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Church Pichic

Community Church is hosting a picnic for the church and guests. Just bring yourself and friends to Sutton's Landing, 5610 Iris Rd, Ludington on Wed., August 3. We eat at 5 pm, and you are welcome to come early. O.A.K.S. will provide food and table service. Visit with your church family and friends that you haven't seen in ages! Sign up in the Narthex starting July 10th so the group can plan the food. Questions? Call Judy Bach at 843-4826.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP! JULY TOPICS & SCRIPTURE

July 3: "Sermon on the Mount: Beatitudes"

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July 10: "Sermon on the Mount:

July 17: "Sermon on the Mount: Salt and Light"

July 24: "Sermon on the Mount: Oath and Commitment"

July 31: "Sermon on the Mount: Forgive Who and Love Who?"

Psalm 40:11-17, Revelation 7:11-17, and Matthew 5:1-12

Hebrews 4:13-16, Romans 14:1-12, and Matthew 5:13-20

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Psalm 6 and Matthew 5:21-37

Psalm 41:1-4, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 5:38-48



 June Income
 \$ 8,730.00
 YTD Income
 \$ 61,671.99

 June Expenses
 \$ 9,810.51
 YTD Expenses
 \$ 74,753.93

 Difference
 \$ (1,080.51)
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 \$ (13,081.94)

Annual Budget \$146,869

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Terry & Janet Grams	07/04
David & Diane Swathwood	07/18
Patty & Mark Otto	07/27
Kenway & Deloras Smith	07/29



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Thomas Lane	07/04
Maralyn Gable	07/05
Sandra Steckel	07/06
Elsie Schroeder	07/13
Donald Johnson	07/13
Katie Peterson	07/13
Richard Underwood	07/20
Kenway Smith	07/20
Donald Peterson	07/21
Ray Cummins	07/22
Virginia Underwood	07/26

Prayer List

Immediate:

Jeff Taylor – cancer Don Peterson – health issues

Our Missionaries:

Daryl & Leshia Beltz - Daryl for leukemia Jim & Yuri Cerminaro – Yuri's health Tony & Connie Johnson

Dean & Debbie Lundberg

On-Going:

Deb Newberg – health Pastor Craig Nelson – health (Pastor of Path of Life) Dar Carpenter – surgery recovery Mac Danforth - surgery recovery Jeannie Oleniczak – recovery from hip surgery Tonda Cadey – recovery from knee surgery Chuck Oleniczak – recovery after surgery People and country of Ukraine Georgia Provencal - Kathy Spalding's mom Yuri Cerminaro - health Elaine Brogren - cancer, health

Janet VanEpps) Mike & Connie Jenson – cancer Joan Young - on a year-long hiking trip Jimmy Klick – bladder cancer (Patty's brother) Glenn Williams – lung cancer (Patty's BIL) Darvl Beltz – bone marrow donor match David Spalding – prayer as he attends seminary Dennis Grams – at Village Manor Sherrie Sanders - health

Nursing Home Residents:

Mark Weiler - cancer (friend of

MediLodge: Harold Figgins Oakview: Lynn Olmstead Oceana Medical Care: Ray



Nursing Home Addresses:

Willow Brook AFC, 2023 US Hwy 10, Scottville Oakview, 1001 Diana St, Ludington MediLodge, 1000 E Tinkham Ave, Ludington

Roofing Project has begun!

Freeland's Roofing has been here through the week working on the flat roof over the offices and Fellowship Hall area. Generous donations to the Capital Campaign Fund to date will cover a little over half of the cost. The balance will come out of our General Fund. If you are able to contribute more, mark your check as "Capital Campaign."

Noisy Coin Sunday, July 31st

Our next Adopt-A-Family Noisy Coin offering is on last Sunday of July. Keep saving that change and make a joyful noise on July 31. This offering benefits our annual Adopt-A-Family mission when we help between seven and nine families with food, household essentials. clothing, and some toys.

Community Church Boards:

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Maralyn Gable (Chair) Roger Cochran

John Jackson

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Sue Taylor Laurie Hamilton

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Lorrie McKay (Chair)

Bob Laude Tom Sanders

Treasurer: Lisa Dains

Community Table

The Community Church will host the Community Table ministry on **Tuesday**, August 16th at 4:30 p.m. We need volunteers to set-up, cook, serve, and clean up after the dinner. Contact Brett and Kathy Spalding to help out.



This past Sunday we started a sermon series exploring the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7. I encourage you to read these three chapters a few times over the next several weeks and think about them in relation to your life and faith.

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount begins with the Beatitudes; that is character qualities of people who have a close relationship with Jesus Christ. The characteristics specifically reflect a Christian's humble state before God. Jesus in this sermon isn't referring to these characteristics as "to do's", but a heart felt characteristics of people who are members of the Kingdom.

I came across a quote from C.S. Lewis that reflects on this; "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less." In essence, Lewis is telling us that people of the Kingdom of God think more about God and more about other than themselves. This is certainly reflected in what Jesus refers to as the two commandments that summarize all of God's commands; "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind; and love your neighbor as yourself."

Simply put; these are divine characteristics of faith in Christ that result in divine blessing from God; some of these blessings are revealed in this life, while others we will come to know and experience in the next.

As I've studied these Beatitudes, I couldn't help but ask myself;

- 1. Which of these characteristics are reflected in my life and which are lacking in my faith walk?
- 2. Where do I need to seek in prayer, the guidance of the Holy Spirit and Scripture, so God can mold and shape me to be more like Jesus, so these beatitudes can be better reflected in my life and attitude?

Please join me in exploring these questions over the next few weeks and praying for God's divine transformation.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Brett