



CTC CONNECTIONS

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

From the Pastor

----- JANE LYNN YOUNG

I have always loved fall. I am in awe at the gift the trees give us at this time of year. Their leaves change into their fall colors and offer us such beauty that all we can do is look at them in awe. Early fall reminds us that the season is changing. We will no longer have the long days of summer. The pace of life seems to slow down this time of the year. It feels like we have more time, mostly because the activities of the summer are winding down.

But in the church, we are starting activities again. Choir has begun. Sunday School has begun. And Stewardship Season has begun! October 1st is the kickoff day for our Stewardship Season!

Why do we observe Stewardship Season? We are faithful with our giving, after all. And yes, that is true. But during this season of stewardship the team would like you think about being thankful. What are the things you are thankful for? It is time to count your blessings! I know we have been asked to count our blessings before. Counting blessings is a tradition this time of year. But even if we have done it before, it is good to do it now! Why? Because so often we take for granted all that we have.

We take the running of the church for granted as well. When we come to church, the lights are on, the heat is on, or in warm weather, the fans are on. We have screens that guide us thru the worship service. It is comforting to be in a space that is "home".

Stewardship is not just about giving. It is about how we use the gifts we are given. Some of us sing! Some of us organize! Some of us are gifted artists! And the list goes on. How do you use your gifts for the benefit of the church and to the glory of God?

Stewardship is, of course, also about money. What are you willing to contribute to help the church continue? Think about it and pray about it. We will receive pledges on November 12th.

This is the season of joyous giving!
Grace and truth, Pastor Jane





Upcoming Lectionary Readings

<p>October 1, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 <u>Complementary</u> Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32</p>	<p>The people thirst and quarrel; God gives them water from a rock. God made streams flow from rocks, giving water to the people.</p> <p>Is the way of the Lord unfair? Turn away from your sin and live. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord; do not remember my sin. Seek the mind of Christ, who was humble, but exalted by God. Leaders question Jesus' authority; he answers them with a parable.</p>
<p>October 8, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 <u>Complementary</u> Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46</p>	<p>At Mount Sinai, the Lord gives the Ten Commandments to Moses. The law of the Lord is perfect; God's commandments are clear.</p> <p>Isaiah sings of a vineyard that has failed to produce good fruit. Restore us, O God of hosts; have regard for the vine you planted. All that I have is nothing; knowing Jesus Christ is everything. A parable about a vineyard, wicked tenants, and the owner's son.</p>
<p>October 15, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 <u>Complimentary</u> Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14</p>	<p>Aaron makes a golden calf; Moses intercedes with the Lord. We have sinned, exchanging the glory of God for graven images.</p> <p>God will make a feast for all peoples, destroying death forever. The Lord prepares a table for me in the presence of my enemies. Rejoice in the Lord; do not worry; God's peace will be with you. The kingdom is like a banquet; many are called, few are chosen.</p>
<p>October 22, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 <u>Complementary</u> Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13) 1 Thessalonian's 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22</p>	<p>Moses watches from the cleft of a rock as God's glory passes by. Like Moses, worship at God's Mountain; the Lord is holy.</p> <p>The Lord anoints Cyrus: I alone am God; I call you by name. Declare God's glory among the nations; all other gods are idols. Paul writes to the Thessalonians: We give thanks and pray for you. The Pharisees test Jesus with a question about paying taxes.</p>



Upcoming Lectionary Readings, Continued

<p>October 29, 2023 Semicontinuous Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Complementary Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18 Psalm 1 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46</p>	<p>After seeing the promised land from Mount Nebo, Moses dies. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.</p> <p>Be holy, as the Lord is holy; love your neighbor as yourself. Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord. We came to you to share the gospel; we also share ourselves. Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself.</p>
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Countryside Trinity Church					
Changes in Equity					
January 2023 - August 2023					
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
NET ASSETS					
UNRESTRICTED					
Memorial Fund	18,092.13	2,555.00	-	-	20,647.13
General Fund	16,381.31	62,213.29	(76,099.59)	11,560.00	14,055.01
Bricks Fund	1,335.85	-	-	-	1,335.85
Mission Fund	13.75	-	-	-	13.75
Minister Compensation Fun	71,675.70	7,265.71	-	(4,280.00)	74,661.41
Endowment - Expendable	71,510.15	13,980.49	-	(7,280.00)	78,210.64
Subtotal Unrestricted	<u>179,008.89</u>	<u>86,014.49</u>	<u>(76,099.59)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,923.79</u>
DONOR RESTRICTED					
Food Account	1,551.52	840.00	(2,012.00)	-	379.52
Good Samaritan	2,250.64	-	(300.00)	-	1,950.64
Youth Experience Fund	245.81	500.00	(680.00)	-	65.81
Parking Lot Fund	1,115.00	-	(118.76)	-	996.24
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	6,006.43	956.61	(916.00)	-	6,047.04
Endowment Nonexpendable F	153,334.00	349.00	-	-	153,683.00
Subtotal Donor Restricted	<u>164,503.40</u>	<u>2,645.61</u>	<u>(4,026.76)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,122.25</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u><u>343,512.29</u></u>	<u><u>88,660.10</u></u>	<u><u>(80,126.35)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>352,046.04</u></u>



Remember *Our* Shut-ins



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	Marilyn Leffler New Hope Valley
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 Union Court Ass't Living St. Charles, MI
Fran Prueter @ Home	Judi Westendorf The Bickford	

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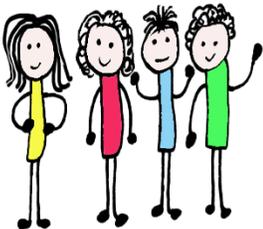
ELDERS & DEACONS – 2023 TO 2025	
SESSION COUNCIL	DEACONS
Class of 2023 Mary Longstreth Roger Scovill	Class of 2023 Barbara Groom Nancy Easlick
Class of 2024 Sidney Diggs Debbie Davis Sandy Redfield	Class of 2024 Lynne Groom Jackie Williams Ron Platt
Class of 2025 Darren Woodke Becky Pequignot Bethany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



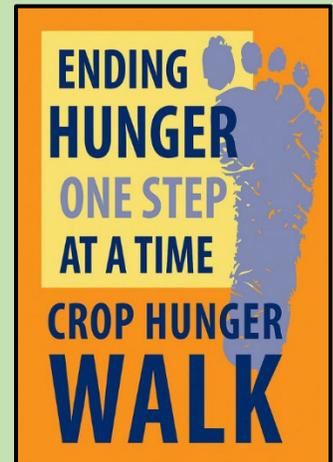
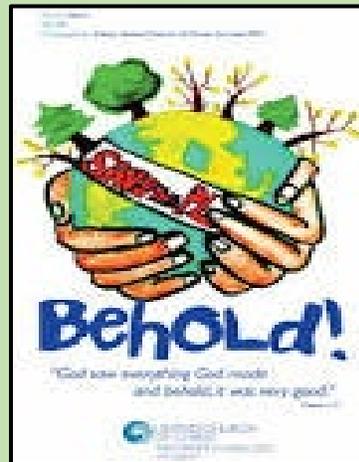
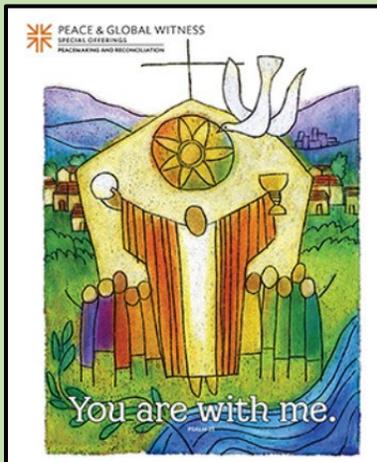
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?

CTC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

We will begin regular meetings of the Women's Association on Saturday, October 14th at 11:30 a.m. If you can do so, please bring your favorite salad to share with the group. Thereafter the meetings will take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month unless otherwise scheduled.



CTC'S MISSIONS FOR OCTOBER ARE 1) THE OLD TOWN MISSION, 2) THE PEACE OFFERING (PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS-PCUSA AND NEIGHBORS IN NEED-UCC) AND 3) THE CROP WALK.



Please donate to the one or ones you have an interest in supporting. Mark your donations accordingly.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.



WE CELEBRATED GENESIS SUNDAY ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2023. HERE ARE A FEW PICTURES FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND.





The Countryside Trinity Church Christian Outreach Committee is working on a project to reach out to the families of Weiss Elementary School. On October 30, 2023, we will be handing out cookies and juice to the students as they are picked up in our parking lot. We feel that this is a way to make our presence known to them and just say "Hi! We are glad you are here."

If you would like to help with this project, here is what is needed:

1. Volunteers for Monday, October 30, 2023, from approximately 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; and
2. Donate \$\$\$ to help with the cost of the cookies and juice.

We are planning to continue this outreach in December by handing out gift bags to each student. The gift bags will contain candy and small gifts. We have not yet determined the date but will keep you posted as it gets closer.



CTC Mission Report: In August, we collected for Weiss Elementary School as our Mission of the Month. We collected \$175.00 in cash along with the following items which were delivered to the school:

7 Pencil Cases	2 Scotch Tape Dispensers	7 Pencil Sharpeners
13 boxes of 24 crayons	8 Rulers	4 Big Erasers
40 Pencil Tip Erasers	6 Small Scissors	1 Large Scissors
26 Glue Sticks	5 Boxes of Markers	4 Highlighters
2 Packages Post-it Notes	1 Calculator	1 White Board
4 Packages Index Cards	9 Packs of Pencils (12 Count)	6 Packs of Colored Pencils (12 Count)
8 Packs Ball point pens (3 Count)	8 Packs of Paper	4 Composition Notebooks
1 Theme Book	13 Single Subject Notebooks	2 Subject Notebooks (3 Pack)
1 Binder	12 Pocket Folders (2 Pack)	2 Crayon Sharpeners

Many thanks to all of you who donated.



The Presbytery of Lake Huron held the September Presbytery Meeting at Countryside Trinity Church on Tuesday, September 19th. There were approximately 60 people in attendance from the Presbytery and other Presbyterian Churches in our district and the meeting was also livestreamed on our YouTube Channel. We want to give thanks to all of those who worked so hard and gave of their time and talents to make this meeting a success.

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AN INVITATION TO A FALL GATHERING

When: SUNDAY-MONDAY, OCTOBER 22-23, 2023

Where: Frankenmuth MI - The Bavarian Inn Lodge.

Join us as our Presenter leads us in exploring how the Spirit and Love of God is within all of us. How we reflect and shine these gifts with color by sharing the radiance and brilliance with others!

Flyers are on the table in Fellowship Hall. If you would like more information, check with Marcia Lacker .

DOWNTOWN SAGINAW MARKET WINDING DOWN FOR 2023

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



Open from Wednesday,
May 24, 2023 – Saturday,
October 28, 2023
Every Saturday in 2023 is
Kid's Day



BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Zachary Plater
- 2 Drew Pequignot
- 2 Dan Groom
- 3 Joseph Ruth
- 5 Mary Longstreth
- 6 Amanda Groom Fulton
- 11 Jerry Paquette
- 13 Ethan Parker
- 13 Charlotte Armstrong
- 14 Mike Yusaf
- 14 Tania Yusaf
- 16 Randy Groom
- 17 Elizabeth Jacob
- 19 Christopher Davis
- 22 Jean Anne Miller
- 22 Pat Denno
- 25 Ezra Yusaf
- 25 Aaron Plater
- 26 Ashley Huizar (Hanson)
- 27 Marie Lemmer
- 29 Scott Jacob
- 29 Lori Halase

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Paige Pequignot
- 3 Sam Nolan
- 7 Judi Westendorf
- 8 Duncan Redfield
- 9 Stephanie Plater
- 12 Jacob Plater
- 15 Dick Woodke
- 16 Pervez Yusaf
- 19 Martin Bethune

- 19 Bethany Scovill
- 21 Ronald Miller
- 22 Jacob Groom
- 22 Lucas Gonzales
- 23 Bethany Scovill
- 28 Jennifer Nolan-Heyn
- 28 Avis Leach

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Rhashell Hunter
- 12 Melissa Paterson (Shalhoup)
- 16 Alexa Mahan
- 17 Nancy Easlick
- 18 Paula Plater
- 22 Ed Halase
- 25 Brecque Woodke
- 26 Craig Gates
- 30 Kermit Diggs

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None Known

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Joseph & Doris Ruth
- 24 Bruce & Patricia Denno



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