



CTC CONNECTIONS

Countryside Trinity Church - 4690 Weiss Street - Saginaw, Michigan 48603

From the Pastor

----- JANE LYNN YOUNG

God said, See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food. And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

My front yard is beautiful! It is full of bright yellow flowers! In fact, the yellow flowers cover the lawn. When the yellow flowers stop blooming for the season, and when they have spread their seeds across the neighborhood, the clover comes to bloom. And with the clover comes the bees. Lots of bees! I have some other plants, like catmint that also attracts bees. I love providing food for the bees, and I love that the bees, in turn pollinate other plants that provide food for us! Here are 5 reasons why bees are important:

- Help produce 1/3 of our food supply
- Help provide 1/2 of the world's fibers, oils, and other raw materials.
- Help produce 1/3 of our food supply.
- Help create many medicines.
- Provide food for wildlife.
- Help prevent soil erosion.

The plants we grew from seeds are wildflowers that bees love, and depend on. God created this world and saw that it was good. God has asked us to be caretakers of this earth. One of the things we can do is to not poison our lawns so that the yellow flowers can't grow. The bee population is dwindling. Without the bees, our food supply will end.

Plant your wildflowers outside, if you haven't already! Let us be caretakers of God's creation.

Oh! If your plants are ready to be planted outside, take a picture and send it to me or Kathy!

Grace and truth,
Pastor Jane





Upcoming Lectionary Readings

<p>June 4, 2023 Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20</p>	<p>The Word and Spirit of God are present at the dawn of creation. O Lord our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! A letter concludes with a blessing in the name of the triune God. Jesus' Great Commission: Go, make disciples, baptize, and teach.</p>
<p>June 11, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19 <u>Complementary</u> Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)</p>	<p>Three visitors promise Abraham and Sarah they will have a son. What shall I return to the Lord? I will lift the cup of salvation.</p> <p>The Lord says: Keep my covenant and you will be my holy people. Make a joyful noise to the Lord; we are the sheep of God's pasture. We are justified by faith; while we were sinners Christ died for us. The harvest is plentiful; Jesus instructs and sends the twelve apostles.</p>
<p>June 18, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 <u>Complementary</u> Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10 (11-15) 16-18) Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39</p>	<p>Hagar and Ishmael are sent away, but God remains with them. Be gracious to me, O God; save the child of your servant.</p> <p>Jeremiah laments the terror all around, but must speak God's word. Zeal for your house consumes me; save me from my enemies.</p> <p>Crucified with Jesus, we are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ. Jesus says: Do not fear for your life; take up your cross and follow.</p>
<p>June 25, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 <u>Complementary</u> Jeremiah 28: 59 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42</p>	<p>Obeying God, Abraham prepares to sacrifice his son Isaac. How long, O Lord? Still, I trust in your steadfast love.</p> <p>Jeremiah speaks to Hananiah about the promises of prophets. I sing of God's steadfast love, God's covenant with David. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life in Christ. Jesus sends disciples: whoever welcomes you welcomes me.</p>



YOUR SESSION AT WORK

May 21, 2023

MARY ANN PARKER, CLERK OF SESSION

MINUTES TAKEN BY SANDRA REDFIELD, CLERK PRO TEM

Following prayer by Pastor and Moderator, Jane Lynn Young, appointed Sandy Redfield, clerk pro-tem in Clerk's absence.

Minutes of stated session of March 19th meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: Given. It was pointed out that we have a total deficit of \$4,187.90.

Clerk's Report: Church membership is 95.

For the Record: Kate and Kevin Barnum removed from rolls per their request to transfer their membership to Homer Methodist Church.

Joan Comstock passed on May 5, 2023, with burial in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens, Communion was served on April 2, April 6, April 9 and May 7.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jane will be on vacation May 28-31, 2023.

Denominational Report: R. Scovill will serve as elder commissioner at the hybrid Presbytery meeting June 6th, 2023, at Alma College.

PNC Report: PNC needs your continued prayers as they continue to search for the right candidate for CTC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds: Loviska, administrative assistant, reported that the phone system is dropping calls and really needs to be updated. She presented research on various systems. **Motion sustained** to upgrade system and to stay with Spectrum, is possible. **Motion sustained** to allow the Mountain Springs Music Camp to use fellowship hall July 31-August 4, 2023, for cost of \$150.00. Scovill reported that the new office project is on hold at the present time. Church name visibility was also discussed.

Christian Outreach: Mari McKenzie held a postcard campaign after church May 21, 2023, to introduce legislation against underage marriages.

Finance & Stewardship: Scovill reported that the 2022 financial records have been reviewed and all meet the standards suggested in "The Book of Order".

Personnel: Loviska, administrative assistant, will be on vacation week of July 17, 2023. Pastor Jane will be in the office Tuesday and Wednesday of that week.

NEW BUSINESS: Graduation Sunday will be celebrated June 18, 2023. Production of a new pictorial directory will be referred to Spiritual Life Committee.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned with prayer by Pastor Jane at 12:56 PM.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Countryside Trinity Church Changes in Equity January 2023 - April 2023

	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
NET ASSETS					
UNRESTRICTED					
Memorial Fund	18,092.13	200.00	-	-	18,292.13
General Fund	16,381.31	36,738.39	(46,706.29)	5,780.00	12,193.41
Bricks Fund	1,335.85	-	-	-	1,335.85
Mission Fund	13.75	-	-	-	13.75
Minister Compensation	71,675.70	-	-	(2,140.00)	69,535.70
Endowment - Expendable	71,510.15	521.64	-	(3,640.00)	68,391.79
Subtotal Unrestricted	<u>179,008.89</u>	<u>37,460.03</u>	<u>(46,706.29)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,762.63</u>
DONOR RESTRICTED					
Food Account	1,551.52	840.00	(2,012.00)	-	379.52
Good Samaritan	2,250.64	-	-	-	2,250.64
Youth Experience Fund	245.81	-	-	-	245.81
Parking Lot Fund	1,115.00	-	-	-	1,115.00
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	6,006.43	633.55	(916.00)	-	5,723.98
Endowment Nonexpendable	153,334.00	-	-	-	153,334.00
Subtotal Donor Restricted	<u>164,503.40</u>	<u>1,473.55</u>	<u>(2,928.00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,048.95</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>343,512.29</u>	<u>38,933.58</u>	<u>(49,634.29)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>332,811.58</u>



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 The Bickford

The Saginaw Eddy Concert Band
Joseph Radtke, Conductor

Invites you to join us for our **Season 97**
2023 Summer Concert Series

Sundays at 7 p.m.

June 18th	July 16th
June 25th	July 23rd
July 2nd	July 30th
July 9th	August 6th



FREE ADMISSION and PARKING!

At Jolt Credit Union Event Park
Across from Dow Event Center at
300 Johnson St, Saginaw, MI

For more information visit saginaweddyband.org















There are also copies of the flyer on the table in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to pick one up.

Friday Night Live is a live summer concert series began in 1998 and takes place in Morley Plaza located in the heart of Downtown Saginaw. The 2023 concert series will be the 25th consecutive season. Friday Night Live is one of the many events created by Positive Results Downtown Saginaw. Other events include Harvest Days at the Farmer's Market in September, Holidays in the Heart of the City and the Christmas Parade in November, the Outhouse Races in February, and the Memorial Day Parade in May.

Directions to Morley Plaza, Downtown

Morley Plaza is the park between the Temple Theatre and Huntington Bank. For directions, please use the address: 101 N. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48607

FREE Entertainment • FOOD Vendors • FUN Children's Games • Adult Refreshments Available

		5:30-9PM FRIDAY NIGHTS @ MORLEY PLAZA	
2023 TITLE SPONSORS: 		Like us on Facebook.	
JULY 14	Journey on the River FEATURING: • SRD DECREE BURNS • THE JOURNEY		SPONSORED BY:
JULY 21	Downtown Hoedown FEATURING: • MANDI LAYNE & THE LOST HIGHWAY • SEATOWN		SPONSORED BY:
JULY 28	Fiesta Grande FEATURING: • LOS "C" NOTES • AZTECAS		SPONSORED BY:
AUG 04	Friday Night Fever FEATURING: • COOL LEMON JAZZ • THE BROTHER GIBBS STORY		SPONSORED BY:
AUG 11	Rollin' on the River FEATURING: • LAURE AND THE LEFTIES • BAYOU COUNTY		SPONSORED BY:
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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

COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH PRESENTS

MOUNTAIN SPRINGS MUSIC PRESENTS
SAGINAW SUMMER MUSIC WORKSHOPS 2023
 July 31-August 4 in Saginaw, MI

Leadership String Workshops
 9:00am-12:30pm
**Community performance Friday 11:30am*

Join us for a week of mornings filled with chamber ensembles, Music Mind Games, and various music workshops!

Recommended age: 6+, with at least one year of experience on their stringed instrument. Basic note-reading skills recommended.

Music Mind Games
 9-10am or 11:30am-12:30pm
**Community performance Friday 11:30am*

Does not have to play an instrument.

MMG 1: Recommended age 5-9, no previous music experience necessary

MMG 2: Recommended age 9+, previous music experience recommended but not necessary

For more information, visit:
www.MountainSpringsMusic.org
 Class sizes limited--register early!
 Registration closes June 4



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL & TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES. Ms. Sandy is taking a vacation for the summer months. Sunday School will resume in September. Watch the Newsletters for the date and time.

KROGER REWARDS check in the amount of \$46.43 was received. This represents purchases made by those who have named CTC as their charity of choice on the Kroger website for February 1st through April 30, 2023. Thank you.

CTC RUMMAGE SALE was a big success. Our profit from the sale was \$990. Thank you to all those who worked and donated. Job well done!

MISSIONS OF THE MONTH: Our Mission for June is **East Side Soup Kitchen**. Please mark your donations **ESSK**. Thank you.

Our Missions for July are **Emmaus House & Sleep in Heavenly Peace**.

The needed items for each are as follows:

EMMAUS HOUSE GUEST NEEDS

Sweaters (L-XXL); Sweatpants (L-XXL); Sweatshirts (L-XXL); Slippers; Bathrobes; Socks; Shower Soap; Shampoo; Deodorant; Powder; Body Lotion; Personal Hygiene Items; Gift Cards.

EMMAUS HOUSE HOUSE NEEDS:

Cleaning Supplies; Mops; Paper Supplies; Twin Sheets; Towel Sets; Laundry Detergent; Full Blankets; Comforters; Meats; Eggs; Ground Coffee; Sugar; Creamer; Butter; Gift Cards (Kroger, Walmart, Meijer, Speedway).

SHP NEEDS

Twin Pillows; Twin Pillowcases; Twin Sheets Sets; Twin Mattress Pads; Twin Blankets; \$\$\$ for mattresses and building supplies for the beds.

Please mark your monetary donations "Emmaus House" or "SHP". Thank you.



CTC will celebrate Graduation Sunday on June 18, 2023. We will be honoring **PAIGE PEQUIGNOT** who is graduating from Heritage H.S. and will continue her studies at Delta College; and **VICTORIA PARKER** who is graduated from Reed College in Portland, OR with a Bachelor's in Physics (focus in Nuclear Reactions). She is headed to the Graduate School - School of Medicine @ Duke University in Durham, N. Carolina to study Medical Physics. Our sincere congratulations to both.



PICTORIAL HISTORY IN THE PLANNING STAGES



We would like to create a "Pictorial History" of how Countryside Trinity Church came to be what it is today. In that light, if you have any pictures of the buildings and/or events from Washington



Avenue, Warren Avenue, Grace, or Countryside Trinity and you would be willing to share them, please see Pastor Jane or Kathy Loviska for further information. Thank you.



5th Annual 18-Hole Fundraiser Special Vision Golf Outing

Benefiting Special Olympics & Choroideremia Research Foundation
Saturday, June 10, 2023 - Valley View Farms Golf Course

\$70.00 per person includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, Door Prizes and Raffles
4-Person Scramble Format—9 a.m. Registration with a 10 a.m. Shotgun Start

Flyers are on the table in Fellowship Hall – or Call Kim: 989 860-5309 or David : 989 245-7226



DOWNTOWN SAGINAW MARKET



203 S. Washington

You'll find us under the outdoor pavilion
at the SVRC Marketplace.

2023 Season

Wednesday and Friday
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Mondays begin on July 3, 2023
and run through August 28, 2023**

OPEN FROM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023
THROUGH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

EVERY SATURDAY IN 2023 IS
KID'S DAY
&
AREA ARTISANS WILL JOIN US
ON SATURDAYS IN 2023 TO
SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS



Joan M. Comstock

Beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend to many who have gone before her, went home to be with her Savior on Friday, May 5, 2023, at the age of 87 years.

Joan, a lifelong resident of Saginaw, Michigan and graduated from Saginaw High School, Class of 1953. She retired from Michigan Bell Telephone and was a member of Countryside Trinity Church. Joan married David E. Comstock on July 10, 1953. He predeceased her on August 31, 1998. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Roy W. and Luella (Stark) Gulliver; brothers, Leonard and Robert Gulliver; son-in-law, Danny Lee Scholtz; a special friend, Art Neville, many special girlfriends, especially Freida Walkowski and Mary Vogt, Donna Beuthin, Ruth Oliver Miller, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandra "Sandy" Scholtz, of Saginaw, son, David (Donna) Comstock, of Williamsburg, Virginia, one grandson, the joy of her life, David (Lauren) Scholtz, of Spring Lake, Michigan and two handsome great grandsons, Theo and Remy.

Special thanks to Hospice of Saginaw and their loving and oh so caring employees, Shannon, Monica and Cici, who did such an amazing and caring job of making her final days comfortable. Also special thanks to Sandy's many friends and former co-workers who gave her a bit of respite.

Funeral Service will take place at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at W. L. Case and Company, 4480 Mackinaw Road. Rev. Ron Compton will officiate, with private burial in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens. Friends may visit with the family on Monday, May 8, 2023, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service, at the chapel.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Michael Groom
- 3 Eric Smith
- 11 Robert Bortner
- 11 Dana Hansen Cooper
- 19 Kitty Blehm
- 20 Marilyn Leffler
- 30 Darren Woodke
- 30 John Furlo

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Elaine O'Keefe
- 5 Dawn Curtis
- 11 Graham Parker
- 13 Jean Bortner
- 18 Sidney Diggs IV
- 23 Bobby Diggs
- 24 Zayden Evans (Alexa Mahan)
- 24 Dick Mallette
- 27 Susan Anderson
- 29 Holly Furlo
- 30 Lynne Groom
- 31 Rachael Barerra

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Taylor Hansen (M=Dana Woodke)
- 4 Marianne Bird
- 5 Daniel Groom
- 8 Chad Parker
- 8 Rylan Hanson
- 10 Randy Jacob
- 12 Fran Prueter
- 13 Kyle Redfield
- 15 Ainslee Mahan
- 15 Aubree Mahan
- 17 Joan Comstock
- 21 Karla Parker
- 21 Casey Redfield
- 31 Jim Lorenz

ANNIVERSARIES JUNE

- 11 Rylan & Katlyn Hanson
- 21 Edward & Lori Halase
- 29 Ronald & Jean Anne Miller

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 28 Charles & Irene Ohmer

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Dan & Barb Groom
- 17 Dallas & Jackie Williams
- 29 Darren & Joann Woodke
- 29 Duncan & Sandy Redfield



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