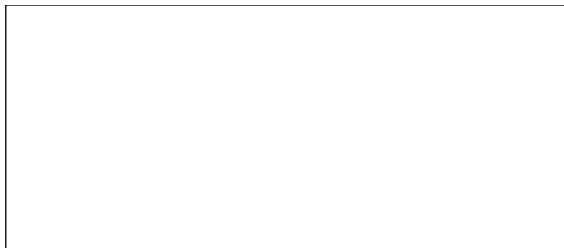


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## FEBRUARY 2018



Traditionally  
**CONGREGATIONAL /PRESBYTERIAN**

### CHURCH STAFF

Pastor  
Rev. Brett Spalding

Music Director  
W. John Clement

Membership/Financial Secretary  
Lisa Dains

Custodian  
Cheri Welch

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### Council of Ministries

3 Year Term, ending 12/31/2020  
Jack Thiel  
Tom Lane  
Teri Nedderman

3 Year Term, ending 12/31/2019  
Darlene Carpenter  
Maralyn Gable  
Diane Swathwood  
Lorrie McKay

3 Year Term, ending 12/31/2018  
Tonda Cadey  
Ruthann Kyle  
Don McKay  
Janet VanEpps

### 2018 Council of Ministries Officers

Moderator – Maralyn Gable  
Vice Moderator – Don McKay  
Treasurer – Donna Hallin  
Secretary – Ruthann Kyle

### Nominating Committee

Congregational Members  
Donna Lee Collins  
Patti Otto  
Judy Thiel

### Scholarship Committee

Mike Peterson  
Carol Cooper  
Terry Grams  
Maralyn Gable – current  
moderator  
Steve Iteen – previous moderator

