

News & Notes May 14-23, 2026

The **Feeding America Food Truck** will be here on Friday, May 15 at 10:00am. If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please arrive at 9am.

Nursery: May 17: Karen Fritzemeier, May 24: Berni Geoghan, May 31: Jenna Darland, June 7: Alyssa Brauer

Children's Chapel: May 17: Julie Weller, May 24: Maya Garcia, May 31: Julie Weller, June 7: Eavee Walker

Welcome Center Host: May 17: Sue Crider, May 24: open, May 31: Berni Geoghan, June 7: open

Hall Monitor: May 17: Tony Darland, May 24: John Kuipers, May 31: Tom Van Anandel, June 7: Mike Geoghan

Scripture Reference for Sunday: Pastor Carlos Ramos, Proverbs 25:11

Pastor Search Team Update

- As we gathered May 6 our devotions were based on 1 Samuel - reminding us of how God uses people when they listen for His voice. Hannah pleaded for a son - then dedicated him to the Lord. Samuel, her son heard God's voice in the night - he responded with "Here I am, send me." Samuel listened and obeyed God as the Israelites wanted a king even though Samuel didn't think it was right. Years later God rejected King Saul - He used Samuel again as he searched for a new king, listening for His voice - it was not the oldest, most handsome son, nor the next 6 - it was David, the youngest - still tending the sheep. The Lord does not look at what man looks at. He looks at the heart. Please pray with us to truly listen for God's voice for His will to be done in our hearts, the life of our congregation, the pastor search team, and for the pastor He is leading us to.
- We had a second interview with a candidate and continue to review additional candidates as we seek God's direction.

This Sunday we welcome Stacey Flores as she shares how important it is for **Muskegon Pregnancy Services** to reach women who are considering abortion and help when they become pregnant. In a media world where information is at your fingertips, MPS provides truth, hope and the love of Jesus. Our faith community has supported this ministry for many years - we look forward to hearing how God is at work within them and how we can be part of it as well.

After she speaks, there will be a **special offering** to support Muskegon Pregnancy Services. Cash, coins, and checks (made out to Muskegon Pregnancy Services) are welcome. If you prefer to donate online please visit their website,

<https://muskegonpregnancyservices.org/>

GRADUATES - DUE THIS SUNDAY! We want to honor and celebrate you! June 7th will be Graduate Recognition Sunday. If you are graduating from high school, college, trade school, or military school, we want to know. Please fill out the Graduate Information Sheet and return it to Derrin (Derrin@DiscoveringCC.com) or the church office by this **Sunday, May 17**. H.S. graduates, be sure to send your pictures too. More information is on the sheet which is available at the welcome center and **HERE**. Please contact Derrin if you have any questions.

Ministry Teams will meet on Monday, May 18 at 7pm.

THIS WEDNESDAY - The Used-Items Sale is in the rear-view mirror. Once again God saw us through with only sore backs and feet. Now that we are all feeling better, let's **CELEBRATE** on Wednesday, May 20. Tom and Marilyn Van Anandel are inviting everyone who helped with the yard sale—from setting up tables to tearing down and packing up—to an old-fashioned wienie roast, potluck, and campfire at their house. Starting at 6:03 pm, bring your lawn chairs and a dish to share. We will supply hot dogs, cold and hot drinks, and table service. Please RSVP at 231-329-4344. We hope to see all of you! P.S. In case of inclement weather, we will hold it in the Family Life Center. (Except for the campfire, of course!) Van Anandel's address: 4305 Staple Rd., Muskegon, 49445

The church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 25.

There will be no **Connect: Woman to Woman** this month due to the Memorial Day holiday. Enjoy your holiday!

TIME IS ALMOST UP! Purchase Your Tickets for Unity Christian Music Festival by May 28! Tickets are available for a discounted price if purchased through the church office. To place your order, contact Jenna in the church office Monday-Thursday, 9am-2:45pm. Payment is due upon order. Checks should be made out to "Alive on the Lakeshore." Jenna will not be taking orders on Sundays.

The Leadership Team Update for the May meeting is available at the Welcome Center.

VBS July 22-25, 6-8:30pm Our theme this year is **True North**. This program points kids to Jesus, A Faithful Friend we can Trust. In this Wild World we live in, it is easy to lose sight of what is true. When we wonder, when we feel alone, when we feel powerless, when we need hope, when we need help—**We Can Trust in Jesus**. Please consider taking on the role of a station leader for either our Bible

story or a Sticky scripture area. If you are interested, but not willing yet to commit, please reach out to Marcie Van Tol (616) 502-9695 with any questions. Please also be in prayer for volunteers, participants, and for this program to reach the children and families from our church family and our community.

Thank You: "I want to thank the congregation for your cards, prayers, and sympathies during my brother Tom's passing. It's a blessing to be a part of the DCC family." -John Kuipers

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, May 17, 6-8pm – **Year End Party!** Games, Fun, Good Food! This will be our last regular RNR meeting for the season. Be sure to have your contact information current so you can stay informed with our summer activities.
- June 7, 10:00am is Graduation Recognition Sunday. Plan to attend and support our graduating seniors.
- Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, July 22-25. Come be part of the team and help the VBS Directory, Marcie Van Tol.

Praises and Prayer Requests

John 13:34, John 17:21 – Pray for a miraculous sense of love and unity among all members of the church. "Help us surrender all bitterness, division, and anger within our church family. Lord, empower us to love one another with a patient, forgiving love."

Please pray for Michealle Cleveland. She is undergoing treatment for Bell's Palsy, a viral condition that causes sudden weakness or paralysis on one side of the face, often resulting in a droopy appearance. Michealle also has a macular hole in the retina of her left eye (the macula is a small, round area at the center of the retina that limits her to just peripheral vision.) She is scheduled for surgery on May 27. She's also anticipating surgery to remove an overactive parathyroid gland sometime in the near future, but that hasn't been scheduled yet.

Pray for our youth based on Matthew 6:25. Ask God to give them power to trust Him when tempted to worry about their lives.

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, May 14 – Men's Bible Study-9:30am (NS)

Friday, May 15 – Feeding America Food Truck-10am (FLC, K), Athletic Sensations Baton Class-5:30pm (FLC, FLC-1)

Sunday, May 17 - Worship-10:00am (WC), Sr. High RNR Youth Group-6:00pm (FLC, K)

Monday, May 18 – Ministry Team Meetings-7pm

Tuesday, May 19 – Staff Meeting-9:30am (FLC-1), Stretch Class-9:30am (FH), Search Team-6:30 pm (#31)

Wednesday, May 20 – Hour of Power Prayer Meeting-3:30pm (PR), Van Andel/Rain Back Up-6pm (FLC, K)

Thursday, May 21 – Men's Bible Study-9:30am (NS)

Friday, May 22 – Athletic Sensations Baton Class-5:30pm (FLC, FLC-1)