Countryside Trinity Church

Dave's Moment

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:1-4

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May 2018

This month we will celebrate the day of Pentecost which is often referred to as the birthday of the church of Jesus Christ. Tongues of fire rested upon the disciples; the Holy Spirit empowered them to tell the story of Jesus to all who would listen; and these 12 who for nearly two months locked themselves in an upper room for fear of the authorities now received the courage and the boldness to witness to their faith with authority—and a new community of believers was formed that today we call the church.

Each Pentecost is a call for the church to be reborn. Each Pentecost is a season of calling upon God to once again send that same Holy Spirit upon the church that was there on the first Pentecost to revive us again. I believe that it is imperative that all of us who are members and friends of Countryside Trinity church make that call to God saying, "Come, Holy Spirit, Come!"

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to his disciples, and that promise is still true today. On their part, the disciples did not just sit around twiddling their thumbs while they waited for God to act. In fact they were rather proactive in their time of waiting. Here are just a few things that they did that I believe every one of us can do in order to clear the way for the Spirit's powerful, life changing arrival.

The disciples devoted themselves to prayer. They prayed for wisdom and understanding of all that took place in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. They prayed that they would receive the gift that Jesus had promised them, and I suspect that they prayed that once they received that gift of the Holy Spirit that they would have the ability to use it for God's glory. So too, our first step as a follower of Jesus and as a church is to be active, be devoted, in prayer that we too may understand and live into the gifts that God has given us.



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Second, the disciples were not a closed group—they welcomed all who had faith in Jesus to come and pray with them. This group included, as noted above, many of the members of Jesus family, and others. Over the next few weeks, you may see new faces around the church; you may interact with many friends and family who are only marginally connected to our congregation. I would ask you to invite them into prayer with you for the needs of this world and for the future of this congregation.

Third, the disciples were together, in one place when the Holy Spirit came upon them. Another way of putting this is that they showed up. They were present with each other and attended to each other's needs and heard the prayers of those around them. This month we will be having discussions after worship on May 6 and May 20 (Pentecost Sunday) around the future ministry of this church and the nature of the pastoral leadership. Your input in these discussions is essential to the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee whom you will elect soon.

So beloved in Christ, I hope you will be part of the revival of Countryside Trinity and that you will be devoted in prayer, welcoming of all, and present with each other as the Holy Spirit leads us into the future that God has planned. Come, Holy Spirit, Come



The mission of the month is Habitat for Humanity. mission is "seeking to put God's love into action". Saginaw - Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm year round they do rehabilitation.

The Women's Build is May 11 -12.

Buena Vista Home Repairs are May 17 - 23.

Neighborhood Revitalization (Saginaw City) is June 8 – 15.

Thomas **Township** Home Repairs are July 30-August 3.

The Freeland Home Build is August 17 – September 7.

Shifts are 7:30 am - 12 pm and 12:30 pm - 5 pm.

Saturdays are mornings only.

No work is done on Sundays.

Help is needed in skilled and unskilled construction. painting, clean up, registration and food service.

If you would like to volunteer or would like more information call 753-5200 or send an email to alyssadeplonty@sshfh.org

News from your Women's Assocation Baby Shower - Benefiting the Underground Railroad



A baby shower was held at Countryside Trinity Church on Thursday, April 26, 2018, to benefit the Underground Railroad. Much fun was had by all and we collected so many great items for the children served by Underground Railroad.

SATURDAY, MAY 12th 10:00 a.m. -? MANSE CLEAN-UP DAY

You may have noticed that the manse property is in dire need of a spring clean-up. The Building and Grounds committee has scheduled **Saturday**, **May 12th** as the day to get this done and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Let's enlist the help of our young people . . . you might even ask your children and grandchildren to give us a hand. We've all heard the quote, "Many hands make light work." If we can get a good number of volunteers, a big project will become a small one . . . and we'll likely have some fun in the process. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall; please let us know that you will be present.



From Clerk of Session

YOUR SESSION/COUNCIL AT WORK

Tidbits of information from Session/Council meeting of April 17, 2018, that you may find helpful:

Opening: Pastor Dave opened the meeting with prayer and reflection of Acts 3:12.

Clerk's Report: Church membership remains at 97.

Pastor Myers Report: Pastor Dave extended appreciation to all who attended the Lenten series. (We had a very interesting and inspirational time together.) A special thank you to Pastor Dave for making it so special for us.

Denomination Report: There will be a special meeting of the Presbytery at the Presbytery office on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 regarding the approval of an overture in response to environmental racism. Hopefully it will to be presented at General Assembly in June. Pastor Dave and Parker will attend.

Committee Reports:

Spiritual Life: June 3, 2018 will be set aside for recognition for the graduates. Motion sustained to approve an invitation to the Linden Presbyterian Church Bell Choir to visit and play several bell pieces for us on Sunday, June 10th.

Congregational Care: Pastor Dave presented a few details of the funeral for Ed Iles.

Mission & Evangelism: The next game night will be Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Blehm and Loviska presented a few details that will be done for visitors to help them feel welcomed. April 26th is the baby shower for the Underground Railroad. Dessert will be served.

New Business: We have been approached by members of Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church to discuss a merger with them.

**All committee meetings' Sunday will be held on May 13th.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mari McKenzie

	March, 2018					
	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance	
General	9,409.28	5,750.49	10,438.86	3,000.00	7,720.91	
Memorial	14,651.83	115.00		(3,000.00)	11,766.83	
Special projects	1,098.76		394.97		703.79	
Mission						
Hunger	619.10	140.00	142.31		616.79	
Heifer proj (Church School)	2.60				2.60	
UCC/PCU	220.00	440.00	220.00		440.00	
Good Samaritan	2,508.28				2,508.28	
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	4,158.67				4,158.67	
Local	264.16		264.16		-	
Bricks	1,325.40				1,325.40	
	34,258.08	6,445.49	11,460.30	-	29,243.27	
Endowment	166,463.20				166,463.20	
	200,721.28	6,445.49	11,460.30	-	195,706.47	



Remembrance Celebration

Remembrance and Celebration of Bill's Life At Kochville Historical Township Hall Kochville Road (just west of Mackinaw Road)

Saturday, July 14, 2018, at 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome The Lacker Family

In Memory of Tonya Jo Babcock and Edward Isles - It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. A part of us went with you, the day God took you home. If tears could build a stairway, and heartaches make a lane, we would walk our way to heaven, and bring you back again. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still, in our hearts you hold a place no one could ever fill. Tonya Babcock, October 8, 1959 - March 1, 2018. Edward Isles, November 19, 1924 - April 16, 2018. From Your friends at Countryside Trinity Church.

Thank you for all of the support and your generous donation of food from my friends and Church family for my daughter, Tonya Babcock's, Memorial Service. It was greatly appreciated.

Norma Meacham



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

By Kathy Loviska

This month you will get to know my sister and brother-in-law, Barb & Dan Groom.

On May 12, 1942, Barbara Jean Schobert was born to Doris and George Schobert. She has two siblings, an older sister, Joanne Schobert Sonefeld, and a younger sister, Kathleen Schobert Loviska. Barb attended Stone Elementary School and North Intermediate School, graduating in 1960 from Arthur Hill High School. Dan Groom was born in Saginaw to Joie and Morris Groom on October 2, 1943. He is one of three boys, also a middle child. Wayne Groom is his older brother and James Groom his younger brother. Dan attended Salina Elementary School and Webber Junior High School, graduating from Saginaw High School in 1961.

Barb and Dan were wed On August 11, 1962, and I can honestly say they are the happiest couple I have ever met. They truly complete each other and I couldn't ask for a better sister or brother-in-law.

They have two sons, Michael (wife Amanda) and Randall (wife Lynne), who have given them six beautiful grandchildren all of whom they have cared for at one time or another. They are: Amanda Groom Fulton, Daniel Groom, Jacob Groom, Brady Groom, Madisen Groom and Michael Groom. The grandchildren keep them on the go as they attend most of the sporting events their grandchildren have participated in over the years. This has been a great joy in their lives.

Barb worked in the office at Sarow Plymouth for a while and later formed a cleaning business with her sister-in-law, Shirley Groom. After Shirley left the business, Barb continued it on her own for several more years. Dan began working for Sids, a "Big Man's Clothing Store" when he was 15 years of age as their stock boy. After working for Sids for a number of years, he purchased the store which later closed in 1983. After that, Dan went to work for Kilmer Electric (later purchased by Tommark, Inc.). He retired from Tommark as a "Territory Manager" in 2015, after thirty years of service with this company.

Both Dan and Barb came to Countryside from Washington Avenue Church when the churches merged in 1998. While at Washington Avenue, Dan directed the choir for 27 years. In 1999, Dan became the Director of Music at Countryside and remains so today. He has served several terms as a Deacon and an Elder and volunteers wherever he is needed at the church. Dan is also a reader in the "Read Program" at Weiss Elementary School.

You cannot come to an event at Countryside Trinity Church without seeing Barb, and probably Dan too, working in the kitchen. Barb is known for her cooking and baking skills and has put on hundreds of coffee hours, luncheons and dinners over the years. Her pies, cookies, butter horns, rock candy, and other goodies are **ALWAYS** the hit of our bake sales. And, her soups, especially the chicken dumpling, are to die for. Barb has also served as a Sunday School teacher, Deacon and Elder and is a member of the Women's Association.

Barb enjoys gardening and in the summer her back yard is truly a beautiful sight to behold. Their home is always a gathering place and the dinners served there are fantastic. Dan enjoys playing golf and participates in a weekly league at Valley View Farms. They also enjoy traveling and stopping at the occasional Casino.

Dan and Barb work tirelessly and give so much of their time and talents to make Countryside Trinity Church a success! We are truly blessed and lucky to have them as members.

Christian Education

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, 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. Please be sure to congratulate them for their achievement.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: See flyer below for information on this year's VBS which will be held at Second Presbyterian Church.



FELLOWSHIP



Family Game Night will be Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 6:30 pm.

Consider bringing a friend or two to this event and also, bring a snack to share.

Hope you can attend!

GET INVOLVED



Express yourself and your faith by joining the worship, music, or usher team today.

There are so many meaningful and fun ways to get involved, and there is something for everyone to do and **YOU** are needed in order for CTC to continue to grow and move forward. If you are interested in becoming a worship helper, sing in the choir or have any questions about how you can help, please speak with Darren Woodke, Dan or Barb Groom. If you can occasionally usher, talk with Pat Denno or sign up on the sheet on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall.



Bickford Assisted Living

Elaine Kraenzlein

Health Source

Bob Gulliver

Edgewood Assisted Living Center

Betty Huber

McBrite Manor

Bob & Marie Lemmer

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

In Hospital or Private Homes

Betty Burr, Dawn Curtis, Bessie Daugharty, Betty Hauk, Fran Preuter, Fred & Kathy Williamson



May Birthdays

- 1 Gwen Henderson
- 2 Robert Farnum (1923)
- 4 Joshua Gonzales (2010)
- 5 Sue Smith
- 6 Betty Burr (1926)
- 6 Marcia Lacker
- 12 Barbara Groom (1942)
- 18 Doris Ruth (1932)
- 20 Mary Ellen Sierocki (1924)
- 25 Pat Gnandt (1948)
- 26 Charles Ohmer
- 26 Lore Woodke

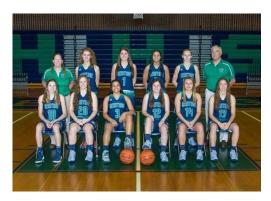


- 7 Floyd & Lois Krzak (1955)
- 15 Christine & Paul Greenwood
- 18 Randy & Lynne Groom
- 28 Christian & Bradley Saxton

In The News

Saginaw Township Planning Commission has approved the opening of a new convenience store at 1911 Wieneke near the corner of Brockway.

Congrats to the **Heritage Girls Basketball Team** who won the Class A State Championship.



The **Peace Lutheran Girls' Basketball Team** places fifth in the Nation! Congratulations.



University of Michigan Basketball Team in Finals vs. Villanova. Unfortunately Villanova prevailed. Congratulations to Michigan for their awesome performance in getting to the final 2!



Upcoming Events

Giant Mysterious Dinosaurs

- Midland Center for the Arts
- 1801 West St. Andrews Road
- Midland, MI 48640
- From: Jan 27, 2018 May 20, 2018
- Every Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
- During Regular Museum Hours
- Admission: Adults: \$10.00 / Ages 4-14: \$7.00
 Members and Ages 3 & under: Free

"Chinese Folk Pottery, The Art of the Everyday" curated by Marie Woo

- Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum
- Saginaw Valley State University
- University Center, MI 48710
- From: Jan 20, 2018 May 19, 2018
- Recurring daily
- See description for times
- · Admission: Free

30th Anniversary Quilt Show & Exhibit - "A Sharing of Quilts XIV"

- Studio 23/The Art Center
- 901 North Water Street
- Bay City, MI 48708
- From: Apr 05, 2018 May 18, 2018
- Recurring daily
- See description for times
- Admission: Free

Ongoing Events

Adult Senior Exercise, 2nd Presbyterian Church, Tuesdays @ 2:00 p.m. and Fridays @ 11:00 a.m.

<u>Chair Yoga for seniors</u>. 1st Congregational Church, 403 S. Jefferson, Thursdays @ 11:00 a.m.

Aquatic exercises at Sherwood Pool, M W F, three classes from 7:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Volunteer

NEW! Puerto Rico Disaster Recovery Volunteer Mission Groups Needed

Today, gather your group. In April, register your group for a week of service. Beginning June 2018, groups serve in Puerto Rico for one-week periods.



Background

Category 5 Hurricane Maria is regarded as the worst natural disaster on record to hit Puerto Rico. It made landfall there on September 20, 2017. It was directly responsible for more than 60 deaths - many more when factoring in the crippling of health care, power, water supply and other systems for months after the storm had passed. Maria followed Hurricane Irma, the most powerful Caribbean hurricane on record, which grazed Puerto Rico on September 6.

Maria caused Puerto Rico up to \$95 billion in damage. It wiped out 80 percent of crop values, a blow to the island's economy that also left its 3.4 million U.S. citizen residents food insecure. Maria knocked out all electricity on the entire island, disrupted water supply, crippled communications systems, damaged roads and littered the island with debris. Six months after the storm, power had yet to be restored to tens of thousands.

"We are supporting our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico and call on all our churches to continue to pray and give financially for what will be a long road ahead," said Zach Wolgemuth, UCC Disaster Ministries Executive.

The UCC's Response

People:

- UCC Disaster Ministries Executive Zach Wolgemuth and the Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss, Team Leader, Humanitarian & Development Ministries, spent several days in early March 2018 meeting with partners on the island, with long-term recovery planning being the main purpose of the trip.
- Wolgemuth is working directly with leadership of the Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Puerto Rico (IEUPR) to develop a recovery plan/roadmap that will help guide the joint IEUPR-UCC response.
- UCC Disaster Ministries has identified a long-term volunteer couple committed to serving several months to
 move the collaborative work along, acting as the liaison between the UCC and the IEUPR Disaster Recovery
 Coordinator. Disaster Ministries is planning to provide financial support to the IEUPR to hire that coordinator
 and purchase a vehicle to be used for construction and recovery.
- Beginning in June, UCC Disaster Ministries will deploy disaster recovery volunteer mission groups for one-week
 periods in Puerto Rico. <u>Teams may sign up now to receive an email notification when registration opens in
 April.</u>

Money:

- \$3,000 for a project in Toa Baja to build resilience in the face of climate change. The project of the Alliance for Sustainable Resources Management addresses the collapse of electrical, water, communication and debris removal systems with training and such equipment as a photovoltaic system, ice plant, rain harvest system, local communications system and cutting and clearing equipment.
- More than \$50,000 for repair of student housing; replacement of computers and classroom furniture, maintenance of the library's digital catalog, and telecommunications restoration at the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico.
- \$10,000 to United Evangelical Church of Puerto Rico and Ryder Hospital for medical supplies and in-kind support to families.
- \$10,000 to Iglesia Cristiana (Disciplulos de Cristo) en Puerto Rico (ICDCPR) to provide first aid kits, electric generators, drinking water, water filters, non-perishable food, and battery-powered radios for an estimated 20 communities and more than 5,000 persons.

Other:

- UCC executives have been doing critical work leveraging relationships and resources with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and through the VOAD movement (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) to assist Puerto Rican partners on the ground. For example, UCC Disaster Ministries was able to secure an industrial generator for Ryder Hospital's Alzheimer unit which saved the hospital several hundred thousand dollars.
- Shipped to Puerto Rico: 5,000 Hygiene Kits, 500 tarps and 1,550 water filters (550 from UCC Disaster Ministries and 1,000 in a joint shipment with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Church World Service. The Sawyer 0.1 micron water filters each produces one million gallons of clean drinking water over its lifetime. They alleviate the need for people to boil water, saving shipping of tons of water and ending the distribution logistics headaches involved in transporting large amounts of water. And they reduce the pile-up of plastic water bottles in landfills.

On the U.S. Mainland:

• \$6,000 to the UCC Pennsylvania Southeast Conference for a <u>program of assistance to people displaced from Puerto Rico by Hurricane Maria</u>. Hundreds of people - some of them with few or no resources and many unmet needs - have made their way to Philadelphia, which has the second largest population on the mainland of people of Puerto Rican descent. Penn Southeast Conference Disaster Coordinator Karl Jones has been deployed to lead the UCC's response in Pennsylvania.

Three-day event to mark 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King assassination - By Rick

Jones | Presbyterian News Service

LOUISVILLE – The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is partnering with the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. for a truth and racial justice initiative. A three-day gathering called "Unite to End Racism" will be held Tuesday through Thursday in Washington, D.C. The event marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination in Memphis.

"It's a come one, come all opportunity. Children, students, elders, Presbyterians, anyone who wants to address racism in this country," said Nora Leccese, associate for domestic poverty and environmental issues with the Office of Public Witness. "We are hopeful for a good turnout."

The event begins Tuesday with an ecumenical worship service in the Orthodox Tradition at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, followed on Wednesday by the "ACT to End Racism" rally on the National Mall. It concludes Thursday with a national day of advocacy and action.

"Ecumenism has been waning in Christian circles over the past few years and I think the National Council of Churches wants to bring it to the forefront so people will talk about how Christian churches can combine efforts to make a difference in the world," said the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, OPW director. "I think another goal is to demonstrate leadership in the D.C. area, especially with all of the political disjointedness and political wrangling going on and to show some unity and focus on justice issues."

Reflecting on King's assassination, Hawkins believes a lot of progress has been made in civil rights since 1968, especially in education

"There was a time when African-Americans attended historically black colleges in order to get a good college education. But now they're getting degrees at major universities," he said. "The culture has changed radically. It is no longer considered a good thing to be labeled a white supremacist. When I grew up, people didn't have a problem saying they were racists. Culture has shifted its attitude towards race."

Despite the progress, both Hawkins and Leccese say more needs to be done.

"It's been 50 years but the call to end racism is even more urgent today. I think our failure to complete the vision of the civil rights movement is an ongoing mandate for those of us organizing now for equality and justice," said Leccese. "There is some deep urgency with the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's death that we have still not completed the dream."

Organizers are hoping for a large turnout this week.

"Within Presbyterian circles in the D.C. area, churches are aware of the activities and I believe we will have a sizable presence at this event," said Hawkins. "We are a part of National Council of Churches and Presbyterians are devoted to ecumenism and a have long history of engagement."

2018CALENDAR YEAR



SUNDAY

Countryside Trinity Church 4690 Weiss St. Saginaw, MI 48603

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	01 Family Game Night bring snack to share	10:30 Weiss Elementary, Pack Backpacks 1:00 pm Book Study Bring Lunch if Desired	03 Bible Study 4:00 pm	OFFICE CLOSED	05
10:25 am-Announcements/Sanctuary; 10:30 am - Worship Service w/communion (Discussion Following regarding future of CTC) 11:30 am - Coffee Hour: Celebration of May Birthdays & Anniversaries 4:00-6:00 pm City of God	OFFICE CLOSED SUMMER HOURS	08	09 Book Study 1:00 pm Bring Lunch if Desired	10 Bible Study 4:00 pm	OFFICE CLOSED	12
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Memorial Day-Honoring Those Who Have Gone Before Us

BLESSINGS FROM COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH



A Mother's Prayer For You

Anonymous

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tenderhearted love.

I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be!