

News & Notes February 19-28, 2026

The **Feeding America Food Truck** will be here on Friday, February 20 at 10am. You are always welcome to help distribute food and/or participate in the "Bit-of-Bible" that is offered in the Family Life Center from 9-9:15am. Anyone in need of food assistance is encouraged to come.

Nursery: Feb. 22: Evelyn Darland, March 1: Alishia Derrick, March 8: Sunny Miller, March 15: Karen Fritzemeier
Children's Chapel: Feb. 22: Maya Garcia, March 1: Eavee Walker, March 8: Maya Garcia, March 15: Julie Weller
Welcome Center Host: Feb. 22: open, March 1: open, March 8: Sue Crider, March 15: open
Scripture Reference for Sunday: Pastor Matthew Sharpe, John 13:1-11

This Sunday we will gather at 9:00 AM to pray for the Honduras Team together. Join us before worship on Sunday Feb. 22 at 9:00 AM in the All-Purpose room (south of the kitchen). The team will leave for Honduras in the early hours that morning.

Intercessory Prayer this Sunday If you would appreciate having someone pray with 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 pray on your behalf.

At Risk/Safe Church Training: If you plan to serve with children or youth in any ministry (AWANA, VBS, Children's Chapel, Nursery, Cadets, Youth Groups, or Sunday School) and have not yet completed our required safety training—or if it has been 2 years since you last attended—please join us for the At Risk/Safe Church Training on Sunday, February 22, immediately following the morning worship service in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage everyone serving in these ministries to attend.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP! Connect: Woman to Woman will meet THIS Monday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Marie Essenberg will be leading us in a **Canvas Painting** event. This event is for women and girls 8 years and older. (Girls under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult). No prior experience is necessary; Marie assures us that everyone can be successful. This is always a great evening of fun, creativity, and encouraging one another—please join us. We are asking for a \$5 donation to cover the cost of the canvas. You are welcome to bring a snack to share. **Please sign up on the bulletin board with your name and the number of people coming with you.** If you have any questions, please contact Michealle Cleveland (730-0165) or Marie Essenberg (750-6241).

Pastoral Search Team Update:

- We met Tuesday evening, thanking Jesus that He is our Good Shepherd - He is our everything, leading us in the path He has planned for us. His presence surrounds us in times of peace, He is our strength in times of fear and doubt, and He comforts, guides, and corrects us with His Word. He provides for us more than we ever could imagine with His goodness and love - as we abide in His presence.
- We had the opportunity to interview a second candidate and look forward to some busy weeks ahead as we plan to meet more frequently, conducting additional first and second interviews. We continue to review resumes of applicants, seeking God's direction.
- There have been a couple of applications since we met last time that are being considered.
- We thank you for your continued support and prayer. Please don't give up praying for discernment, that we trust in the Lord with all our heart - leaning not on our own understanding (This is hard!), submitting to Him to lead us in the path He has planned for us.

It's Time to Update our Directory! We are working to keep contact information for those who attend DCC up-to-date and we're using new software to do that. It means a little extra work for you (just this once), but the administrative benefit is great. Please take a few minutes to fill out the digital Household Directory Form. You can access it by clicking on the following link or by scanning the QR code with your phone. I promise, it's simple. If you have no technology available to complete this then you may pick up a paper form at the welcome center and submit it to the office or place it in the "Darland" church mailbox. PLEASE complete this form by Sunday, March 1. Thank you! <https://discoveringchristchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1154717>



Follow the Honduras Mission Team - If you aren't following us yet on our new Facebook page, now is the time to do so! Pastor Scott and the Honduras mission team will be posting daily updates as they serve in LaPaz, Feb. 22-28. Search for us as: Discovering Christ Church then 'like' and 'follow' our page!

Alaska Mission Trip— We are planning to return to Homer, Alaska June 20-27, 2026 to support the work of our missionaries Cody and Tricia Groeneveld at Alaska Bible Institute and Alaska Village Missions. There are spots available on the team and you are invited to join us. Please contact Derrin for more details and an application if you would like to be a part of this intergenerational service trip. derrin@discoveringcc.com

College Student of the Week: Take time to send a note of encouragement to our young adults who are living away from home while attending college or a trade school.

Izze DeJonge, 3201 Burton St. SE, Noordewier 128, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Home-Bound Friends of the Week: Take a moment to send a card, make a phone call, or visit the following friends.

Richard Vitek, 4041 Leclare St., Muskegon, MI 49444

Coral Wiles, 1050 Walnut Grove Dr., Norton Shores, MI 49441

Student Ministries:

RNR (High School)

- We are forming a team to return to Alaska June 20-27, 2026. Turn in your application to join the team ASAP.
- Sunday, February 22, 6-8pm – We will continue the series Love in Chaos and will be discussing *Love Your Neighbor* this week.
- March 13 – Intersect '26 will be held at 3Mile Project near Grand Rapids! This is our annual all-area over-nighter. The cost is just \$25 and includes pizza and drink, all games and activities, and donuts in the morning. Movie theaters, skate park, mini-golf course, ninja-warrior course, board games, basketball, volleyball, and more! Bring your friends! Get your registration and info at RNR. The deadline to secure your spot is March 1st.

SWAG (Junior High)

- Wednesday, February 25, 6-8pm – We will be looking at the Biblical Themes of *The Holy Spirit, Public Reading of Scripture, & Justice*.
- Wednesday, March 4, 6-8pm – We will be looking at the Biblical Themes of *The Exile, God, Son of Man*.

Praises and Prayer Requests

Prayers for the Pastoral Search Process: “We pray for a pastor who will be a faithful steward of Your Word, leading us into deeper understanding and application of Scripture. Grant us a leader who will shepherd our congregation with humility, love, and grace.”

The Honduras mission team leaves for their mission trip to La Paz, Honduras on Feb. 22 and will be back on the 28th. Please keep them in your prayers daily as they seek to serve the Honduran people and bring the Gospel message of grace and forgiveness.

From Michealle Cleveland: “I have a prayer request from my sister-in-law, Charlotte Carter. Char and my brother Brad are faithful online attendees. Char’s Aunt Patty had heart surgery a few weeks ago; she has since had to have a trach put in, placed on dialysis, and placed into a medically induced coma. She is out of the coma but is not very responsive. Please pray for healing, wisdom for the medical staff, and peace for the family.”

Prayers for our Youth based on John 6:35. Ask God to give them power to rely on Him to meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

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)

Thursday, Feb. 19 – Pickleball-9am (FLC), Men’s Bible Study-9:30am (NS)

Friday, Feb. 20 – Feeding America Food Truck-10am (FLC), Athletic Sensations Baton Class-6pm (FLC)

Sunday, February 22 - Worship-10:00am (WC), At Risk/Safe Church Training-11:15am (FH), Sr. High RnR-6pm (FLC, K)

Monday, Feb. 23 – Pickleball-9:00am (FLC), Connect: Woman to Woman-7pm (FLC)

Tuesday, Feb. 24 – Staff Meeting-9:30am (FLC-1), Voices of Praise-7:00pm (WC)

Wednesday, Feb. 25 –Hour of Power Prayer Meeting-3:30pm (PR), AWANA-6pm, Jr. High SWAG-6pm (FLC, K)

Thursday, Feb. 26 – Pickleball-9am (FLC), Men’s Bible Study-9:30am (NS)

Friday, Feb. 27 – Athletic Sensations Baton Class-6pm (FLC, FLC-1)