

Countryside Trinity Church

June-July, 2018 Newsletter



Let's practice Sabbath all summer

Don't you just love summer! It's our "off-season." I love summer for many reasons...the pace of life gets a little slower and more manageable; time after dinner is spent on our patios, decks, or back porches.

Summer calls us to the beach, to baseball games, music in the park, brings us out of our houses and into the streets to walk or for a jog. Summer lures us to play nine holes as the sun goes down. It's a time to recover and rejuvenate. Summer is the season of Sabbath.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" is, of course, one of the Ten Commandments. Sabbath-Sunday is a day of rest, a day of re-creating (recreation), a day to kick back, a day just to "be," a day that honors God through worship and spiritual focus.

Hardly anybody does what folks used to do... which was do nothing on Sundays except go to church, visit relatives and friends, set up the badminton set in the back yard, or bring out the softball and gloves. People used to know how to take care of themselves on Sundays.

Let's practice Sabbath all summer. And let's be sure that we are creating ways to rest in God and renew our spiritual life.

— Sid Batts, senior pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC

Exodus 20:8-11

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

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A message from OUR PASTOR

"No one knows what is to happen, and who can tell anyone what the future holds?"

Ecclesiastes 10:14

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

June/July 2018



Summer is here and I am thinking about amusement parks. I grew up about a fifteen minute ride from Palisades Park, the amusement park noted for its wooden roller coaster, the tunnel of love and popularized in a Freddy Cannon song from 1962. It was the place to go on weekends for me and my brothers. Every ride came with unexpected twists and turns, every amusement was a game of both skill and chance. It didn't matter how many times you got on the ride, didn't matter how well you knew the ride, it was always in some way different because of the people you rode with, and the anticipation you brought to it. Every Friday night at the "Park" provided both the comfort and safety of familiar surroundings combined with the excitement and risk of letting yourself go in that first exhilarating roller coaster drop, the first spin on the 'Tilt-a-Whirl.

At some point though, I stopped doing the whole amusement park thing. I used the excuse that the rides gave me a sore neck or back, or they threw off my sense of balance (all of which is true) but looking back I think it was more a matter of control. I didn't like taking the risk any more. I wasn't excited about the fact of the unknown waiting before me on every turn. I wanted more the comfort and assuredness that comes with feeling that I was in control. Over the years my wild ride on the roller coaster has become a serene, scenic float in the log flume with one expected drop at the end. My once anticipated joy of the speed of the 'Tilt-a-Whirl has now been replaced by the slow and steady turning of the Ferris Wheel. I feel good with the speed, with the knowledge that it will be a fun ride but that nothing too exciting is going to happen that I can't deal with. I suspect that much of this has happened due to my wanting to "know" what is next. It is also because with more knowledge of the safety concerns of those rides, I grew more afraid of the risks. This may be a sign of maturity or a sign of becoming too settled in my ways, always looking for the comfortable, the safe, the low risk.

The early church, the post resurrection community of Jesus, in the days of Peter and Paul and Mary and Lydia, these sisters and brothers of the faith looked at the lives together in community as everyday being a day at the amusement park. Their future together was unknown. Around every corner there were bumps, unexpected twists and turns and exhilarating climbs and terrifying drops. They lived into the reality of which the writer of Ecclesiastes wrote, "*No one knows what is to happen, and who can tell anyone what the future holds?*" but they also were comforted in the knowledge that they knew God held their future in God's hands. So they ventured forth fearlessly—taking risks as the ground shifted under their feet, living out their faith like a game of chance, all the time trusting God's Holy Spirit to bring them ever further along in their "ride" with Jesus.

But the church, over the century went from a wild roller coaster ride to being a slow jaunt down the lazy river of faith! Fearful of what might be, seeking evermore control, wanting to preserve a past that was known rather than risking a future that was unknown but completely in God's hand we have chosen the Ferris Wheel of faith where we continue to go around and around but never take that giant leap of faith and risk everything for the exhilarating whirl of spinning and watching the floor go out from underneath our feet and letting Jesus, like centrifugal force, hold us up and hold us fast to love and mercy of God in new and unexpected ways.

Eventually, Palisades Park closed down, and years later, was replaced by a new park called "Great Adventure."

Friends, scripture reminds us that we do not know, will never know or control our future together, but that God invites us to take the risk and go on a Great Adventure with Christ. Have a happy and exhilarating summer. See you at church and join me on this wonderful ride of faith.

Peace, Dave

YOUR SESSION/COUNCIL AT WORK

Mary Ann Parker

Tidbits of information from Session/Council meeting of May 15, 2018, that you may find helpful:

Opening: Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer and poem entitled, *"Catch the Fire"*.

Clerk's Report: In absence of Mary Ann Parker, there was no report.

Pastor Myers Report: Pastor Dave reported on Warren Avenue and their progress in closing their church. An Administrative Commission will be elected from the Presbytery to aid them in this process. As a way to get to know each other better, on June 10, 2018, Warren Avenue members will be coming to Countryside's Worship Services and on July 1, 2018, Countryside will attend Worship Service at Warren Avenue.

Denomination Report: Mary Longstreth will be attending the Presbytery Meeting in Lapeer on June 5, 2018 as our Elder Commissioner.

Committee Reports:

Spiritual Life: A summer Bar-b-que and evening worship service is being planned.

Congregational Care: Efforts are being made to be a more inclusive congregation.

Mission & Evangelism: A small portion of the money collected on Pentecost Sunday will be set aside for a Youth Mission Trip from Countryside Trinity. Game night is on summer break and will resume in the fall. Ways to make visitors and new members feel more welcome was discussed. Blehm reported on the outcome of the Baby Shower - \$110.00 was collected plus 118 baby items and clothing was donated to the Underground Railroad. The Backpack and Read programs with Weiss Elementary will conclude the end of May and resume in the fall.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

****All committee meetings' to be determined.**

Submitted for your information,
Kathy Loviska for Mary Ann Parker,
Clerk of Session



GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY: We look forward to celebrating many graduates from our church this year on Sunday, June 3rd. Graduates please bring your senior picture and achievements to display in the showcase to the Church Office by Sunday, May 20, 2018. This year we have seven students graduating from high school, they are: Trenton Burlingame, Jacob Groom, Ainslee Mahan, Aubree Mahan and Rachel Plater, all students at Heritage High School. Victoria Parker who attends Swan Valley High School, and, Anjel Vernon who attends Carrollton High School. Congratulations also go out to Casey Redfield who graduated this year from Kettering University. Please be sure to congratulate them for their achievement.

Treasurer's Report

	April				
	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance
General	7,720.91	8,371.19	11,277.33	1,500.00	6,314.77
Memorial	11,766.83	420.00		(1,500.00)	10,686.83
Special projects	703.79				703.79
Mission					
Hunger	616.79				616.79
Heifer proj (Church School)	2.60	2.35			4.95
UCC/PCU	440.00	10.00			450.00
Good Samaritan	2,508.28	10.00			2,518.28
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	4,158.67	314.31			4,472.98
Local	-	25.00			25.00
Bricks	1,325.40				1,325.40
	29,243.27	9,152.85	11,277.33	-	27,118.79
Endowment	166,463.20				166,463.20
	195,706.47	9,152.85	11,277.33	-	193,581.99

Women's & Mission Update - From "Marcia Lacker"

The mission for June is the East Side Soup Kitchen. Their mission is to provide nutritious meals and hope with dignity and respect. Based in downtown Saginaw, Monday thru Friday the mission serves two shifts of lunch starting at 11 am. 10 volunteers are needed every day. Call 7553663 for information.

ESSK serves an after school lunch to children at all recreation centers that request the services in writing.

Medical clinics are offered by Healthy Futures and St. Mary's Hospital. Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center offers counseling and testing for HIV/AIDS. Twice a month a SNAP Benefits Coordinator is present. A representative from The Housing Resource Center is on site weekly. Call for times for dental services clinic.

The next fundraiser is a golf outing in June – see the bulletin board.

The Mission Committee called the Regional Correction Facility in Freeland to see what needs we could meet. They could use all kinds of greeting cards and stamps. If you have extras please place them in the box in Fellowship Hall.

The Mission of the month of July is Emmaus House. They are in their 31st year of providing safe, sober transitional living for women in a family atmosphere. There are now 14 houses. Each has a live-in staff member. The women may stay as long as they need to develop independence.

Daily activities include prayer and meditation, chores, work at the Morrow Center, plan and cook meals, eat together at least one meal, church (Sunday.) Monthly outings, seasonal activities, special holiday events are planned for the women and their children.

The Morrow Center is a free thrift store open Monday thru Friday 9am – 4 pm. 200 people a week visit the center for something they need. Call 755-7538 if you need a pick up for donations.

Emmaus Home believes each woman is a unique, precious creation of God.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . . MARI MCKENZIE

By Kathy Loviska

In this issue, we are going to get to know our fellow member, Mari McKenzie, a little better.

Mari was born in Hillsdale Michigan while her dad was attending college. She grew up in Madison Heights and graduated from Lamphere High School. Go Rams! She has a Bachelor's degree from CMU. Go Chips!

Mari has been married for thirty-five years having met her husband at the Met in Midland at the Community Center. Her spouse was also a classmate at SVSC. They have one child, age 32, and two dogs. Mari is a Certified Public Accountant and has been retired for approximately 5 years.

Her most rewarding experience in life according to Mari is, *"I am very proud of my son. He is an Eagle Scout and an auditor like his mother. He lives in San Diego. He has been calling me every weekend since he left home to attend MSU. My husband, dogs and I spend February's in San Diego."*

For enjoyment, Mari says she gets bored easily so she enjoys doing many things. Traveling and time with family are on top of her list. The next is volunteering for women's issues. She has been involved with the Underground Railroad for 35 years and is currently serving as chair of the board. She has been a member of Zonta for 36 years. It is an organization that empowers women through service and advocacy. They have two dogs that they rescued. One is a rascal. He is a 2-year-old Australian Shepard mix and believes that his job is "herding" Mari. She chases him around the house several times a day retrieving socks, papers from her purse or anything else that he snatches. The other one is a Borzoi mix. She is a sweet gentle couch potato. Mari enjoys swimming, water aerobics, walking and golf. She also enjoys watching sports and reality TV and reading books about people that have made a difference. An interesting tidbit is that Mari has been watching the TV soap opera, General Hospital, since college. So, if you have any questions about Port Charles, she may know the answer.

As for Mari's favorite pastime, she says *"I enjoy learning. There is nothing better than traveling to a place that I have not been to before and wandering. My dad was a school teacher and it was not unusual for us to camp for 6 to 10 weeks of the summer throughout the United States and Canada. I also enjoy many sports. I pretty much played anything they would let me play growing up. That included the boys' varsity tennis team."*

When asked what she likes best about Countryside Trinity Church, Mari says she likes that it is a local community church and it is easy to be involved. She has been a member here since the early 1980's.

Mari enjoys resorts, bus trips and camping. She has had several favorite vacations, they include: Costa Rica, Washington DC, New York City, Punta Cana Dominican Republic, Cozumel, Route 66, Tokushima Japan, National Parks, East coast, Gulf coast, and West coast.

As a member at Countryside, Mari acts as our Treasurer, is a Session member and helps out whenever she is needed. She has served on many committees and is currently a member of the Long Term Planning committee. I want to thank Mari for all that she does here at Countryside. She is one of our biggest assets and we are so lucky to have her as a member.

Read Program and Backpack Program - both have ended for the summer and will resume in the fall.



Read with Me!



UCC's Philippine Partnership Initiative

The Michigan Conference has had a partnership with the Visayas Jurisdictions of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) since 1989. At the Conference Annual Meeting in 2016, delegates gave thanks for the many ways that members of local churches and Olivet College participated in this wonderful relationship. There were faculty exchanges with Silliman University, choir tours, youth trips, work excursions, a Christmas Camp, hosting a women's delegation, and many leadership summits. Dozens of Michigan Conference church members – young and old - shared in keeping this partnership alive and well. Two noteworthy proponents of engagement were Rev. Joe Malayang and Rev. Roger Pohl. Rev. Pohl and his spouse, Joanne Pohl, spent many months in the Philippines on numerous teaching exchanges and work trips.

At the 2016 Annual Meeting, it was also recognized that the partnership has been evolving. After contact and communication with the two new Jurisdictional bishops, a recommendation was made to continue conversation and explore new possibilities for partnership. This "living into" a new reality was tempered by concerns about the extra-judicial killings in the Philippines.

In the fall of 2017, Roger Pohl, facing a terminal illness, began conversations with Joanne about leaving a legacy to both celebrate their long engagement with Filipino partners, and to support ongoing initiatives. From those conversations come the Roger and Joanne Legacy initiative to help fund a classroom and technology upgrades at Southern Christian College in Midsayap, Cotabato, Philippines. Education is of vital importance in the Philippines and Southern Christian College has a commitment to also serving Muslim students and indigenous peoples. In addition to the \$10,000 that the Pohl Legacy will donate, institutions, local churches and individuals will be invited to contribute to this effort in the hope that at least \$22,000 can be raised, which will build and equip one classroom at the rapidly expanding campus.

During the months of May and June, notice of this initiative will be shared through Michigan Conference communiques, and Joanne Pohl and Joe Malayang will reach out personally to individuals who have participated in the partnership.

For a copy of Joanne Pohl's letter of appeal, copy and paste the following into your browser: <http://files.constantcontact.com/5ba9229e001/e398fb55-b302-4234-8770-93aa395c3bdf.pdf>

For more information about Southern Christian College, copy and paste the following to your browser: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Christian_College_\(Philippines\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Christian_College_(Philippines))

Their Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/southernchristiancollege/>

To make a donation to the Pohl Legacy – please choose one of the following options: To pay by check, please make the check out to: Michigan Conference UCC Mail to: Michigan Conference UCC – P.O. Box 1006, East Lansing 48826-1006

The Michigan Conference has been blessed by a partnership with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, and we are honored to have this opportunity to promote educational opportunities for thousands of young people at Southern Christian College. Special thanks to Joanne Pohl for including so many of us in this noble endeavor in memory of Roger. May it all be to God's glory.

Campbell Lovett

Hawaii residents remain on alert for more eruptions from Kilauea volcano

Disaster Response May 11, 2018

Federal authorities say it may be weeks before threat is over

by Rick Jones | Presbyterian News Service

A view of the summit Kilauea Lava Lake at dusk on Feb 1, 2014. (Photo by U.S. Geological Survey)

LOUISVILLE — The threat of more eruptions, explosions and lava continue to keep geologists on alert as they track activity at the summit of Hawaii's Kilauea volcano. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) says lava draining from the volcano could pose serious problems and officials are keeping watch.

"Authorities are concerned that the lava may go underneath the water table, which could cause a huge explosion with boulders," said Dana Pagalaboyd, with Hawaii VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). "They're hoping that if it does explode, it will land within the park, away from people, but you can't predict that."

Pagalaboyd, who is also administrator with Christ Church Uniting Disciples and Presbyterians, says the uncertainty has everyone on edge.

"It's very stressful, not knowing from hour to hour what your situation is. I know there are some people that did not evacuate from their neighborhoods," she said. "I heard one man say he knows people who are staying in their homes until they see lava in their yard."

Pagalaboyd adds that they have no idea how long the threat could last.

"I heard an interview with a videographer who has been tracking the lava and is a resident in one of the impacted areas. He said it had only been nine days, yet it felt like nine weeks," she said. "Every time he flies over, he checks out his house and it is safe for now. But 36 structures have been destroyed in the area so far."

Authorities have warned impacted residents not to wait too long to get out.

"Under normal circumstances, it can take at least a day to move out of your house. Now, residents usually have about half an hour to get out," Pagalaboyd said. "When they've been given the time to go back after evacuation, they still have little time to gather their personal belongings or pets that were left behind."

Pagalaboyd says despite the evacuations, few residents are taking advantage of shelters that have opened.

"Many people are requesting tents. Officials have also noticed that hotels, bed & breakfasts are being booked by displaced residents," she said. "Some people don't like going to shelters, so many are camping outside."

Pagalaboyd says they've been in touch with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance regarding long-term recovery.

"Right now, the community itself can handle the emergency," she said. "But people will be looking for long-term home rentals they can use for months while their homes are being rebuilt from the damage."

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been monitoring the situation in Hawaii and is in communication with Pagalaboyd.

"Our prayers and concerns for the residents and emergency workers continue in this ever-changing situation in the islands," said Jim Kirk, PDA's associate for national disaster response. "The ongoing threat of volcanic activity is of great concern to the church and we are prepared to provide resources and support when needed."

The immediate threat is in a national park with a sparse population. The nearest community is approximately three miles from the summit.



in the COMMUNITY



Great Lakes Loons - the Great Lakes Loons season is in full swing. Go to www.loons.com for information and to buy tickets on line. Or, you can also call **989.837.BALL**

Jazz on Jefferson

Date: 6/6/2018

Time: 4:45 PM TO 8:00 PM

500 Federal Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Phone:

989-752-2861

Event Description: Jazz on Jefferson, a one-night event celebrated along the historic South Jefferson Avenue, is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2018. The festival boasts an attendance over 3,000 visitors, and it showcases the vitality of the neighborhood and institutions located on the street. This will be the 14th annual for this popular event and will feature musicians, food, and an antique and classic car show.

Directions:

Saginaw's historic South Jefferson Avenue

Bavarian Inn Restaurant: Matinee Dinner Show-The Edsels

Date: 6/13/2018

Times: 11:00 AM TO 1:30 PM and 2:30 PM TO 5:00 PM

713 S. Main St.

Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734

Phone:

989 652-9941

Event Description:

Immerse yourself in a classic doo-wop performance by The Edsels. Original member James Reynolds is joined by Maurice Jones, Danny Friendly, and Rueben Robinson to sing the national hit "Rama Lama Ding Dong," as well as "What Brought Us Together," "Bone Shaker Joe," "Do You Love Me," and more. This show will take you down memory lane. Serving a Hearty Chicken Plate Meal \$45 per person – Matinees include: meal, show, milk, tea, coffee or fountain soft drink, tax & gratuity.

Reservations & Prepayment Required

Who? - A Musical Murder Mystery Dinner

Date: 6/16/2018

Time: 6:00 PM TO 9:30 PM

713 S. Main St. , Frankenmuth, Michigan
48734

Phone: 989 652-9941

Event Description:

Join us for a musical murder mystery dinner! Starting at 6pm and ending at 9:30pm, take part in the original script written by Natalie Slawnyk and enjoy the sounds of original music written by JT Sutherland.

\$60 per person, hors d'oeuvres, full course family style dinner, full cash bar during cocktail hour.

1930s costumes are encouraged as prizes will be awarded. Reservations and prepayment required.

Call **800-BAVARIA** or **989-652-9941** (Mild adult content)

Downtown Saginaw Farmers Market:

NEW Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market location is 203 S. Washington Avenue in the outdoor pavilion at the SVRC Marketplace. We will continue to be YOUR seasonal farmer's market in downtown Saginaw. Checkout pictures and more information at their website:

<http://www.saginawfarmersmarket.org/>

Market Schedule

Starts Friday, May 25, 2018

Monday

12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

Wed + Fri

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The SVCR Grand Opening of their indoor space (formerly the Saginaw News) is scheduled for Friday, June 22, 2018.

How to stay flexible as you age

Township View, Thursday May 10, 2018



Men and women may begin to feel less flexible as they get older. According to the University of Maryland Medical Center, that loss of flexibility is because muscles lose both strength and elasticity as the body ages.

A lack of flexibility can make men and women more vulnerable to certain types of injuries, including muscle strains and tears. While people might not be able to maintain the flexibility they enjoyed in their twenties, there are ways for them to combat age-related loss of flexibility.

A lack of flexibility can make men and women more vulnerable to certain types of injuries, including muscle strains and tears. While people might not be able to maintain the flexibility they enjoyed in their twenties, there are ways for them to combat age-related loss of flexibility.

- Stretch frequently. Stretching is a great way to combat age-related loss of flexibility. Stretch major muscle groups, such as hamstrings and shoulder muscles, several times per week. When practicing static stretching, the goal is to gradually elongate the muscle being stretched before holding the elongated position, and ultimately allowing the muscle to return to resting position. As flexibility improves, elongated stretches can be held for 30 seconds. Avoid stretching muscles that are sore or injured, and discontinue a stretch if you feel pain or discomfort.
- Include yoga in your exercise regimen. Practitioners of yoga typically love how this unique discipline that exercises the body while relaxing the mind improves their flexibility. Many yoga poses are designed to improve the strength and flexibility of muscles, and some physicians may even recommend yoga to aging patients. Yoga DVDs or streaming sessions can be great, but beginners may want to visit yoga studios or sign up for classes at their gyms so instructors can personally ensure they are doing each pose correctly. As their flexibility improves, men and women can try more difficult poses and classes if they so desire.
- Get in the pool. Swimming is another activity that can help aging men and women improve their flexibility. Strength-training exercises are an important component of a well-balanced exercise regimen, but such workouts tend to focus on one or two muscle groups at a time. That means other muscle groups may be inactive and tighten up as a result. Swimming works the entire body, which helps all muscle groups stay loose and flexible. One or two swimming sessions per week can contribute to great gains in overall flexibility, especially for men and women who remember to stretch when they get out of the pool. Flexibility may decrease as men and women age, but there are various ways to combat the natural loss of flexibility. Men and women may begin to feel less flexible as they get older. According to the University of Maryland Medical Center, that loss of flexibility is because muscles lose both strength and elasticity as the body ages.

MONDAY-FRIDAY - Aquatic exercises at the Sherwood Pool are held weekly. Classes are at 7 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.

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

TUESDAYS - Weight Watchers meet at 9:30 a.m. at Swanhaven Manor, 300 Kennely Road, in Thomas Township.

TUESDAY AND FRIDAYS - Adult senior exercise will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. and Fridays at 11 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 a.m. at First Congregational Church, 403 S. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, led by Chantelle Rivett Hosner, certified chair yoga instructor.

People Come Into Your Life for a Reason, a Season, or a Lifetime

People come into your life for a **Reason**, a **Season** or a **Lifetime**. When you know which one it is, you will know what to do for that person.

When someone is in your life for a **REASON**, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend and they are.

They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrongdoing on your part or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand.

What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered and now it is time to move on.

Some people come into your life for a SEASON, because your turn has come to share, grow or learn. They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it, it is real.
But only for a season!

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons, things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant. We all have **reasons, seasons or lifetimes** in our life right now. The Key is making these Reasons a Lifetime!!!

TODAY

Be sure to thank a person who in one way or another has been a part of your life. It is a small way to give thanks for the beautiful moments they have given.

THIS LOOKS LIKE AN AWESOME CHRISTIAN MUSIC EVENT!!!

ROCK THE ISLAND- The Rock the Island Festival presents Newsboys and more on **July 22nd** from **Noon to 8pm** on Ojibway Island in Saginaw.

This 6th annual, non-denominational event has activities for people and families of all ages! Visit www.rocktheisland.net for more information.





Bickford Assisted Living

Elaine Kraenzlein

Health Source

Bob Gulliver

Edgewood Assisted Living Center

Betty Huber

Wellspring Memory Support

Carolyn Pendell

Swanhaven Manor

Fern Evon Little

New Hope Valley Independent Living

Dorothy Gray

St. Francis Home

Judith Lorenz

Wellspring Assisted Living

Shirley Roof, Carol Williamson

And Bob & Marie Lemmer

In Hospital or Private Homes

Betty Burr, Dawn Curtis, Bessie Daugharty,

Betty Hauk, Fran Preuter, Fred & Kathy

Williamson

JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Michael Wayne Groom (1963)
- 3 Eric Smith (1950)
- 8 Christian (Volker) Saxton (1990)
- 10 Robert Gulliver
- 11 Dana Hansen Cooper
- 11 Norma Patterson (1928)
- 19 Kitty Blehm (1942)
- 21 Jasmyrn Volker (1993)
- 29 Eleanor Farnum (1923)
- 30 Darren Woodke

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Dawn Curtis (1960)
- 8 Betty Huber (1924)
- 11 Graham Parker
- 12 Robert Lemmer
- 24 Zayden Evans (2015) (M= Alexa Mahan)
- 25 Elaine Kraenzlein (1921)
- 27 Susan Anderson (1945)
- 30 Lynne Groom
- 31 Rachael Plater (2000)

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 Edward & Lori Halase (1980)
- 22 William & Marcia Lacker (1957)
- 29 Ronald & Jean Anne Miller (1974)

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Frank and Pat Gnanadt (1969)
- 17 Randy & Kitty Blehm (1982)



2018

JUNE

SUNDAY

Countryside Trinity Church

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CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
					OFFICE CLOSED	
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
10:25 am-Announcements Sanctuary; 10:30 am-Worship with communion-Graduate Sunday 11:30 am - Coffee Hour: Celebration of Graduates, and June Birthdays & Anniversaries	OFFICE CLOSED	Presbytery Mtg in Lapeer, MI; Family Game Night off for summer; 6:00 pm SPECIAL JOINT DEACON/SESSION MTG			OFFICE CLOSED	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:25 am-Announcements Sanctuary; 10:30 am-Worship Guests Warren Avenue and Linden Presbyterian Church Bell Choir; 11:30 am-Coffee Hour: 4:00-6:00 pm City of God	OFFICE CLOSED				OFFICE CLOSED	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:25 am-Announcements Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service; 11:30 am-Coffee Hour	OFFICE CLOSED VBS @ 2nd Pres.	VBS @ 2nd Presbyterian 6:00 pm Joint Deacon Session Meeting	Deadline for July News Articles VBS @ 2nd Presbyterian	VBS @ 2nd Presbyterian	OFFICE CLOSED	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:25 am-Announcement Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service; 11:30 am-Coffee Hour 4:00-6:00 pm City of God	OFFICE CLOSED			Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Worship Services Sundays at 10:30 a.m.		

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CALENDAR
YEAR

JULY

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY
FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
10:00 am-Worship Service @ Warren Ave. - NO SERVICE AT COUNTRYSIDE					OFFICE CLOSED	
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
10:25 am-Announcements Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service 11:30 am - Coffee Hour: Celebration of July Birthdays & Anniversaries 11:45 am All Committees Meeting	OFFICE CLOSED				OFFICE CLOSED	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:25 am- Announcements/Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service 11:30 am - Coffee Hour:	OFFICE CLOSED	6:00 p.m. Joint Deacon Session Council Mtg			OFFICE CLOSED	PRIVATE PARTY - Groom Wedding Shower
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10:25 am- Announcements/Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service 11:30 am - Coffee Hour:	OFFICE CLOSED VBS @ 2nd Pres	VBS @ 2nd Presbyterian	Deadline for July Newsletter Articles; VBS @ 2nd Pres	VBS @ 2nd Presbyterian	OFFICE CLOSED	
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
10:25 am- Announcements/Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service 11:30 am - Coffee Hour:	OFFICE CLOSED			Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Worship Services on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.		 <p>Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.</p> <p><small>Psalm 37:5, NRSV</small></p>

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BLESSINGS FROM COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY



First woman: My son came to visit for summer vacation.

Second woman: How nice! Did you meet him at the airport?

First woman: Oh, no. I've known him for years!