

# CTC CONNECTIONS SUMMER EDITION



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Countryside Trinity Church - 4690 Weiss Street - Saginaw, Michigan 48603

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## FROM THE PASTOR

---- Rev. Dr. Jane Lynn Young

Kathy has ordered the new planning calendars! Our calendars start in September. So, they have to be ordered now! I love the Presbyterian planning calendar. There is something about a new planning calendar that reminds me of the newness of each day. I look at the new planner and wonder what adventures God has in store for me. I wonder what thoughts I will write down in my new calendar, what adventures I'll chronicle. Life is such an adventure. The funny thing about adventures though, is that sometimes adventures are fun, and sometimes, not so much.

I keep my old planning calendars. The other day I was looking through one of my calendars from several years ago. I had forgotten so many things that happened that year. Some things are worthy to be forgotten, but other events brought smiles. Mostly though, my calendars reflect the everyday events that we don't give much notice to. And yet, it is those everyday things that define us. Were we mindful of another's feelings? Did we notice someone's need? Did we show God's love when we were doing the mundane things like grocery shopping or stopping to get gas?

When I was looking through my old planner, I ran across this quote from Albert Einstein:

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

I remember running across this quote and writing it down. What a wonderful way to think about life! It is a miracle! What if we get out of bed in the morning with a sense of wonder. Each moment is God's new creation, giving us the opportunity to see the wonder of God's world. And giving us the opportunity to do new things, new ways of doing the mundane, with fresh eyes to see the miracles God sets before us! Imagine this day as a new page in your calendar. Be in awe at the ways God shows love. And look for opportunities to show God's love to others.

Grace and truth

Pastor Jane

# UPCOMING LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY

<p><b>July 7, 2024</b>  <u>Semicontinuous</u>                  2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10                  Psalm 48  <u>Complementary</u>                  Ezekiel 2:1-5                  Psalm 123                  2 Corinthians 12:2-10                  Mark 6:1-13</p>	<p>David becomes the new king, a shepherd to the people of Israel.                  Let Mount Zion rejoice in the greatness of the Lord our God.</p> <p>The Lord sends Ezekiel as a prophet to the house of Israel.                  We lift our eyes to you, O God; we have had our fill of contempt.                  God's grace is sufficient for us; power is made perfect in weakness.                  Prophets are not honored at home; Jesus commissions the twelve.</p>
<p><b>July 14, 2024</b>  <u>Semicontinuous</u>                  2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19                  Psalm 24  <u>Complimentary</u>                  Amos 7:7-15                  Psalm 85:8-13                  Ephesians 1:3-14                  Mark 6:14-29</p>	<p>Returning the ark to Jerusalem, David dances before the Lord.                  Lift up your heads, O gates, that the King of glory may enter!</p> <p>God shows the prophet Amos a plumb line, a vision of justice.                  Love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss.                  We were chosen in Christ from the beginning to give glory to God.                  Herod puts John the Baptist to death; reports of Jesus spread.</p>
<p><b>July 21, 2024</b>  <u>Semicontinuous</u>                  2 Samuel 7:1-14a                  Psalm 89:20-37  <u>Complimentary</u>                  Jeremiah 23:1-6                  Psalm 233                  Ephesians 2:11-22                  Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</p>	<p>The Lord says: I will make a house for my servant David.                  God's covenant with David is established forever.</p> <p>God says: Like a shepherd, I will gather up the remnant of my flock.                  The Lord is my shepherd, leading, protecting, a feeding me.                  Christ is our peace, breaking down the dividing wall between us.                  After a brief respite, great crowds surround Jesus and the disciples.</p>
<p><b>July 28, 2024</b>  <u>Semicontinuous</u>                  2 Samuel 11:1-15                  Psalm 14  <u>Complimentary</u>                  2 Kings 4:42-44                  Psalm 145:10-18                  Ephesians 3:14-21                  John 6:1-21</p>	<p>David assaults Bathsheba and arranges the death of her husband.                  Fools do corrupt and abominable things, believing there is no God.</p> <p>Elisha feeds a hundred people with a few loaves and ears of grain.                  You open your hand, O Lord, and give food to all in due season.                  May you know the love of Christ and receive the fullness of God.                  Jesus feeds five thousand people with five loaves and two fish.</p>

# UPCOMING LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST

<p><b>August 4, 2024</b>  <u>Semicontinuous</u>                  2 Samuel 11:26-12-13a                  Psalm 51:1-12  <u>Complementary</u>                  Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15                  Psalm 78:23-29                  Ephesians 4:1-16                  John 6:24-35</p>	<p>Using the parable of a lamb, Nathan convicts David of his sins.                  Have mercy on me, O God, and cleanse me of my sin.</p> <p>God feeds the people in the wilderness with manna from heaven.                  The Lord rained down manna; the people ate and were filled.                  There is one body and one Spirit; speak truth and grow in love.                  Jesus teaches about the bread of heaven, food for eternal life.</p>
<p><b>August 11, 2024</b>  <u>Semicontinuous</u>                  2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33                  Psalm 130  <u>Complimentary</u>                  1 Kings 19:4-8                  Psalm 34:1-8                  Ephesians 4:25-5:2                  John 6:35, 41-51</p>	<p>Absalom dies in a failed rebellion against his father, King David.                  Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; hear my supplications.</p> <p>An angel brings food and drink to Elijah in the wilderness.                  I cried to the Lord for deliverance; taste and see that God is good.                  Put away bitterness; be kind to one another; be imitators of God.                  Jesus says I am the bread of life that has come down from heaven.</p>
<p><b>August 18, 2024</b>  <u>Semicontinuous</u>                  1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14                  Psalm 111  <u>Complimentary</u>                  Proverbs 9:1-6                  Psalm 34:9-14                  Ephesians 5:15-20                  John 6:51-58</p>	<p>Solomon becomes king and asks God for the gift of wisdom.                  Praise the Lord; the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.</p> <p>Wisdom calls: Come, eat of my bread and drink of my wine.                  Those who seek the Lord will enjoy goodness and lack nothing.                  Be filled with the Spirit, singing to God and always giving thanks.                  Jesus says: My flesh and blood are food and drink for eternal life.</p>
<p><b>August 25, 2024</b>  <u>Semicontinuous</u>                  1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30,                  41-43                  Psalm 84  <u>Complimentary</u>                  Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18                  Psalm 34:15-22                  Ephesians 6:10-20                  John 6:56-69</p>	<p>At the dedication of the temple, King Solomon prays to the Lord.                  How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord: my soul rejoices in you.</p> <p>The Lord desires that the wicked turn away from evil, and live.                  When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and rescues them.                  Put on the whole armor of God; persevere in prayer for the saints.                  A difficult teaching; yet Peter says Jesus has the words of eternal life.</p>

## TREASURER'S REPORT – MARI MCKENZIE

Countryside Trinity Church  
Changes in Equity  
January 2024 - June 2024

	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>					
Memorial Fund	20,782.13	1,310.00	0.00	0.00	22,092.13
General Fund	29,570.75	51,389.83	(63,584.79)	8,680.00	26,055.79
Bricks Fund	1,335.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,335.85
Mission Fund	37.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.50
Minister Compensation Fun	77,350.10	5,923.52	0.00	(3,210.00)	80,063.62
Endowment - Expendable	83,850.11	12,145.80	0.00	(5,470.00)	90,525.91
<b>Subtotal Unrestricted</b>	<b>212,926.44</b>	<b>70,769.15</b>	<b>(63,584.79)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>220,110.80</b>
<b>DONOR RESTRICTED</b>					
Food Account	839.52	665.00	(1,100.00)	0.00	404.52
Good Samaritan	1,750.64	0.00	(300.00)	0.00	1,450.64
Youth Experience Fund	65.81	140.00	0.00	0.00	205.81
Parking Lot Fund	996.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	996.24
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	6,370.01	660.83	(1,878.94)	0.00	5,151.90
Endowment Nonexpendable F	153,477.00	(584.00)	0.00	0.00	152,893.00
<b>Subtotal Donor Restricted</b>	<b>163,499.22</b>	<b>881.83</b>	<b>(3,278.94)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>161,102.11</b>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>376,425.66</b>	<b>71,650.98</b>	<b>(66,863.73)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>381,212.91</b>



# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC

## CTC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The next two CTC Women's Association Meetings are Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 a.m.



CTC'S MISSIONS OF THE MONTH FOR JULY ARE

### EMMAUS HOUSE

CHRISTMAS IN JULY - SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

MARK YOUR ENVELOPE ACCORDINGLY

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR

HELP.



### Lunch with Pastor!

Pack your lunch each Wednesday and join Pastor Jane for fellowship and Bible Study. Come each Wednesday, or the Wednesdays you can. Together we can grow in understanding

**SUMMER CAMP:** CTC has financial assistance if your child or grandchild is interested in attending camp this summer. Please call the office for more information.

**PHOTO DIRECTORIES** are finished. They were handed out at church on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. If you can stop by to pick one up during business hours, which are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. please do so. If you are unable to get here, we would be glad to mail you one. Call the office and let Kathy know if you would like one mailed. Thanks.

**WELCOME:** We want to welcome **Karen Blankenship** to our church family. Karen recently moved into our area and has been attending worship services here for a few months and will officially join our congregation soon. Please be sure to say hello and welcome!



# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?

## YOUR CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

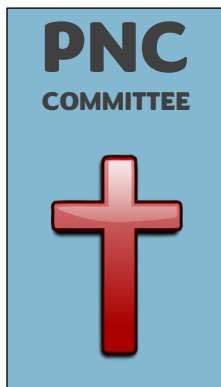


The Mission of the Month for June was the East Side Soup Kitchen. Thanks go out to all of those who donated. Missions of the month for July will be Emmaus House and Christmas in July benefiting Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Please mark your donations accordingly. Thanks.

**Facebook Prayer Group:** Don't forget we have a Facebook Prayer Group on our FB Page. It is a private group where only those who are invited can see the messages posted for those in need of prayer. If you are on Facebook and would like to be invited, please call Kathy in the office so she can invite you to join. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Kathy in the office to do so.



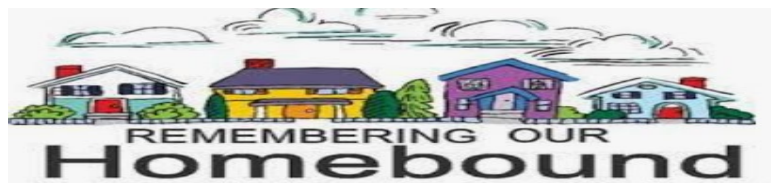
**Please consider hosting a coffee hour following worship service. There is a chart on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall – check for available dates if you are able to be a coffee hour host. For those who would like to help, but don't think they would be able to handle it – help is always available. Check with Kathy Loviska, and Marcia Lacker. Thank you.**



Roger Scovill, from the Countryside Pastor Nominating Committee asks for your continued patience and prayers and they continue the search for a Pastor.

# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?

SESSION COUNCIL	DEACONS
<b>Class of 2024</b>  Sidney Diggs Debbie Davis Sandy Redfield	<b>Class of 2024</b>  Lynne Groom Jackie Williams Ron Platt
<b>Class of 2025</b>  Darren Woodke Becky Pequignot Bethany Scovill	<b>Class of 2025</b>  Pat Denno Ronda Otway Duncan Redfield
<b>Class of 2026</b>  Roger Scovill Kathy Loviska Chuck Davis	<b>Class of 2026</b>  Barb Groom Dan Groom Paige Pequignot



<b>John &amp; Leore Bethune</b> @ Home	<b>Dawn Curtis</b> @ Home	<b>Floyd &amp; Lois Krzak</b> Floyd @ St. Francis Home Lois @ Home
<b>Avis Leach</b> @ Roosevelt House/Hemlock	<b>Marilyn Leffler</b> Traditions of Saginaw, West Formerly New Hope Valley	<b>Marie Lemmer</b> Wellspring Assisted Living
<b>Fern Evon Little</b> Swan Haven Manor	<b>Norma Meacham</b> Grand Haven, MI	<b>Elaine Miner</b> @ Home
<b>Elaine O'Keefe</b> Great Lakes Rehab	<b>Fran Prueter</b> @ Home	<b>Dick Woodke</b> @ Home

Our Homebound members and friends would all love to hear from you. Please drop them a card or give them a call. Their contact information is in the Church Directory.



# BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Elaine O'Keefe
- 5 Dawn Curtis
- 11 Graham Parker
- 13 Jean Bortner
- 18 Sidney Diggs IV
- 23 Bobby Diggs
- 24 Zayden Evans (Alexa Mahan)
- 24 Dick Mallette
- 29 Holly Furlo
- 30 Lynne Groom
- 31 Rachael Barerra

## **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 28 Charles & Irene Ohmer

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Taylor Hansen (M=Dana Woodke Cooper)
- 4 Marianne Bird
- 5 Daniel Groom
- 8 Chad Parker
- 8 Rylan Hanson
- 10 Randy Jacob
- 12 Fran Prueter
- 13 Kyle Redfield
- 15 Ainslee Mahan
- 15 Aubree Mahan
- 21 Karla Parker
- 21 Casey Redfield
- 31 Jim Lorenz

## **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- 11 Dan & Barb Groom
- 17 Dallas & Jackie Williams
- 29 Darren & Joann Woodke
- 29 Duncan & Sandy Redfield

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Becky Pequignot

- 3 Rob Halase
- 5 Charles Davis
- 8 Lindsey Groom
- 13 Louis Diechman
- 14 Michael Patrick Groom
- 17 Lois Krzak
- 20 Liz Saperstein
- 25 Thomas Kennedy
- 29 Tom Ladner
- 30 Vincent Martinez

## **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 20 Sidney & Kermit Diggs

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Zachary Plater
- 2 Drew Pequignot
- 2 Dan Groom
- 3 Joseph Ruth
- 5 Mary Longstreth
- 11 Jerry Paquette
- 13 Ethan Parker
- 13 Charlotte Armstrong
- 14 Mike Yusaf
- 14 Tania Yusaf
- 16 Randy Groom
- 17 Elizabeth Jacob
- 19 Christopher Davis
- 22 Jean Anne Miller
- 22 Pat Denno
- 25 Ezra Yusaf
- 25 Aaron Plater
- 26 Ashley Huizar (Hanson)
- 27 Marie Lemmer
- 29 Scott Jacob
- 29 Lori Halase

## **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- None Known



# DOWNTOWN SAGINAW MARKETPLACE

## 2024 Season

Wednesday and Friday  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22  
THROUGH  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

AREA ARTISANS WILL JOIN US  
ON SATURDAYS IN 2024 TO  
SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS



## 2024 Market Events

**Saturday, July 13 – FOOD SAFETY WHILE PRESERVING SESSION ONE: CANNING** - 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Join us inside the SVRC Marketplace Demonstration Kitchen for the first of three food safety presentations. Participants will learn how to safely obtain products/produce, sanitize canning workspaces and equipment, proper temperatures while canning and storing finished products and how to serve products safely.

**Wednesday, July 24 - A VERY MERRY MARKET CHRISTMAS IN JULY** - 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Live Entertainment (including a local choir), Customer Giveaways, Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, Pie Baking Contest. Family friendly games and activities & more.

**Saturday, July 27 – FOOD SAFETY WHILE PRESERVING SESSION TWO: DRYING** - 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Join us inside the SVRC Marketplace Demonstration Kitchen for the second of three food safety presentations. Participants will learn how to safely obtain products/ produce, sanitize canning workspaces and equipment, proper temperatures while canning and storing finished products and how to serve products safely.

**Sunday, August - 4 NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK KICK-OFF** - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Live Entertainment, Customer Giveaways, Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, Pie Baking Contest. Family friendly games and activities & more.

**Saturday, August 10 FOOD SAFETY WHILE PRESERVING SESSION THREE:FREEZING** - 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Join us inside the SVRC Marketplace Demonstration Kitchen for the third and final of our food safety presentations. Participants will learn how to safely obtain products/ produce, sanitize canning workspaces and equipment, proper temperatures while canning and storing finished products and how to serve products safely.

**Friday, August 23 - (ANNUAL DSFM) MID-MICHIGAN HARVEST DAYS** - 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Live Entertainment, Customer Giveaways, Hot Pepper Eating Contest, Family Friendly Games & Activities & More

**Saturday, August 24-KIDS YOGA** - TIME TBD

**Friday, September 27 - DSFM ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF**

Registration and drop off 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Public Tasting 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Judging 12:00 p.m.

**Saturday, October 26-HALLOWEEN AT THE MARKET** - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
A SPOOKTACULAR TRICK-OR-TREATING EVENT FOR EVERYONE! TREATS, FAMILY FRIENDLY GAMES & MORE

## **COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH**

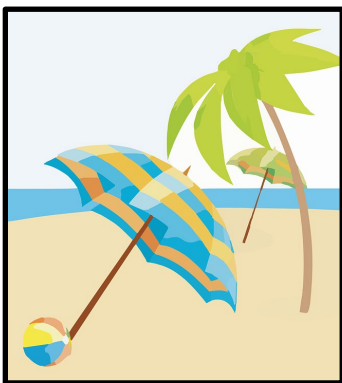
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### **SUMMER ISSUE**

This is a combined issue of our CTC Connections Newsletter for the months of July and August. I hope everyone is having a marvelous summer. Monthly newsletters will resume starting in September. Thanks. Kathy Loviska