

## **News & Notes** January 15-24, 2026

**The Feeding America Food Truck** will be here on Friday, January 16, at 10:00am. Anyone is welcome to come and help distribute food.

**Nursery:** Jan. 18: Berni Geoghan, Jan. 25: Jenna Darland, Feb. 1: Alyssa Brauer, Feb. 8: Marcie Van Tol

**Children's Chapel:** Jan. 18: Eavee Walker, Jan. 25: Julie Weller, Feb. 1: Maya Garcia, Feb. 8: Julie Weller

**Welcome Center Host:** Jan. 18: Jody Bushen, Jan. 25: Sue Crider

**Scripture Reference for Sunday:** Stephen VanAntwerpen, Matthew 5:17-20

**Ministry Teams** are due to meet on Monday, January 19 at 7:00pm.

**Orange Hat Society** – There will be a short meeting following the worship service this Sunday to consider the annual Orange Hat Wild Game Dinner. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please plan to meet in the Next Steps room off the lobby at 11:20am.

**Connect: Woman to Woman** – Ladies, have you ever wondered what “Music Therapy” is? Now is your chance to find out. Please join us for our Connect meeting on Monday, January 26 at 7pm in the Family Life Center. Violet VanArendonk will be sharing her love for music and how it is used as a method of healing.

**We have a new Facebook page!** The former page, titled “Discovering Christ Church of Muskegon” will no longer be active. Please “like” and “follow” us by searching out our NEW page, “Discovering Christ Church.”

The **Leadership Team Update** for the month of January is available at the Welcome Center.

**Thank You** – Deb Lothschutz expresses her gratitude to the DCC family for their cards and prayers offered during her recent knee surgery. The surgery went well and she is beginning occupational and physical therapy at home.

**Offering Envelope Giving Statements** – If you would like a 2025 statement of giving for your tax records, please fill out a giving statement form, located at the Welcome Center, and place it in the offering plate or drop it off in the office. Please remember – the deacons track giving by envelope number ONLY. They will not be able to provide you with a statement without your 2025 offering envelope number. Please allow **2 weeks** for the deacons to process your request.

**Tithe.ly Giving Statements for the 2025 year** will be automatically sent via email in the coming weeks. The News and Notes will notify you when this happens. If you do not receive your statement at that time, please notify Brad VanderWall. Remember to check your spam/junk folder.

**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.

**Mila Van Tol**, North Wonders Hall, Room 313, 891 Birch Road, East Lansing, MI 48825

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

**Sharon Karel**, 1764 E. Apple Ave., Apt. 508, Muskegon, MI 49442

**Jim Peterman**, Oasis of Norton Shores, 6025 Harvey St. #513, Norton Shores, MI 49444

## **Student Ministries:**

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

- Sunday, January 18, 6-8pm – We will start a new series called “Love in Chaos” and will be talking about *A Divided Culture* this week.
- February 13-15 are the dates for the Elevate Winter Retreat to CranHill Ranch. Turn in your registration and payment ASAP. See Derrin if you need a registration packet.
- We are forming a team to return to Alaska June 20-27, 2026. Turn in your application to join the team by February 1.

### **SWAG (Junior High)**

- Wednesday, January 21, 6-8pm – We will be looking at the Biblical Themes of *Holiness, Sacrifice and Atonement, and The Law*.
- Wednesday, January 28, 6-8pm – We will be looking at the Biblical Themes of *Gospel of the Kingdom, Image of God, and The Day of the Lord*.

## **Praises and Prayer Requests**

We express our sympathy to Jan and Bob Herrmann, upon the passing of Jan’s brother on Jan. 13, David Church. Please keep the Herrmann and Church families in your prayers for comfort and peace during this time.

The Rukes group has received multiple applications for the open Pastor position here at DCC. Pray for discernment as each one is reviewed. Continue in prayer for the individual whom God has chosen for this position. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit, dedicated to God’s Word, and committed to nurturing our congregation. May God grant us unity as we seek His will together, putting aside personal preferences and agendas.

Pray for Darla, sister of Angie Harms. Darla is wrestling with health issues and has chosen to accept—as permanent—a feeding tube for her nourishment and a tracheostomy to help her breathe. Pray God's peace and family support for Darla; pray God's peace over Angie and her concerns.

Please pray for Jeanne Hickman. Jeanne has been suffering with a bad cough and low energy for several days. Pray for God's healing, strength, and relief in her recovery process.

On January 18, 2026, we invite you to celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SoHLS). SoHLS is a day for Americans to focus on the value of each and every human life. As Christ-followers, we believe that human beings are created by God in His image. Therefore, every person, from conception to natural death, possesses inherent dignity and immeasurable worth—including preborn children, elderly individuals, those with special needs and others who are marginalized by society. Christians, then, are called to defend, protect, and value all human life. A prayer guide is available at the Welcome Center.

Pray for our youth based on 1 Corinthians 10:13. Ask God to help them grow in desire to rely on His power to turn away when faced with destructive temptations.

**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, Jan. 15 – Men’s Bible Study-8:30am (AP), Pickleball-9am (FLC)

Friday, Jan. 16 – Feeding America Food Truck-10am (FLC)

Saturday, Jan. 17 – Haak-12pm (FLC, K)

Sunday, Jan. 18 - Worship-10:00am (WC), Sunday School-11:15am, Sr. High RNR-6pm (FLC, K)

Monday, Jan. 19 – Pickleball-9:00am (FLC), Cadets-6pm (#32, FLC), Ministry Teams-7pm

Tuesday, Jan. 20 – Staff Meeting-9:30am (FLC-1), Search Team-6:30pm (#31), Voices of Praise-7:00pm (WC)

Wednesday, Jan. 21 –Hour of Power Prayer Meeting-3:30pm (PR), AWANA-6pm, Jr. High SWAG-6pm (FLC, K)

Thursday, Jan. 22 – Men’s Bible Study-8:30am (AP), Pickleball-9am (FLC)