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Newsletter



*A FRIEND LOVES AT ALL TIMES
PROVERBS 17:17*



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NEWS FROM COMMUNITY DRAWERS -

It has been busy down at the Drawers. We have some more milkcrates and storage totes for our extra items that we don't have room for in the Drawers Room itself. We will be open during our annual coat drive. So if you have time on the 15th of October, we could use your help. We will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. So, please remember that this is a church mission project and We are all the church. Even if you can come down for a couple of hours, it will help and we always have things for our Gentlemen of the church to help with, including helping to make coffee and/or sampling the desserts that always appear. We will be having a luncheon for the workers. So, if you want a Free lunch, come down and help a while and we will feed you!

Again, I would like to thank Carter Morrison and Eric Asher for helping to keep the flower beds up while I am in my wheelchair. Thank you. I also want to thank Pat Zander for her generous contribution to Community Drawers. Thanks pat.

We, Roxanne, Michell, and myself would like to say thank you to everyone who have helped us this year with this so very needed project for our little community. We recently had a family of six come to us who had been burned out. They are living in a rental house provided by their insurance company. They lost everything that you all touch in your homes everyday. After we got her everything we could she thanked us and said "God Bless you!" and this church. So "God Bless!"

Becky

Trustees News

Just a reminder - Trustee Meetings are the third Sunday of a month at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room next to the café. Everyone is welcome.

The mailbox is located at the east door of the church. This makes it necessary for the letter carrier to carry the mail up the ramp. We have permission from the Postmaster to move the mailbox to the back door. This will make it easier for the letter carrier and the location is much closer to the church office.

Water was discovered in the Fellowship Hall on the floor. It appears this came in under the outside door in that room. The steps and access area were full of leaves and the drain under the small platform in this area was completely covered. The drain was not working. This area has been cleaned and should not be a further problem.

Our janitor is having a medical procedure and will be off work for a spell. (as of this writing, Dave's surgery has been postponed)

All for now,
Joe

S.P.R.C.

We are so thankful that Tom Fifer has agreed to lead our Sunday services for the next two months. Our District Superintendent is seeking a permanent pastor to be appointed to our congregation.

In addition to Tom Fifer, we would also like to thank Joel, Eric, and Sari, as well as our liturgists for their work in planning Sunday Services.

Please continue to pray for Deanna Hotchin's family as Greg recovers. Also keep Jan Powell in your prayers as she undergoes knee surgery and rehabilitation this month. Thanks to everyone that is helping our congregation move forward during this season of change.

Ann Felice

I would like to thank Joe Brown, Dave Stiles, and Karson Hagen for all your hard work in moving the mailbox to its' new location by the back-door. This will be really helpful for me but also for the letter carrier.

Thank you!

Angie, Church Secretary

Laughter . . . The best medicine -

*Attend and you will hear an excellent
speaker and heave a healthy lunch.*

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

(E-mail prayer requests to
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:

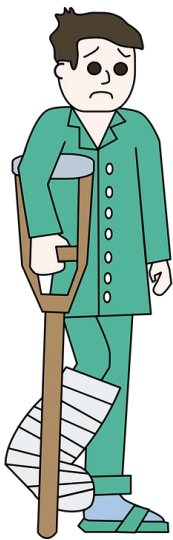
- ♦ Jim Van Sycle
- ♦ Marge Bowne
- ♦ Phil Kahl
- ♦ Dave & Gloria Cook
- ♦ Elisha & Crystal Stock
- ♦ Roberta Sterner - in Hospice Care
- ♦ Ron Rozeboom - health issues
- ♦ Deanna & Miller Hotchkin Family - son, Greg is in the hospital in Lansing. She drives there each day.
- ♦ Jan Powell - knee surgery and rehabilitation.

Administrative Board

The Board Meeting will be held on Thursday,
October 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.



Just For Laughs



Bill Mc Kee is improving in the hospital,
but he is still in the expensive - care unit.

FINANCE REPORT, JULY 2022

Remaining Balances as of 7/31/2022

Special Funds (Designated Giving)

Memorial Fund	\$5,6446.53
Board of Trustees	\$2,887.72
Children's Ministry	\$8,099.48
True to You	\$2,180.00
Camp & School Scholarships	\$3,777.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$206.26
Community Drawers	\$5906.60
Music on the Green	\$3704.94
Holiday Concert	\$3,887.99
Soup Kitchen	\$2,661.18
Monthly Mission	\$385.00

General Fund (Church Budget)

Income	\$11,564.38
Expenses	\$8,670.31
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,894.07)
Ending Bank Balance	\$10,130.08

*Please note: Ronda, our Church Treasurer, is on vacation so I do not have an updated Finance Report. This is the report for July.

October Birthdays

Gladys Stout 10/02
Dale Parus 10/06
Carrie Felice 10/12
Christopher Felice 10/13
Brian Talbot 10/16
John Fate 10/25
Abbey Talbot 10/27
Joe Brown 10/30



October Anniversaries -

Chris and Noelle Podoll - 10/15

*Don and Virginia Washburn -
10/29/1965*

Autumn Celebration

Oct. 27, 4:30 to 6:30

At downtown Ionia

- Halloween Carnival*
- Scarecrow Alley*
- Trunk n Treat*



October Liturgists -

10/2 Jan Powell
10/09 Becky Brown
10/16 Ann Felice
10/23 Eric Asher
10/30 ?

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.



October 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 First Sunday Sun- daes at Cook's 1:00 pm	3	4	5	6	7	18
9 Noisy Offering	10	11	12	13	14	15 Coat give away at Community Drawers 10:00
16 10:30 am Trustees	17	18	19 COMMUNITY DRAWERS 1:30 TO 430	20 Ad Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 MSU VS U OF M GAME AND POTLUCK