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PASTOR'S CORNER

This past week I had the pleasure of spending time with a few of the “keenagers” from the church. We set up a day to go to a delicious lunch at Country View while also including some shopping, a trip to a farm for a hayride, cider, and donuts. This would all be under the umbrella of a color tour!

Well...good luck with the umbrella thing! I think if anyone tried to use an umbrella that day it would have ended up in Canada...(it can now be an un-vaccinated umbrella but would still need a passport)☺. Anyway, the weather was awful. It was raining/sleeting/blowing, and just downright miserable. In spite of my apologetic complaining about the weather, I began to notice that it didn't really matter that much to the others. They were enjoying the fellowship and camaraderie on the ride down. They relished the delicious flavors of steak subs, Reuben sandwiches, chicken, fish, cheeseburgers, and rich coffee. After that, they were all smiles as they perused the store for baked goods, candies, quality meats, and treats to share with the group and to take home. On the way back, they did their best to look through the fogged-up windows to comment on God's handiwork displayed in the glorious autumn foliage.

LESSON LEARNED!! I began to understand that there is a point in life where it just makes sense to receive life as a benefit rather than a burden, as a gift to be enjoyed rather than a grumble to be endured. Just as people were complaining the other day about the early snow, how many years have you lived in Michigan when it didn't snow in the fall or winter (or spring or...)? Friends – it IS going to snow in Michigan! Spring will renew the outdoors and encourage our spirits every year! We will have summer in some form, and autumn will follow. Expect it! When we live our lives knowing that seasons change, we learn to accept the tough, tedious, and tumultuous times alongside of the enjoyable and encouraging ones. At the end of the day, it is better for us to embrace this gift of life rather than to simply endure it.

The Apostle Paul puts it in the right perspective in I Thessalonians 5:16-18:

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

A young pastor went to the hospital to encourage an older lady who had faced some immense physical challenges in her later years and had been bedridden for months. As he entered the room, he found, to his surprise, a woman who was not discouraged and defeated, but one who seemed quite happy. When he inquired about her joy, she responded: “Oh Pastor, I am glad you are here to share this happy moment with me. The nurses said early this morning that if I have an especially good day, they will turn me on to my side tomorrow...”

Keep this gift of life in the right perspective. Be thankful for it and live it with relish rather than reluctance. Carpe` Diem, and God bless you all in the month ahead!

CASTLE CONNECT

GOD IS GOOD

A few weeks ago, a group of us from the church travelled to Crossroads village in Flint to attend Franklin Graham's "God Loves You" tour.

While I was excited to see Franklin Graham speak, I admit I was most excited to see the Newsboys concert that was a big part of the event.

I decided to take Amelia with me. She is 10 years old now, and I look for opportunities to have the older ones participate with things like that with me on an individual basis. Anyone who knows kids knows there is a big difference in how they act when they don't have siblings around.

While the drive was a little long, and we got back pretty late for her, she said she loved it. She's been listening to the Newsboys every day since we got back.

She didn't understand much of what was going on or what was said. There was talk of political and moral issues. Talk of division, of repentance. Some of it difficult for a 10-year-old to comprehend, or honestly to really care about. Bethany and I are members of Right to Life, but we have never brought up abortion with our kids. Not because it's an issue we don't want to talk about, but because we decided it's ok to not lay the burdens of the world on them sooner than we need to.

As I have gotten older, the idea of Adam and Eve taking the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil has become much more profound. When we are younger, if we are in a home with caretakers that protect us, we are blissfully unaware of the evils of the world. As we get older, the knowledge itself can be an incredible burden.

And yet, the gift, the salvation in humanity's fall, is that we are also aware of the good. We have the potential to see where God's holy hand is working in the midst of the darkness. That is why we point out the goodness of God to our children before we show them the face of evil. The same reason we are called to meditate on the scriptures and have the word of God within us. So that when we are faced with evil, we see the goodness, the righteousness, of God easily overpowering the evil in this world.

The wickedness, the depravity, the deceitfulness, is easy to see. Take time today and every day to focus on the goodness of God. To be thankful. To participate in the kingdom work God has called us to. Good is good and holy and powerful and righteous. And that God loves us more than we can imagine. We know that in Him, all the forces of Satan cannot and will not succeed. Good is good.

~ Pastor David Castle

CHILDRENS MINISTRIES

Nursery Staffing

We do need to start staffing our Nursery, as more little ones are attending. We need to have someone in the nursery during the 10:00 service. I will have a sign-up sheet that will be circulating, so please contact me so that I don't have to hunt you down. Ha-ha!

Children's Corner

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving, but if we think about it, every day should be a day of Thanksgiving for all the blessings the Lord has given us. We want our kids to know the Bible. We want them to know the author and founder of our Faith – Jesus! This month I would like to share with you a scripture family devotional calendar that you can do in just a couple minutes each day. As Christians, we want to make sure to thank God for the many blessings in our lives, but also be aware that this should not be a once-a-year occurrence, but a daily habit.

In December kids will see that God has given us the BEST GIFT EVER -- Jesus! When God kept His promise to send His Son, Jesus, to be with us and save us from the wrong things we do, He was making a way for us to have an everyday relationship with Him!

Please have your kids join us in the month of December for Children's Church and experience the BEST GIFT EVER!



Praise the Lord! Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Psalm 106:1
Christian Education Director,
Coleen Sutton

Thanksgiving

EACH DAY THIS MONTH
THANK GOD FOR:

1 <i>Our Salvation</i> 1 CORINTHIANS 1:4 1 CHRONICLES 16:35 2 THESSALONIANS 2:13 EPHESIANS 2:8-9	2 <i>His Blessings!</i> LUKE 17:11-19 JAMES 1:16-18	3 <i>His Name</i> PSALM 7:17 PSALM 68:4 HEBREWS 13:15	4 <i>Creation</i> PSALM 148 JOB 38:1-24	5 <i>Our Life</i> PSALM 139:1-18 ISAIAH 43:16-21	6 <i>Jesus</i> JOHN 1:1-18 JOHN 14:6-7 HEBREWS 13:8
7 <i>In Prayer</i> COLOSSIANS 4:2 PHILIPPIANS 4:6 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4	8 <i>Our Father</i> GALATIANS 4:4-6 EPHESIANS 1:3-10 JOHN 10:22-30 MATTHEW 11:25-27	9 <i>Family</i> EPHESIANS 3:14-19 PSALM 127 PSALM 128	10 <i>Pastors & Church Leaders</i> HEBREWS 13:7 1 TIMOTHY 5:17-18 EPHESIANS 4:11-16	11 <i>God's Mighty Deeds</i> EXODUS 15:1-18 PSALM 40:1-5 1 CHRONICLES 16:8-34	12 <i>Our Trials</i> ROMANS 5:1-5 JAMES 1:2-4 1 PETER 1:3-9
13 <i>God's Protection</i> PSALM 91 PSALM 121:1-2	14 <i>God's Love</i> 1 JOHN 4:7-12 PSALM 59:17 MICAH 7:18-19	15 <i>The Holy Spirit</i> EPHESIANS 5:18B-20 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 COLOSSIANS 3:16-17 PSALM 143:10	16 <i>Spiritual Growth</i> PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11 JOHN 15:1-11 TITUS 2:11-14	17 <i>God is Good</i> PSALM 34:8 PSALM 52:8-9 MATTHEW 19:17A 1 JOHN 1:5	18 <i>The Bible</i> PSALM 19:7-11 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17 HEBREWS 4:12
19 <i>God's Provision</i> GENESIS 50:20 MATTHEW 6:25-33 ROMANS 8:28-30 PHILIPPIANS 4:19-20	20 <i>Friends</i> 1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-3 COLOSSIANS 1:3-4 EPHESIANS 1:15-16	21 <i>Governments & Nations</i> ROMANS 13:1 1 PETER 2:13-17 PSALM 22:27-28	22 <i>God's Majesty</i> PSALM 93 LUKE 9:37-43 2 PETER 1:16-18	23 <i>Our Food</i> MARK 8:1-10 ROMANS 14:6	24 <i>Help in Temptation</i> HEBREWS 2:14-18 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 MATTHEW 6:9-13

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BIBLE STUDIES & ACTIVITIES

Books of the Bible

On Tuesday's at 5:30 p.m. Tami Peplinski is leading a study group in Books of the Bible. All Teens and Adults are welcome to participate. We are working through II Kings and will continue this book through November.

Community Scrapbooking

Community Scrapbooking is on the on the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome to come and work on scrapbooks and craft projects. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck lunch.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 1st at 7:30 a.m. is the date and time for this month's Men's Breakfast that will be held at the Peppermill restaurant. A devotional will be given by Dennis Gebauer. All men are welcome to join us for this time of food and fellowship.

Outreach News

Looking for an opportunity to serve our church? The outreach committee is looking for anyone that is passionate about outreach and likes to plan events. Contact Stacie Schweitzer at 989-550-9535.

Bad Axe Christmas Parade

Our church will have a float in the Bad Axe Christmas parade this year.

This event will happen in the evening on Saturday, November 26th. If you would like to dress up in a nativity costume and be a part of this outreach, please contact Stacie Schweitzer at 989-550-9535.

Float building will take place on Saturday, November 19th at the church at 8A. Everyone is invited to help construct our float.

Sunday School Class (Led by Ty Henderson)

Ty Henderson is leading a Sunday school class every Sunday after second service at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to join them. They meet by the kitchen every Sunday.

Wednesday Night Bible Studies & Activities

Wednesday Night Bible Studies & Activities are in full swing on Wednesday's from 6p.m. to 7:15p.m.

- ~Coleen Sutton will be leading children up to 3rd grade in Trackers of Truth of the Old Testament.
- ~Mary Robinson will be leading 4th – 8th graders through Answers in Genesis.
- ~Vicki Affholter will lead a Ladies Bible Study.
- ~Pastor Jerry Sutton will lead an Adult Bible study group continuing in the book of Romans.
- ~Pastor David Castle's class will be watching The Chosen Season 2 with a brief discussion on each episode.

IN SYMPATHY

Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to the family of Alan & Susan Rochefort for the loss of their daughter in law Abigail Rochefort.

THANK YOU NOTE

To my church family ...straight from my heart. Thank you for the Olive Garden gift card and the vase of flowers recently given in appreciation for my time as Church Treasurer. It was certainly not expected, but much appreciated.

Thank You – Sandy Bublitz

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Group

Our youth group has joined forces with the newly formed Bad Axe Christian Ministerial Association Youth Group. This is a youth group consisting of youth from various churches and is led by Pastor Cheyenne Perry and Andrew Sutton. The meeting place will vary from month to month so be watching here, the church calendar and the Sunday bulletin for details. If you would like to talk to Pastor Cheyenne, you can call 989-860-1416 or Andrew Sutton at 989-975-8767.

The Youth Group schedule for the month of November is November 6th, 13th, and 20th at the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church from 5 PM - 7 PM. There is no Youth Group on November 27th.

WORSHIP SERVICE ANOUNCEMENT

Worship Service

Beginning on November 27th the first Sunday of Advent we will begin having one service. Service will be held at 10:00 a.m.

MINISTRIES

Church Greeters

Wanted: Friendly, smiling faces to greet worshipers for the 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. worship service. You would need to come about 15 minutes before the start of the worship service to hand out bulletins and welcome visitors, guests, and the church family. You would also need to fill up the candy baskets with mints. On the podium in the church foyer there is a greeter sign-up sheet for the current Month.

Food Pantry

Food Pantry takes place the first Thursday of every month. Anyone interested in working the food pantry should show up by 8:30 a.m. Distribution starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m.

Missions Fair

The Mission Fair will be held November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the gym. In addition to our good assortment of quilts of various sizes, we have been given a large donation of Christmas decorations to sell or auction. We will have free beverages with purchase of baked good or snack. We hope to see you there!

Mission Moment

What is your part in the global missionary work?? Prayer is the primary work of our missionary ministry! To be devoted to one thing, you must give up something else! It is one reason devoted prayer & fasting work in tandem!

You give up something to devote time and energy to prayer! Without prayer, something won't happen! with prayer, some things happen that would not happen without it!

John Wesley said "god does nothing but in answer to prayer; and even they who have been converted to god without praying for it themselves were not without the prayers of others! Every new victory which a soul is the effect of a new prayer!

Are you praying for our missionaries & the countries they are serving??

Pastor Jon Fruytier - Missions Team Leader

W.M.I.

The W.M.I. regular workdays are on Monday's & Tuesday's from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you plan to come all day, we recommend you bring your lunch or if you can only come for a few hours, you are more than welcome to do so. We have coffee and tea available for those that join us.

MINISTRIES CONTINUED

Library

As winter draws closer it is time to find a good book to read. Please feel free to check out the church library. You can either go through the church office or access us through the gym door side. We are open anytime the office is open or before or after services. It is self-checkout. Pull the card out of the book and sign your name. Leave the card in the basket on the desk. We have quite a variety of books. Non-fiction, fiction (Amish, Mystery, etc.), Prophecy, teens and for children. There are also DVDs for you to check out including Veggie Tales. If there is something that you would like to read and don't see it, let me know and I will be willing to find something for you.

Sheila Clardie, Librarian

Choir

The choir has begun meeting for practices on Sundays after second service at 11:15 am. All voices welcome!

CHURCH MESSAGES & NOTIFICATIONS

One Call Now Program

What is One Call Now?

- One Call Now is an automated messaging service that will notify you via phone call, text message or email.

What messages will I receive?

- We send messages regarding changes being made to worship services, upcoming scheduled meetings or rescheduled meetings, and relay information regarding the church family. If you do not receive these messages that is because you have never signed up for the program.

How do I sign up?

- To Sign up call (989-269-8664) or email (BAFMOffice@gmail.com) the church office with your Name, method of communication, phone number or email or locate a sign-up form on the table in the foyer fill it out and place it in the offering plate. Each family can have up to 6 phone numbers and 5 emails to receive the messages.

Prefer a text notification?

- Once you've have been setup in the system, text the word ALERT to 22300 from the phone you wish to receive texts on.

CHURCH FINANCES

August Finance Report (as of 10/17/22)

Amount Received for The Budget	\$15,282.88
Amount Needed for The Budget	<u>\$19,698.69</u>
	- \$ 4,415.81
Amount Received for The Budget	\$15,282.88
Amount Spent for The Budget	<u>\$24,379.34</u>
	- \$ 9,096.46
Amount Received for Budget – Year to Date	\$211,486.55
Amount Needed for Budget - Year to Date	<u>\$275,781.66</u>
	- \$ 64,295.11
Amount Received for the Budget - Year to Date	\$211,486.55
Amount Spent for the Budget - Year to Date	<u>\$264,129.00</u>
	- \$ 52,642.45

*Based On 2022 Revised Budget (\$6,566.23 Needed Weekly)

Tami Peplinski - Church Treasurer

CHURCH CENTER PROCESSING FEE INCREASE

Those that use the Church Center app to give there will be an increase of \$0.05 for processing. Beginning October 31, 2022, the processing fee will increase from \$0.25 to \$0.30 per transaction.



November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 W.M.I. WORK DAY 9 am to 3 pm</p> <p>BOOKS OF THE BIBLE 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm</p> <p>MENS BASKETBALL 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm</p>	<p>2 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES & ACTIVITIES 6 pm to 7:15 pm</p>	<p>3 FOOD PANTRY PACKING DAY 8:30 am to 10:30 am</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 am (Peppermill)</p> <p>MISSIONS FAIR 9:00 am to 2:00 pm</p>
<p>6 WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 am & 10 am Communion Served (Senior Moment Spotlight)</p> <p>YOUTH GROUP Bad Axe Free Methodist</p>	<p>7 W.M.I. WORK DAY 9 am to 3 pm</p> <p>PICKLEBALL 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm</p>	<p>8 W.M.I. WORK DAY 9 am to 3 pm</p> <p>BOOKS OF THE BIBLE 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm</p> <p>MENS BASKETBALL 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm</p>	<p>9 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES & ACTIVITIES 6 pm to 7:15 pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOKING 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p>
<p>13 WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 am & 10 am (Food Pantry Spotlight)</p> <p>YOUTH GROUP Bad Axe Free Methodist 5 pm to 7 pm</p>	<p>14 W.M.I. WORK DAY 9 am to 3 pm</p> <p>PICKLEBALL 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm</p>	<p>15 W.M.I. WORK DAY 9 am to 3 pm</p> <p>BOOKS OF THE BIBLE 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm</p> <p>MENS BASKETBALL 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm</p>	<p>16 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES & ACTIVITIES 6 pm to 7:15 pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Parade Float Decorate 8:30 am</p>
<p>20 WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 am & 10 am</p> <p>YOUTH GROUP Bad Axe Free Methodist 5 pm to 7 pm</p>	<p>21 W.M.I. WORK DAY 9 am to 3 pm</p> <p>PICKLEBALL 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm</p>	<p>22 W.M.I. WORK DAY 9 am to 3 pm</p> <p>BOOKS OF THE BIBLE 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm</p> <p>MENS BASKETBALL 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 am & 10 am (Missions Spotlight)</p> <p>NO YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p>28 W.M.I. WORK DAY 9 am to 3 pm</p> <p>PICKLEBALL 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm</p>	<p>29 W.M.I. WORK DAY 9 am to 3 pm</p> <p>BOOKS OF THE BIBLE 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm</p> <p>MENS BASKETBALL 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm</p>	<p>30 WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES & ACTIVITIES 6 pm to 7:15 pm</p>			

GENERAL INFORMATION

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oakley Cameron	1
Brenda Popham	2
Adeline Kennedy	3
Hlawn Hlawn Van Tifflin	4
Jesse Vogel	4
Nickolas Long	6
Ryan McIntosh	6
Lea Van Tifflin	6
Michael Affholter	7
Maddie Vogel	7
Jean Lockard	10
Martha Babcock	12
Judy McIntyre	12
Donna Murawski	12
Sue Smith	12
Chris Woodward	15
Tammy Langley	16
Arick Schweitzer	16
Ned Hilborn	17
Jacob Paionk	17
Valerie Thuemmel	17
Coleen Sutton	19
Chloe Bischer	20
Cammie Stubstad	20
Kathy Green	21
Pastor David Castle	23
Linda Fruytier	23
Maryanne Neeb	26
Sarah Messing	27
Blake Smithers	28
Kayla Vogel	28

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Our church has a prayer chain that is available for sharing your prayer requests. The prayer chain consists of people who will spend time in prayer for your prayer concern. If you have a prayer request that you would like to share with the prayer chain call Pastor Carol (989-975-0138).



ATTENDANCE SIGN-IN SHEETS

During each worship service you are asked to sign your name in the blue attendance folders that are in the pew racks. It is important that you sign in each Sunday you are here so please help us out by doing this.

PASTORS' CELL PHONE NUMBERS

Senior Pastor

Pastor Jerry Sutton 989-315-1018

Associate Pastor of Worship Ministries

Pastor David Castle 567-876-9182

Pastor of Congregational Care

Pastor Carol Corbishley 989-975-0138

Associate Pastor

Pastor Jon Fruytier 989-712-0009

CHURCH WIFI NETWORK

The Church Wi-Fi network has changed to a guest network for easier connection & use for members and guests. If you need help connecting to the church Wi-Fi, contact the church office at 989-269-8664 for assistance.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

We have two worship services on Sundays. The times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The 8:30 a.m. will be more traditional and the 10:00 a.m. more contemporary.

