

March, 2023

CTC CONNECTIONS

Countryside Trinity Church
4690 Weiss Street
Saginaw, Michigan 48603

From the Pastor

----- JANE LYNN YOUNG



Did you know that March is the only month that gives a command? March fourth! I think it is appropriate that March is the month that gives us a command. March is kind of a transitional month. The weather warms us a bit, but we still get snow. The days are still short, but they are getting longer. We dream of spring, but it is still too soon to plant. But we are to March 4th!

To march fourth is an act of courage. On March 7, 1965, John Lewis lead a peaceful march for civil rights across the Edmund Pettus bridge in Alabama. It was a peaceful protest march. Or it was supposed to be. Those who were marching 4th were met by state troopers who attacked them, beat them with their clubs, sprayed tear gas on them, and blocked their way. But this violence was different from the violence previously experienced by those who were working for civil rights. This violence was captured on film. And for the first time, America saw the brutality that was routinely inflicted on peaceful protesters. And in response, many thousands joined the cause. As a result of Bloody Sunday, voting rights acts were passed.

Of course, that is not the end of the story. These stories never have that "happily ever after" ending we long for. The fight for equality still rages on. We have become all too aware of the need for equality in race, gender, age, social standing issues. And we are called to march fourth! The way we march is different now. But we are called, not by the command in March, but by the command of Jesus to work for justice. For Jesus told us we are to love others as we love ourselves. And that means working for the dignity of each person. To ensure that all people have equal rights.

I am longing for Spring. And we get glimpses of it in March. Spring brings new life. We can bring new life too, as we march fourth for love.

Blessings

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Upcoming Lectionary Readings

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March 5 Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 Or Matthew 17:1-9	The Lord says to Abram: I will make you a blessing to the nations. My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Consider Abraham; the promise of God depends on faith. Those who seek God's kingdom must be born of water and Spirit. On a high mountain with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured.
March 12 Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-12	The people thirst and quarrel; God gives them water from a rock. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, the rock of our salvation. Justified by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ. Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman at the well.
March 19 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	Samuel anoints David, the youngest son of Jesse, to be king. The Lord is my shepherd; I will live in the house of God always. Live as children of light; awake and rise, Christ will shine on you. Jesus heals a man born blind; the Pharisees question him about sin.
March 26 Ezekiel 37:1-15 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	In a valley of dry bones, Ezekiel has a vision of hope for Israel. Out of the depths I cry; the Lord has power to forgive and redeem. Set your mind on the Spirit, not the flesh; God will give you life. Jesus, the resurrection and the life, raises Lazarus from the dead.

YOUR SESSION AT WORK

There was no meeting in February and, therefore, no report to share. The next Session meeting will be Sunday, March 19th.

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Betty Burr Samaritas Senior Living	Joan Comstock @ Home	Dawn Curtis @ Home
Betty Hauk Wellspring Assisted Living	Floyd & Lois Krzak @ Home	Marie Lemmer Wellspring Assisted Living
Fern Evon Little Swan Haven Manor	Virginia Lyon @ New Hope Valley	Norma Meacham @ daughters in North Carolina
Elaine Miner @ Home	Fran Prueter @ Home	Helen Reynolds Wellspring Memory Care
John & Leore Bethune @ Home		Judi Westendorf Rehabbing at Symphony

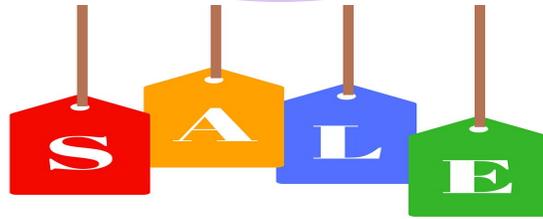
PER CAPITA FOR 2023

As church members we are reminded annually that we must pay a per capita tax to our denomination. This money usually goes toward paying expenses at the higher level than our own immediate church. Since we are a two denomination church (Presbyterian and United Church of Christ), we receive two bills for per capita. . The denominations base the total per capita on the number of members that the church reports. Also, please bear in mind that since we are two denominations, all of our membership statistics that are submitted to the two denominations annually are divided in half. For instance, if we have 100 members, the report to each denomination will be 50 members. The Presbytery bill for us covers 50 members, so it is actually to our benefit. We also receive a bill for a lesser amount from UCC based on 50 members.

With this in mind, the Session has approved a request to be made to the members to pay \$30.00 for the per capita for 2023. Just a gentle reminder that the per capita is per member, not per household. So if you have four people in your household that are members of Countryside Church, you are asked to pay for all four people a total of \$120.00. In order to defray the expense of the per capita, the Session is asking that members assist the church by paying their own per capita of \$30.00/member for 2023. We do not want to put a hardship on anyone but these bills must be paid whether our treasury gets help from the members or not. There will be an envelope marked "per capita" in your box of contribution envelopes that you will be receiving in the next few weeks that you can use.

The Session appreciates your help in this matter.

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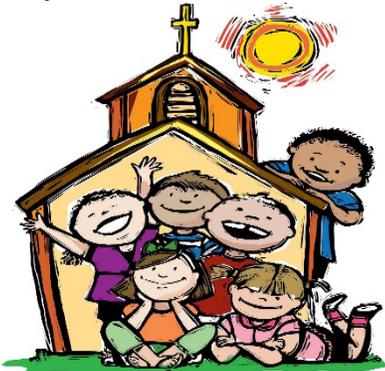
DATE TO BE DETERMINED

We have accumulated quite a bit of stuff over the past couple of years here at CTC and are now in the planning stages to have a sale to get rid of all the unwanted or unused items currently stored in the rear classroom on the west end of the building and around the church. If you would like to bring in items from your home, please call the church and/or talk with Kathy Loviska to arrange a time to drop off. **No clothing, please.** A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted on the Bulletin Board. Thank you.

ELDERS & DEACONS – 2023 TO 2025	
SESSION COUNCIL	DEACONS
Class of 2023 Mary Ann Parker Mary Longstreth Roger Scovill	Class of 2023 Barbara Groom Nancy Easlick
Class of 2024 Sidney Diggs Debbie Davis Sandy Redfield	Class of 2024 Lynne Groom Jackie Williams Ron Platt
Class of 2025 Darren Woodke Becky Pequignot Bethany Scovill	Class of 2025 Pat Denno Ronda Otway Duncan Redfield
	Co-Opted Member Dan Groom

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES. Ms. Sandy will take the children to Sunday School class on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month unless otherwise announced. Please think about bringing your children, grandchildren, or other young family members with you to church.



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TWO COINS A MEAL is collected on the 1st Sunday of each month. There is a pail at the back of the Sanctuary marked as such. Please bring your coins in a plastic bag or envelope if you can do so and place in the pail either on your way in or out of the Church. Thank you.



COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED!

One of our most important ministries here at Countryside Trinity Church is serving communion to our shut-ins. We are presently in dire need of volunteers to be a part of this ministry. The Deacons are searching for people who are willing to visit and serve communion several times a year to those unable to attend worship.

Please talk to Dan Groom if can join in this ministry. Thank you.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS. We received our community rewards payment from Kroger which totaled \$50.07. If you shop at Kroger for food, prescriptions and/or gas, please consider naming CTC as your charity to support.

THESE DAYS: *These Days* magazines are on the table in Fellowship Hall if you would like to pick one up. A donation jar is on the table.

GREETING CARDS: A variety of greeting cards are on the window ledge in Fellowship Hall. Please leave your payment in the basket provided.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS BACK! Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 11th.



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FACEBOOK PRAYER GROUP:

We have a 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.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

The 2023 Telephone Directories are in the works! Please send your updated contact information to Kathy in the office as soon as possible. You can email it to countryside@ctcsaginaw.com, call her at 989 793-0125, or give it to her on Sunday. It would be helpful if you would include email addresses as that gives us another way to contact you. This is especially helpful when sending out cancellation notices. Thank you.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

The Spiritual Life Committee and Pastor Jane are putting together an exciting Lenten Program which will consist of a weekly event following church on Sundays beginning with Sunday, February 26th and continuing until March 26th. Please plan to stay after church on those days if you are able to do so.

Ash Wednesday had to be cancelled due to weather.

Soup & Bread following worship on February 26th

Coffee Hour following worship on March 5th

Soup & Bread following worship on March 12th

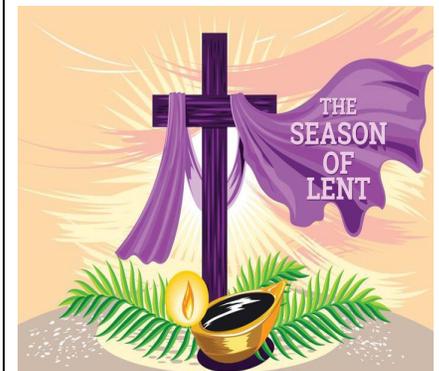
Coffee Hour following worship on March 19th

Soup & Bread following worship on March 26th

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

Maundy Thursday service on April 6th at 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 9th



EASTER FOOD CARDS

We are collecting \$\$\$ to purchase Easter Food Cards for needy families selected from Weiss School. If you would like to donate, please put your gift in an envelope marked Easter Food and either drop it in the collection plate or mail it to the church with your donation. Thank you.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We are collecting \$\$\$ for One Great Hour of Sharing which is a special PCUSA and UCC offering we participate in each year to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. Please mark your donations One Great Hour of Sharing.



FREELAND WALLEYE FESTIVAL **April 27-April 30, 2023**

Many festivities, including but not limited to: Citywide Rummage Sales, Carnival, Bingo, Parade, Entertainment, Car Show, Fishing Tournament, Casino, Fireworks and more.

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SUMMER CAMP

I know it doesn't necessarily look like summer is coming when you look out the window but trust me – it **is** coming!

There are opportunities for our children of CTC to attend summer camp this summer if they would like to do so. We have members/friends who are willing to assist in the cost of the camp and there is a Presbyterian Church on the other side of the state that is offering scholarships as well.

There are a wide variety of Christian camps to choose from in our beautiful state. There are a couple different brochures on the table in Fellowship Hall if there is an interested member in your family.

If you would like more information, see Ms. Sandy Redfield.

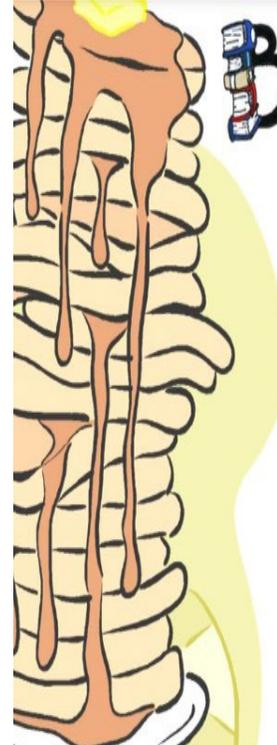



JOIN US!
Friday,
March 17, 2023
4:30 - 6:30 PM
 \$15.00 - DINE IN
 \$14.00 - TAKEOUT
DINE IN & TAKEOUT

Meal includes: Fried Fish (Alaskan Pollock), Potatoes, Coleslaw, Bread, and Dessert



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 2665 Midland Road, Near Hospital Road,
 Saginaw, MI 48603



Books for Breakfast

Saturday March 11, 2023
 9:00 am - 11:30 am
 Serving Pancakes until 11:15 am

Sponsored by the READ Association
 Location: The Hunger Solution Center - Home of Hidden Harvest & East Side Soup Kitchen
 940 E. Genesee - between Janes and Thompson St.

\$3.00 per person (under one yr. free)
 Tickets available at the door

◆ ALL You Can Eat Pancakes ◆ Free New Book for Every Child
 ◆ Literacy Activities ◆ Storytelling

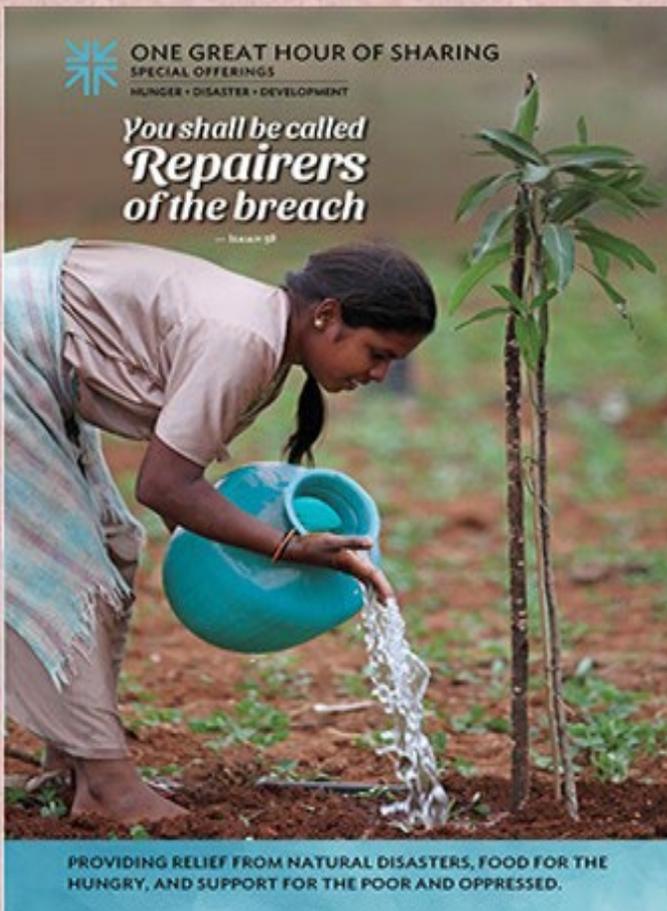
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MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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EASTER FOOD CARDS



- MARK YOUR DONATIONS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
- AND EASTER FOOD CARDS

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"Easter Flowers 2023" Order Form

<u>Flower</u>	<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Price Each</u>		<u>Total</u>
Mums 8"	_____	x	\$ 12.00	=	_____
Hydrangea	_____	x	\$ 17.00	=	_____
Tulip 8"	_____	x	\$ 10.00	=	_____
_____	_____				
Hyacinth 8"	_____	x	\$ 10.00	=	_____
Azalea 7"	_____	x	\$ 17.00	=	_____
Total due for all flowers ordered:				= \$	_____

NAME: _____

IN Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Please check one:

_____ **Will take plant with me (or)**

_____ **Will leave plant at church for outdoor planting.**

Payment: Cash Payment: \$ _____ **Attached (or)**

Check Payment: \$ _____ **Make checks payable
to "The Deacons."**

**The deadline to place your order for Easter flowers is Sunday,
March 19, 2023.**

Please drop off or mail your completed form and payment to:

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WHEN INCLEMENT WEATHER STRIKES

Tune in to channel 12 (WJRT) and watch for their closings and delays. Alternatively, you can go on your phone or computer to WJRT.com and at the top of the page click on the link **CLOSINGS**: **Click here for the latest**. It will take you to their **CLOSINGS AND DELAYS** as pictured below. See the blue arrows below.



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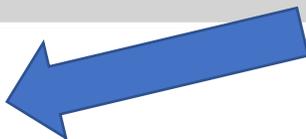
CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

[Click here to request a closings account for your church, organization or business.](#)

[Already have an account? Click here to submit a closing or delay.](#)

Closings Last Updated at 9:53am on 3/02/2023

No Closings have been reported at this time



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Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS MARCH

- 1 Ron Platt
- 2 Elaine Miner
- 3 Carol VanArsdale
- 9 Sandy Redfield
- 22 Chong Ladner
- 29 Floyd Krzak
- 30 Glenna VanHautte
- 30 Robert Furlo

BIRTHDAYS APRIL

- 1 Virginia Lyons
- 2 William Nolan
- 2 Lysithea Evans, M=Alexa Mahan
- 4 Jeanne Krugielki
- 5 Nancy Erndt
- 5 Evon Little
- 12 Kathy Loviska
- 12 Matthew VanArsdale
- 13 Dallas Williams
- 19 Debra Davis

BIRTHDAYS MAY

- 1 Gwen Henderson
- 4 Joshua Gonzales
- 5 Sue Smith
- 6 Betty Burr
- 6 Marcia Lacker
- 8 Dorothy Hughes
- 12 Barbara Groom
- 18 Doris Ruth

BIRTHDAYS MAY CONTINUED

- 21 Seth Diggs
- 24 Katlyn Scovill
- 26 Charles Ohmer
- 26 Lore Woodke
- 28 Sue Paterson

ANNIVERSARIES MARCH

- 6 Chad & Karla Parker
- 21 Vincent & Michelle Martinez

ANNIVERSARIES APRIL

None Known

ANNIVERSARIES MAY

- 4 Tom & Chong Ladner
- 7 Floyd & Lois Krzak
- 15 Christine & Paul Greenwood
- 16 Kathryn & Kevin Barnum
- 18 Randy & Lynne Groom
- 28 Christian & Bradley Saxton

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**“When I woke up this morning, I asked myself,
“What is life about?” I found the answer in my
room . . . The fan said, ‘Be cool.’ The roof said, ‘Aim
high.’ The window said, ‘See the world!’ The clock
said, ‘Every minute is precious.’ The mirror said,
‘Reflect before you act.’ The calendar said, ‘Be up
to date.’ The door said, ‘Push hard for your goals.’
The floor said, ‘Kneel down and pray!’**

