



CTC CONNECTIONS

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

From the Pastor

----- JANE LYNN YOUNG

I love opera. I go to the Met live stream shows as often as I can. I've seen opera in person. I have even seen opera in Italy! I listen to opera when I'm home. Did I mention that I love opera? One of my favorite operas is *Porgy and Bess*. "Porgy and Bess is an English-language opera by American composer George Gershwin, with a libretto written by author DuBose Heyward and lyricist Ira Gershwin. It was adapted from Dorothy Heyward and DuBose Heyward's play Porgy, itself an adaptation of DuBose Heyward's 1925 novel of the same name." (Wikipedia). The opera opens with the aria "Summertime". You probably know it! *Summertime, and the living is easy. Fish are jumping, and the cotton is high. Your daddy's rich and your ma is good looking. So, hush, little baby, don't you cry.* The aria is full of hope for the future, and a sense of calm for the present.

Summertime is the season for hope, for rest, for vacations and family time. It is a repose for the harsh winters we experience. And it serves as a metaphor for those times in our lives when it does seem that the living is easy. We know, however that the living is not always easy. We all experience periods of health issues, pain, grief. But we face these times knowing that our faith will get us thru the tough times. We know that we are not promised that tough times will not happen, but that God will always walk with us, in all our times.

August is the last full month of summer. During this month think about God! Take time to talk with God often. Enjoy each day as God's gift. And look around and find others to share the good news with. Enjoy the season of summertime.

Grace and truth,
Pastor Jane



Upcoming Lectionary Readings

<p>August 6, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 <u>Complementary</u> Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9,14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21</p>	<p>Jacob wrestles with a man from God and receives a blessing. Visit and test me in the night, O Lord; I will behold your face.</p> <p>Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; eat and be satisfied. The Lord is gracious and merciful, giving food in due season. Paul struggles with the issue of Israel’s relationship to the church. With five loaves and two fish, Jesus feeds a great multitude.</p>
<p>August 13, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6 16-22, 45b <u>Complementary</u> 1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33</p>	<p>Out of jealousy, Joseph’s brothers sell him into slavery in Egypt. God sent Joseph to Egypt to save the people in a time of famine.</p> <p>Elijah hears the word of the Lord – not in the storm, but in silence. Let me hear what the Lord will speak; God will speak peace. Proclaim the word of faith: confess Jesus as Lord and be saved. Jesus walks on the water to meet his disciples and calms a storm.</p>
<p>August 20, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 <u>Complimentary</u> Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28</p>	<p>Joseph Is reunited with his brothers; the family will move to Egypt. How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.</p> <p>The Lord will welcome foreigners along with the outcasts of Israel. God’s saving power is known among all the nations of the earth. God has not rejected Israel, but desires to show mercy to all. Debate about what defiles; a Canaanite woman shows great faith.</p>



Upcoming Lectionary Readings, Continued

<p>August 27, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 <u>Complementary</u> Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20</p>	<p>Pharaoh orders the crowning of Hebrew boys, but Moses is spared. Were the Lord not on our side, the water would have consumed us.</p> <p>Look to the rock from which you were hewed; God will deliver. I sing your praise, O Lord; do not forsake the work of your hands. Offer yourselves to God as a living sacrifice; one body, many gifts. Who is Jesus? Peter answers: You are the Messiah, the Son of God.</p>
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Changes in Equity					
January 2023 - June 2023					
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
NET ASSETS					
UNRESTRICTED					
Memorial Fund	18,092.13	565.00	-	-	18,657.13
General Fund	16,381.31	49,116.74	(62,435.08)	8,670.00	11,732.97
Bricks Fund	1,335.85	-	-	-	1,335.85
Mission Fund	13.75	-	-	-	13.75
Minister Compensation Fun	71,675.70	7,265.71	-	(3,210.00)	75,731.41
Endowment - Expendable	71,510.15	13,514.71	-	(5,460.00)	79,564.86
Subtotal Unrestricted	<u>179,008.89</u>	<u>70,462.16</u>	<u>(62,435.08)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>187,035.97</u>
DONOR RESTRICTED					
Food Account	1,551.52	840.00	(2,012.00)	-	379.52
Good Samaritan	2,250.64	-	(150.00)	-	2,100.64
Youth Experience Fund	245.81	-	(680.00)	-	(434.19)
Parking Lot Fund	1,115.00	-	(118.76)	-	996.24
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	6,006.43	633.55	(916.00)	-	5,723.98
Endowment Nonexpendable F	<u>153,334.00</u>	<u>349.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>153,683.00</u>
Subtotal Donor Restricted	<u>164,503.40</u>	<u>1,822.55</u>	<u>(3,876.76)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>162,449.19</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u><u>343,512.29</u></u>	<u><u>72,284.71</u></u>	<u><u>(66,311.84)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>349,485.16</u></u>



John & Leore Bethune @ Home	Dawn Curtis @ Home	Betty Hauk Wellspring Assisted Living
Floyd & Lois Krzak Floyd @ St. Francis Home Lois @ Home	Avis Leach @ Roosevelt House	Marie Lemmer Wellspring Assisted Living
Fern Evon Little Swan Haven Manor	Virginia Lyon @ New Hope Valley	Norma Meacham Grand Haven, MI
Elaine Miner @ Home	Mary Ann Parker @ Home	Fran Prueter @ Home
	Judi Westendorf The Bickford	

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 & TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES.

Ms. Sandy is taking a vacation for the summer months.

Sunday School will resume on September 10th. Watch the News-letters for more information.



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MISSIONS OF THE MONTH: Our Mission for August is **Weiss Elementary School**

We will be collecting the following:

School Supplies (or monetary donations to purchase School Supplies) & Monetary donations for *"Food for Backpacks"*

**PLEASE MARK YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS "WEISS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL".
THANK YOU.**





Good Luck

We celebrated our very talented pianist, Andy Glynn, on Sunday, July 23, 2023, with a very special luncheon following worship. Andy is leaving CTC to spend more time with his family and his work in Ypsilanti, Michigan. His last day will be Sunday, July 30th and will be missed.



Andrew Glynn – July 23, 2023



Andrew Glynn & Dan Groom, July 23, 2023



Andrew Glynn & his Mom, July 23, 2023



Genesis Sunday

We will be celebrating Genesis Sunday following Worship on September 10, 2023. Plans are still in the works so watch for an update in the next Newsletter. Sunday School will resume that day, so please be sure to have your children, grandchildren come for the return of Sunday School. Questions, contact Sandy Redfield.

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



Florence E. Burr

Florence "Betty" Elizabeth Burr of Saginaw, Michigan

Beloved mother and grandmother passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 1, 2023, at Covenant HealthCare-Harrison. She was 97 years old. Florece Elizabeth Ellis was born on May 6, 1926, in Milord, Michigan, to the late Reginald and Harriette (Brown) Ellis. As a young girl, her father died during the great depression, this taught her to be a practical and responsible throughout her life. She was a proud graduate of Milford High School.

Following graduation, Betty attended Alma College and graduated with a bachelor's degree. As a young woman, she taught at Jesse Loomis Elementary School. She met the love of her life, John "Jake" P. Burr on June 9, 1956; he preceded her in death on February 16, 2011. The role she loved the most was to be a loving and supportive wife, a stay-at-home mother where she created nothing but happy memories, and the best grandmother in the entire world. A natural caregiver, she selflessly took care of her mother, as well as her husband at the end of their lives. Betty was a faithful Christian and a longtime member of Countryside Trinity Church where she served the congregation as a deacon, in the choir, and various other capacities. She enjoyed playing bridge, working in her yard, and tending to her flowers. Her little piece of heaven was spending time with her grandchildren. Betty will forever be remembered as a loyal, kind, and caring friend, for her love of animals, especially her beloved cats, and for truly living an amazing life filled with many beautiful memories and stories.

Surviving are a son, Michael (Kathy) Burr; two granddaughters: Meghan and Katelyn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John "Jack" Burr; a son, Charles J. Burr; father, Reginald Ellis, mother and stepfather, Harriette and Frank Hunemorder.

A funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at Countryside Trinity Church, 4690 Weiss Street. Rev. Jane Lynn Young will officiate. Burial will follow at Owen Cemetery. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the W. L. Case & Company, 4480 Mackinaw Road, on Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and at the church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Countryside Trinity Church. Please share your thoughts and memories with the family at the funeral home, church, or through www.casefuneralhome.com.



HELEN IONE REYNOLDS – 1918 TO 2023. Reynolds, Helen I. passed away Thursday, June 22, 2023, at Wellsprings Assisted Living at the age of 105. Helen was born in Glennie, Michigan on February 26, 1918, to the late Mitchell and Emma (Bissonette) Buchanan. She graduated from Saginaw High School in 1935 and worked on all of the S.H.S. class reunions. Helen married Roland F. Reynolds on May 29, 1937, in Saginaw, MI; he predeceased her in 1996.

Helen worked as a secretary at Saginaw High School for 20 years. She helped organize the Saginaw Public Schools Secretaries Association and served two terms as President. She also served as a Board member of the Saginaw County Retired School Personnel and on the Scholarship Committee of the Community Foundation.

She was an active member of the First Christian and First Christian Church West for over 80 years, serving in the choir and as Elder, Finance Chair and the Church In Society Chair. She was also a member of the Board of Directors of the East Side Soup Kitchen for over 20 years. When her children were young, she was active in Scouting, earning the Scouter's Key, and was also President of the Saginaw High School P.T.S.A.

Helen is survived by her sons; Dr. Larry (Alice Littlefield) Reynolds, and Roger (Mary L.) Reynolds, five grandchildren; Michael (Patty) Reynolds, Steven Reynolds, Amy (Phillip) Counts, Monica (Andy Woodrick) Reynolds, and Rachel (Mort Forsko) Reynolds, thirteen great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren with another due in July; sister in-law; Nan Buchanan and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her sister; Marian Ulmer, brothers; Harold Buchanan and M. Ike Buchanan, brothers in-law; Edward Ulmer, Clarence Leppien and Chester Reynolds, and sisters in-law; Dorothy Leppien, Martha Buchanan and Gertrude Reynolds.

FUNERAL: Funeral services for Helen will take place Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. from Deisler Funeral Home, 2233 Hemmeter Rd. Saginaw, MI 48603 with Patty Reynolds to officiate. Private burial to take place in St. Andrews Cemetery.

VISITATION: Family and friends are welcome to gather at Deisler Funeral Home on Thursday, June 29, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service.

MEMORIALS: In Lieu of flowers, those planning a memorial contribution may wish to consider the Saginaw East Side Soup Kitchen, Friends of Hoyt Park or a Charity of your choice.

Deisler Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Reynolds family; Please share your thoughts and memories with Helen's family at the funeral home or through www.DeislerFuneralHome.com



BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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 turning 100!!!**
- 13 Kyle Redfield
- 15 Ainslee Mahan
- 15 Aubree Mahan
- 21 Karla Parker
- 21 Casey Redfield
- 31 Jim Lorenz

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Becky Pequignot
- 3 Rob Halase
- 5 Charles Davis
- 8 Lindsey Groom
- 13 Louis Diechman
- 14 Michael Patrick Groom
- 17 Lois Krzak
- 20 Liz Saperstein
- 22 Amanda Dean Groom
- 25 Thomas Kennedy
- 29 Tom Ladner
- 30 Vincent Martinez

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 28 Charles & Irene Ohmer

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Sidney & Kermit Diggs

A very special birthday is coming up soon! Fran Prueter will be celebrating her 100th birthday on August 12th! Let's shower her with birthday cards to make her day a very special one. Her address is 4395 Ann Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48603.



**Goodbye Andy and Best of Luck in All
the Future Holds For You!
We Will Miss You.**





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