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**Newsletter**



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JEREMIAH 29:11*



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## Community Drawers

News for the month of August -

We had our giveaway on August 17, 2022. We had a total of 5 Clients which means we served people by giving them their basic needs.

I was told by one of the workers in July, that when they went home, they were tired, but they felt like they had made a difference in lives of the families she took care of. I told her that that feeling was God telling her Thank You for giving of her time to help our fellow men.

We are always asking for donations from you the congregation, and again, here I am asking for your help with Community Drawers. We are in need of towels, Ladies summer sleepwear, girls sleepwear, and blankets of all sizes. Thank you in advance for your giving.

Please don't forget the IMKids project. Those front pews are looking pretty empty. Lets fill them please. Some of the items needed are:

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Cereal - all kinds
- Juice boxes
- Little containers of fruit; peaches, mixed fruit, and applesauce
- Sandwich bags
- Brown paper sacks for lunches

We also have a pop can drive that is on going. The money collected from Noisy Offering and the pop can drive is used for things like our postage, ink, and the paper we use. Thank you for all your contributions. Becky

# **Trustees News**

**August 2022**

**Trustee meetings are the third Sunday of the month in the conference room upstairs. The meetings are at 10:30 a.m. after the Service.**

**The Parsonage has been sold. We received more than what we had asked for! This money will be invested and cannot be touched for five years. There are exceptions to this, but it would have to be something directly related to the church staying healthy. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this happen.**

**Our grass cutting person is not able to cut the grass due to surgery. Many thanks to Andrew Badder who has stepped in and has been cutting the lawn. (As of this writing, Randy is back mowing the church lawn. He said he is doing a lot better.)**

**We had a problem with water in the sink in the Café. We found a clogged filter to the cold water. New filter was installed and is working great! The toilet in the men's room was not shutting off. This has also been fixed.**

**The Trustees have a number of things to fix/repair/replace. We are working on the list and will try to do the best we can.**

**If you see problems/issues, please contact one of the Trustees and we will get it on the list.**

**All for now, Joe**

## **S.P.R.C.**

**As a temporary member of the Staff Pastor Parish Committee because of Ann's surgery not long ago, I was pleased to be involved in the hiring of Angela S. Hopkins. She hails from Sheridan and lives on E. Carson City Road. She has been a Church Secretary at Mt. Hope United Brethren Church in Carson City. She now does private duty nursing homecare.**

**Angela started working for us on August 1st of this year. Her hours at First are: M,W, F from 9 to 1pm. Stop in and say Hi . She would love to meet you. So far, everything is going smoothly. Jan, Ann, Roxie, Virginia, and Becky**

**COMMUNITY DRAWERS WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE -**

I do an audit every month after Drawers Day and I am happy to tell you that we have had 56 families since we opened in January. That boils down to 153 people that you helped in 8 months. Earlier this year we reported that it costs us between 400 and 500 dollars per month to run drawers. We have cut our costs down to 350 - 450 per month. A little savings but still a savings. I am very proud of the work we are doing at Community Drawers and you all should be too! Thank you everyone.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and please be careful.

Becky

*Thank you to everyone who sent cards and offered words of encouragement during my surgery and recovery. A special thanks to Jan Powell and members of the S.P.R.C. committee for their guidance during a time of transition. Finally a huge thank you to Roxie and Connie for handling duties in the church office for the past few months.*

*Ann Felice*

**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

Ann Felice

Roberta Sterner

Ron Rozeboom - health issues

Mary Badder - varicose vein issues

Deanna & Miller Hotchkin Family - son, Greg is in the hospital in Lansing. On their way home, Deanna & Miller were in a car accident. No one was hurt. Praise the Lord.!!!

## Administrative Board

- Music of the Green wrap -up - Thank you to everyone who made this event a success for the 2022 season. From the cookies and drinks, to adding fencing for our sign, to joining in the singing, FUMC made new friends with your support. Thanks also to our talented guest performers.
- September's Calendar - on the 15th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall there will be the next Ad Board Meeting. Then on Sept. 17th there will be an Expo Event on Main street celebrating local businesses. Thursday, Sept. 22, the Commission on Aging will host "Dinner and a Movie night" in cooperation with the Ionia Theatre. Dinner is at 5:00 p.m. And the movie "Casablanca" will be shown at 7:00 p.m.
- October's Calendar - **October 15 is the FUMC winter coat give away at 10:00** and the return of the Fall Fest at Ionia County Park. October 19th - is Community Drawers (coats also). We wrap up the month on October 29th with a potluck as we watch the football game between MSU and U of M. Time to determined.
- Bring your ideas for the holidays to the Ad. Board Meeting in September. All ideas are welcome .

Linda Ciangi, Ad. Board Chair

## Just For Laughs

As the Sunday school teacher described how Lot's wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt, James interrupted: "My mommy looked back once while she was driving and she turned into a telephone pole!"

# **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  |

## September Birthdays

Roxanne Stiles 9/2  
Millie Bartholoemew 9/5  
Virginia Carter 9/12  
Janet Winter 9/14  
Dave Stiles 9/24

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



*September  
Anniversaries -*

*There are no anniversaries  
for this month.*

Dear God,  
I didn't think orange went  
with purple until I saw the  
sunset you made on  
Tuesday. That was cool!  
Sean, age 9

## September

### Liturgists

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Sept. 4  | Deanna Hotchkin |
| Sept. 11 | Ann Felice      |
| Sept. 18 |                 |
| Sept. 25 | Jan Powell      |

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 notify the church office.

# September 2022

| SUN                                                          | MON | TUE | WED                                        | THU                                        | FRI | SAT                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|
|                                                              |     |     |                                            | 1                                          | 2   | 3                               |
| 4<br>First Sunday Sun-<br>daes at Cook's<br>1:00 pm          | 5   | 6   | 7                                          | 8                                          | 9   | 10                              |
| 11<br>Noisy Offering                                         | 12  | 13  | 14                                         | 15<br>AD BOARD<br>MEETING<br>6:30 p.m.     | 16  | 17<br>EXPO EVENT<br>ON MAIN ST. |
| 18<br>MISSION - Crop<br>Walk for Hunger<br>10:30 am Trustees | 19  | 20  | 21<br>COMMUNITY<br>DRAWERS<br>1:30 TO 4:30 | 22<br>DINNER AND A<br>MOVIE -<br>5:00 P.M. | 23  | 24                              |
| 25                                                           | 26  | 37  | 38                                         | 29                                         | 30  |                                 |