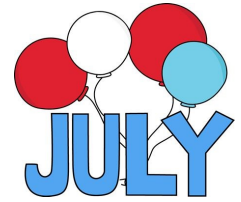




CROSSROADS



Upcoming EVENTS



Salad Social, Friday June 30, 11 am - 1 pm, hosted by Christian Women's Fellowship. \$8.00 donation at the door. The luncheon will be held in the church dining room. If you are bringing a salad or dessert, come early to drop it off.

Salad Luncheon



Join us on Sunday, July 9 at 2 pm in the church back lawn for an Ice Cream Social! Our Church Women's Fellowship is hosting this delicious ice cream event. Bring your own chair, and one to share if you can. Also, bring your sweet tooth! The social will be held in the church dining room if the weather does not cooperate.



We are leading the Nursing Home Worship Services on Sunday, July 30

- ⇒ 2:00 pm Tendercare
- ⇒ 3:00 pm Ludington Woods
- ⇒ 3:45 pm Oakview

Bring a smile... and give smiles to the residents.



We serve **Community Table** on Tuesday, July 18. Volunteers are needed to bake desserts, set up, serve, and clean up. Contact Donna Hallin, 757-3360, to help in this important outreach.



Noisy Coin Offering for the Adopt-A-Family program in December will be held on the 5th Sunday of July. Save up your coins and bring them on July 30th to worship.

Also needed: Volunteers to count the offering. We will have coin trays and coin wrappers to speed up the process. Please call the church office.

spotlight on MISSIONS

One of the missionary couples that Community Church helps to support is:

- Daryl recently wrote and produced the new JAARS 4WD driver's training material, and trained drivers. He also frequently builds specialty vehicles for remote mission locations.
- Leshia trains JAARS staff and handles FAA regulations and paperwork for the center.
- Pray for Daryl and Leshia, who have both had some health issues
- Read their full newsletter in Fellowship Hall

Daryl & Leshia Beltz, with Wycliffe Bible Translators at JAARS (<https://www.jaars.org/>) in North Carolina

Email: daryl-leshia_beltz@jaars.org

Support Daryl & Leshia: Wycliffe Bible Translators
PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200

Acct # 220964

There will be a spotlight on a another missionary couple in August.

Let's talk worship!



Worship is where we are called to transformation from our self-centeredness (nothing gets in the way of our discernment from God more than self-centeredness) and unify our faith together in Christ. Worship is where we confess and proclaim God, Lord of our life and praise Him for all He has done for us and has promised to do for us.

Worship is recorded in scripture beginning in Genesis 13:18 recording that Abraham (Abram at the time); "Abram moved his tent, and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre...and there he built an altar to the Lord." These same scriptures tell us that Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom (Genesis 13:12). When we examine these two passages together we see the contrast in their decisions and realize that worship is a free choice. Abram built an altar to the Lord...question - does our life suggest we are building a legacy to Him?

Worship is a personal choice, like faith is a personal choice. As Christians we are called to make worship a priority in our life and worship carries with it implication not only for ourselves, but others we worship with as well. Congregations who are excited about worship and make it a priority in their lives draw people to Jesus and to the local church.

Some portions of worship occur every Sunday, others monthly, and some only on special occasions (holidays) or even one-time events. Houses of worship are as varied as the people who come in response to God's call to worship; from elaborate "high-church" ritual to casual gatherings. Our settings vary widely as well from tents to homes, quaint country churches to ornate cathedrals, vespers on the beach to stadiums seating tens of thousands. In each case though, it is the same personal desire to worship God that drives us to these settings.

Likewise, styles of worship vary greatly as well; each style, like each setting, seeking to convey adoration and praise to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All churches generally include periods for praising God, reading the Bible, praying, giving of our tithes and offerings to God, sharing the Lord's Supper, listening to God speak to us in sermon, and offering an invitation to discipleship. These are all elements of worship that continue to form the foundation of most Christian worship services around the world. Some authorities suggest that worship contains two primary elements; the Word and Sacrament or 'God speaks and we respond'. Others describe worship more fully; *Adoration* – praise to God in song, *Thanksgiving* – a reverent expression through prayer and gifts, *Proclamation of God* through scripture and sermon, *Renewal* through the sacrament of communion and baptism, *Fellowship* by participating joyfully with the whole people of God, and *Benediction* where we share the peace and blessing of Christ together.

No matter the style, no matter the order; above all we gather the first day of each week to declare to God and to the world, the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to Glorify God, and to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of our lives!

My friends, God's Beloved, I encourage to you read Hebrews 10 and hear the call of God in this passage for us to worship God by offering ourselves to God just as Christ offered himself once and for all as a sacrifice for our sins.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (a portion of scripture from Hebrews 10).

This summer you will have lots of other things that will seek to draw you away from worship. Don't compromise your faith because you have "better things or more important things" to do on Sunday morning. David felt there was nothing more important or enjoyable than worship and Revelation 4 tells us how God values worship. Jesus made it clear how important it is to worship. Going on vacation – take an hour and worship where you are – I always have a wonderful experience visiting a church where I can just focus on the Lord and meet Christian people.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Brett



Sermon Titles and Scripture for July, 2017

7/2/17 "What is True Freedom?" John 8: 31-36 Galatians 5:1, 7-15
7/9/17 "By Faith: The Walls Came Tumbling Down" Joshua 6:12-20 Romans 1:16-17, Hebrews 11:30
7/16/17 "By Faith: Gideon Leads" 2 Corinthians 4:7-18 Judges 7:1-8
7/23/17 Pastor Jim Roe will be filling in for Pastor Brett who will be officiating at his niece's wedding on July 22
7/30/17 "The Source of Wisdom" 1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:26-39
8/6/17 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Philippians 3:7-10 John 15:1-12



Terry & Janet Grams	07/04
Russ & Janet Miller	07/15
Dave & Diane Swathwood	07/18
Bob & Barbara Johnson	07/25
Mark & Patty Otto	07/27
Ken & Dilly Smith	07/29



2017 COMMUNION SCHEDULE

July 2	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
August 6	1st Sunday of the Month	Pews
September 3	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
October 1	World Communion Sunday	Intinction
November 5	All Saint's Sunday	Pews
November 26	Christ the King Sunday	Pews
December 3	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
December 24	Christmas Eve	Pews



Gene Kyle	07/02
Barb McDonald	07/03
Tom Lane	07/04
Maralyn Gable	07/05
Sandy Steckel	07/06
Fred Schroeder	07/07
Donald Johnson	07/13
Elsie Schroeder	07/13
Katie Peterson	07/13
Ken Smith	07/20
Richard Underwood	07/20
Ruthann Kyle	07/20
Don Peterson	07/21
Ray Cummins	07/22
Virginia Underwood	07/26
Terry Krystiniak	07/19
Marian Jarvi	07/31



Council of Ministry Meeting Highlights - June 21, 2017

The bills are paid including the insurance! The current YTD balance: Income exceeds expenses by \$1,277.29

Pastor Brett has been busy visiting many in our congregation who are in the hospital, at home or in nursing homes. Pastor Brett and Kathy have moved and are in the process of unpacking. Pastor Brett was able to attend the dedication of his grandson in Allegan on June 25 and he will be officiating at his niece's wedding on July 22.

Community Church will be hosting the Little Eagles of Siberia Children's Choir July 14, 15 & 16. They will sing during morning worship on July 16. They will also sing at Friday Night Live on the 14th and at the Arts Center on July 15. There are 35 children and 4 adults. We need about 20 host families. Please consider being a host family.

Usher and Greeters are needed for July and August, and we welcome Donna Rick to the pulpit on Sunday, June 25.

The Christian Women's Fellowship Salad Social is Friday, July 30 from 11:00 to 1:00. An ice cream social is planned for Sunday, July 9 at 2:00 pm in the church back yard. If inclement weather, we will move to the dining room.

B.U.M. has been working on getting the AC for secretary and pastor's offices and the fellowship hall in working order. A new lighting system is being installed in the sanctuary. Contractors have been contacted to repair sill plate on the North Louvre.

Communications committee: The first emailing of the monthly newsletter went well. Ruthann is posting frequently on the Community Church Facebook page information about events at Community Church. "Sunday at Community Church" will have information about the next Sunday's sermon topic and special music. Beginning in July all council members will receive written committee reports via email. The committee is checking into T-shirts for members and friends as a way of telling the community about our church.

The council minutes are available to look at in the Fellowship Hall binder, in the church office, as well as the individual committee reports.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruthann Kyle, Secretary



Some children in Mason County will go back to school this September without the tools they need to learn. You can help us to help them. Our school kits stay here, in our community. Please help us by providing as few or as many items as possible from the following list: This is the basic list of Ludington Area Schools. Please place all items in the basket that will be placed in the Fellowship Hall. Deadline: July 31st.

*Items in bold indicate items needed by more than 5 grades—therefore highest demand.

Back Pack	Fine tip dry erase marker (black)	Package(s) of #2 Pencils
Black/Blue ink pens	Folders- two pocket	Spiral notebooks (wide ruled)
Package of big erasers	Ruler	Box of tissue/individual packs
Glue sticks/bottle (4 oz)	Scissors (blunt)	Stylus for iPad
Box of 24 crayons	Box of 12 colored pencils	Headphones/Ear buds for iPad
Pencil box/bag	Composition Notebooks (college ruled)	Sticky Notes
Highlighters	Sharpies (black)	Scientific Calculator
Protractor/Compass	Large Binder (Trapper Keeper style)	Five Subject Notebook
Red ink pens	Ticonderoga Red Marking Pencils	Pencil Sharpener
Hand Sanitizer	Sheets of Wide Ruled Paper	Baby wipes/Clorox Wipes

Council and Committee Meetings—July 2017

Christian Women’s Fellowship	No meeting in July
Finance and Personnel Committee	Wednesday, July 5, 6:00 pm, Room 20a
O.A.K.S. Committee	No meeting in July
Worship Committee	Wednesday, July 5, 7:00 pm, Room 20a
Missions Committee	TBA
Christian Education Committee Membership/Outreach/Evangelism Committee (M.O.E.), Communications Committee	Tuesday, July 11, 6:00 pm, Room 10
Building Use and Maintenance Committee (B.U.M.)	Tuesday, July 11, 6:30 pm, Room 20a
Council of Ministries	Wednesday, July 19, 7:00 pm, Room 11
Long Range Planning Committee	No meeting scheduled at this time

June Report



Date	Attendance Count	General Fund Collection
May 28	70	\$2,721.00
June 4	73	\$3,919.00
June 11	112	\$4,487.00
June 18	63	\$3,310.00
June 25	73	\$2,610.00

The CareNote company is going out of business. They have some great small booklets that we have placed in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to take advantage of these for yourself or friends. The booklets are free.



**Crossroads Deadline:
July 19, 2017**

Crossroads Folding: July 27, 2017

CANCELLATIONS—NEW INFORMATION

In cases of bad weather, a decision to cancel Sunday worship will be made by 7:30 a.m. Cancellations will be announced on the following radio stations: WMOM, WKLA (AM and FM), KZ96, K-ROCK. It will also be shown on TV channel 13 WZZM. If school is closed during the week, all church activities will be cancelled until noon. If committees wish to cancel afternoon or evening meetings, committees should contact their members and the office should be contacted.

PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Elaine Earl, health issues
Ron Lanterman, health issues
Ruthann Kyle, healing
Dale Guenthardt, health issues
Jeanne Rabe, health concerns, godmother of Kathy Bromley



OUR MISSIONARIES

Daryl and Leshia Beltz
 Jim and Yuri Cerminaro
 Tony and Connie Johnson
 Dean and Debbie Lundberg

MILITARY

Blake Bentz - Navy, Deployed
 Grandson of Dave & Diane Swathwood

ON-GOING



Fred Fleetwood, home - health issues
Marie Mortensen, healing
Ann French, eye surgery recovery
Tim Ryon, health issues, Sue Sabin's son
Chuck Oleniczak, health concerns
Harold Figgins, health concerns
Betty Orton-Cochran, health issues, recuperating at home
Judy d'Anton, successful lung transplant, Dave Swathwood's Sister
Michael Beeker, health issues, Dorothy Boon's son
Florence Beerman, health concerns
Barbara Peters, multiple sclerosis, Bob and Lynn Olmstead's Daughter
Terry and Tim Krystiniak, health concerns, encouragement and support
Daniel Williams, health concerns, Sandi Steckel's cousin
Sherrie Sanders, health concerns
John Barber, health concerns
Joe Newton, cancer



Thank you church friends for the many prayers, cards, calls, food, and visits after my back surgery! I am healing well, and I so much appreciated your care and concern.

-- Dar Carpenter





NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Autumn Winds - Marylyn Brown
Willowbrook - Thelma Bowden
Oakview - Gary Miller, Barbara Johnson
Ludington Woods - Don Swier
Village Haus - Hilda Parker



All persons placed on the prayer list will remain there for a period of two weeks. After two weeks, the name will be dropped from the list unless Janet VanEpps or the office are notified that the prayer need is on-going. If you have a prayer need that you would like to have the members of the prayer chain pray for, please activate the prayer chain by calling Janet VanEpps at 843-3122.

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <u>Worship with Communion</u> 9:30am	3 Cub Scouts 7pm	4 Office Closed 	5 <u>Finance/Personnel 6pm</u> <u>Worship Committee 7pm</u>	6 Bulletin Folding 10am	7	8
9 <u>Worship 9:30 am</u> <u>Ice Cream Social</u> 2 pm. church lawn 	10 Cub Scouts 7pm	11 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm <u>CE/MOE/COM 6pm</u> <u>B.U.M. 6:30 pm</u> Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm	12	13 Bulletin Folding 10am	14	15
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23 <u>Worship 9:30am</u>	24 Cub Scouts 7pm	25 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm	26	27 CROSSROADS FOLDING 9:30 am Bulletin Folding 10am	28	29
30 <u>Worship 9:30am</u> <u>Noisy Coin Offering</u> 	30 Cub Scouts 7pm	31				



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JULY 2017



Traditionally
CONGREGATIONAL / PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Brett Spalding

Music Director

W. John Clement

Membership/Financial Secretary

Lisa Dains

Custodian

Cheri Welch

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday
 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

2017 COUNCIL

3 Year Term Ending 12/31/17

Steve Iteen
 Robert Lanterman
 John Stapleton
 Jack Thiel

Moderator
 Steven Iteen

Vice-Moderator
 Robert Lanterman

Clerk
 Ruthann Kyle

Treasurer
 Donna Hallin

3 Year Term Ending 12/31/18

Tonda Cadey
 Ruthann Kyle
 Don McKay
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Nominating Committee

Bobbie Maclean
 Stephanie Thomsen
 Teri Nedderman

3 Year Term Ending 12/31/19

Darlene Carpenter
 Maralyn Gable
 Diane Swathwood
 Lorrie McKay

Scholarship Committee

Wendy Lanterman
 Betty Orton
 Jack Thiel

IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER AND WISH TO BE REMOVED FROM THE MAILING LIST OR ARE ATTENDING ANOTHER CHURCH, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 231-843-9275 SO THAT OUR RECORDS CAN BE UPDATED. THANK YOU.