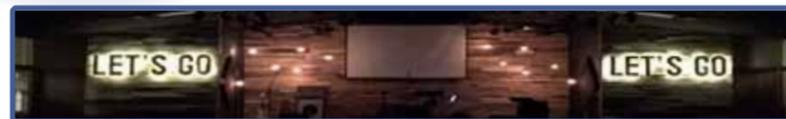


# March Photos ICE CAMP



JHYG to Lawton, MI for Ice Camp The Jr High Youth Group left for Miracle Camp and Retreat Center on March 3rd. They spent an entire weekend in Michigan, arriving on Sunday, March 5. They spent some time in the gym playing basketball, dodgeball and volleyball. Each day the kids would attend chapel services where

they learned about the Good News of Jesus! The theme for the weekend was "Let's Go!" It was a call to our students to leave camp feeling motivated to share Jesus with everyone they know. Several kids gave their lives to the Lord and others recommitted their lives to Christ.



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Andy Huetter, Sr. Pastor  
Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor  
Kyle Romine, Associate Pastor

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**Youth Groups**  
Wednesdays  
Jr. High 6:00pm Jordan McKinsey  
Sr. High 7:30pm Danny Kaupp

**Men's Ministry**  
1st & 3rd Saturday of month  
Fellowship Hall  
7am - Breakfast and Bible Study

**Sunday Worship Services**  
Morning Worship 9 am-10 am  
J.A.M. (ages 3 - PreK) every Sunday  
K-3 Children's Church; 4-5th grades 1st & 3rd Sundays  
Communion served 4th Sunday  
Sunday School 10:30-11:15 am

**Moms' Group**  
1st & 3rd Wednesday of month  
Fellowship Hall  
9-10:30am Bible Study & Hang out

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### Dear Church Family,

I have read 13 books on church planting. I have listened to hundreds of hours of church planting podcasts. I have been to a church planting conference. I have interviewed church planters. I have read countless articles about church planting. Though I'm not an expert, all this reading and research has given me a decent idea about how churches usually get planted.

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Churches usually get started the same way: you pray, you plan, you meet as a team for 6-12 months, you do outreach events, you set a date, you get the word out, and you launch a service. We did 2 of those 7 things: we prayed and we launched a service. Of all the church planting materials I read, never was this method recommended.

As we have been preaching through the Gospel of Luke, we have seen Jesus do and say some pretty upside-down things. We saw God-in-the-flesh born in a manger. Jesus spent time with lepers and the demon-possessed. We saw Jesus rebuke the religious and befriend the sinful. Jesus blessed the poor and warned the rich. Last week we heard Jesus tell us to love our enemies. The Kingdom of God is upside-down.

I am thankful that the Kingdom of God is upside-down, because right now, we are planting a church in reverse! This opportunity came so suddenly. We started a service without the typical

plan. We didn't meet for months as a core-team. We didn't do outreach. We didn't advertise at all. We prayed, and we planted.

Clearly, the Holy Spirit led us to this opportunity with First Presbyterian Church in Chenoa. We weren't prepared. We aren't doing it the way the church planting books tell us. But we are willing to step out in faith, because we know that sometimes God's Kingdom doesn't look the way we think it should. Sometimes it looks upside-down. Sometimes God has people build a giant boat for every animal on earth when it isn't even raining. Sometimes God asks 80-year-old stuttering shepherds to lead His people out of slavery in Egypt. Sometimes God uses a teenage boy with a sling and a rock to take down a giant.

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It isn't the wisdom of men that is doing this work in Chenoa. It isn't our planning or our methods. We are simply trying to be faithful in following the Holy Spirit. I am excited to see what God will do as we step out in faith. Maybe in God's upside-down Kingdom we can plant churches in reverse.

Grace and Peace,  
Kyle

### Christ Community Easter Plans

April 14  
Good Friday Service  
with Communion  
7:00 pm

April 16  
Easter Sunday  
9:00 am Worship Service  
10:30 am Light Brunch

"The Lord has risen indeed!" Luke 24:34

"The best news of the Christian gospel is that the supremely glorious Creator of the universe has acted in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection to remove every obstacle between us and himself so that we may find everlasting joy in seeing and savoring his infinite beauty."

- John Piper -

# Meet Our Deacons



Our deacons are (l-r): Denny Foor, Becky Roth, Bev Nelson, Keri Hany, Jennifer Morrison, Derek Meiss. Not Pictured: Stacy Ludy.

## Hospitality

The Hospitality Team exists to ensure that the environment of Sunday morning gatherings is hospitable towards guests, and promotes fellowship with one another. The team also assists in the coordination of various elements of the worship service. **Bev Nelson is Deacon of Hospitality.** Others on the Hospitality team are: Ron & Marcia Mool (Coffee Fellowship), Kelly Mool (Nursery), Kanda Steffen (Communion), & Peggy Poppen.



The Hospitality Team oversees Coffee Fellowship. Ron and Marcia Mool are the coordinators.

## Local Outreach/Benevolence

The Local Outreach Team exists to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by sharing the grace and truth of Christ in word and deed to local communities. The team seeks to administer grace through physical provision to those in need and invites those not involved in a church to Christ Community Church. **Stacy Ludy is Deacon of Local Outreach.** Others who work with her are: Tiffney & Tony Palmer, Trent Kaupp & Jonna Strauch.

## Technology

The technology team exists to serve the church by maintaining all of our technological needs. **Denny Foor is Deacon of Technology.** Denny works with many people in helping with the sound system, the projection system, and the computers used in the church building.

## Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry Team exists to serve the church by giving oversight and coordination to all ministry programs for children from preschool to 5th grade. **Becky Roth is Deacon of Children's Ministry.** She works with the Sunday School teachers, JAM and Children Church leaders. Others involved with the team are: Lori Hardman, Megan Castleman, Susan Johnson and Linda Hartzler.



Children's Ministry includes finding Sunday School teachers and equipping them to teach our young people about Jesus.

## Finance & Stewardship

The Finance Team exists to serve the church by developing and implementing plans for informed and faithful stewardship of church finances and property. **Derek Meiss is Deacon of Finance.** The Finance team members are: Chris Gentes, Phil Hartzler, Doug Nelson, Bob Wettstein, Ken Hall & Larry Hoyt.

## Church Meals

The Meals Team exists to coordinate all of the meals that occur as a ministry of Christ Community Church. **Jennifer Morrison is Deacon of Meals.** The team seeks to promote the One Another core value by loving those inside the church and the Beautiful Feet Core Value by ministering to those outside of the church by providing meals.

## Missions

The Missions Team exists to lead Christ Community in its effort to participate in the Great Commission in cross-cultural contexts. The Missions Team maintains close contact with our missionaries and seeks to teach and encourage every attendee at Christ Community to be obedient to the Great Commission as either a go-er or sender. **Keri Hany is Deacon of Missions.** Other team members are: Chuck Albritton, Seth Foor, Betty Kaupp, Delmar Smith, Robin Wahls.

# Women's Fellowship & Ministry Updates

## Build Your Own Easter Basket

Women's Fellowship has Easter baskets at the Welcome Center. Decorate and fill these baskets however you like for our church shut-ins or those who are battling an illness or disease.

Baskets will be available until **April 9** and should be delivered the week of Easter or before!

## Bake Sale

Women's Fellowship will be sponsoring a bake sale at the Pancake Breakfast on **April 8, 8-10 am.** Any kind of baked goods and food items are welcome! Breads, cakes, cookies, pies, rolls; anything you would like to bake, bring it in! You may bring your items to the Church Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Please label your items. Questions see Susan Laiming.

All proceeds raised at the Bake Sale will go to purchase a new wheel chair for Darci Poppen. Thank you for your support and help with this project! We pray this day will be a blessing to Darci and the Poppen family!

## - A little bit about Darci -

Darci was born August 9, 2004, six weeks premature. In February 2007, Darci was diagnosed with Rett Syndrome (RS). RS is a neurological disorder that causes a regression in skills affect-

ing speech, functional hand use, and coordination. She has struggled with repetitive hand wringing, tapping, or mouthing. Seizures, scoliosis, digestive, and breathing problems are not uncommon.

In November, they saw a surgeon at Shriners' Hospital and made a decision to have surgery. This past March, Darci had the surgery and Peggy, Darci's mother, said that Darci "has done exceptionally well! The hospital staff was amazed, and I know it was all due to prayer!"

Darci will be needing a new wheelchair after using her spinal brace, which will be in June.

The Poppen family appreciates the prayer support and encouragement they have received from our community.



Check out Darci's Caring Bridge webpage: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/darcipoppen>

## Tea, Tidbits & Truth

All ladies are invited to a luncheon on Saturday, May 6th from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Come enjoy a cup of tea and listen to a wonderful speaker and retired school teacher, **Pennie Hunter.** She is a wife, mother, grandmother and lives in Pontiac, IL with her husband, Milford. She was raised in a children's home near Wrigley Field in Chicago up until her early teenage years. She later arrived at the Salem Children's Home in Flanagan where she met her new foster parents, Dick & Dianne Matthews of Flanagan. After high school she graduated from Bob Jones University. She taught for 21 years all while raising three kids of her own and she continues to enjoy teaching young children, mentoring women and studying the scriptures.

Come hear how God has continued to give her strength, patience and wisdom as she grew up right here in Illinois. Come taste and see that the Lord is Good! There is only a \$5 charge to attend this event.

RSVP to Pat McKey at 309-287-6457. If you would like to be a host and decorate a table please contact Vera Wahls 815-945-7504 or Susie Johnson 309-287-5947. No childcare will be available, however, during the ladies gathering, there will be an additional program for girls K-6.

## April Birthdays

- 1 Anne Wettstein
- 4 Bonnie Sherrill
- 5 Dax Gentes
- 6 Abigail Kelly
- 7 Brier Meiss
- 9 Jim Mallory
- 9 Juno Zeller
- 11 Alyie Roth
- 11 Steele Hitchens
- 14 Jil Stauter
- 18 Colton Kelly
- 19 Tonya Krone
- 20 Alissa McKinsey
- 20 Eliza Meiss
- 22 Abby Huette
- 26 Marilee Wenger
- 27 Dusti Palmer
- 28 William Nyberg
- 29 Karen Neal
- 30 Sydney Hall

## Anniversaries

- 12 Dennis & Bonnie Sherrill
- 20 Steve & Mary Carls
- 28 Jordan & Marqui Krone

## Attendance & Offering

3/6	297	\$ 13,687
3/12	255	\$ 15,391
3/19	337	\$ 7,624
3/26	259	\$ 8,184



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## Coming Up!

Saturday, April 8  
7 am - 1 pm  
**62nd Annual Pancake & Sausage Day**

Sunday, April 30  
5-7 pm  
**One Another Meal In Homes**

June 17-23  
**Missions Trip to Guatemala**

July 24-28  
**Vacation Bible School**

Sunday, August 6  
5-7 pm  
**One Another Meal in Homes**