

Happy
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CTC CONNECTIONS

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

From the Pastor

----- JANE LYNN YOUNG

A few days ago, I took the last of my Christmas decorations down. They are safely boxed up and stored, waiting for Christmas to come again! That will happen soon! I know what you are saying! "Please don't rush the season!" And I'm not. Honest. It is just that the seasons seem to come quicker and quicker! In a few short weeks Lent will begin!

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, and this year Lent begins February 14th! Valentine's Day! It seems appropriate to begin Lent on Valentines Day. After all, God is love! Ash Wednesday begins our journey to the cross. It is Jesus' death on the cross that shows us the depth of God's love for us. It is his resurrection that gives us hope, that urges us to live as Jesus taught us to live.

The seasons change. It is cold and snowy now, but spring will come! We will marvel at the new life spring brings. We will enjoy the activities of summer. We will be in awe at the beautiful colors of fall, and then - Advent and Christmas. The time will move swiftly.

But God's love is steady. Always present. I hope you will journey with us this Lenten season.

Grace and truth,
Pastor Jane



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UPCOMING LECTIONARY READINGS

<p>February 4, 2024 Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39</p>	<p>Have you not heard? The Lord strengthens those who are weak. Sing praise to the Lord, who gathers, heals, and feeds us. Paul says: Everything I do is for the sake of proclaiming the gospel. Jesus heals many people; in the morning he steals away to pray.</p>
<p>February 11, 2024 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9</p>	<p>After crossing the Jordan, Elijah ascends to heaven in a chariot. From the storm and fire, God calls: Gather up my faithful ones. We know the glory of God through the face of Jesus Christ. On a high mountain with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured.</p>
<p>February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</p>	<p>The day of the Lord is coming; return to God with all your heart. The fast God chooses; do justice, release captives, help the poor. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new spirit within me. Be reconciled to God in Christ; now is the day of salvation! Don't flaunt your fasting and prayer; store up treasure in heaven.</p>
<p>February 18, 2024 Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15</p>	<p>God's covenant with Noah: I will never again flood the whole earth. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord; do not remember my sin. The flood of former days prefigures the sacrament of baptism. After his baptism, Jesus is tested in the wilderness for forty days.</p>
<p>February 25, 2024 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38 Or Mark 9:2-9</p>	<p>God's covenant with Abraham: I will make of you a great nation. In the great congregation I will praise the Lord, my deliverer. Abraham's faith was reckoned to him as righteousness by God. Jesus says: Deny yourselves; take up your cross and follow me. On a high mountain with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured.</p>

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John & Leore Bethune @ Home	Dawn Curtis @ Home	Betty Hauk Hoyt Nursing Home
Floyd & Lois Krzak Floyd @ St. Francis Home Lois @ Home	Avis Leach @ Roosevelt House/Hemlock	Marilyn Leffler Traditions of Saginaw, West Formerly New Hope Valley
Marie Lemmer Wellspring Assisted Living	Fern Evon Little Swan Haven Manor	Virginia Lyon Roosevelt House/Hemlock
Norma Meacham Grand Haven, MI	Elaine Miner @ Home	Elaine O'Keefe Great Lakes Rehab
Mary Ann Parker Union Court Ass't Living St. Charles, MI	Fran Prueter @ Home	Judi Westendorf The Bickford
	Dick Woodke @ Home	

ELDERS & DEACONS – 2024 TO 2026

SESSION COUNCIL	DEACONS
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
Class of 2026 Roger Scovill Kathy Loviska Chuck Davis	Class of 2026 Barb Groom Dan Groom Paige Pequignot

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Treasurer's Report - Mari McKenzie

Countryside Trinity Church
Changes in Equity
January 2023 - December 2023

	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
NET ASSETS					
UNRESTRICTED					
Memorial Fund	18,092.13	2,690.00	-	-	20,782.13
General Fund	16,381.31	103,274.38	(108,769.94)	18,685.00	29,570.75
Bricks Fund	1,335.85	-	-	-	1,335.85
Mission Fund	13.75	23.75	-	-	37.50
Minister Compensation Fun	71,675.70	12,094.40	-	(6,420.00)	77,350.10
Endowment - Expendable	71,510.15	23,259.96	-	(10,920.00)	83,850.11
Subtotal Unrestricted	<u>179,008.89</u>	<u>141,342.49</u>	<u>(108,769.94)</u>	<u>1,345.00</u>	<u>212,926.44</u>
DONOR RESTRICTED					
Special Purpose Gifts	-	1,345.00	-	(1,345.00)	-
Food Account	1,551.52	3,500.00	(4,212.00)	-	839.52
Good Samaritan	2,250.64	361.00	(861.00)	-	1,750.64
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	1,279.58	(916.00)	-	6,370.01
Endowment Nonexpendable F	153,334.00	143.00	-	-	153,477.00
Subtotal Donor Restricted	<u>164,503.40</u>	<u>7,128.58</u>	<u>(6,787.76)</u>	<u>(1,345.00)</u>	<u>163,499.22</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>343,512.29</u>	<u>148,471.07</u>	<u>(115,557.70)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>376,425.66</u>

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?

CTC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

The next CTC Women's Association Meeting is Saturday, February 10th beginning at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your lunch.

CTC'S MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY IS "SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY" AND "MAJOR CHORDS FOR MINORS". MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. MARK YOUR ENVELOPE ACCORDINGLY.

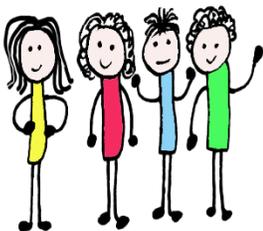
MAJOR CHORDS FOR MINORS IS A NEW "MISSION OF THE MONTH". A GROUP FROM THE LOCAL NON-PROFIT WILL BE AT CHURCH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024, TO EXPLAIN WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY DO. THEY WILL DO A SHORT PERFORMANCE. HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND.

THANK YOU.

Please donate to the one or ones you have an interest in supporting. If you have a suggestion for a Mission that we can support, please let Kathy in the office know. Mark your donations accordingly.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2023 IS BEING HELD ON JANUARY 28, 2024. THERE WILL BE A POTLUCK DINNER FOLLOWING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO SO. THOSE THAT ARE NOT ABLE TO BRING A DISH ARE STILL WELCOME TO COME AND SHARE THE MEAL WITH US. HOPE YOU CAN COME.



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THERE WAS A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH. DURING THIS MEETING THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PLACED THE FOLLOWING CHURCH MEMBERS INTO NOMINATION:

SESSION/COUNCIL

CHUCK DAVIS, KATHY LOVISKA AND ROGER SCOVILL

DEACONS

BARB GROOM, DAN GROOM AND PAIGE PEQUIGNOT

NOMINATIONS WERE OPENED TO THE FLOOR. THERE WERE NO NOMINATIONS AND A MOTION MADE TO ELECT THE ABOVE MEMBERS WHICH WAS SUSTAINED BY THE CONGREGATION.

THE NEW SESSION COUNCIL AND DEACONS WILL BE ORDAINED AND INSTALLED ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

ROGER SCOVILL, REPORTED FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATION COMMITTEE AND ASKED FOR APPROVAL FROM THE CONGREGATION TO SEEK A PART-TIME PASTOR. THE CONGREGATION VOTED TO ALLOW THE PNC TO SEEK A PART-TIME PASTOR.

LORI HALASE HAS MADE SOME NEW VALENTINES AND THEY ARE ON THE TABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS AN ADDRESS LIST IS ON THE TABLE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.



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CTC LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Worship Service at 4:30 p.m. with Communion

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Soup Luncheon following Worship

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 3, 2024

Soup Luncheon following Worship

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 10, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 17

Soup Luncheon following Worship

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 24, 2024

Palm Sunday Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2024

Worship service at 4:30 p.m. with Communion

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29, 2024

No service at Countryside

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024

Worship service at 10:30 a.m. with Communion

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It is getting to be that time of year again when we will be updating our Telephone Directory. Please let Kathy in the office know if you have any new information to be inserted in the directory, i.e. telephone number, email address, street address, etc. A form is printed below for you to complete and return to Kathy if you have changes or additions. Thank you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Email Address: _____ for _____
Name

_____ for _____
Name

Birthdate: _____ for _____
Name

_____ for _____
Name

Anniversary: _____ Emergency Contacts Name: _____
& Phone: _____

Any other information you would like added: _____

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BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY

- 3 Roger Scovill
- 5 Pastor Jane Young
- 6 Angie Mitchell (Former Organist)
- 8 Mark VanArsdale
- 9 Matthew Davis
- 9 Aaron Plater II
- 10 Victoria Parker
- 11 John VanArsdale
- 12 Jackie Williams
- 13 MariAnne Vega
- 18 Brady W. Groom
- 22 Michelle Martinez
- 26 Leore Bethune

ANNIVERSARIES FEBRUARY

- 11 John & Leore Bethune
- 12 John & Carol VanArsdale
- 25 Sarah & Tony Gonzales

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

ANNIVERSARIES MARCH

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES APRIL

None Known

BIRTHDAYS MAY

- 1 Gwen Henderson
- 4 Joshua Gonzales
- 5 Sue Smith
- 6 Marcia Lacker
- 12 Barbara Groom
- 18 Doris Ruth
- 21 Seth Diggs
- 24 Katlyn Hanson
- 26 Charles Ohmer
- 26 Lore Woodke
- 28 Sue Paterson

ANNIVERSARIES MAY

- 4 Tom & Chong Ladner
- 7 Floyd & Lois Krzak
- 18 Randy & Lynne Groom

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