A Celebration of Faith Ministries

2019 Annual Report
SENIOR PASTOR’S REPORT
Pastor Brent Kriesch

Together
“A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:12

Last year I challenged us to grow on THE JOURNEY OF FAITH, where we were reminded that:

Depth of relationship takes time, experience, and faith. When we first encounter God, we don’t instantly know and understand Him completely. We get a feel for His love and grace, for His will and ways, and that understanding grows day by day, experience by experience… Through faith. It’s our faith in God that propels us to seek Him out.

Faith is a journey, not a destination. It doesn’t make robots who don’t have any independent thought or initiative… It asks questions knowing that there is more to learn. It has great expectations of hope and goodness. It seeks, studies, participates, has a go, keeps moving forward and looking for ways to journey down the path of God’s will and purpose. Faith has eyes and ears, it speaks and walks. It is the driving force of our ‘seeking’.

This year we are being reminded that Together we Grow Stronger and Together We Can Change the World. Back to the opening verse, while there are certainly divine illustrations to be found in Ecclesiastes 4:12, there’s also a lot of insight for how we live in community. One person is an individual. Two people make a relationship. But when we get to “three” we have community. We have become something we could not be on our own. The strands are now a strong cord.

True connections take time, commitment, and courage. While social media can make it seem like bonding is as easy as clicking a “like” button, we’re called to go deeper with each other. And that means making relationships a priority. Our seasons of life and circumstances will impact our capacity for connection, but we can all pause and ask, “What can I do to truly connect with the people I love?” Even a little bit of time or encouragement can make a big difference.

Community means we win together and we lose together. We cheer each other on, hold each other up, and keep Jesus at the center of it all.

A Year in Review:

Added to the Faith Team, Pastor Ben Forrester as Pastor of Family Ministries. We’re excited to have he and his wife Caitlin and son Josiah join our team.

We had another wonderful celebration of Christ’s birth at our Christmas Eve Service. I appreciated a chance to give our worship team a break and the willingness of Pastor Ben to help lead us in worship in this service. Excited to have a neighboring family attend.

We were blessed with a wonderful combined Christmas Program this year. The choir always does an amazing job in lifting our hearts toward heaven, and the children and youth did a fantastic job with our first ever shadow drama.

Donated funds for 58 Bibles to the Gideon’s thru their Birthday for Jesus ministry.

Excited to join the Flushing Churches in giving out 300 Thanksgiving Baskets, we did a great job gathering over 300 cans of yams as our part.

Blessed 5 families with Thanksgiving Baskets

Honored our many volunteers in a celebration service and dinner that followed.

Donated a full pick up bed of clothing again to Bethany Christian Mission.

Hosted the kick-off for Michigan Region Bible Quizzing

Youth Dessert Auction raised an amazing amount again of over $3,000.

Launched Corporate Prayer and Worship 1st Wednesday of Month, we have been averaging around 20. This is an opportunity for us to gather corporately and cry out to God seeking His presence to be evident and known.
SENIOR PASTOR’S REPORT

Continued

Car Cruise in June (65 cars) and September (67 cars) were once again well attended and gave us great opportunities to connect with people who might not otherwise come to a church.

Youth Missions Trip to Texas, the youth were challenged in their walk with Jesus, and taken out of their comfort zone in sharing their faith. (Our outreaches saw over 15 children give their lives to Christ)

Launched Center Shot Ministry where we challenge people to Make Christ the Center of their lives while learning how to target shoot with a bow. Have had 3 new families participate to date.

Brown City Camp (many decisions and commitments made)

Sports Camp (8 decisions for Christ)

Hosted a Patriotic Celebration in worship 4th of July weekend.

Had a float in both the Swartz Creek and Flushing parades promoting Sports Camp.

Home Plate was finally a great day (weather wise) with a great win.

Easter Services and Breakfast (with record attendance of recent years with 2 decisions for Christ in the service)

Easter Egg Hunt.

Family Fun Nites: Derby Car Making, Board Game Nite, Sledding, Water Park

Launched Family Connect (3rd Wednesday of the month meal and themed activities to help us connect as Faith Family): Harvest Party, Service Project (Samaritan Purse Shoe Boxes), Christmas Party (including making goody bags for seniors and shut-ins)

Faith 500 and Bakeoff.

Held Missions Services with Peter & Ursula Hubley (Bulgaria), Terry Bigelow (FCOC).

Thankful for an incredible outpouring of God’s spirit in our worship on Sun., September 29th. The presence of the Holy Spirit was beyond words.

I cannot end this report without taking time to thank all who give of their time, energy, and talents as leaders here at Faith, all of you help make me look real good. Special thanks go out to my wife Val, she extends much grace my way.

Excited about what God has in store for us TOGETHER in 2020. So ask yourself, “What can I do to truly connect with the people I love?”

Your teammate in Christ,

Pastor Brent
Every once in awhile it is good to look back and see what God has been doing so enjoy as together we remember the work God has done among us in the last 5 years.

51 Decisions for Christ (15 more if you include those who came to Christ on mission trip to Texas)
9 Baptisms

Missions
- 3 mission trips
  1 to Peru
  1 to DR (Raised over $10,000 for project and mission trip)
  1 to Texas
  These trips incorporated 15 people from the church.
- World Partners and Other Missionary Support Total = $143,869
- Deacon Fund Since 2016 = $16,364 (Carriage Town, FCOC, Flint Crisis Pregnancy Center and families with need)
- Participated in 4 prayer walks in Swartz Creek & Flushing.

We were challenged out of our comfort zones as we went out into our Communities sharing Jesus on 5 different occasions, resulting in 2 families attending our church.

New Ministries
- Family Connect (3rd Wednesday of month meal and themed activities to help us connect as the Faith Family)
- Corporate Prayer and Worship (1st Wednesday night of month. This is a time to pray together for God’s presence to be known and experienced in our church and communities)
- Center Shot (A ministry to teach people how to target shoot with a bow and learn how to put Christ at the Center of their lives)
- Faith 500 (our family event to make and race derby cars)
- Birthday for Jesus (Bibles thru Gideon’s)
- Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan Purse Shoe Boxes)
- Downtown Flushing Halloween Candy Give Away
- Joined FCOC (support this ministry $150 a month)
- Joined Flushing Churches to give out 300 Thanksgiving Boxes to Families
- National Day of Prayer Service in Flushing

Facility Improvement (highlights)
- Remodeled both Pastors Offices
- Remodeled Prayer Chapel
- Repainted Fireside Room
- New Counter Tops in Kitchen
- Repainted Fellowship Hall
- Had tile floors in Fellowship Hall, kitchen and bathroom stripped and waxed
- In process of repairing fascia on building
- Put up Pavilion
- Painted Garage and New Steel Roof
- Remodeled Parsonage all new carpet/redid hardwood floors, new light fixtures, painted all walls, and ceilings and trim. New refrigerator and dishwasher.
- Parking lot – sealed/painted and striped (2 times)
- All new AC units (5)
- New Pressure Tanks for well system
- Landscaping & tree removal around buildings
- New light system in sanctuary
- New computers in the office and sanctuary
- Redecorated Youth Room
- New Zero Turn Lawn Mower
- New Cement at Front Entrance

Saved $100,000 in the process
CASTING THE VISION FOR 2020
Pastor Brent Kriesch

Faith’s purpose is to love people for Christ, win people to Christ, build people up in Christ, and send people out for Christ.

So who are we at FMC; Followers of Jesus who Multiply disciples while Caring for others.

Therefore, as we cast the vision for 2020, let’s look to incorporate the following from our purpose statement:

**Love** – involves our commitment to serve and support one another within the body of Christ.

Action Steps for 2020:
- Family Connect.
- Prayer Partners.

**Win** – our commitment to make disciples.

Action Steps for 2020:
- Listen to the Holy Spirit and pray for one person to disciple.
- Challenge us to consider Who’s Our One?
- Ongoing teaching and preaching on prayer and disciple making.
- Develop and launch small groups that learn how to bring God into our ordinary daily conversations.

**Build** — our commitment to exalt God personally and corporately.

Actions Steps for 2020:
- Weekly Worship Services for God’s family to gather in His name and offer worship to Him.
- Weekly opportunities to gather for prayer and study as small groups and fellowship, bible study, Sunday school, etc…
- Corporate Prayer Services.
- Awaken Weekends; Challenging Weekend service with a week of Prayer, Fasting and Word to follow.

**Send** – involves our commitment to share Christ personally, locally and globally.

Actions Steps for 2020:
- 4-5 Outreach events; such as Sports Camp, Christmas, Easter Services…
- Community Service projects; such as Giving Baskets, youth service projects in park, connecting with ministries like Flushing Community Outreach Center, etc…
- Center Shot Archery Ministry.

My Big Dream and Vision for FMC continues to center around three things being developed:

- Prayer Culture
- Discipleship Culture
- Leadership Culture

My vision would be that FMC would become a place where prayer is what we do and disciples and leaders are who we make. This isn’t about a program, but a culture. Culture meaning what we do, not a program, not a brand, not a vision statement, but it’s what we do, it’s our consistent behavior. This is where I intend to put a lot of my focus and efforts over the next several years.

Pastor Brent
DEACON’S REPORT
Pastor Brent Kriesch

The Deacon’s Board met monthly to pray and assist with the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation. Throughout the course of this past year several hospital and nursing home visits were made where we prayed with and provided comfort to those in need. Denny and Gartha Reno have continued to be a big help in pastoral care ministry the months they’re in Michigan. This coming year Jeremy Mahoney is beginning to do Pastoral Care with me. He has a heart for ministry and we are finding ways for him to serve.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Deacon’s Fund. These funds help many families in our church and community during their time of need.

This year through your gracious support we helped the following families and ministries:

- $631 sent to Carriage Town Ministries to help feed families.
- $150 a month to Flushing Christian Outreach Center to help feed and clothe families.
- $1500 to Flushing Christian Outreach Center, Simply Give challenge, matching gift from Meijer.
- $400+ to Samaritans Purse: Help with shipping and packaging of over 10 boxes.

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The rest of the month we would meet at the church and do what we have been doing: playing games, worship, having time with the Lord and getting into his word.

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- Christmas Party
- Winter Jam
- Super Bowl Party
- Grace adventures
- Faith 500
- March Madness
- Spring Break Event
- Brown City Camp
- Quizzing
- Service day
- Missions Trip

Thank you to those who served this year: Pastor Brent Kriesch, Ramona Little, Don Mahoney, Walt McLavy, Denny Reno, and Kathy Sands.

In Service to the King,

Pastor Brent Kriesch

STUDENT MINISTRIES
Pastor Ben Forrester

2019 Highlights
I have loved working with the students here at Faith. They love Jesus and are amazing to work with. I love how much they are willing to do and serve at Faith.

Sunday School:
Sunday school we started talking about the true meaning of Christmas. We then did a four week video series on what it means to be a follower instead of a fan, this series was called Not A Fan by Kyle Idleman. Last week, the teens challenged me and wanted to study Revelation. This will be the next book of the Bible we will go through.

Youth Group:
Youth Group we took the month of December to play games and get to know each other.

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“... love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.”
Deuteronomy 11:13
TRUSTEE REPORT
Jeff Burt, Head Trustee

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as Head Trustee for the past year. We are very blessed to have many dedicated people willing to serve in the many maintenance and operational roles necessary to maintain and operate our church.

CHURCH BUILDING
- The Prayer Chapel and Pastor Ben’s office were painted and new carpet was installed.
- Shades were installed in the foyer windows.
- Goyette recharged and replaced some broken parts on the Sanctuary AC unit. The cost was $612.75.
- Repairs were made to the water softener as it was not going through the cleaning cycle properly. The cost was $845.

CHURCH GROUNDS
- The parking lot was resurfaced and lined by Asphalt Management. The total cost was $6500. We got other bids, but this company had the best price and reputable references.
- We had a major repair to the SCAG mower as one of the hydraulic turning pumps. The cost was $900. We were able to do the repair ourselves and saved $600 in labor costs.
- We sprayed the church yard ourselves to kill dandelions and other invasive weeds. This saved us money.
- We are in the process of putting new shingles on the old T-111 to make it maintenance free and to keep the woodpeckers and other pests from getting into the building.
- We had a work bee in September and several tasks were completed. We removed two diseased pine trees, installed a changing table in the handicap bathroom, worked up the baseball field, and installed line on the trusses of the pavilion to keep birds from roosting and making a huge mess. At a later time we had the stumps of the trees removed, grinded, added topsoil and seeded the area.
- Phase one of the flowerbeds was completed. We removed the overgrown plants and weeds and filled in the flowerbeds with rocks. We will add low-maintenance plants and flowers seasonally.

PAVILION
- The floor was power washed several times to remove bird waste.
- 5” eaves troughs and leaf guards were installed with downspouts. The cost was $940.

CHURCH VAN
- We had the AC unit repaired prior to the youth mission trip.
- General maintenance and oil changes were done as needed. The van has just over 100,000 miles but is in excellent condition and working order.

FUTURE PLANS & REFLECTION ON THIS PAST YEAR
- Sometime this past fall an opportunistic thief took advantage of an open door on the garage and stole several tools including: leaf blower, string trimmer, pole saw, and an impact driver and air ratchet. Several improvements have been installed around the church to improve the safety and security including a motion light on the garage.
- We plan to have our locks rekeyed in the coming weeks since it hasn’t been done in several years.
- The board has begun discussion about upgrading our church sign to include an electric message board.
- We have plans to continue to replace the floor covering in the fireside room and some of the classrooms as well as repainting.

This past year has been a true blessing! I am so thankful that we have so many skilled and willing people to do the jobs necessary to keep our church maintained and beautiful.

Jeff Burt
CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
Val Kriesch, Children’s Ministry Director

It always amazes me how quickly the year goes by! We had many activities and many ministries over this last year – Valentine’s Breakfast, Faith 500, Easter, Home Plate, Sports Camp, Outdoor Worship, Brown City Camp Fun Fair, Callis Park, Fall Kick-Off, Fall Fun, Operation Christmas Shoebox, Christmas, and the Children’s Quiz Team. The kids always enjoy sharing and serving the congregation and community in these various ministries! Watching them gain a better understanding of God’s Word and seeing them apply it in their lives is priceless! Kids have a way of saying and doing things that keeps us as adults humble. Jesus said that we need to become like little children in order to enter His Kingdom (Matt. 18:3).

All of this would not be possible without the help of others who have a heart to serve and see the children of our church and community grow in the Lord.

So a BIG THANK YOU goes out to:

**Our Sunday School Teachers** – Amy Skrzela, Sue Jacko, and Mickey Hobson

- We are continuing to use the online comprehensive Bible Study curriculum that utilizes memorization, games, and crafts to help engage the children and encourage their understanding of Scripture.

**Our Children’s Church Leaders** -- Laura and Jeff Burt, Mickey and Al Hobson, Val Kriesch and Kathy Sands, as well as our youth helpers.

- We have been using Group’s DIG IN Life of Jesus curriculum to engage the children during Children’s Church using the Bible lesson as well as games, object lessons, and crafts to help reinforce the Bible point.

**Our Wednesday Night Teachers** – Tami Stevens, Kris Taubitz, and Sue Jacko

- On Wednesday nights the children began going through the video series “What’s in the Bible with Buck Denver.”

**Thank you for volunteering, loving our kids, showing them who Jesus is, blessing them, and helping them to grow in their love and understanding of God!**

This fall, we kicked off our monthly Family Connect Nights as a way for us to connect as families with families to reach families. We had some good old-fashioned Fall Fun in October, packed shoe boxes for Operation Christmas child in November, and made goodie bags for some of our senior adults at Christmas. So, bring your families and your neighbors families and join us for Family Connect – 3rd Wednesday of the month.

At Sports Camp we looked at Team Spirit where TEAM means We not me, that Everyone deserves our respect, and All of us make mistakes! Along with learning soccer, cheer skills, and archery the kids learned that Jesus is the most important part of their Team! The kids also enjoyed learning some new songs and sharing everything they learned with family and friends along with some ice cream sundaes on Thursday night. The kids were challenged to bring in money to purchase Bibles for believers in Mozambique – they brought in $60 to help purchase 6 Bibles! We also had several children make decisions for Jesus! Praise the Lord for working in the hearts and lives of all who participated!

THANK YOU to all who prayed, purchased snack items, gave their time and talents, shared a smile, hug, or a listening ear – you are all a great TEAM!!

Serving together with you,

Val Kriesch
CHORI
Steve Taylor, Choir Director

“...be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:18b-21

The choir ministry is here to serve the congregation by encouraging spiritual growth through the presentation of our musical arts. We are able to do that by first having a personal relationship with God and a desire to be part of our church ministry. We then enhance our effectiveness by enhancing our musical skills through preparation and ministering to each other through encouragement, caring, understanding and forgiveness.

This year has been a challenging year. Many members have had battles with their health or family members, lost loved ones, having to move or started a new job. Though these are difficult times, God has been faithful. It reminds me of Romans 8:28 “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” As we continue to come together and pray we not only experienced God’s presence but watched His favor and blessing. This year truly was a year for us to grow in our faith and dependence on God.

As we draw our dependence on God we realize that nothing is impossible. This year we invited police, fire fighters, first responders and military to be a part of our service. It was a privilege to conduct this patriot service titled “In God We Trust”. The service was well received, many people mentioned that they enjoyed participating in such a service. We must continue to remember and thank God who gave us our freedom. We look forward to this coming year’s patriotic celebration in Christ.

As mentioned, this year has had many changes and the Christmas program was not excluded. This year the choir, children and youth group worked together for a combined service. It has been awhile since I was involved in a children’s program. With much prayer and limited time, God gave us the children’s program.

Psalms 37:4 became a reality for us. “Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” The next answer to prayer was the need for children. In order for the drama to work it required at least ten children. The Lord blessed us with fifteen. Another answer to prayer was for the children to learn the program in a short time frame. The children only had three weeks. When all seems to be impossible, God steps in to show you that He’s in control. The children did a wonderful job and the congregation was delighted with their performance. God is good!

“Tis the Season”, was the theme for our Christmas service. This performance demonstrated the ability of the choir to deliver emotional content and awe of the season. We were truly blessed to minister in song to the congregation.

Rehearsals have been steady with the choir meeting on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 PM every week. No rehearsals have been cancelled and attendance has been steady. Presently choir members, are reaching out to congregants to elicit new recruits. We are excited to work on the Easter worship service. Please pray that this will be a blessing for not only our church family, but an effective outreach to those partaking in our service. There is still time to join if you are interested.

I look forward to continuing our work on music and fellowship. Many thanks to the choir members. You all are a blessing and answer to my prayers. A special thanks goes to Ron Lord for his help behind the scenes. His mechanically inclined talents have been greatly appreciated. Kevin Welninski has my gratitude for his commitment to the choir whether it is a Saturday practice or a Sunday morning performance. We appreciate his dedication to making sure the congregation can hear us well. Finally, I want to thank the choir committee members (Karen Moore, Marilyn Lord and Pastor Kriesch) for their support, encouragement and wisdom.

As we continue to pray and practice our talents, I believe God will use our music and voices to touch the lives of those who listen. May God continue to be glorified in our lives.

Steven Taylor
A/V AND PRAISE & WORSHIP MINISTRY
Kevin & Dana Welninski

I would like to thank all who participate in this ministry for your willingness to take part, as with all ministries here at Faith this is an important one. This ministry plays a vital role in the worship and Word portion of the services. I hope you all take advantage of the benefits provided thru assisted listening, along with DVD and CD audio copies of all services. *Available Upon Request* thru the church office.

As we enter 2020 if you are interested in getting involved in the audio or video ministry please stop by and talk to me, your interest is very welcome.

PRAYER CHAIN
Janet Potes, Coordinator

The FMC prayer chain will allow you to be a part of God’s answer to someone’s prayer. What a blessing to know our Almighty God hears and answers prayer!

We will pray for illness, decision-making, family matters, spiritual matters, surgeries, emotional matters, loss of loved ones, and urgent unspoken requests. We count it a blessing to pray for you.

Mark 11:24 “Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

“Jesus Calling” by Sarah Young

When you bring me prayer requests lay out your concerns before me. Speak candidly, pour out your heart. Then thank me for the answers that I have set into motion long before you can discern results. Thankful prayers keep your focus on My presence and My promises.

Please consider and pray about joining this FMC ministry.

Prayer and Faith go hand-in-hand.

In His Service,
Janet Potes

At the time of this report all systems are in working order.

Thank you to all who come out each week to support our Worship ministry at Faith. Our musicians and singers give of their gifts and time. I appreciate each one of you and your willingness and the commitment you put forth each week. Let our praises be heard and all the Glory be God’s.

Kevin & Dana

USHER MINISTRY
Greg Ringler, Head Usher

Another year has come and gone. Thank you to all the men who helped usher this past year. We are in need of a few more men who are willing to usher throughout the year. If interested, please see me.

Greg Ringler

LIBRARY MINISTRY
Janie Dyer, Librarian

Faith Missionary Church has many books which have been under used this year.

We have placed the children’s books in the children’s classroom, the youth books in the youth room, and the adult books in the prayer chapel. To check-out a book simply complete the registration card in the book and place it in the basket provided.

Donated books of which we already have copies, will be donated to the jail ministry, Forgotten Man Missions. Books from the "Left Behind" series are especially useful to them. Paperback copies are best for them.

Respectfully submitted,
Janie Dyer
PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

ARTICLE X – THE CHURCH BOARD

Membership

Section 1 – The Church Board shall be composed of the Pastor Chairman, (if other than Pastor) Deacons, Deaconess, Church Secretary, Church Treasurer, and enough church board members-at-large added at the annual elections to bring the number to eleven (11) and shall have three (3) year staggered terms of office so that they do not end simultaneously.

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ARTICLE XI – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Leadership and Teachers

Section 2 – All Sunday School teachers and helpers shall be approved by the pastoral staff and/or Church Board. The Associate Pastor along with the Children’s Ministry Director and their chosen leaders will constitute the Sunday School leadership.

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The Associate Pastor along with his/her leadership team shall be responsible for the spiritual welfare and growth of the Sunday School. This team shall be responsible for the general oversight of the Sunday School and shall perform all duties usually associated with that office.

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GUIDELINES

Pastor

**VACATION:** The Pastor and Assistant Pastor will be allowed vacation time on the following scale… 1 year of service, 2 weeks vacation with one Sunday paid… 2 through 9 years of service, 2 weeks vacation with two Sundays paid… 10 through 15 years of service, 3 weeks vacation with three Sundays paid… 16 or more years to be decided by the Board. We strongly encourage the Pastor to take his full vacation time each year. It will be a requirement for the incoming Pastor or Assistant Pastor to have had his vacation taken unless otherwise approved by the Board.

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ARTICLE VIII – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Eligibility

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