

Countryside Trinity Church Newsletter

January, 2020 Edition



A Message from Our Pastor



20/20 Vision

As prescribed by the Constitution, every ten years a census is taken to determine the number of residents of the United States in order to apportion the 435 congressional districts. The undertaking of the census this year is especially important for the people of Saginaw and its surrounding counties, which is in an area that has been losing 2.5% of our population over the last 10 years. The state of Michigan has been losing congressional districts for the last half century and those who study these things are predicting that Michigan will probably lose one more following this consensus. If this reflects the relative numbers in the state, well, then this loss is fairly distributed across the nation. The fear for this community, however, is that this area might be undercounted because of racial and economic divides, made more complicated by the choice of this administration to use computers which have a tendency to create barriers to participation by the poor. With this situation, there is a potential to lose not only funding, but more importantly, to lose control of the funding coming our way. With the potential of our poorer communities to be undercounted, there is a potential for these communities to have less voice in the efforts of our government, local, state, and national, to have their issues addressed.

The same is true for voting in the elections this November. There is a present struggle in our courts around issues of voting registration, with hundreds of thousands of voters being removed from voter rolls. Again, there is a tendency for people in our poorer communities to participate in our elections to a lesser degree because of barriers that we are not always aware of. This too is a justice issue. As someone who believes that each person's voice needs to be heard, I believe we are called to participate in efforts which facilitate every person's opportunities to vote.

Over the next year we all have the opportunity to participate with other churches and community organizations in efforts to increase our communities' influence and power in addressing its issues. I will be working to discern where those opportunities might be available for us and how individuals can help in these efforts. Please speak to me if you are interested and pray that both our census and elections are just and empower our communities to voice and address their concerns.

Brant

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019





The Mission of the Month is The Forgotten Man Mission serving the Saginaw County Jail. 10,000 people are booked into the jail each year. 515 is the maximum number for any one time. Andy Cox and Francis Irwin are the chaplains for FMM.

Forgotten Man Ministries provides spiritual care to the men and women in jail with the help of trained volunteers. Weekly Church Services, group Bible Studies, self-improvement classes, Christian Movie Ministries and Book Cart with faith based literature are some of the activities.

Volunteer opportunities are available. Contact Chaplain Irwin (790-5458) for specialized training. Prayers for open hearts and lives changed are always welcome. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

Sundays in January are designated as Undie Sundays. We will collect white cotton underwear for the jail residents. (T-shirts, boxers, socks for men) and (bras, panties and socks for women.) Large sizes are needed. There will be a box in Fellowship Hall where they may be placed.

ANNUAL REPORTS

If you are the chairperson of a committee, your annual report must be turned in to Kathy Loviska no later than January 10th. Please make an effort to get these done so that the report can be finalized by the middle of January, 2020.

YOUR SESSION/COUNCIL AT WORK

Tidbits of information from Session/Council meeting on December 17, 2019 that you may find helpful:

Opening: Pastor Brant chose Isaiah 9:2-7 for our Lectio Divina reflection time.

Clerk's report: Church membership remains at 131. Communion was served to 52 parishioners on December 8, 2019 as the church was closed because of inclement weather on December 1st.

Pastor's report: Pastor Brant gave an update on his visits to the homebound and hospital visits, plus his activities getting prepared for the Advent season. He has accepted an invitation from the Presbytery of Lake Huron to serve on the Commission for Ministry for a three-year term beginning January 2020. His vacation request for 1/24/20 through 1/31/20 was approved by personnel committee. The session members were asked several questions regarding the effectiveness and efficiency of our church governance. Elders are to answer the questions and submit them to Pastor Brant by December 29, 2019. These will be addressed during the officer training session in January.

The closing of the church during inclement weather was discussed. The Pastor will meet with the Clerk of Session, a representative from Building & Grounds, a rep from Spiritual Life, and the administrative assistant to discuss a more efficient way to make the decision to close the church. It was felt that putting it on TV was not enough and maybe posting it on Facebook, and by e-mail might have better results. **We will keep you updated on the process.**

Finance & Stewardship: Forty-nine families have pledged a total of \$95,268.00.

Eleven pledged to increase their pledges.

There were 17 new pledges, mostly from previous Warren Avenue folks.

Eighteen pledged the same amount.

Three pledged a decreased amount.

Christian Outreach: Donations for Hidden Harvest totaled \$95.00. Two Coins a Meal donations totaled \$56.00. Eight Christmas baskets will be packed Friday, December 20, 2019, with gifts.

Nominating: *Motion sustained to call a special congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the next three years following worship service on December 29, 2019.* All officer training will be held on January 4, 2020 at 9 AM to 12 Noon. Installation of officers will be Sunday, January 19, 2020 during the worship service and after the present session has examined the new officers.

Spiritual Life: A request for the use of the sanctuary on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 for the small wedding of Ron Platt (non-member), at no charge, was approved. K. Barnum, D. Davis, K. Blehm, M. Lacker, C. Davis, R. Scovill, K. Loviska, and M. Parker will assist with Communion on Christmas Eve. R. Scovill, K. Blehm, and Mary Longstreth will serve Communion on January 5, 2020.

Women's Association: Cookie Walk will be held after worship on December 22, 2019.

TREASURER'S REPORT

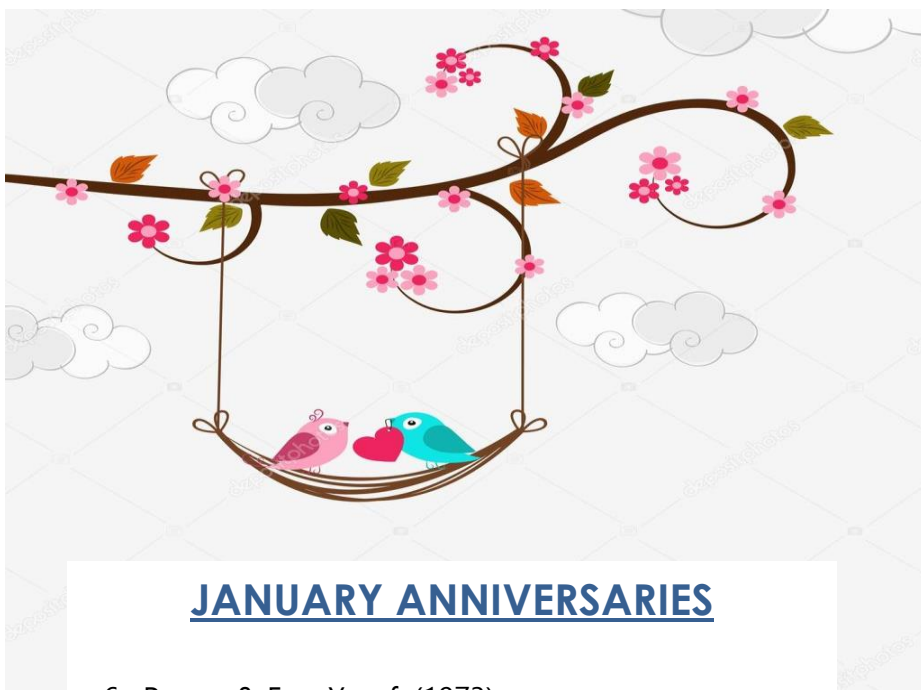
Mari McKenzie

	November				
	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance
General	10,983.02	7,720.31	10,887.16		7,816.17
Memorial	6,775.00	115.00			6,890.00
Special projects	1,568.79				1,568.79
Mission					
Food	853.44	625.00			1,478.44
Heifer proj (Church School)	(0.00)				(0.00)
UCC/PCU	517.50	68.14	517.50		68.14
Good Samaritan	2,582.28	25.00			2,607.28
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	5,023.16	311.81			5,334.97
Womens Association	(101.65)	101.65			(0.00)
Local	253.49	277.89	408.67		122.71
Bricks	1,380.70		44.85		1,335.85
	29,835.73	9,244.80	11,858.18	-	27,222.35
Endowment	148,223.74				148,223.74
	178,059.47	9,244.80	11,858.18	-	175,446.09



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Shirlee Scovill
- 5 Norma Meacham
- 8 Zachary Vega
- 12 Julie Smith Lowe
- 13 Sarah Gonzales
- 13 Kevin Diggs
- 14 Betty Hauk
- 15 Mary Young
- 17 Madisen J. Groom
- 18 Frank Gndt
- 22 Mary Ann Parker
- 24 Chelsea Parker
- 25 Brian Leach
- 27 Laura Nolan
- 28 Irene Ohmer
- 28 Kevin Barnum
- 30 John Bethune
- 31 Peter Dominguez



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Pervez & Ezra Yusaf (1973)
- 21 Sidney & Kermit Diggs
- 28 Michael & Amanda Groom (2011)

PER CAPITA - 2020

As members of both the Presbyterian Church, USA and the United Church of Christ, we benefit from the work and the resources of not one, but two national denominations. These resources allow us to draw on the insight and creativity of a wide variety of congregations and church leaders. Each denomination charges us a fee based on our membership as an equitable and mutual way of sharing the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century.

On Sunday, January 12th, we invite the congregation to participate in the effort to collect \$30 from each member to help this church not only fulfill our obligation to the larger church, but also to allow each to demonstrate his or her support for the many ways our denominations share the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are choosing this Sunday for the collection because it is Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, on which we will not only hear the story of Jesus' baptism, but also reaffirm our baptismal vows. In this way, you will be offered the opportunity to recommit yourself to the work of Jesus Christ through both your reaffirmation of your baptismal vows and your financial commitment. This is not a requirement for membership, though the church has a voluntary financial obligation to fulfill because of your membership, but an invitation to demonstrate your support for the larger church. Please join us in this effort.

As a church of 130 members, we have as our goal 100% participation in this effort and special envelopes will be available for these contributions. If you would like to make your contribution to this effort before the end of the 2019 tax year, please do so and designate the funds you want directed towards the 2020 Per Capita.



The pastor will be out of the office from January 24th - January 31st. Please call the office with any pastoral emergency.



Jackie Williams wishes to thank all of Countryside for their kind words, cards and wishes following her surgery.

OFFICER TRAINING

JANUARY 4TH, 9AM-12PM

On Saturday, January 4th, all elders and deacons who will be serving over the next year are asked to attend the Officer Training at the church. Together we will explore what makes for effective church leadership and begin the process of organizing ourselves for the work that is before us in the coming year. At the end of the training new elders and deacons will be examined by the session as required by our denominational requirements.

BE COUNTED MICHIGAN2020

THE CENSUS IS NOW!!!

- For every person not counted, there is a potential of losing \$1,800.00 in tax dollars;
- Over the ten year period between now and taking the next Census that is a loss of \$18,000.00 to our County for each person not counted;
- Do everything you can to ensure you and all your family members are counted.



Offering Envelopes: Thanks to all who have picked up their envelopes for the new year. If you would like envelopes and did not receive them, please contact Lori Halase, our church's Financial Secretary, or the church office.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 19th: Following worship on Sunday, January 19th, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our annual meeting as a congregation. This meeting will include a potluck luncheon, as well as opportunities for members to offer his or her insight into the work and mission of the church. Your input and feedback are essential to the vitality of our congregation, and our prayers are that in our time of exploration of the issues which face us, as well as our time of prayer and worship, will provide us with a clearer sense of who and how we will serve Christ over the coming year. Please make plans to attend.



Our hymn of the month is No. 397 in the New Century Hymnal, *Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers*. This hymn was written for a Union Thanksgiving service by Roger Powell, and served as a rallying song for the first meeting of the National Council of Churches (NCC) in 12952. The NCC "has served as a leading voice of witness to the living Christ. . . and "unifies a diverse covenant community of 38 member communions and over 40 million individuals - 100,000 congregations from Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, Evangelical, historic African-America, and Living Peace traditions - in a common commitment to advocate and represent God's love and promise of unity in our public square." (nationalcouncilofchurches.us)

As our worship services this month will focus on the unity of our baptisms and mission of the church, this is a very appropriate hymn to help us focus on the gifts of the Spirit which unites us with many around the globe.

BOOK STUDY GROUP

- We have just finished "Listening for God"
- Resuming January 15th and 22nd to discuss Capital Punishment and to watch the movie "Dead Man Walking"
- In February the group will begin a new novel by author Erin Bartels, a native of Essexville, MI, called *"We Hope for Better Things"*. This book is set in Detroit and surrounding areas and is a family saga spanning from the 1860's to present time and dealing with issues of the Civil War, slavery, the Underground Railroad carrying slaves north, the Detroit riots in 1967 and racial issues.
- Let Brant or Kathy know if you are interested in attending in January and/or February.
- All are encouraged to participate.



This year, step out in faith and be amazed

By Donna Frischknecht Jackson | Presbyterians Today

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —
I took the one less traveled by, And that
has made all the difference.* Robert Frost



I hadn't read this poem in years and so, when a friend recently included it in an email, it brought back memories.

It was during my Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in Manhattan that I was introduced to the work of Robert Frost. My supervisor, realizing — as I did — that I didn't have a call to chaplaincy work, but was there to fulfill my presbytery's ordination requirement, would refer to the poetry of Frost during our weekly check-ins as I grappled with where God was leading me. "The Road Not Taken" was his favorite poem to quote.

As if the daily grind of hospital chaplaincy weren't emotionally draining enough, I was also interviewing with churches. As the weeks went by, most of my supervisory meetings were spent talking about the churches I began courting. Halfway through my CPE training, the church search was down to two suitors. And boy, they couldn't have been more different.

The first, outside of Washington, D.C., offered great facilities, a healthy budget and a robust membership. The other, a rural church somewhere in the Northeast, was surprisingly forthcoming about its aging building, shoestring budget and graying membership. I couldn't believe when my supervisor asked which church caught my fancy.

As I continued exploring the future possibilities with these churches, I discussed the pros and cons of each with my supervisor. Frustratingly, he never once offered advice. He just listened and asked questions — endless questions that created more questions for me. I just wanted him to tell me what I should do.

As my time at the hospital came to an end, I was no closer to making a decision. One last time, I walked into my supervisor's office for my evaluation. I was prepared for the typical scorecard detailing where my strengths were and areas to work on. Instead, I was given a heartfelt affirmation of my call to parish ministry. There was also a bonus. I finally received my supervisor's answer to my question of "Where should I go?" The answer, though, wasn't what I expected.

He affirmed a ministry I didn't even recognize as a ministry, encouraging me to keep writing. No matter how busy life as a parish pastor would get, "keep on writing," he typed in bold and underlined. He then advised me to never be swayed by what popular opinion might be.

"Trust your heart, even when your heart leads you to places that do not make sense to anyone else," he wrote. He didn't have to say anything else. That rural church was tugging at my heart.

He then put the evaluation down and, as if delivering a benediction, he sent me on my way with the words of Robert Frost: "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I — I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

I left the crowded streets of Manhattan and placed my feet on a dirt country road that was foreign to me. It led to a rural church that many had said "no" to serving. I took that road and it has made all the difference — in my faith, my ministry and my life overall.

The roads less traveled are the ones that really do enrich your life. They are the roads where you meet the most amazing people and make the most precious of friends. They are the roads with little churches often ignored that, when given a chance to shine, can be a powerful testimony of how God can create something out of nothing. They are the roads where God moments, God winks, God hugs — whatever you want to call them — are abundant.

As a new year begins, I pray that all our churches have the courage to step onto the roads of ministry not often taken. May we have the faith to dream big and not be swayed by popular opinion. May we not fear the potholes or the dead ends or the roadblocks that we will encounter. Rather, may we remember the One who calls us and never stops guiding us safely onward to a destination we never envisioned.

I took the road less traveled and it led to a life I never had imagined, that of a country pastor. I took that road and find myself now walking the same woods that inspired Frost when he lived in Vermont. And every time I see a fork in a road, I make sure to take the path I have yet to be on.

Chicago church gifts Christmas Eve offering to children's relief in Haiti

December 25, 2019

Written by **Connie Larkman**

The congregation of St. Pauls United Church of Christ believes it's better to give than to receive, especially on Christmas Eve. They also believe that what they get back is immeasurable. That's why the church in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago is continuing its tradition of giving away its Christmas Eve offering.

The Rev. Matt Fitzgerald, senior pastor of St. Pauls United Church of Christ, was first inspired to make this generous gift because of something he read in a book about worship attendance.

"The author said giving away the offering from a service that welcomes many guests can help disarm people's suspicions about church, while also doing good in the world," he said. "We get hundreds of visitors and guests at our Christmas Eve services. I like to think that these folks are surprised by (gifting) the offering each year."



This will be the seventh year the church has gifted its Christmas Eve collection. The recipient is always a charitable group or community organization that St. Pauls already supports with members' time and talents. The 2019 offering is being given to Three Angels Children's Relief in Port-au-Prince Haiti.

"Haiti has been in the midst of political turmoil for months now and food insecurity is becoming dangerous," Fitzgerald said. "This year's offering will be used to provide meals for the children and families of Three Angels."

Three Angels is a small school, orphanage and medical clinic that the church has helped support for six years. In seven trips to Haiti since 2013, St Pauls clergy and congregants have taken on plumbing projects, done maintenance work, built a playground and have nearly completed a community center. Another trip is planned for early next year. On almost every trip, nurses from the congregation have provided medical care.



"At Three Angels, Saint Pauls nurses have administered medications and done hygiene teaching for the students, health screening of the staff, taught CPR and brought the first aid supplies up to date," said Mary Brown, a Saint Pauls member and hospice nurse. "We've provided an extra set of hands for the clinic nurse. We also provide nagging about hydration to the construction crew."

In years past, the church has given the Christmas Eve offering to a number of local organizations, including the Lincoln Park Community Shelter, which provides housing and social services to people in the neighborhood. St. Pauls, Fitzgerald said, founded this agency with four other churches decades ago.

"Several of the places we've given the offering to have UCC roots," said Jeff Carlson, an associate pastor. "For three years in a row we gave the collection to UCAN, the largest provider of therapeutic services to youth in Chicago. UCAN was founded by St. Pauls 150 years ago as an orphanage for German-American children after the Civil War. Today UCAN serves over 15,000 at-risk youth across Illinois."

The first recipient of the Christmas Eve offering was A Just Harvest, founded by Good News Community Church UCC in Chicago, which fights hunger and poverty in the Rogers Park neighborhood.

"St. Pauls has a long history of supporting city organizations and global ministries both financially and non-financially," said Tom Murray, a church member who currently serves as treasurer. "Our members want Saint Pauls to give to others in the same way that we give to Saint Pauls. We use our building for mission and give away a percentage of our budget each year, so this wasn't an unusual step. We are blessed to have a congregation full of members who support the church all year long."

Through their generosity, the St. Pauls Christmas Eve offering topped \$25,000 last year, funds that could have significantly helped the church's bottom line. "We try to be prudent financially, but most years Saint Pauls



operates with a modest deficit," Fitzgerald said. "The offering could help address this, but we want to be extravagantly generous at Christmastime."

The 176-year old Lincoln Park congregation is also immersed in outreach. Founded by German immigrants, the majority of its 1,000-plus membership is white. Several years ago, church leadership, through conversations on race, pledged to become more diverse in their partnerships. Since

then, members helped resettle a refugee family of six from Syria in 2017, opened a summer camp to provide for hundreds of children new to this country and Chicago, and, earlier this fall joined a coalition of black churches in Chicago to abolish \$5.3 million in medical debt for almost 6,000 people in low income neighborhoods.

St. Pauls has also agreed to a "space-sharing covenant" with Lighthouse UCC, a primarily African-American, LGBTQ congregation. Fitzgerald said Saint Pauls will be home to Lighthouse's worship and weekly meetings for the next three years.

In February, a group from St. Pauls will head back to Haiti in service, and Fitzgerald said that he and Rev. Otis Moss III, pastor of Trinity UCC in Chicago, have been talking about partnering up the two congregations in this trip.

Gifting the people of Three Angels with their presence, along with all of the funds collected St. Pauls on Christmas Eve.

"Our Christmas Eve worship services in particular are attended by many guests and extended family members," Murray said. "We hope that when they hear we are giving away 100 percent of the collection to an organization in need, that it reflects positively on our church and inspires even more joyful giving."

As Fitzgerald said, "I hope our Christmas offering helps make room for Christ and his mercy in this crowded, violent world."

HEALTH & SAFETY - IN SAGINAW

Mondays: Blood pressure clinic meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Zauel Memorial Library, 3100 N. Center Road.

Monday-Friday: Aquatic exercises at the Sherwood Pool are held weekly. Classes are at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 11:35 a.m. The ability to swim is not required. Lap swimming is at 11:35 a.m. There is a charge for exercises and lap swimming. For more information visit the Community Education page at www.stcs.org or call (989) 797-1847.

Tuesdays: Weight Watchers meets at 9:30 a.m. at Swanhaven Manor, 300 Kennely Road in Thomas Township.

Tuesdays and Fridays: Adult senior exercise will be held Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. and Fridays at 11:00 a.m. at the Second Presbyterian Church, 2665 Midland Road. The instructor is Anne Dietzel.

Thursdays: Chair Yoga for senior citizens, those unable to do floor yoga, and those recovering from an injury, will be held at 11:00 a.m. at First Congregational Church, 403 S. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, led by Chantelle Rivett Hosner, certified chair yoga instructor.

Ongoing: Senior Fitness/Health Club, 4032 Bay Road, offers yoga, dance and tai-chi classes. The facility now accepts Silver Sneakers. Ages 18 and over are welcome. For more information call (989) 790-5788.

Senior Center Activities: There are many centers in the Saginaw area offering continuing weekly activities from dancing and exercise to cards. A list will be posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. You can also go online to view a list of each month's activities. Go to www.saginawcounty.com and hover on the tab "Community & Services" and then click on the drop down item "Commission on Aging". Look for upcoming events and there will be a link for Senior Center Events & Activities. **Check it out** - there are some fun activities that continue throughout the year.

CARDS AND GAMES

First and Third Wednesdays - Euchre night is at 6:30 p.m. at the Creek Side Bar & Grille at Crooked Creek, 9387 Gratiot Road, Saginaw. Call (989) 781-0050 for more information.

Thursdays: Bingo will be played at 10 a.m. at the Moose Family Center, 2218 Midland Rd., Saginaw Township 989 793-9735.

Fridays: Eleanor Frank Senior Center, 2355 Schust Road (at the entrance to Haithco Park) has an open euchre tournament starting at 9:30 a.m. for senior citizens ages 60 and older. Call Bob at (989) 525-4400 for details.

Fridays: The **Eagles Club**, 7078 Gratiot Road, will hold Jack of Spades at 9:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Burger Night is every Monday (except holidays) at the Knights of Columbus Father Nouvel Council #4232, 4840 Shattuck Road, Saginaw, MI. Burgers, Hot Dogs and Coneys are available for a fee. All come with chips. Fries and cheese are extra. Serving is from 5 to 7 p.m.

Dancing for Fitness: Fun and low-impact, this program offers a way for individuals, particularly those over the age of 50, a way to help with strength and flexibility and improve circulation while at the same time having fun! Bring your friends (or come and make new ones). Classes held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Center Courts. You can sign up for either twice a week (\$42) or three times a week (\$56).



Recurring Events at CTC

Book Club-Meets in the Lounge
most Wednesdays @ 1:00 pm - (Bring lunch or snack if desired)

Bible Study-Meets in the Lounge
most Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

Choir Practice Meets in Choir Room
most Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome to join.

Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall -
Sunday mornings following worship @ 11:30 a.m. in CTC Fellowship Hall

Spiritual Life Committee Meeting
Second Sunday of the month following worship at 11:30 a.m. in lounge.

Session Meeting Third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge unless otherwise scheduled.

Deacons meetings are scheduled as needed. The next meeting will be on Sunday, January 12th following worship at approximately 11:45 am.

City of God has meetings once or twice a month on Sundays 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Bead Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of most months at 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

New Years Eve Dueling Pianos Dinner Show

Date: 12/31/2019
Time: 6:00 PM TO 9:30 PM

Bavarian Inn Restaurant
713 S. Main Street
Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734
Phone: 989-652-9941

Event Description:

Enjoy two sharp-witted, incredibly talented musicians with pianos for an evening of fast, energetic and unforgettable interactive entertainment! Reservations and prepayment required.

Call 1-800-BAVARIA or 989-652-9941.

77th Elf Khurafeh Shrine Circus

Date: 1/24/2020 TO 1/26/2020
Time: 7:00 PM

The Dow Event Center
303 Johnson Street
Saginaw, MI 48607-1213

Phone: 989.759.1320

Event Description:

The 77th Annual Elf Khurafeh Shrine Circus returns to The Dow Event Center on January 24-26, 2020 with various showtimes. Tickets go on sale December 6th at 10:00 a.m. at Ticketmaster.com, Ticketmaster by phone 1-800-745-3000 or in person at The Dow Event Center Box Office. Additional fees may apply when purchased through Ticketmaster.

The Harlem Globetrotters

Date: 1/27/2020
Time: 7:00 PM

The Dow Event Center
303 Johnson Street
Saginaw, MI 48607-1213

Phone: 989.759.1320

Event Description:

The world-famous Harlem Globetrotters, featuring larger than life entertainers, will bring their ALL-NEW show, "Pushing the Limits" to The Dow Event Center in Saginaw on Monday, January 27th at 7:00PM.

Popovich Pet Comedy Theater

Date: 1/29/2020
Time: 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM



Midland Center for the Arts
1801 West St. Andrews Road
Midland, MI 48640

Phone: 989.631.5930

Event Description:

As seen on America's Got Talent, international circus legend and award winner Gregory Popovich's Comedy Pet Theater is a blend of comedy, world championship juggling, and the extraordinary talents of his furry cast of animals, the real stars of the show! All animals have been rescued from shelters all over the country and they have been transformed into Las Vegas stars. The show features an amazing cast of house-cats, dogs, parrots, geese, mice, even a miniature horse named Diamond!

Voted "Best Family Attraction in Las Vegas!" (10 seasons running at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino)

2020	JANUARY		SUNDAY	Countryside Trinity Church		
CALENDAR YEAR	CALENDAR MONTH		FIRST DAY OF WEEK	4690 Weiss St. Saginaw, MI 48603 Email: Countryside@ctcsaginaw.com Phone: 989-793-0125		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
10:25 am- Announcements in Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service; 11:30 am - Coffee Hour		Office Closed in Observance of New Year's Eve	Office Closed 			9:00 am - Noon Officer Training
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
10:25 am-Announcements in Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service with Communion and Two- Coins a Meal Offering; 11:30 am - Coffee Hour 4:00-6:30 pm City of God		1:00 PM Craft group Fellowship Hall				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:25 am- Announcements in Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service; 11:30 am Coffee Hour; 11:45 am Spiritual Life and Deacons meetings		1:00 PM Craft group Fellowship Hall	1:00 pm Book Club meets			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:25 am- Announcements in Sanctuary; 10:30 am- Worship Service 11:30 am - Coffee Hour; 11:30 am 11:45 Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall with Potluck		1:00 PM Craft group Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm Session Council Meeting in Lounge	1:00 pm Book Club meets Deadline for February Newsletter		Pastor Brant Out of Office	Pastor Brant Out of Office
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
10:25 am Announce- ments in Sanctuary; 10:30 am-Worship Service; 11:30 am - Coffee Hour	Pastor Brant Out of Office	1:00 PM Craft group Fellowship Hall; 6:30 pm Bead Club; Pastor Brant Out of Office	1:00 pm Book Club meets Pastor Brant Out of Office	Pastor Brant Out of Office	Pastor Brant Out of Office	
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
			1:00 pm Book Club meets	Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Worship Services Sundays at 10:30 a.m.	

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Website: www.ctcsaginaw.com

Wishing you a Happy
New Year filled with
happiness and peace.
May your home be filled
with joy and happiness.
Happy New Year!



“Trust in the Lord with all your
heart and lean not on your
own understanding; in all your
ways submit to him, and he
will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6



*Happy
New Year*