



Calhoun County Faith-Based Coalition

Vision/Mission Statement:

“We are an inclusive, Interfaith collaborative founded in hope seeking to foster actions that connect people and resources to respond to critical needs in Calhoun County thereby making others’ lives better”

Rev. Dr. William H. Bell, Jr., Chaplain, BCPD, Calhoun County Faith-Based Coalition, Liaison

RESOURCE AND CRITICAL INFORMATION FLYER

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Support Organizational Contacts:

- ***CareWell Services Southwest*** – Contact Karla Fales @ 269-441-0930 ***CareWell Services*** – Resource Call Center @ 269-441-0930 helps determine critical and emergent needs related to obtaining food, medication, personal care and hygiene items for seniors sheltering in place, as well as individuals and families who are quarantined or under isolation. All deliveries are made without contact by vetted volunteers who have appropriate personal protection equipment. Seniors and caregivers can also obtain referrals for food boxes, House Calls Telephone Reassurance Program, Personal Emergency Response Program, utility and emergency assistance; Medicare/Medicaid Assistance, care management and other services in Barry and/or Calhoun counties.
 - ***CareWell*** has Quarantine boxes available. They supply two meals per day for 10 days for two people. They contain pantry items like pasta, canned goods, beans, rice, oatmeal, soups and other similar items. The boxes also include recipes. Priority is given for seniors and disabled individuals, but if those who are in need of food outside of these groups are not denied. Each box weighs 26 pounds. Supply is limited.
- ***Summit Pointe*** – Resources for anyone needing Mental Health Resources, contact Meghan Taft at 269-966-1460; Crisis Number 1-800-632-5449
- ***SAFE Place*** – Domestic Abuse resource, 24/7 crisis line 888-664-9832, www.safeplaceshelter.org, Ellen Collier elcollier@safeplaceshelter.org.
- ***Diaper Giveaway*** available behind the YMCA (182 Capital Ave NE) Every Wednesday 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM.



Faith-Based Organization (FBO) Information:

- Low-Priced Internet Specials from Comcast – contact Aubrey Stewart at 517-416-9290 (Office) or 269-425-9690 (Cell), Offering month-to-month special pricing for churches.
- Giving online – Faithlife.com is offering free premium package for 6 months then \$45.00 thereafter.
- Autobooks – Chemical Bank partner offering first 90 days free except transaction fees. More Information is available at <https://app.autobooks.co/hosted/chemical/signup?source=email>.
- Kindred.com – offering first 6 months free except transaction fees, then is \$45 a month + transaction fees.
- Givingfuel.com – offering first 6 months free except transaction fees, then is \$59 a month + transaction fees.
- Churchstreaming.tv – offering 90-day free trial
- Forgivable loan programs for your church:
Cares Act and Federal Gov't Loan Deferrals: Not for Profit Organizations (NFP) are recommended to their lending institution for an application concerning the Pay-check Protection Program PPP) to learn the processes and protocols.
- Church-Only Decontamination offered by Church of Scientology – Call Jeff Breedlove at 269-420-0737
- Quarantine and Isolation Hotel – Hampton Inn at 1150 Riverside Drive
- New information on Prisoner Release: Offenders who are positive with Covid 19 or waiting on test results will not be paroled. Those who have had close contact with COVID-19 will be released to a private home and will self-quarantine. MDOC will be releasing approx. 130 prisoners this week.
- Zoom Training: Pastor Morrison is available to lead training for Faith Leaders in the use of Zoom. See Pastor Morrison for a special discount of \$9.99, which is approximately 30% off Zoom's basic package of \$14.99. For more information: Call (269) 589-5846 (Pastor John Morrison, Restoration Life Church)

Needs:

- CityLinC's modest basement is the assembly area for the school supplies we are giving away. For \$5.00 we can provide a child with a Draw-String Bag filled with crayons, pencils, glue, notebook paper, pencil sharpener, erasers, construction paper, activity book, and a CityLinC 2020 calendar. CityLinC is a compassionate, faith-based organization serving children, youth, families and adults since 1968. Phone: (269) 969-9181 Address: 70 Calhoun St., Battle Creek, MI 49017 Website: <https://www.citylinc.org/>
- CareWell Services, Karla Fales @ 269-441-0930, is requesting donations from any faith-based organization with members who can make masks or would like to donate funds to the purchasing of material to make masks for Senior Citizens and other persons of vulnerable populations. If interested, contact CareWell Services or bring your donations to 200 W. Michigan (Kool Family Building) and drop off your donations in the large parking lot in back of the building. Go past the double doors by the large pillars and there will be a yellow mailbox there to receive your donation from 8:30 to 4:30. Please place the material in a gallon sized bag.
- “Thanks, and Encouragement” to Nursing Homes arranged by Pastor Ellie Easley. Pastor Easley is requesting churches, organizations and /or individuals to take Nursing Home assignments to write and send Thank you cards and encouragement messages to staff and residents alike. There are still two area nursing homes that need to be sponsored. For more information call Pastor Easley 269-599-9340.
- CCFBC is planning to have a substantive conversation with Leaders/Stakeholders of the various Calhoun County Area School Boards, Education Leaders, Faith Leaders, and Health Departmental Leaders concerning: Back to School Plans, Testing of Students, Associated Cost, Location of Testing Sites, and Types of Testing (Standardization of Test).



Information from the Battle Creek Chamber of Commerce

Resources

- From the Battle Creek Chamber of Commerce – Be Healthy BC! Businesses are preparing to reopen, we know everyone wants to keep their employees and customers safe. We have two styles of washable antimicrobial, three-ply fabric face masks in stock now and ready to be delivered to you, no charge for shipping. We have them printed with BE HEALTHY BC or you can have them customized with your company logo for only \$7.50 each. Delivered safely to your place of business or home. You can buy one or 2,000. For larger quantities, please reach out for better pricing. Please visit <http://believeinbc.graphix2gostoreonline.com/catalog/26578/> to place and order online and for more information or call our office at 269-969-7321 for your quote today.
- Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) – through the generosity of Consumers Energy and W. K. Kellogg Foundation – has expanded the Battle Creek Area COVID-19 Microgrant Fund to assist small businesses and nonprofits negatively affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The program is an extension of BCU’s previous microgrant fund to aid distressed small businesses and nonprofits in the corporate limits of the City of Battle Creek. **With additional contributions, grants may be awarded in the City of Springfield or the charter townships of Bedford, Emmett or Pennfield in addition to the City of Battle Creek.**
 - **ELIGIBILITY** The program is intended to alleviate economic distress for eligible applicants and their **contributions** employees on an interim basis until State or Federal programs are available (SBA loans and/or other State or Federal programs). **Applicants must fall within the following criteria of eligibility:** Operate within the corporate limits of the cities of Battle Creek or Springfield. Operate within the corporate limits of the charter townships of Bedford, Emmett or Pennfield. Have 15 employees or fewer. Have annual revenue of \$1 million or less. There is an application for these monies. Please email Pastor Easley at eeleas2018@gmail.com for the application.
- Developed by the Pure Michigan Business Connect program of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the platform is open to companies of all sizes and industries statewide, according to a Wednesday, May 27 announcement. Mark Burton, CEO of the MEDC, said the platform will serve as a critical tool in supporting economic recovery efforts across the state. “This next phase builds on successful efforts through PMBC to support the production of more than 5.5 million individual PPE supplies in Michigan as well as connect health and human service needs in the fight against COVID-19 with Michigan businesses providing critical supplies,” Burton said. The online portal can be accessed at Michiganbusiness.org/ppe. Businesses in need of equipment, as well as businesses with goods and services to help safeguard employees and customers, are encouraged by the state to submit their information on the portal.