



## West Court Contact April 2026

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### **Love God. Trust God. Flow with Grace.**

#### **Embracing A Season of GRACE**

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."* **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)**

This season, we invite you to pause and reflect on the overwhelming gift of God's grace. Grace is not something we earn through our efforts or merit—it is a gift freely given by a loving God who desires a deeper relationship with each of us. In a world that constantly measures our worth by what we accomplish, God's grace reminds us that we are loved unconditionally, just as we are. Let His grace be the foundation of your faith, the source of your peace, and the anchor that holds you steady through life's storms.

#### **Get into the FLOW: Living Grace Out Loud**

*"Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."* **John 7:38 (NIV)**

God's grace is not meant to be held in isolation—it is meant to flow through us like rivers of living water, reaching out to touch the lives of those around us. When we truly trust in God and embrace His grace, that grace becomes a transformative force in our lives. It overflows into our relationships, our service, our generosity, and our witness. As we allow His grace to flow through us, we become channels of His love, inspiring others to seek and receive His gift. This month, we celebrate the ways our church community is allowing God's grace to flow into our neighborhoods and beyond.

#### **Grace in Action: Living Better Stories ...TOGETHER**

Witness the power of grace flowing through our congregation as we serve our community.



**Get into the FLOW!** We are celebrating the unity and grace that binds our church family together. These moments reflect our commitment to creating a welcoming space where everyone feels valued, loved, and part of God's family. Please Continue to FLOW with GRACE through Prayer, Service, Generosity & the Love of God – to every guest, every member – and every generation.

God has Blessed YOU!

Walk it out – *Gracefully!*

Pastor Bernard Drew



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 9:15am Sunday School <b>10:30am PALM SUNDAY &amp; BAPTISM SERVICE</b> <b>11:00am - 6:00pm Private Use Fellowship Hall</b> <b>6:00pm Rambling Rovers Comedy Night</b> 6:00pm The Ark	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	<b>1</b> 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team <b>6:00pm Virtual Bible Study</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class <b>6:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion &amp; Foot Washing</b>	<b>3</b> <b>5:00pm Good Friday Unity Service</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> <b>8:00am - 10:00am Community Easter Breakfast</b> 9:15am Sunday School <b>10:30am Easter Celebration Service</b> 11:30am - 1:30pm MBK Lunch 6:00pm The Ark	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	<b>8</b> 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team <b>6:00pm Virtual Bible Study</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00am Men's Breakfast at Liberty Diner <b>The Ark Regional Gathering</b>
<b>12</b> <b>9:15am - 10:30am Fresh Start Class</b> 9:15am Sunday School <b>The Ark Regional Gathering</b> 10:30am Worship Gathering 10:30am Youth Worship 11:30am - 1:30pm MBK Lunch	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team <b>6:00pm Virtual Bible Study</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. <b>4:30pm MBK Meal Prep</b> 5:00pm Yoga Class	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00am - 4:00pm Kit Together Craft Retreat with Alycia <b>9:00am Neighborhood Clean Up/Adopt-A-Highway</b>
<b>19</b> <b>9:15am - 10:30am Fresh Start Class</b> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gathering 10:30am Youth Message 11:30am - 1:30pm MBK Lunch 11:30am Youth Ministry Meeting 6:00pm The Ark	<b>20</b> 6:30pm Leadership Team Meeting	<b>21</b> 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class	<b>22</b> 12:30pm Women's Bible Study @ McLaren 5:00pm Worship Team <b>6:00pm Virtual Bible Study</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00am LOVE I.N.C. 5:00pm Yoga Class <b>6:00pm Rambling Rovers Game Night</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>11:00am - 1:00pm STEM Saturday</b>
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- 3 Hannah Dolan 13
- Cara Drew
- 6 Bernard Drew
- Christel Drew
- 7 Judy Flavin
- 8 Rashii & Tracy Waters 15 yrs
- 20 Barbara St.Cin

**Rambling Rovers Game Night**  
**Thursday, April 23 at 6:00PM**  
**Kupisch Home**

Bring your favorite snacks and games. Beverages will be provided.

Sign up at the Connection Center, please.

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Join us for an afternoon of music influenced by works of art, literature, music, and more.

SUNDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2026  
 @ 3PM

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 1539 PIERSON RD.  
 FLUSHING, MI 48433

Free Admission. Donations Welcome

## Dream It – See It

\*\*\*More information on the Capital Funds Campaign that was begun in December 2024!\*\*\*

**BELLS ARE STILL RINGING !!!!** It is not Christmas Bells but it is gifts. I continue to be excited when I see the number at the end of each month. Please check the thermometer posted in the hallway to show our progress. **I love being able to tell of our progress! God is faithful and the fund is growing!** If you have any questions, please see one of the Leadership Team. Keep your eyes open as we see God at work! As of January 31, 2026, **\$42,636.00** has been given! **Praise God!** Continue to pray for this endeavor as we keep up with the maintenance of God's building.



When you contribute to this Campaign please indicate on your envelope or your check that it is for the Capital Funds Campaign and know that we will not start any project without having sufficient funds for the completion of that project. Your gifts are greatly appreciated; any size donation is so helpful, it adds up when we work together.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Chris

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### WEST COURT STREET CHURCH OF GOD Children's Center, 1965 – 1999:



In 1965 West Court Street Church, having finished some updating in the building, explored ways to use the renovated facilities more than a handful of hours each week. The Board of Christian Education under Associate Pastor Sherrill Hayes' leadership began searching for ways to offer a weekday program for children of the community. This led to the opening of a part time developmental preschool. Licensed by the state, the West Court Nursery Center opened in September 1965 with ten children, ages three and four, with Dorothy Walker (who is sharing these memories with you) and Jeanette McAllister as the first teachers.

By the second semester of the first year, several new children joined the group, and by the second year, the enrollment had doubled. At that time, the only local programs for children of that age were a few commercial day care centers and a system of Cooperative Nurseries, in which parents were required to serve as assistants to the lead teachers several times a month. As that was not possible for many families, the word of our program quickly spread. By the fall of 1967 we had enrolled 40 children with a waiting list and increased the staff to five teachers and assistants. The children came from many different family and church backgrounds beyond those of our own church. They joined in our prayers at snack times, as well as songs and stories, both Christian and secular, and learned about sharing and taking turns. They enjoyed creative arts and crafts, as well as active play with blocks and climbing equipment.

As those early years progressed, working mothers began contacting us about their need for full-time care, and in 1979 the schedule expanded to a combination part-time preschool and full-time day care. Mildred Whiteley became Coordinator, managing the increased financial and enrollment requirements and I continued as Program Director. Many families returned year after year, bringing younger children as their older siblings went on to school and some families became part of the West Court Street Church family. As more local programs opened for parents to choose from, enrollments began to decrease and our long-time staff members to retire; it was time to close the project in 1999.

I have many happy memories of the full thirty-four years that I served in the program. I enjoy running into adults who remember me as their first teacher from years ago. When my family celebrated my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in the church fellowship hall recently I was blessed by a unique memory of those years by members of the Bigler family who attended together. Gail Humphrey Bigler was one of the ten children who made up our first group in 1965. And seated with her was her daughter Kelsey, who was a member of our group for our final semester in 1999. A special starting and ending to a ministry that we couldn't have foreseen in 1965.