

## News & Notes April 16-25, 2026

The **Feeding America Food Truck** will be here on Friday, April 17 at 10:00am. If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please arrive at 9am.

**Nursery:** April 19: Christie Cleveland, April 26: Alishia Derrick, May 3: Ev Darland, May 10: Sunny Miller, May 17: Karen Fritzeimer

**Children's Chapel:** April 19: Maya Garcia, April 26: Julie Weller, May 3: Maya Garcia, May 10: Eavee Walker, May 17: Julie Weller

**Welcome Center Host:** April 19: Laurie Kern, April 26: open, May 3: open, May 10: open, May 17: Sue Crider

**Hall Monitor:** April 19: Mike Geoghan, April 26: John Kuipers, May 3: Tom Van Anandel, May 10: Scott VanDuine, May 17: Tony Darland

**Scripture Reference for Sunday:** Derrick, John 20:19-31

### Search Team Update:

- The Pastoral Search Team met this past Tuesday evening. Our devotional time was based on Proverbs 3:5-6 "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*" We know this trust isn't blind faith, but we have confident reliance on God's character and wisdom, even when our own understanding falls short.
- We invited a potential candidate and his family to visit DCC March 27-29 for the purpose of the discernment of both the candidate and members of the search team and leadership team to determine if this was a good fit. They were able to join us at the Orange Hat Dinner, meet with the Search Team and Leadership Team, Pastor Scott and Sherri, and then join us for worship on Sunday. They were also able to check out our community.
- After much prayer and discernment, he and his wife felt the Lord close the door on this opportunity.
- We continue to receive applications and hope to have another interview this coming week.

As we wait on the Lord may our roots grow deep into God's faithfulness sustaining us in every circumstance.

**Table Set-Up:** We will be setting up tables for the Used-Items Sale this Sunday (April 19) at 7:30pm. We would really appreciate help with this task as the more hands we have, the quicker we can accomplish the job. Please consider joining us.

This Sunday, April 19, is our **last day of Sunday School**. Next week we will be serving ice cream treats during coffee fellowship in celebration of a wonderful year.

**LifeWise Academy - Reeths-Puffer Register Now:** If you have a student or know of one in Reeths-Puffer Elementary School, you can register now for bible education classes during the school day, starting this week, Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>. If you want more information or a registration form, please see Steve Cleveland today. More information to follow about the fall program.

**Ministry Teams** will meet on Monday, April 20 at 7pm.

**Baked Goods for the Sale** - If you would like to donate delightful baked goods to sell at the Used Items Sale, please deliver them to the church gym by Thursday, April 23. Thank you.

**A BBQ Luncheon** will be held on Friday, April 24 during the Used Items Sale. Please come and enjoy a delicious lunch, beginning at noon!

**Used-Items Sale** This year's sale will be held on Friday, April 24, 9am-4pm and Saturday, April 25, 9am-1pm. We will be accepting donated items starting on Monday, April 20 through Wednesday, April 22. As always, many helping hands will be needed and are appreciated! Please call Carolyn Matthews at 744-7559 or Nancy Liebertz at 744-4533 with any questions.

**Connect: Woman to Woman** will be meeting on Monday, April 27 at 7:00 in the Family Life Center. We will be providing pizza and salad for dinner! Come with a friend to enjoy good food and friendship with other women. Women ages 18-101 are welcome!

**It's Spring Property Clean-Up Time!** Spring is here and that means it is time for some spring cleaning. As you might imagine there is a lot to do to maintain property like ours. Therefore, we would welcome your help and participation in keeping things in good order. Each spring and fall we put forth extra effort to clean up the church grounds in preparing for the season ahead. We have set that date for Saturday, May 2 from 9am-1pm. We'd love to help your help! Any questions? Please contact Morry Harms at 815-540-6248.

**Congregational "Farewell" & Retirement Party** – We will be hosting a gathering during coffee fellowship time on Sunday, May 3 for Pastor Scott and Sherri VanArendonk & family. We invite you to attend as we acknowledge Pastor Scott's retirement from DCC and fondly celebrate the VanArendonk family and the time and love they have invested in Discovering Christ Church these past 9 years. Cake, coffee, and punch will be served in the Family Life Center, and a basket will be available for cards & well wishes. If you will be unable to make it, you may place your cards in the box at the Welcome Center now and we will make sure they get to the VanArendonks.

**The Leadership Team Update** for the month of April is available. Pick up a copy at the welcome center.

**OUTREACH:** Discovering Christ Church has a long history of supporting missions here in Muskegon, West Michigan and around the world. A new five-to-ten-person Outreach/Mission Team is being formed. We need you if you have a passion for supporting missionaries and organizations spreading the love and good news of Jesus. Contact Steve Cleveland or Jenna Darland if you need more information or are willing to be part of the Outreach Team.

**Alliance of Reformed Churches Gathering 2026** is coming August 19-21 to Community Reformed Church in Zeeland, Michigan. The speakers will challenge and encourage us to explore what it means to live out discipleship today. This national gathering is close by this year and will include inspirational speakers, moving worship, interesting discussions, and connecting with other Christians from around the US of A— plus great meals. The early bird price for all three days is \$60 until April 30<sup>th</sup>, after that the cost increases to \$80. A one-day pass will be \$30 if you only want to attend one day. Contact Steve Cleveland for more details. Here's the link to register: <https://arc21.org/gathering> Everyone in the DCC Congregation is encouraged to attend this annual ARC gathering! It would be fabulous if we could fill up our bus!

**Spring is HERE!** (At least that is what the calendar says). That also means the care of the church's landscaping is also something that needs attention. The idea that was started years ago was that with the help of many volunteers (Adopt-a-Plot) we can make the area around the church grounds attractive and welcoming. The property team feels it is important in maintaining the appearance of our facility. The team does a lot of the work, but we need help in keeping it looking good. Therefore, we are requesting your help in maintaining the area next to the building and some outlying areas. In the narthex of the church there will be a poster with an opportunity to sign up for a section or more. We are hoping that we can solicit enough volunteers, so we don't have to pay someone to care for the areas indicated. If you have any questions please contact Morry Harms at 815-540-6248.

**Know Where to Go! A reminder from the Safety and Security Team:** As the weather warms, we are reminded that spring often brings severe weather. If a tornado watch is in effect, services and activities might be cancelled. In the event of a tornado warning while onsite, retreat to the center hallway by the mailboxes and continue to monitor the weather until the threat has passed. As always, any closings or cancellations will be posted on WZZM, WOODTV-8, and our website - [DiscoveringChristChurch.org](http://DiscoveringChristChurch.org).

Did you know that the north side of the parking lot between Dollar General and the basketball hoops is the reunification site if the building needs to be evacuated for fire or any other reason? In case the building needs to be evacuated, make your way there so everyone can be accounted for.

**Early Ticket Sales for Unity Christian Music Festival, August 5-8** – Come worship with Tenth Avenue North, for KING & COUNTRY, Crowder, We Are Messengers, and MANY more artists!! Tickets are available for a discounted price if purchased through the church office by **May 28**. Kids 5 & under are free. A 1-day pass is \$50, a 3-day pass is \$80, and a family pass is \$375. The family pass is for families of five or more needing 3-day passes—to qualify parents and children (ages 6-18) must live in the same household. To place your order, contact Jenna in the church office Monday-Thursday, 9am-2:45pm. Payment is due when you order your tickets. Checks should be made out to “Alive on the Lakeshore.” Jenna will not be taking orders on Sundays—please contact her during office hours at [office@discoveringcc.com](mailto:office@discoveringcc.com) or 744-4781.

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

**Bill Ellis**, 2420 E Riverwood Dr., Twin Lake, MI 49457

**Barb Jorgensen**, Baldwin House, 17046 Lloyds Bayou Dr #404, Spring Lake, MI 49456

#### **Student Ministries:**

##### **RNR (High School)**

- Sunday, April 19, 6-8pm –The Pattern of Distraction will be our topic as we continue the series *Every Thought Captive*.
- Sunday, April 26, 6-8pm –How easily are you offended? What is your first response? The Pattern of Offense will be our topic as we continue the series *Every Thought Captive*.
- Sunday, April 26, 6-8pm – What “dry ground” in your life right now needs the water of God’s Word spoken over it? Say it Out Loud will be our topic as we continue the series *Every Thought Captive*.

#### **Praises and Prayer Requests**

Prayers for the Pastor Search Process: Colossians 1:9 – Pray for God to fill the committee with knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding, and for strength.

Bill Wright went for his bladder cancer checkup. His doctor said, "You are cancer free." PRAISE GOD!

Please be in prayer for Ed Buitendorp. He is hospitalized in Grand Haven with a bad case of pneumonia. He is struggling to breathe so much that it is stressing out his heart. Therefore, the medical team is considering putting him on a ventilator and possibly moving him to a different hospital. Please pray for God's healing touch and for His Holy Spirit to grant Jan and Ed peace amidst this storm.

Marilyn VanAndel's back surgery was cancelled. A root canal infection needs to heal before they can proceed with her surgery. Pray for that healing to take place.

Please be in prayer for Deb Lothschutz who will be having shoulder surgery on Thursday, April 16. We ask that the Lord would guide and direct the hands of the medical team so that they may be the instruments of His healing.

Ruthann Sterenberg's back surgery was canceled just before she left the house. She will wait for the doctors to reschedule. Ed is now able to drive, praise God. Once surgery does happen, a family member will be providing meals. If assistance becomes necessary, Ed and Ruthann will be sure to let their DCC family know.

**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, April 16 – Pickleball-9am (FLC), Men's Bible Study-9:30am (NS)

Friday, April 17 – Feeding America Food Truck-10am (FLC, K), Athletic Sensations Baton-5:30pm (FLC, FLC-1)

Sunday, April 19 - Worship-10:00am (WC), Sunday School-11:15am, Sr. High RNR-6:00pm (K, FLC)

Monday, April 20 – **Used Items Sale Set Up**, Cadets-6pm (#32), Ministry Team Meetings-7pm

Tuesday, April 21 – **Used Items Sale Set Up**, Staff Meeting-9:30am (FLC-1), Voices of Praise-7:00pm (WC)

Wednesday, April 22 – **Used Items Sale Set Up**, Hour of Power Prayer Meeting-3:30pm (PR), Search Team Mtg.-6:30pm (#31)

Thursday, April 23 – **Used Items Sale Set Up**, Men's Bible Study-9:30am (NS)

Friday, April 24 – **Used Items Sale-9am-4pm**

Saturday, April 25 – **Used Items Sale-9am-1pm**