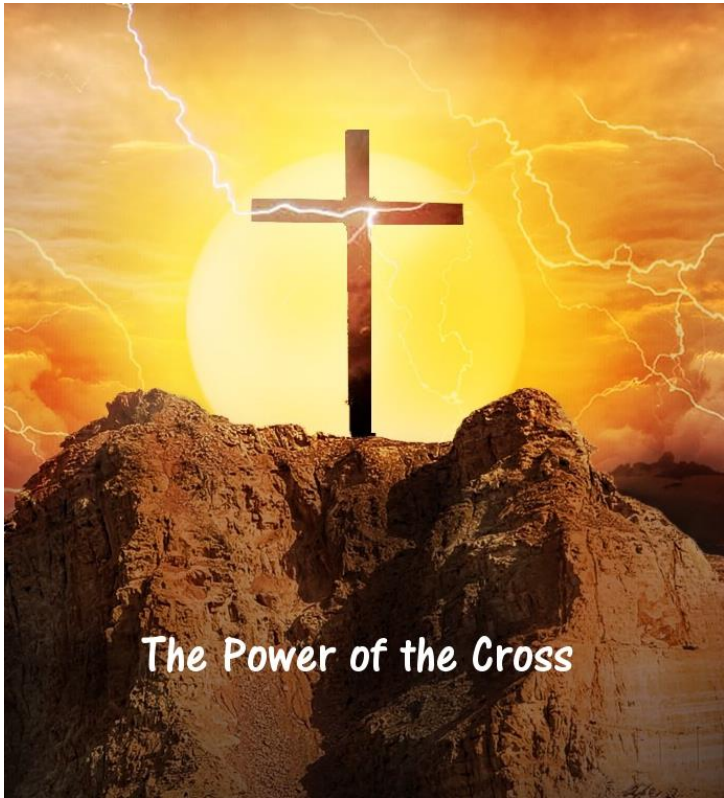


# Family Of God Community Church



**April 2, 2017**  
**Rev. Barbara Boss, Pastor**

# Welcomg

Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent—a time for us to remember and be thankful for the power of the cross. We are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope that you will stay after worship for a time of fellowship as the family of God. If you have questions or suggestions, please share those with us! Come, let us worship. . .

## Worship

Gathering Time

Call to Worship

\*Songs of Praise:

*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

Lenten Liturgy

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Lenten Song of Hope:

*The Power of the Cross*

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

**Today's Message:**

Scripture: **John 11: 1-45**

Sermon:

**The Test of Power Over Death**

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings

\*Song of Faith:

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

\*Blessing

\*Blessing Song:

*Oh, How He Loves You and Me*

## This week at FOGCC

### Today:

(11:25 – 12:00): C.A.R.E (Children & Adult Education) following worship! We have classes for all ages. Please consider joining us

### Wednesday:

**9:30am:** WOW meets at FOGCC. Join us for Bible Study and prayer.

## Serving in the Family of God - today /next week:

**Snacks/Juice:** Sue Ellen McCreary/ Boeskool's / *Nancy Park*

**Nursery:** Margaret Feravich / *Linda McCarty*

**Media:** Wayne Meyer/ *Jim Maatman*

**Hosts:** Bob and Nancy Park / *Bob and Nancy Park*

**Children in Worship:** Kathy Maatman

*/ Denise Roesly*

## Announcements

**Time to sign up for FAMILY CHORES!** There are still openings on the Responsibility List for April-June. Can you help by signing up for any of the open responsibilities?

**Pastor Barb is on vacation until April 8.** Chelsea Axford, a senior

student at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI is leading us in worship today. Please welcome Chelsea to Family of God Community Church!

Please know that there is a PASTORAL CARE TEAM that longs to care for you--especially during those times when Pastor Barb is on vacation. Call one of the following team members to share your joys, concerns or any need you might have for prayer or care: Tammi Kolski, Judy Bowen, Connie Johnson, Wayne Meyer, Sue Ellen McCreary and Peg Sherwood. All their contact information can be found in our FOGCC Directory.

Next Sunday Palm to Passion Sunday. We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**. Please take some time to prepare your heart and your family to share in this holy meal where we remember what Jesus did for us.

**Next week following worship** our fellowship time will be held at "Anchor House" (formerly Hope 101 house). Also, there will be a community open house at the House on Monday, April 10 from 9 – 10am.

**LENTEN SOUPS ON!** Join us at noon on Wednesday, April 5, at Newaygo Methodist Church (NUMC) for a bowl or two of homemade soup, followed by a short Lenten devotion. This is open to everyone--feel free to bring your friends and neighbors. A freewill offering will be taken.

**HOLY WEEK begins next week.** We invite you to make Holy Week a wonderful reminder of God's love and grace. Please note the following times and make plans to be with us in worship. You are also encouraged to witness (after all--we claim that we welcome, worship and witness) to your friends and neighbors by inviting them to come with you during Holy Week. **There are Easter postcards in the narthex** that can be used to invite someone to worship at FOGCC for the first time or attend our Easter week services. Take as many as you need.

**April 9, 10:00am:** Palm to Passion Sunday – and communion.

**April 13, 7:00pm:** Maundy Thursday worship and communion.

**April 16:**

- **8:15am:** EASTER Son-rise worship
- **9:00am:** Easter potluck, please bring a dish to pass (egg casserole, fruit, coffeecake or muffins.) Drinks and table service will be provided.
- **10:00am:** Easter Worship (No C.A.R.E. classes on Easter Sunday)

**EASTER LILIES:** We will be ordering Easter Lilies once again to fill our Sanctuary with the beautiful smell of spring during our Easter worship

service. There will be a sign-up list in the back of the church. Donation: \$10.00 each. Please give cash or a check (made out to FOGCC) to Dixie Boeskool. Lilies may be taken home after the Easter service or can be left at church.

**We have need of a member at large to serve on the 2017-18 Nominating Committee.** This committee will help select members of FOGCC to serve on our Leadership Council. Please speak with Jim Maatman or Pastor Barb if you are interested in serving in this capacity.

**Important Note!** Because of internet security concerns, the password for our wireless router has been changed. Please see Jim Maatman if you need access to the FOGCC wireless network.

**Tuesday, April 11, 4:00pm** – Outreach Team meeting

**Wednesday, April 12, 1:30pm** – Wacky Wednesday Planning Meeting.

There will be a choir practice on **Monday, April 11 at 7:00pm.**

**Monday, April 17, 4:00pm** – Coordinating Committee meeting.

**Monday, April 17, 6:00pm** – Leadership Council meeting. If you have a suggestion, concern or question--please speak with Pastor Barb or Vice President Jim Maatman. Please keep this team in your prayers as they attempt to discern God's preferred future for FOGCC.

**Birthdays This Week**

Today – Grace Painter

Tuesday – Rick Boss, Judy Boogaart

Wednesday – Ray Hoag

Friday – Bill VandenBosch, Naomi Roesly

Saturday – Quentin Stevens

If you have a question, suggestion or concern, please share it with us.

<p>Family of God Community Church 90 Quarterline, Newaygo, MI 49337 231-652-6500</p>	<p><a href="mailto:bboss@fogcc.com">bboss@fogcc.com</a> <a href="mailto:jimm@fogcc.com">jimm@fogcc.com</a> For more information: <a href="http://www.fogcc.com">www.fogcc.com</a></p>
--	---

## *Upcoming Events in the Community*

**Journey Through Grief.** This program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping for adult's experiencing grief. The program consists of four consecutive Mondays starting April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Vera's House. Advance registration required. Call 888-247-5701. Additional information can be found on the table in the back.

A **Blood Drive** will be held Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 4:00pm at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church. Call to make an appointment: 231-652-6123

**ACT Raising Safe Kids Program.** Every Monday starting April 10 through May 22, 5:00 – 7:00. You will learn about positive parenting, child development and typical behaviors and how to respond, how to control anger and how to resolve conflict positively, and how the environment and violence impacts children and their behaviors. Please call 231-689-5223 to reserve your spot as spaces are limited. Classes will be held in White Cloud at 1268 E. Newell.

**Candlelight Vigil and Assault Awareness Event.** April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Please join WISE and Newaygo County Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect for a candlelight vigil and awareness event, Out of the Darkness and Into the Light, April 20, 2017, 7:00 – 8:00pm at Brooks Park in Newaygo. In case of bad weather the event will be held at FOGCC.

On Friday, April 21 at 7:00pm the First Baptist Church in Fremont will be showing the movie **"I Am Not Ashamed."** This is the inspiring true story of Rachel Scott who lived through the shooting at Columbine High School.

**The Newaygo Community Choir** will be presenting "Requiem" by John Rutter. This event will be held at the Dogwood Center on Sunday April 23, at 3:00pm.

**Saturday, June 24, 12:00 – 4:00pm** – Grant Reformed Church will be hosting a car show in their church parking lot. Classic Cars, Hot Rods, Sports Cars, etc. Call 231-834-8668 or 516-458-8159 for information.

**Leadership Council Meeting Summary**  
**2/27/2107 – 6:03 pm – 8:40 pm**

In attendance: Barb Boss, Mike Espinoza, Tammi Kolski, Jim Maatman, Bob McCreary, Shari Meyer, Lois Moon, and Bob Park, and Rick Boss. Absent: Mike Snapper and Jan Gunnnett.

Meeting started with sharing our joys and where we see God in our lives. Barb opened with prayer.

Treasurers Report: The 2017-18 budget will have a separate transitional housing ministry line item.

Team reports: Permission to move forward with the Neighbor to Neighbor program. Transitional Housing: Update on status of tenants; development team is looking for sustaining donors and will sponsor a “business before” meeting in the house; first task on the Mercer House will be replacing windows; pursuit of 501-C as a separate entity for transitional housing ministry continues. Logistics would like to have more Wed. dinners “packaged” but there is not enough freezer room, approved to purchase a additional freezer. Building and Grounds team is actively looking into lighting for the parking lot.

The Leadership Council continued to work through current the ByLaws for changes/revisions.

Benevolence policy was reviewed and will remain as written.

Discussion of having an Internet Use Policy as well a Jim to explore a guest access password for our Internet access security/integrity.

2017 Nominating team to be established.

Upcoming meeting dates: March 12 (at noon with CRT), April 17 & May 22 at 6 pm. Congregational Meeting to be June 25<sup>th</sup>.