

News & Notes August 20-29, 2026

The Feeding America Food Truck will be here on Friday, August 21 at 10:00 am. All are welcome to come and help distribute food!

Nursery: Aug. 23: Mila Van Tol, Aug. 30: Christie Cleveland, Sept. 6: Marcie Van Tol, Sept. 13: Faith Darland, Sept. 20: Sunny Freeman

Children's Chapel: Aug. 23: Julie Weller, Aug. 30: Maya Garcia

Welcome Center Host: Aug. 23: open, Aug. 30: Berni Geoghan

Hall Monitor: Aug. 23: Mike Geoghan, Aug. 30: Jim Moser, Sept. 6: Tim Brauer, Sept. 13: Scott VanDuine, Sept. 20: Tom VanAndel

Scripture Reference for Sunday: Exodus 17:8-13, Pastor Carlos Ramos

Intercessory Prayer this Sunday If you would appreciate having someone pray for you, then we invite you to remain in the Worship Center after the end of the service this Sunday. Prayer warriors will be available to join you and offer prayer on your behalf.

Congregational Meeting Update: Last Sunday at the Special Congregational Meeting, the members of Discovering Christ Church voted to affirm calling Rev. Jim Beezley for the position of lead pastor at DCC. The Search Committee and Leadership Team are now working with the Alliance of Reformed Churches to ensure compliance with the ARC requirements and complete any necessary documentation prior to formally submitting the call to Pastor Jim in writing. The formal call is expected to be presented to him by DCC leadership this month.

There will be a **Children's Chapel Volunteer Meeting** this Sunday after the worship service in the AP room. If you are a current volunteer or wanting to learn more about this ministry, please plan to attend.

Compass Kids Volunteer Meeting – If you're planning to volunteer to help with our new Compass Kids program or are interested in learning more, please plan to attend a short meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 6:30pm in the AP room.

Compass Kids: Compass Kids is the name of our NEW Wednesday night program. This will be an entirely different program than AWANA. We would love to have volunteers to assist with the kids. Sign-up sheets will be available at the information counter in the lobby. There will also be a donation board located there which will be filled with items that are needed for the program. Feel free to grab a slip (just like you did for VBS) to purchase and donate an item. Donations will need to be here by Aug. 30 and can be brought to the office or placed in room #29. If you have any questions, please contact the Compass Kids director, Alyssa Brauer, or Gordon Van Duinen. Alyssa will also be present at the information counter this Sunday if you would like to speak to her.

Connect: Woman to Woman will meet on Monday, August 24 at 7:00p.m. in the FLC. Coleen Briggs, missionary to Vietnamese children in Cambodia, will be our guest speaker. All women 18 and older are welcome and encouraged to attend. Coleen says, "I would like to personally encourage DCC women and their friends to come. We will have some hands-on fun and games Vietnamese-style; hear testimonies of God's amazing grace; have Q&A time (silly and serious questions are welcome!) and a bit more."

There will be a **Pathways (Sunday School) Teachers' Meeting** on August 24 at 7:00pm in FLC-1.

The **Golf Banquet** will be held on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. This is open to those golfers who played in the church golf league this summer. We look forward to seeing you!

Card Shower & Farewell - On Sunday, August 30, we will be hosting a farewell gathering for the Derrin Derrick family during the coffee fellowship hour. There will be coffee & treats to nibble on and a basket will be available for cards and/or gifts. Please be sure to attend and support the Derrick family with your prayers, encouragement, and love as we honor Derrin's 16 years of faithful ministry to Discovering Christ Church. If you are unable to attend, you may send cards to the church and Jenna will make sure they are included in the card basket.

Celebratory Church Potluck – You’re invited to celebrate the start of a new year of ministry programming at an “all-church” potluck on Sunday, Sept. 6 at 11:30am. We are requesting that each family bring either a main dish, side dish, or dessert to pass. Please note we’re capping desserts at 10, so sign up quickly! Please bring table service for your household. DCC will provide beverages for all. A sign-up sheet is on bulletin board A in the hallway by the mailboxes. Please indicate your name, the number attending, and the dish(es) you intend to provide.

The Calvinist Cadet Corps Will Be Starting Soon! Cadets will be held on the **1st, 2nd, and 3rd** Mondays of the month from 6:00-8:00pm in room #32. Boys 8-14 are invited to attend. If you’re interested in being a part of this club, please plan to attend our registration in room #32 on Monday, Sept. 14 at 6:00pm. Any questions can be directed to head counselor, Jim Moser, at 231-740-8273.

Thank You: “I would like to thank the congregation for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, and calls, after the Pit Bull attack on Saul and myself. We are recovering very well. Saul got his stitches out last week and will be back to normal and I am doing good too. We are very appreciative for such a caring church family.” -Tim DeVriendt

On Sunday August 23 from 4-6pm at Hackley Park, the Muskegon County Cooperating Churches will be hosting “A Prayer Walk Against Gun Violence”. Mike Geoghan would like to invite our members to participate in this event as gun violence impacts all of us either directly or indirectly and this event presents us at DCC an opportunity to join with our brothers and sisters in faith in MCCC in prayer in response to this community crisis.

The Foundry - Fall Classes open to all Michigan Catalyst Network Churches. (That’s us!) Two classes are being offered starting as soon as August 26.

Missional Story of Scripture is co-taught by Jeff Fisher and Branson Parler and focuses on understanding the overarching biblical story from Genesis to Revelation. This course is from 12:00pm-3:00pm at Remembrance Church on Wednesdays, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 30, and Oct. 7. This course is great for staff, elders, deacons, and leaders at every level. All the details, including registration can be found online at www.thefoundrygr.org

Engaging the New Testament is taught by Branson Parler and develops knowledge of the New Testament with the option of adding skills to preach and teach in ways that are biblically sound and practically effective. This course meets from 6:30pm-9:00pm at Hopkins Community Church on Mondays, Aug. 31, Sept. 14, Sept. 28, and Oct. 12. This course is great for people who want to be further equipped with in-depth Bible knowledge. All the details, including registration link, can be found online at www.thefoundrygr.org

Praises and Prayer Requests

Isaiah 42:9 – Some churches struggle with wanting a pastor who is like the previous pastor. Others wish someone who is just the opposite. Pray that all would be receptive to GOD showing us new things in the congregation and accept HIS perfect will above our own desires.

Be in prayer for Mary Calloway who will be having 2 major back-to-back back surgeries on August 25 & 27. Pray for Mary to experience God’s peace, for His hand to be upon the surgeons as they seek to repair and heal Mary’s back, and for strength & patience amidst her recovery process.

Pray for our youth based on Psalm 119:105. Ask God to give them power to grasp what’s in His Word as a lamp for their feet and a light on their path.

Church Facility Calendar: Worship Center (WC), Family Life Center (FLC), Kitchen (K), Library (Lib.), Next Steps (NS), Fellowship Hall (FH), Prayer Room (PR), All-Purpose Room (AP)

Friday, August 21 – Feeding America Food Truck-10am (FLC, K), Kalinowski Rehearsal-5pm (WC)

Saturday, August 22 – Kalinowski Wedding-3pm (WC, NS, AP)

Sunday, August 23 - Worship-10:00am (WC), Children’s Chapel Mtg.-11:30am (AP)

Monday, August 24 – Sunday School Teacher’s Mtg.-7:00pm (FLC-1), Connect: Woman to Woman-7pm (FLC, K)

Tuesday, August 25 – Staff Meeting-9:30am (FLC-1), Golf Banquet-6pm (FLC,K)

Wednesday, August 26 – Hour of Power Prayer Meeting-3:30pm (PR), Compass Kids Meeting-6:30pm (AP)