

Countryside Trinity Church

Pastor's Corner

It's A Privilege And Honor To Welcome Our New Interim Pastor!

We are excited to welcome our new Interim Pastor, David P. Myers, to Countryside Trinity Church. He will officially begin at the Worship Service on Sunday, September 3, 2017. Hope you can attend the service and properly welcome Pastor Dave into our "Family". Watch future issues of the Newsletter for news from Pastor Dave.



Genesis Sunday Picnic

September 10

Join the celebration!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF LAKE HURON PRESBYTERY FALL GATHERING 2017

Please join us for our annual Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at [Lapeer-First](#) from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Registration fee: \$10.00 per person and covers the program and lunch.

This year's topic is: "Out of Darkness into the Light"

John 5:1

Guest Speaker will be Pat McBride, PW Synod of the Covenant Moderator.

The events of the day will include Installation of new PW-LHP Coordinating Team, a delicious luncheon, followed by the presentation, then worship with communion.

An offering will go to Cathy Chang's Ministry.

THANK YOU!

Pastor Ken Parker sent the following Thank You card.

"Thank you so much for the Retirement Gifts! Wow! Very much unexpected.

Rev. Kenneth R. Parker "Honorable Retired" still sounds very strange.

I am enjoying my daily bike rides and exploring new places in Saginaw.

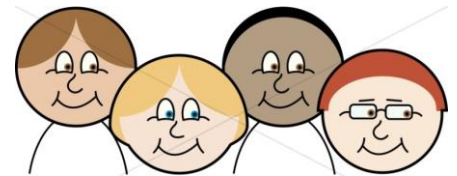
I enjoyed my years at CTC and will miss the many friends we made during that time.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. I trust CTC will move forward guided by the presence of God.

Blessings and peace to all the people of CTC and your services in the Saginaw Community and beyond.

*With deepest appreciation,
Thanksgiving."*

Ken



Back to School

***School starts
Tuesday September
5th in Saginaw
County. Watch out
for children walking
to and from the bus
stops.***

Your Session Council At Work

Tidbits of information from Session/Council meeting of August 22, 2017, that you may find helpful:

Opening: Joyce Hetzler from Presbytery Committee on Ministry was our Moderator for the meeting. Rev. Dave Meyers was present to introduce himself and to speak on his background and his expectations while he is our interim pastor. Joyce read scripture and opened the meeting with prayer.

Session minutes and financial reports were approved.

Clerk's Report: Church membership remains at 116. Thank you notes from Pastor Ken and from Doris Doecker were read. Letter was read from Joe Ruth stating that the church's financial records for 2016 were reviewed and found to be in accordance with the bank statements and underlying documents.

Building & Grounds: Ed Halase listed several things that needed attention at the manse and at the church that he has fixed. Vanguard Fire & Security has inspected and tested the fire suppression system in the kitchen and the fire extinguishers. All passed inspection. **If you are able to volunteer to help with some of the yard work around the manse, please see Ed. Bushes need trimming and weeding needs to be done.**

Christian Education: Plans are being made regarding the shortage of students and condensing some of the classes. Genesis Sunday will be September 10, 2017 with a church wide potluck following the service.

Mission: Kitty reported that the September mission will be the Samaritan Fund. Volunteers are needed to help with the backpack program and with the reading program at Weiss School. Signup sheets are in the fellowship hall. The reading program will be new for our church members. **Wouldn't you like to be instrumental in assisting children to read and to help them love to read?**

NET: Gwen asked to have a name change from "NET" to the "evangelism committee". Motion passed. The church rolls have been reviewed and letters sent to those who have not been to church or contributed to the life of the church in the last two years. Motion sustained to remove 12 people from the rolls. Fun Night will start September 9, 2017.

Personnel: Mike Groom, the church's custodian, is doing a good job.

Worship: The organ is not functioning at this time. Motion sustained to have organ repaired for up to \$1000.00 with money coming from the special projects and the memorial fund if needed.

Women's Association: Kathy Loviska reported on the Bazaar which will be held on November 4, 2017.

New Business: Kathy Loviska has no way of ordering office supplies. Motion sustained to allow her to open an account in the church's name with Staples.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

	July 31, 2017				
	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance
General	11,328.50	9,323.17	7,839.43	1,620.00	14,432.24
Building	-	120.00		(120.00)	-
Memorial	20,876.83	40.00		(1,500.00)	19,416.83
Special projects	1,099.18				1,099.18
Mission					
Hunger	611.30	10.00			621.30
Heifer proj (Church School)	153.32				153.32
Christmas Joy/Peace	-				-
Good Samaritan	2,408.28	20.00			2,428.28
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	3,115.93	314.17			3,430.10
Miscellaneous	308.00	125.00	298.00		135.00
Bricks	1,325.40				1,325.40
	41,226.74	9,952.34	8,137.43	-	43,041.65
Endowment	164,074.52				164,074.52
	205,301.26	9,952.34	8,137.43	-	207,116.17



MISSION REPORT

The Mission for September is Good Samaritan Fund for our own church. This mission is used to respond and assist with emergency financial requests from church and/or community members.

Requests are made to the church office. Three committee members are appointed by the Session annually to serve with the pastor. Lori Halase, Marcia Lacker, and Dick Woodke are on the committee this year. This committee decides grants. The usual grant is \$100.00.

We have helped with utility bills, rent, medical bills, food, gasoline, furniture, etc.

Donations on Communion Sundays and in the cans on coffee hour tables also add to this fund. The Mission Committee holds this mission up as a very important one for your consideration.

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Labor Day Weekend - Mackinac Bridge Walk

**6 Spring Street, Suite 100,
St. Ignace, MI 49781**

Join us for the once-annual opportunity to walk the five-mile Mackinac Bridge. St. Ignace hosts the start of the walk each year and transportation is available to return you to St. Ignace after this awe-inspiring walk. Free parking and shuttle service to the starting line is available. Labor Day Weekend is chock full of activities! You can start on Saturday with Arts Dockside, where over 100 exhibitors display their crafts for sale all day in the City Marina parking lot. Saturday evening we have Fireworks Over The Bay at dusk. Arts Dockside continues all day Sunday; in the evening come and enjoy Outdoor Movies By The Bay at the American Legion Park. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, the kids, and come enjoy the movie! Then rise bright and early Monday for the bridge walk!

Event Dates:

September 1, 2017
(All day)

September 2, 2017
(All day)

September 3, 2017
(All day)

September 4, 2017
(All day)



CROP WALK The 2017 Saginaw County CROP Hunger Walk will be: **Sunday, October 8th** with **Registration at 1:00 pm** and **Start Time at 1:30 pm** at the Saginaw YMCA, 1915 Fordney St. Time to start training.

■ The Recruiter's Rally is a one-hour meeting where we hand out the materials to our recruiters and kick off the fundraising portion of the Walk. ■ This year's Rally is scheduled for: **Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 am** at ■ Second Presbyterian Church, 2665 Midland Rd.

The 2017 website is <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/saginawmi/>

If you have any questions at all regarding the CROP Walk, please call Marcia Lacker at 799-0895.



Our path together

We continue to move forward in our path towards finding a replacement pastor for Kenneth Parker.

With the addition of Rev. David Myers as our new Interim Pastor, we can now move to the next step in the process.

As the search continues for a permanent pastor, please show your support and be ready to help wherever and whenever you are able.

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL

If anyone is interested in forming and attending adult church school on Sunday mornings, please see or call Mary Ann Parker. My number is 793-4797. Maybe we can get a few inquisitive adults together and learn God's Word together.



Fighting Childhood Obesity

**September is National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month
and Food Safety Month.**

*In the past four decades, obesity rates in the United States have soared among all age groups. This rise in obesity rates has affected our youth in alarming fashion. Childhood obesity has increased more than fourfold among those ages 6 to 11. More than 23 million children and teenagers in the US ages 2 to 19 are obese or overweight, a statistics that health and medical experts consider an epidemic.

Preventing child hood obesity goes hand in hand with nutrition and physical activity, here are some tips and useful resources:

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/obesity/facts.htm>

www.foodallergy.org

<http://www.healthierkidsbrighterfutures.org/home/>

<http://www.choosemyplate.gov/>

www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.org

Enjoy some healthy snack ideas for your child as he or she goes back to school, make lunch fun and healthy:

- Dried fruit & nut mix
- String cheese & grapes
- Whole grain crackers with peanut butter
- Turkey breast or ham with cheese "roll-ups" on whole grain tortillas (rolled and then sliced into pinwheels)
- Celery sticks with low-fat cream cheese
- Fruit cup or applesauce
- Baby carrots or grape tomatoes & a small container of low-fat ranch dip

MISSION REPORT

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Looking Ahead

Our two denominations receive special offerings the First Sunday of October, World Communion Day. The offering received that Sunday is split between the two denominations.

The Presbyterians receive Peace and Global Witness Offering that helps provides relief, shelter, and hope to families who've fled their homes in search of safety. It also supports those working to share the dream of peace and reconciliation around the world.

The United Church of Christ receives the Neighbors in Need offering which supports service and systematic change through grants, funds the writing of theologically based, justice themed curriculum, brings staff to association or conference annual meetings and churches for creative workshops and topical preaching.

HAVE AN INTEREST IN ANTIQUES?



The Wenona Questers, is having an educational seminar that may be of interest to you: Appetite for Antiques? Come Lunch & Learn. All of the funds earned from this seminar are returned back to Bay City for historical or restoration projects. This is a one day seminar, you get to pick between 2 different speakers for 3 sessions AND have a light lunch with us. So.... have you ever had a curiosity about Snuff Boxes, Utica Pottery, Chatelaines, Saginaw River Ship Builders, Vintage Jewelry or Toy Pianos? Then this is for you! Call Shelley Whitehead @ 989 892-0719 if you have any questions?

Saturday, September 9, 2017

9 am - 2:30 pm

Cost: \$30 Pre-registration (until September 1st) or \$35 at the door

Trinity Episcopal Church

815 N. Grant

Bay City, MI 48708

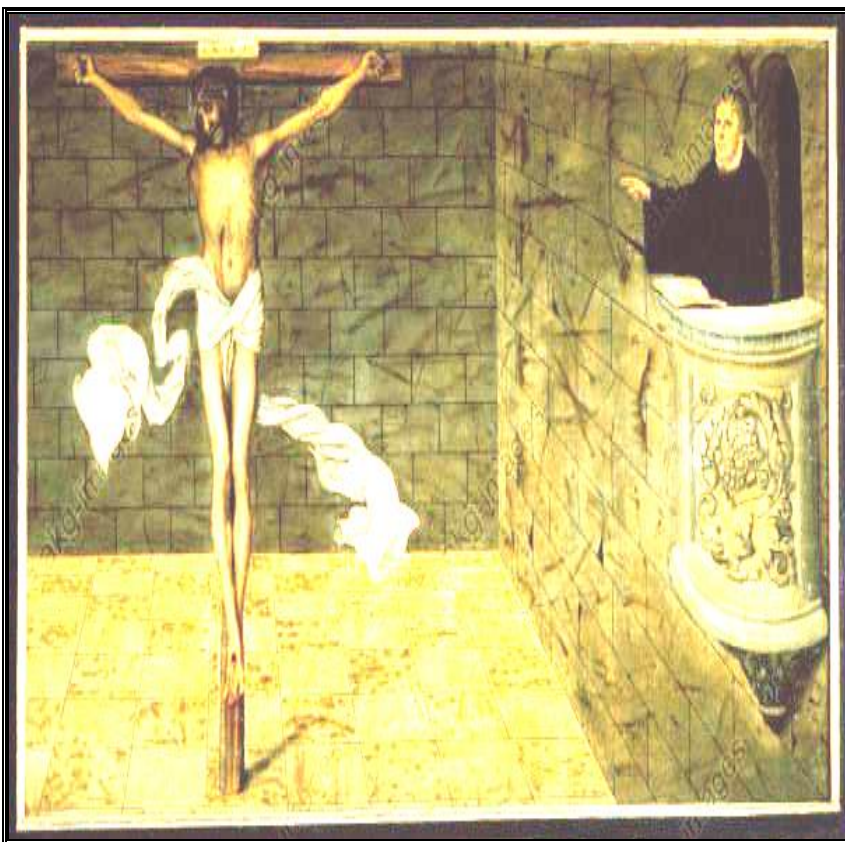
Backpack Program



We are starting to see activity again across the street at Weiss Elementary School. The school bells will begin ringing on September 5th.

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan backpack program attempts to reduce child hunger, educate students and families on proper nutrition and promote healthy lifestyles. It is designed to provide extra support on weekends for children who receive free or reduced-priced lunches at school. This program provides a backpack full of nutritious and easy-to-prepare foods for children to take home on the weekends when school meals are not available. For many of these children, this backpack is their only source of food when school is not in session. The new principal, Katie Stanley, is in the process of coordinating the backpack program with the Food Bank. As soon as logistics are worked out, the Mission Committee will develop a plan for church volunteers. We anticipate that there will be 48 backpacks to fill every other week during the school year.

Weiss has a high rate of 3rd graders that are not testing proficient in reading. This is troubling and presents a need for church volunteers to read with students. Teachers will be identifying students with the most need during the first couple of weeks of school. Once they have a handle on their needs, the Mission and Long Range Planning Committees will organize a volunteer reading schedule.



Heirs of the Reformation: a hymn festival

October 1, 2017 @ 4:00 pm

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn is hosting a hymn festival.

- Commentary by Rev. Stephen Starke
- Children's Choir from Our Savior, Grand Rapids - Christina Roberts
- Mass Choir from area churches, including the Bay, Midland, Saginaw, & Frankenmuth Circuits
- Organist & Mass Choir Director - Nathan Beethe

Grace Lutheran Church 303 W. Ruth St.
Auburn, MI 48611

If you are interested in participating, either as an entire choir or as an individual, please contact Nathan Beethe.
Email: kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com
Phone: (501) 779-5019 (text or call)



The Sultan and the Saint

This movie is a docudrama about Muslim-Christian Peacemaking. It will be shown at the Temple Theater at 6:00 p.m. Thursday September 28, 2017. This was a true story of St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt and the risks they took for peace. Tickets are \$4.00. Further details are posted around the church.

COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28	29	30	31	1 Welcome Pastor David Myers as our Interim Pastor	2
3 10:25 AM Announcements 10:30 AM Worship Service w/ Communion 11:30 AM Coffee Hour - Celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries	4 Office Closed LABOR DAY 	5	6	7	8	9
10 - GENESIS SUNDAY 10:25 AM Announcements 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Picnic	11 Office Closed	12 4:00 PM CE Meeting 9:00 AM Reg/9:30 Presbytery Mtg @ Memorial Pres. Ch. Midland 5:30 Private Mtg 6:30-8:30 PM Family Game Night (Bring a Snack to Share)	13	14	15	16
17 10:25 AM Announcements 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Coffee Hour: Gwen Henderson for Daughter Karen & Son-in-law Randy's 25 th Anniversary	18 Office Closed	19 7:00 PM Session Mtg	20	21 Deadline to submit your news for the October Newsletter	22	23
24 10:25 AM Announcements 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Coffee Hour	25 Office Closed	26 6-8:30 PM Bead Club	27	28	29	30
31 10:25 AM Announcements 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Coffee Hour	1	2	3	4	5 Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. –12:30 PM Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 AM	6  <p>Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.</p> <p><small>Psalms 37:5, NRSV</small></p>



MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL - HOLLY, MI 08/19/2017 TO 10/01/2017

Take a time-travel adventure into the 16th century at the annual Michigan Renaissance Festival! Join our Queen Elizabeth in a jubilee!

Inside our turreted gates, visitors enjoy the sights and sounds of a 17-acre village, complete with building repro-ductions of Renaissance shops, taverns and a magnificent castle.

Continuous entertainment takes place on the streets and on 17 themed stages; featuring full-contact armored jousting, comedy and theater shows, music, games,

people-powered rides and so much more!

Fabulous food and more than 300 artisans displaying their gallery-quality works complete the experience!

AMAZON SMILE REWARDS

Please remember to go online to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and select Countryside Trinity Church as your charity to support when shopping at Amazon.

Food Drive for Hunger



The last Sunday of each month is when we collect food for those in need. Please mark your calendar to drop off or bring your donation to church on September 24th.

FELLOWSHIP



Game night's back! Please come and join in the fun. Bring a snack to share. 6:30 - 8:30 pm. There is something for everyone, but feel free to bring your favorite game(s).

September 5
October 3
November 7
December 5

Women's Association

- The Women's Association is preparing for the upcoming Annual Holiday Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2017. Volunteers will be needed to help set-up, tear down, and to work the event. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.
- If you are crafty, please think about donating items which could be sold at our "Craft" table.
- CTC has one of the best (if not THE best) bakeries around when it comes to Church Bazaars. Don't forget to make a few things for the bake sale.

Remember In Your Prayers

Bickford Assisted Living

Elaine Kraenzlein

Cartwright Hospice Residence

Rev. Robert Lakey

Health Source

Bob Gulliver

Edgewood Assisted Living Center

Betty Huber

Meadowview Manor

Carolyn Pendell

New Hope Valley Independent Living

Ed Iles and Dorothy Gray

St. Francis Home

Judith Lorenz

Shattuck Manor

Shirley Roof

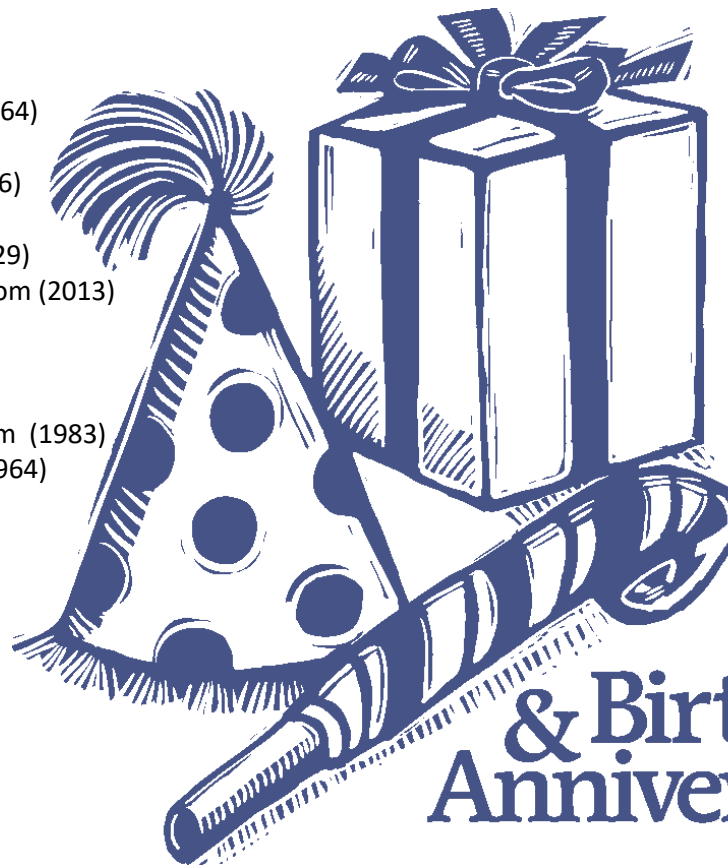


BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Becky Pequignot (1964)
- 3 Rob Halase (1988)
- 3 Dora Fitzgerald (1966)
- 6 Jerry Brachear
- 13 Louis Diechman (1929)
- 14 Michael Patrick Groom (2013)
- 14 Jane Strom
- 17 Randy Blehm (1953)
- 17 Lois Krzak (1930)
- 22 Amanda Dean Groom (1983)
- 30 Vincent Martinez (1964)

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Roy and Nancy Erndt (1967)
- 12 Fred & Katherine Williamson (1959)



& Birthdays Anniversaries

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A BIBLE STORY

“Jesus, the Clever Teacher”

Matthew 18:2-6

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And

whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Causing to Stumble

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.



“Let the little children come to me...”

Matthew 19:14, NIV