

News & Notes March 12-21, 2026

Nursery: March 15: Karen Fritzemeier, March 22: Berni Geoghan, March 29: Jenna Darland, April 5: Alyssa Brauer

Children's Chapel: March 15: Julie Weller, March 22: Maya Garcia, March 29: Eavee Walker, April 5: Julie Weller

Welcome Center Host: March 15: open, March 22: Laurie Kern, March 29: Berni Geoghan

Scripture Reference for Sunday: Pastor & Dr. Branson Parler

Honduras Mission Trip Report There will be a report on the mission trip to Honduras happening this Sunday, March 15. Following the benediction, go and grab a cup of coffee, use the facilities, then make your way back to the worship center. Pastor Scott and the team look forward to sharing with the church body what God is doing in Honduras.

DUE THIS SUNDAY! Resurrection Sunday Flower Orders – You may purchase a flower(s) in honor or memory of your loved one(s) to display at the front of the Worship Center on Resurrection Sunday, April 5. Tulips and Daffodils are available for \$11.00 each. Order forms are at the Welcome Center. Your form and payment should be placed in an envelope and returned to the box at the Welcome Center. Please make checks payable to Discovering Christ Church. Orders need to be received no later than Sunday, March 15.

Ministry Teams meet on Monday, March 16 at 7pm

The **Feeding America Food Truck** will be here on Friday, March 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.

Connect: Woman to Woman will be meeting on March 23 at 7:00pm. We will be preparing care packages for our college students living away from home and our active military personnel. We will be preparing care packages for our college students living away from home and our active military personnel on March 23. We are planning to put together 7 boxes, 2 for men, 4 for women, and one for a couple. Some ideas we have for the care packages (but not limited to) are notes of encouragement, gift cards (for gas and food), sweet and/or salty snacks, mac & cheese cups, individual cereals servings, individual microwaveable meals, warm socks, personal care items, etc. ***Please—no hand sanitizer (it is flammable and has special shipping requirements).*** **Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, March 22** and place them on the counter in the lobby. Thank you!

A FREE, basic CPR class will be offered at our church on Tues. March 24 at 5:30pm and will also include instruction on managing the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). Everyone is invited to learn what to do in this type of emergency. Practice equipment will be available. Information/education received is based on American Heart Association recommendations. Spots are limited so please RSVP directly to Mike Geoghan at 231-557-8920. We will offer this class again in the future if you're unable to make this date.

Sign-Up for the Orange Hat Dinner! On Friday, March 27 at 6:00pm you're invited to participate in our wild-game potluck dinner. Bring your favorite game/fish dish or a dessert to share, your own table service, and any favorite mounts/trophies you'd like to display for all to see. Grab your friends and family and come celebrate the glory of God displayed in nature, hunting, and fishing for the evening. Sign up at the bulletin board across from the church mailboxes so we know how many to set up for. Fliers are available at the welcome center for you to take and share around the community.

Sweet Breads for Resurrection Sunday Coffee Fellowship – We will be offering an extra treat of homemade sweet breads following the service on Resurrection Sunday, April 5. We'd like to offer sweet breads, gluten-free sweet breads, and nut-free sweet breads. If you would like to donate a loaf or two, please sign up at bulletin board A located across from the mailboxes. Please have your bread in the kitchen by 9am on the 5th. Thank you!

Save the Date! We will be hosting a Good Friday service here on April 3 at 7pm. We will also be participating in the Lord's Supper at this time.

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. Donated clothing should be clean and gently used. We have many different jobs for those who would like to be a part of this ministry—from setting up tables, to helping on the day of the sale. Please call Carolyn Matthews at 744-7559 or Nancy Liebertz at 744-4533 with any questions.

Congratulations to Grace and Enrique Palomo upon the birth of their daughter, Mina (pronounced Mee-nuh) Luz, on Saturday, March 7. We also congratulate the rest of the VanArendonk family: Scott, Sherri, David, Joseph, and Violet! May God bless this little one and may she grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ!

The Words of Hope Devotional for the months of April - June is available at the Welcome Center. Please help yourself!

A **40-Days of Prayer** guide is available at the welcome center for the pastoral search process. You are encouraged to grab one and join in praying daily for our search team, our church, and the next pastor.

From the Safety and Security Team: We rely on your help to identify ways we can make our property and ministries a safe and inviting environment. We encourage you to speak up if you see anything that may be of concern to our people or property. If you see an issue or suspicious activity, please contact the office or Derrin Derrick so the team can address it as needed. Thank you for your partnership. 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.

Nathan Dollaway, 413 EWH, 1701 Townsend Dr., Houghton, MI 49931-1193

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, March 15, 6-8pm – Game Night. Invite your friends!
- Sunday, March 22, 6-8pm – Our topic will be *Good Friday*. What is it, and why is it good?
- Sunday, March 29, 6-8pm – Our topic will be *Easter/Resurrection Sunday*.
- Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday and Spring Break – No Meeting

SWAG (Junior High)

- Wednesday, March 18, 6-8pm – We will be looking at the Biblical Themes of *Sabbath* and *The Tree of Life*.
- Wednesday, March 25, 6-8pm – We will be looking at the *Resurrection and Easter*.

Praises and Prayer Requests

Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8 – Pray the pastor search period will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself more than just a new pastor. “Lord, teach us to draw closer to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the church and not in man.”

Prayers for our Youth based on John 15:5. Ask God to help them grow in desire to stay closely connected with Him throughout each day.

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, March 12 – Pickleball-9am (FLC), Men’s Bible Study-9:30am (NS), Search Team Mtg-6:15pm (#31)

Friday March 13 – Athletic Sensations Baton Class-6pm (FLC, FLC-1)

Saturday, March 14 – Gardner-4pm (FLC, K)

Sunday, March 15 - Worship-10:00am (WC), Sunday School-11:15am, Honduras Report-11:15am (WC), Sr. High RnR-6pm (FLC, K)

Monday, March 16 – Pickleball-9:00am (FLC), Cadets-6:00pm (#32, FLC), Ministry Teams-7pm

Tuesday, March 17 – Staff Meeting-9:30am (FLC-1), Search Team-6:15pm (#31), Voices of Praise-7:00pm (WC)

Wednesday, March 18 – Hour of Power Prayer Meeting-3:30pm (PR), AWANA-6pm, Jr. High SWAG-6pm (FLC, K)

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

Friday March 20 – Feeding America Food Truck-10am (FLC), Athletic Sensations Baton Class-6pm (FLC, FLC-1)

Saturday, March 21 – Brauer-8am (FLC, K)