

## Prayer Concerns

Additions will be left for 3 months.  
Please notify the office with updates.

Our country and those serving in the military, those adjusting after service  
Helen Carrier—In Tendercare  
Gail Newcomb—Health concerns 2/11  
Kevin Farrar—Breathing issues, RA flare-ups 2/11  
Barb Farrar—Needs stomach scope, health concerns 4/11  
Florence Barnaby (Marie Smith's mom) - Failing health, Cards to: Box 6, Bergland, MI 49910 2/11  
Heather Sauer (Carrie Martin's sister) - Chiari brain disease 4/11  
John DePlonty—Evaluation for stem cell transplant on April 12th, praying he qualifies 3/11  
Ray and Josephine Jensen—Expecting a baby in May! 4/11  
Janet Elliott—Health concerns, beginning chemo 2/11  
Lee Ward (Bill's brother) - Still waiting on kidney transplant, had quadruple bypass, went well 3/11  
Jan Conley—Autoimmune hepatitis 2/11  
Don Carley—Prostate cancer, now in lymph nodes 2/11  
Kim Conley—Cancerous tumor on spine has grown, new growth on thyroid 2/11  
Mike Batho—Severe stroke, in Petoskey 2/11  
Don Lawrence—Prostate cancer and leukemia 4/11  
Jason Reyes—13 year old in car accident, internal injuries and head injuries 2/11  
Charlene Edwards (friend of Coleeta Cash) - Heart attack, in rehab unit 2/11  
Emerson Dunton (friend of Jon & Sharon Morley) - Tumor on his lung 3/11  
Susie Verrett—Brain cancer, had surgery, pray for recovery 3/11  
Max Metro—Lung surgery, at Mayo 3/11  
Amanda Cash (Tom and Coleeta's daughter)—Testing for Meniere's and MS 4/11  
Trey Lynn—(Nancy LeGreve's G-nephew) 4 year old with throat tumor.  
Ray Brown, Sr.—(Nancy LeGreve's sister's FIL) Cancer treatments, set backs 3/11  
Sharon Lindsey—Health care decisions 3/11  
Josephine Steele (Ruby Earl's sister) - Shingles 3/11  
Finley Halsey (Jennifer Campbell Halsey's son) - Surgery on May 4th 3/11  
Amy Goetz—Back surgery last week went well, prayers for recovery 3/11  
Jessica (Moniz) Flood—Brain tumor, needs chemo and radiation 3/11  
Sherrie Wagner (Christie Stanbrough's mom) - In WMH with infection around her heart and lungs 3/11  
Carol Lofdahl (friend of Brenda Brown) - CT showed cancer in liver, gallbladder and lymph nodes 3/11  
Ashton Izzard (Lee Izzard) - In WMH with flu, strep and ear infection 3/11  
Mike Potter—Brain hemorrhage 4/11  
Titus Morrow (Bill Ward's grand daughter's husband) - Concussion and nausea 4/11  
Grant Patton (Carla Matheny's father) - In the hospital with high heart enzymes 4/11  
Kaylee Farrar—Guidance on decisions 4/11

## Cancer Concerns

Pam Thompson 6/09	Bonnie Weber 6/09	Jane Ogle (B. Brown) 6/09
Ken Vert 6/09	Betsy Demeray 3/10	Randy Sanders 11/10
Steve Romzek (P. Allison's bro-in-law) 6/09		Deb Pifer 8/10
Judy Jorgensen Joske 8/10		

*Please call the office with updates*

If you would like a visit from an elder or one of the ministers,  
please call the church office at 632-6511.  
Elders and ministers are listed on the back of the bulletin cover.

Please pray for these young men and women from  
our community who are deployed:  
Anthony Anastasi's mother—Iraq  
Greg Bisdorf—Afghanistan  
Mike Hill—Korea

## Welcome to First Church of Christ Announcements for April 17, 2011

### Today:

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups—6:30 pm

### Wednesday:

Fellowship Supper—5:15 pm  
Worship Team—5:45 pm  
Youth Groups—5:45 pm  
Bible Studies—6:00 pm



If you would like a copy of the "Building up the Body" sermon series on DVD, please sign up at the News Table in the lobby.



**Softball is coming!** There is a sign up sheet at the News Table in the lobby for our church softball team. This is for both Men's and Co-Ed Softball teams. If you have questions, call either Stephanie or Alex Vert at 630-6839.



**Need some baby time?** We need nursery workers who are willing to work once a month or so for the 9:00 a.m. service. Call 632-6511 or email at [fcoc@sault.com](mailto:fcoc@sault.com). Thanks!



**HELP!!! We need bakers for His House Christian Fellowship** has a worship service every Tuesday evening at 8:00 for the college students attending LSSU. **We provide the treats, and we need people for the spring term!** If you would like to help, please sign up to supply something yummy at the News Table in the lobby.



**Women's Spring Celebration at Great Lakes Christian College,** Friday April 29, 2011 at the Doty Center. The theme this year is "God's Photo Album." The registration form is online at [www.glcc.edu](http://www.glcc.edu). Tickets are \$12.00 before April 15th, \$20 after April 15th. Call 517-321-0242, ext. 214 to register or for more information.

**Community:** Elks Lodge is having a Veterans Benefit Breakfast on Easter Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. \$6 for all you can eat pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs. Coffee and Juice included.

**LOST!** We are missing 2 large baking pans from the kitchen. Please call the office or return if you have them. Thanks!

General fund giving last week: \$5,791.75. Weekly requirements: \$5,880.00.



**Heir Force Academy—Canceled this week**  
is for kids from age 4 thru 6th grade from 10-12:00 each Sunday.  
Located down the stairs and straight thru in the Fellowship Hall.



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**Good Friday Service**  
April 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

## **Easter Worship Celebration**

April 24, 2011 at 9:00 and 11:00 services  
**Potluck Brunch at 10:00, please sign up in the lobby if you can bring a dish to share.**



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## **Graduates Reception**

**May 1st, 10:00 a.m. at First Church of Christ in the lobby.**  
**Come and celebrate with our graduates!**

### **High School:**

Travis Behling, Mitchell Goetz, Lucas McLeod, Conor Parker, Cher Tom

### **College:**

Becky Wilson, Joe Cantwell



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## **Mother & Daughter Banquet** **May 7, 2011**

**5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

**Please sign up at the Ladies' Table if you plan on attending.**  
**All ladies invited! (We're all mothers or daughters!)**

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## **Mission of the Quarter** **Food Pantry**

We are collecting food and supplies for our pantry. Nonperishable items as well as toiletries, and household cleaning products.

**Please place your donation on the Mission Table in the lobby or put your \$\$\$ donation in the collection plate marked "food pantry."**

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## **Thoughts from Tom**

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### **The Reason We Celebrate!**

In the entire Bible, the word "Easter" is found only once (Acts 12:4), and in that passage it should have been translated as "Passover." Easter actually has its origins in the festival of Estera, the Germanic goddess of springtime. Our modern culture has added countless secular meanings to the holiday. But Easter is much more than a celebration of eggs, springtime, chocolate, bunnies, or even ancient European goddesses. It is the one word we directly associate with the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. Easter is tied more appropriately to the Jewish Holy Day of Passover, commemorating the time when innocent lambs were slaughtered to save believing Jews from the last plague of Egypt, the death of the firstborn of every house. Jesus, God's firstborn, has become our Passover lamb, and is, as John the Baptist said, "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

Okay, you may be saying, "That's nice that Jesus was willing to die in my place. That makes him a hero, or even a martyr. But why should that make me want to follow him? Isn't admiring him good enough?"

NO! The difference between Jesus and any other hero is that He did more than die; He beat death! Death is real, and separation from God in hell is real. No one has ever escaped the awful consequences of sin, except Jesus. As the Easter hymn declares,

Death cannot keep its prey (Jesus my Savior)  
He tore the bars away! (Jesus my Lord)  
UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE!

We celebrate Easter then, because of a real hope and promise given to us through Jesus Christ alone. We celebrate Easter because the fear of death and hell are removed. We celebrate Easter because Jesus declares that those who follow Him will be forgiven their sins. We celebrate because we are invited into a family relationship with God that begins here and now. **We celebrate Easter!** What can you do to honor the One who has done so much for you? Come celebrate with us; not just on Easter Sunday, but every Lord's Day!

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