



**105 E. Main  
Street**

**Ionia, MI  
48846**

**Service**

**9:30 am**

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**NOVEMBER  
2022**

**Newsletter**



## Everything Has Its Time

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die,

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek, and a time to lose;

A time to keep, and a time to throw;

A time to tear, and a time to sew;

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate;

A time for war, and a time for peace.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

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**Give thanks  
with a grateful  
heart.**

Finance Report August 2022  
(remaining balances as of 8/31/22)

Special Funds (designated giving)

Memorial Fund	\$5,639.53
Board of Trustees	\$2,887.72
Children's Ministry	\$8,099.48
True to You	\$1,700.00
Camp and School Scholarships	\$1,700.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$211.26
Community Drawers	\$5,371.78
Music of the Green	\$3,391.98
Holiday Concert	\$3,887.99
Soup Kitchen	\$2,661.18
Monthly Missions	\$490.00

General Fund (church budget)

Income	\$10,534.76
Expenses	\$12,930.70
Surplus(Deficit)	\$2,395.94
Ending Bank Balance -	\$7,734.14

Finance Report September 2022  
(remaining balances as of 9/30/22)

Special Funds (designated giving)

Memorial Fund	\$5,644.53
Board of Trustees	\$2,887.72
Children's Ministry	\$8,099.48
True to You	\$1,625.00
Camp and School Scholarships	\$1,770.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$211.26
Community Drawers	\$5,043.99
Music on the Green	\$3,391.98
Holiday Concert	\$3,887.99
Soup Kitchen	\$2,661.18
Monthly Missions	\$600.00

General Fund (church budget)

Income	\$6,069.15
Expenses	\$11,659.20
Surplus(deficit)	\$5,590.05
Ending Bank Balance -	\$2,144.09

## S.P.R.C.

We are so grateful to have Tom Fifer serving as Interim Pastor during this in-between period. In addition to his insightful messages, we appreciate him staying after service to visit with congregants.

We also appreciate staff members that have been willing to step in and help out when there have been extra events.

It is also good to have Jan Powell, a member of our committee, back at church after recent knee surgery. Virginia Washburn, another committee member, is in Florida with her husband Don. They are overseeing repairs on their winter home that was damaged by Hurricane Ian. Dave Fedewa, our custodian, had his surgery postponed and it will be rescheduled in a few weeks. We appreciate his hard work that keeps the church looking great. Happy Thanksgiving, Ann Felice

Congratulations to our Children's Choir for winning second place at the Community Sing. Dressed as Angels, they tinkled like stars.



### PLEASE PRAY IN THE NAME OF THE LORD FOR:

(E-mail prayer requests to  
[bluebirdm66@yahoo.com](mailto:bluebirdm66@yahoo.com))

#### Prayers for those in the military:

**Ross Marshall, Navy, Submarine, Groton, CT**

**Daniel Zander-Major U.S. Army retired**

**Duane Baliff**

**Austin Campbell - Air Force**

**Brent Spencer - Air Force**

### Prayers for:

- ◆ Jim Van Sycle
- ◆ Marge Bowne
- ◆ Phil Kahl
- ◆ Dave & Gloria Cook
- ◆ Elisha & Crystal Stock
- ◆ Roberta Sterner - in Hospice Care
- ◆ Ron Rozeboom - health issues
- ◆ Linda Ciangi - ill, but is doing better.
- ◆ Jan Powell - recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

# Administrative Board

The November Ad Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 10:30 a.m. It will start right after church. I do not have an updated item about the last board meeting as Linda Ciangi is sick but she is feeling better.



## Just For Laughs



**OFFERTORY SOLO:  
"O HOLY NIGHT"**

## For Your Information:

There are no items for the Board of Trustees or for Community Drawers as both Joe and Becky Brown are on vacation.



There will be an Advent Walk on Dec. 4th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00p.m. This will be held in downtown Ionia.



## **November Birthdays**

Philip Kahl - 11/4  
John Podoll - 11/4  
Jodi Courtland - 11/13  
Penny Wineman - 11/17  
Don Washburn - 11/27  
Joyce Masengale - 11/29  
Mich Mercer - 11/29

*Happy Birthday to everyone!!!*

## *November Anniversaries*

*Congratulations to  
Jim and Carrie Stout on  
November 10.*



*HAPPY VETERANS DAY  
TO ALL OF OUR  
VETERANS.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
SERVICE!*

*FRIDAY, NOV. 11, 2022*



## **NOVEMBER LITURGISTS -**

**Nov. 6- Ann Felice**  
**Nov. 13 - Eric Asher**  
**Nov. 20 - Jan Powell**  
**Nov. 27 - Deanna Hotchkin**

If you are unable to serve on the day for which you are scheduled, it is up to you to switch with another liturgist, and please notify the church office. Thank you.

# November 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 9AM TO 2 PM.- Craft Sale at Carson City UM Church
6 First Sunday Sun- daes at Cook's 1:00 pm	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day! Thank a vet!	12
13 Noisy Offering	14	15 Deer Hunting with Guns starts today.	16 Community Drawers is open from 1:30 to 4:30	17	18	19
20 10:30 am Trustees	21	22	23 DEADLINE FOR NEWS- LETTER ITEMS!	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Give thanks - be thankful for every- thing!	25	26
27 10:30 - Ad Board Meeting	28	29	30			