
JUNE

The Ceresco Messenger ~ Ceresco Baptist Church

Pastor's Pen - June 2016

Listening to God after we pray is one of the hardest skills to acquire. During the month of May, I have spent several hours in the woods and fields turkey hunting. Of all places, to pray and listen for God's response. One would think there would be solitude and quietness. Think again, as I sat there beneath the trees praying and listening for God's advice, there were jet planes and single engine planes, chain saws and road noise from cars and trucks. I was at least a ¼ mile from the road, but the noise over took the quietness of nature.

Psalm 81 : 8-16 came to my mind , particularly verses 13 & 14 which reads : The Lord says , if My people would only listen to Me, if Israel would only follow My ways, how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn My hand against their foes.

There are times in our lives when we seem unable to find a quiet place to talk to God. We can overcome the noise that hinders our ears. Ask God through Jesus to quiet your mind and ask Jesus to focus all your attention upon Him. It is amazing what takes place when Jesus enters our minds and hearts. It is as if there is only you and Jesus in the world for a time.

It is true that we need to find a quiet place to spend time with God. And we should do so. The reality is, sometimes we need God's advice in the hectic moments of life. So pray and listen for God's response. God can calm the storms; all we need to do is call on the Name of Jesus.

The Lord says, "if My people would only listen to Me". How many times do we pray without listening? If we desire God's protection over our enemies, we need to follow His ways, and keep our ears open for God's advice. If we can keep our ears and eyes open for God's advice, we can remain in the light and accomplish God's will in our lives and the Kingdom of God.

In Christ's service, Pastor Gary.

Proverbs 3:11-12 My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline, and do not resent His rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, as the father the son he delights in.

Martha Circle Minutes, 05/10/2016

Members of the Martha Circle met at the Church on May 10th with Ruth St. John as hostess. She read "Prayer Marathon" in Our Daily Bread, telling us to remain steadfast in our prayer, based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-28.

Joy read minutes of the last meeting. Checking balance is around \$800. The latest email from Katherine Niles was read.

Pam Kirkland reported on what cards she had sent, and what cards need to be sent.

Discussed Swiss Steak Supper - Martha Circle will make sure there are enough desserts, and will meet Friday to get the silverware wrapped, and tables setup.

"1st Stones" - we don't have enough yet for this project

Treasure Sale is Friday, Aug. 26th from 2-6 pm, and Saturday, Aug. 27th from 10 am to 4 pm. We are collecting good, clean, usable items for the sale. Pricing will be done by donation.

RADA Cutlery - we are still selling RADA, so if anyone wants to place an order, just see Joanne Henley, and let her know what you would like! RADA cutlery makes a great gift!

Our next meeting will be on June 8th, 6:00 pm at Ceresco Green. This is our family potluck dinner, and is always a good time! Each family brings a passing dish and lawn chairs.

Sunday School is Cool



Join us for Sunday School! We have teachers for all ages, toddlers through adult, so check out our Sunday School classes!

Sunday School runs year-round, so you can attend every Sunday.

Do you have young children that need to learn more about Jesus and His love for them? Stay after the worship service on Sunday, and let them attend Sunday School! It's good for the whole family to attend Sunday School!



The Strength of a Father's Love

By M.S. Loundes

The essence of the father's role is to
mirror God's own heart
And to value instruction in God's ways
with the grace that God imparts
Every father needs God's wisdom to
carry out his role,
As the tower of strength and support
for each fragile heart he holds
And there's no greater reward in life
for a father to take his place
And uphold the values of the Lord
with integrity and grace.

"The greatest gift a father can give his children is to walk in the footsteps of God."

"The destiny of every human being depends on his relationship to Jesus Christ. It is not on his relationship to life, or to his service or his usefulness, but simply and solely on his relationship to Jesus Christ."

~ Oswald Chambers

D.A.D. - Dedicated And Devoted

The IDEAL Man of God and father would be?

A man who loves the Word of God and Loves the Lord with all his heart and all his soul and all his mind. He would love his wife like Christ loves the Church. He would love his family UNCONDITIONALLY and would

".... provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

~Ephesians 6:4~



Ceresco Township Railroad Construction Starts Tuesday, May 31

RailWorks Track Services, the railroad construction contractor chosen by MDOT to perform rail road track renewal work in Calhoun County, plans to **close the railroad crossings** at **C**

Drive North and **12 Mile Road**, south of Michigan Avenue for pavement replacement. The approach to E Drive North will be removed for regrading and replacement . Work is expected to be completed by **June 14, 2016**.

According to the online map, you should be able to get into Ceresco from the North by going South on 11 Mile Road to E Drive North. Take E Drive North to Battle Creek Street, which curves around to 12 Mile Road in Ceresco.



Martha Circle still sells
RADA Cutlery!

See Joanne Henley if
you'd like to place an
order!

Always Be A Student

Keep on learning, Though your graduation's done;
Your whole life's an education, That has only just begun.

Your diploma is the first big step, For knowledge is the special key
To winning what you want in life, And being who you want to be.

If you'll always be a student, You'll find the secrets to success
And travel on the golden road, To peace and happiness.

By Joanna Fuchs

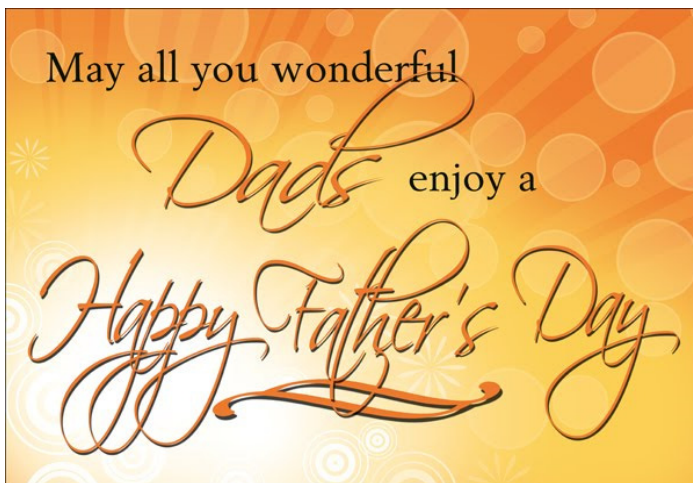


One Great Hour

O F S H A R I N G

We are in our second month collecting for the One Great Hour of Sharing mission offering. There are special envelopes provided, and can be found in the hymnal holders in the pews.

As we do each year, we have a bulletin insert for **Father's Day** for Memory/Honor Of. The Father's Day insert will be available to re-view on Sunday, June 5th. If you put names on these forms, we ask that you donate toward the OGHS offering. Thank you!



Flower Schedule:

June 5th ~ OPEN

June 12th ~ OPEN

June 19th ~ OPEN

June 26th ~ Sommers

Church Worship Information

Children's Time Schedule:

1st & 3rd Sunday - Pastor Gary

2nd & 5th Sunday - Joy Sommers

4th Sunday - Sharon Hadley

Hymn Leader Schedule:

1st & 3rd - Kathy Straub

2nd, 4th & 5th - Joy Sommers

Youth Choir Practice:

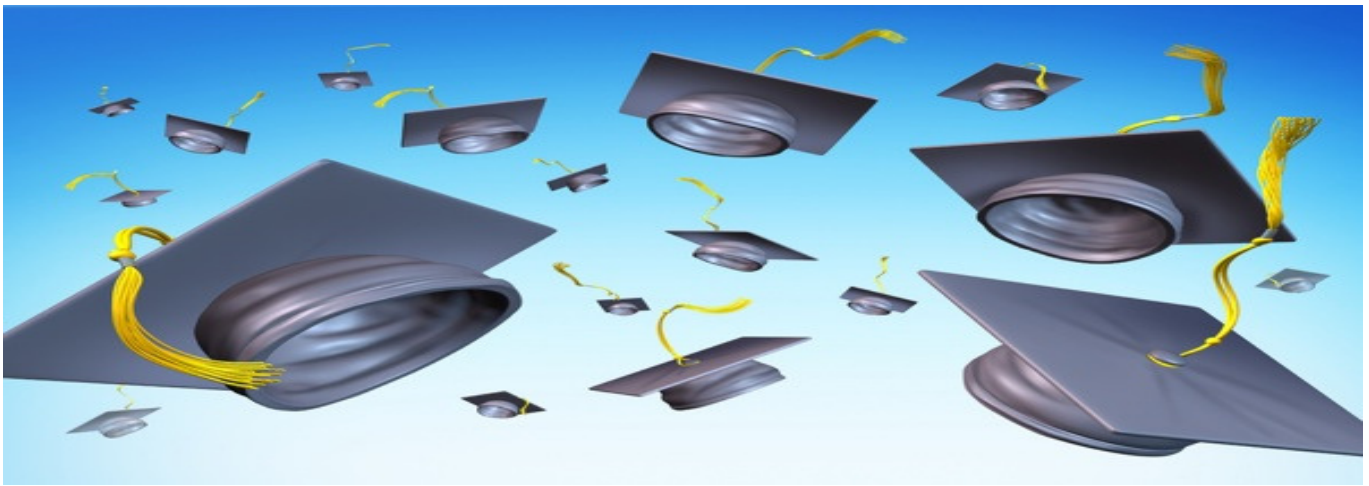
2nd & 4th Sundays

Toddler Worship:

2nd & 4th Sundays

Communion Sunday - 1st Sunday of each month

Fellowship Sunday - last Sunday of each month



Congratulations Class of 2016!



McKenzie Babcock, Graduate of Harper Creek High School

Plans to attend Michigan State University
for Genetic Engineering

Parents: Jody & Michele Babcock

Grandparents: John & Nancy Babcock,
Don & Ruth St. John

Katelyn Green, Graduate of Harper Creek High School

Plans to finish her cosmetology degree,
as she was dually enrolled this past school year

Parents: Tony & Denice Green

Aunt & Uncle: Diana & Rob Kidder

Youngest grandchild of the late George & Charlene Moor.



Garrett Skinner, Graduate of Marshall Academy

Presently works at Schuler's Restaurant as a Cook.

Parents: Russ & Shawn Skinner

Grandparents: Joanne & Sam Henley,
Marge Skinner

Fathers are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people
Too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises
As often as we should...

For, somehow, Father seems to be
The man who pays the bills,
While Mother binds up little hurts
And nurses all our ills...

And Father struggles daily
To live up to "HIS IMAGE"
As protector and provider
And "hero or the scrimmage"...

And perhaps that is the reason
We sometimes get the notion,
That Fathers are not subject
To the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside Dad's heart,
Where no one else can see
You'll find he's sentimental
And as "soft" as he can be...

But he's so busy every day
In the grueling race of life,
He leaves the sentimental stuff
To his partner and his wife...

But Fathers are just WONDERFUL
In a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments
And accolade of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires
To fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him
And to bring them happiness...

And like OUR HEAVENLY FATHER,
He's a guardian and a guide,
Someone that we can count on
To be ALWAYS ON OUR SIDE.

Helen Steiner Rice

DAD

A son's
first Hero.
A daughter's
first Love.



Happy
Father's
Day

The righteous
man walks in
his integrity;
**His children
are blessed
after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7

The **Ceresco Community Club Scholarship** committee is pleased to announce **Cheyenne McCollum** has been selected as the fund's 2016 scholarship recipient. Cheyanne is a Ceresco village resident, dedicated and focused student, who was elected on-to Harper Creek's Student Council Executive Board during her junior and senior year and has proudly served God as a worship leader with her church for the last five years. Cheyanne plans to pursue a degree in Psychology/Social Services in the fall. Congratulations Cheyanne!

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 29	May 30	May 31	JUNE 1	2	3	4
Memorial & Fellowship Sunday		Bible Study 10am & 6 pm	Worship Ministry Team Meeting 5:30 pm			Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
					AB Women's Retreat - DeWitt	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion Sunday	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10am & 6 pm	Martha Circle Family Picnic 6:00 pm Ceresco Green			Administrative Council 9:00 am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Graduate Sunday 	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10am & 6 pm	Family Night Potluck 6:30 pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day	Relay for Life Survivor RSVP DUE TODAY Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10am & 6 pm				
26	27	28	29	30	JULY 1	JULY 2
Fellowship Sunday	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10am & 6 pm				Men's Breakfast 8:00 am



June 1 Pam Lutz
 June 2 Austin Frey
 Jun 3 Laurann Frey
 Jun 3 Tylor Hatton
 Jun 4 Linda Chisholm
 Jun 5 Shelly Wood
 Jun 7 Garrett Gary
 Jun 9 Ed Kirkland
 Jun 10 Bud Halder
 Jun 11 Randy Reed
 Jun 12 Josh Ivey
 Jun 12 Nickie Palmiter
 Jun 16 Garrett St. John
 Jun 17 Isaac Entsminger
 Jun 17 Barb Gary
 Jun 17 Kyle Gary
 Jun 18 Joyce Clem
 Jun 19 Chad Hart
 Jun 21 Angela Sommers
 Jun 26 James Anthony
 Jun 26 Wayne Paul
 Jun 28 Hailey Shepherd
 Jun 29 Brianna Markos

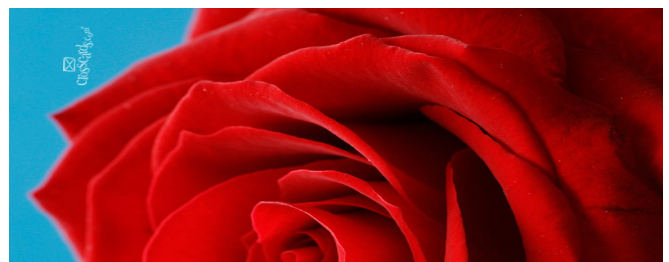
July 4 Shirley Westphal
 July 5 Kevin Sommers
 Jul 10 Phyllis Schooler
 Jul 10 Joyce Cary
 Jul 10 Benjamin Markos
 Jul 15 Andrew Sommers
 Jul 15 Malia Scott
 Jul 17 Alyssa Holder
 Jul 17 Isaac Wood
 Jul 21 Skylar Marie Miller
 Jul 21 Bradley Thomas
 Jul 21 Ryder Goodman
 Jul 26 Rick Frey
 Jul 27 Robert Lutz
 Jul 27 Kyle Sorell
 Jul 27 Floyd 'Pete' Burrows



Happy Anniversary

6/1 Rob & Diana Kidder
 6/8 Kevin & Sarah Collins
 6/10 Mike & Betty Halverson
 6/14 Albert & Karen Anthony
 6/17 Melvin & Linda Cole
 6/19 Glen & Joyce Cary
 6/22 Ed & Pam Kirkland
 6/22 Jeff & Tina Green
 6/26 Justin & Heather Casey

7/3 Brad & Karyn Halverson
 7/7 Gary & Phyllis Schooler
 7/9 Peter & Paula Briedis
 7/20 Bill & Shirley Westphal
 7/22 Floyd 'Pete' & Diane Burrows
 7/23 Ted & Lora Finch
 7/26 Ron & Linda Chisholm
 7/30 Bruce & Monica Entsminger



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Church Schedule

Sunday Worship

9:45 am

Sunday School

11:15 am

Bible Study Tuesdays

10 am, 6 pm