

Ceresco Messenger ~ June 2018

Pastor's Pen for June 2018

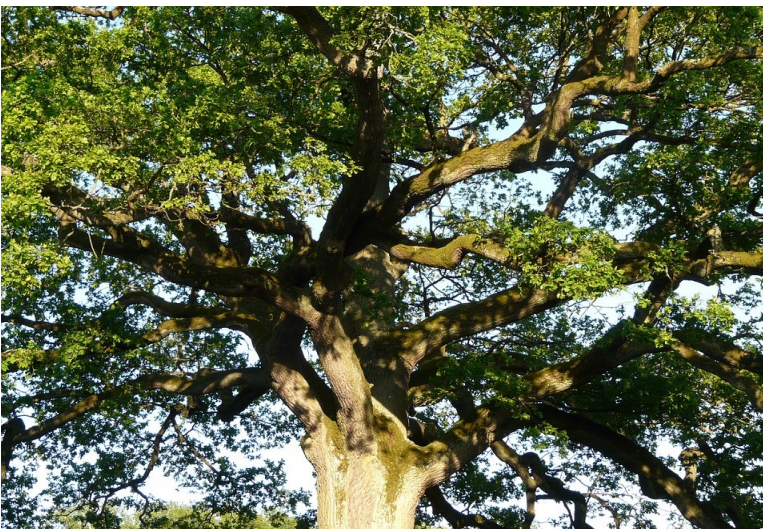
I wrote this poem way back at the age of 14. I thought of making a few changes, but thought it would lessen the heart of a 14 year old. Hope you enjoy! First time shared.

The Oak Tree

When I was young I woke up in the early morning, sun shining through my window onto my innocent face. I sprung to feet and landed on the soft green grass that lay below my resting place. I ran into the place where I ate every day without wondering how the food was brought before me. Then I put my warm garments on and ran outside into the fresh cold air. While I was walking through the crisp air, I saw before me a big ole Oak Tree. That stood firm in the winter's snow. I said to myself - this tree has a special feeling that warm my insides from boot to snow cap.

Now that I am older and can understand myself better, I see that the ole Oak tree was the one that provided me with warm garments. Food to eat and a resting place to rest my soul and feel safe. I know now that I am an offspring from that solid but fair ole Oak tree. I watched this ole Oak tree my entire life. I've seen the beauty of its leaves in the fall. The freshness of its leaves in the spring and most of all its warmth even through the coldest days of winter.

My father is the ole Oak tree. I am sure my father was also an offspring from a beautiful Oak tree; how else can nature explain such a wonderful chain of Oak trees? Someday I will be an Oak tree that will branch out and touch another life as the era of Oak trees has done in my branch of the family Oak tree. May we fill the Father's love above. ~ Pastor Gary



The greatest gift
I ever had
came from God
I call him **Dad**

Congratulations to our Class of 2018 Graduates!

Landen Lee Berry

Graduate of Harper Creek High School
Attending Kellogg Community College this fall
Parents: Steve & Christin Berry
Grandparents: Ed & Pam Kirkland



Charlie Colvin

Graduate of Coldwater High School
Great Nephew of Ed & Pam Kirkland



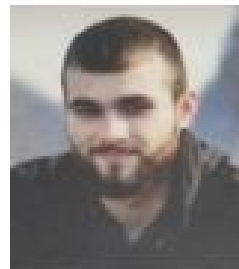
Madelyn Colvin

Graduate of DePaul University
Degree in Foreign Language
Great Niece of Pam & Ed Kirkland



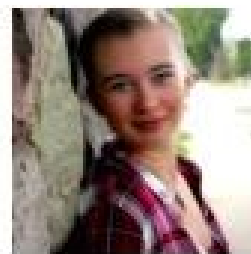
Kenton Kyger

Graduate of Harper Creek High School
Attending Kettering University this fall
to study Automotive Design Engineering
Parents: Chad & Tina Kyger
Grandparents: Buck & Kay McKinney
Great Grandmother: Glennie Swann



Emily Lewis

Graduate of Marshall High School
Will be attending Wayne State University
Plans on Majoring in Photo Journalism
Parents: Alice & Ryan Gombas, Gary Lewis
Grandmother: Gretchen King



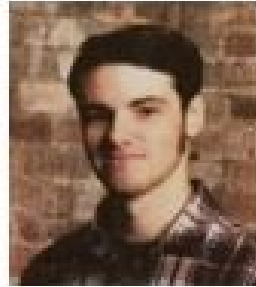
Kenneth J. MacInnis

Graduate of Wayne State University, Class of 2017
BBA - Accountancy, Dec. 2017
Parents: Mark MacInnis, Joy & Roger Sommers
Grandparents: Jean & Dick King



Owen Drake Macklem

Graduate of Coldwater High School
Attending Purdue University in the fall
Great Nephew of Ed & Pam Kirkland



Jennifer Markos

Graduate of Kellogg Community College
60th graduating class
Associates in General Studies
Parents: David & Sharon Hadley



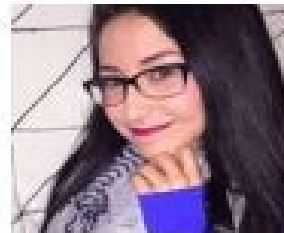
Jacob McConville

HS graduate of Okinawa
He is leaving for Paris Island
Marine Corp Boot Camp in July
Parents: Mike & Dawn McConville
Grandmother: Kathy Katz



Aneesa Tejada

Graduate of Salon Spa Academy
Grandparents: Rob & Diana Kidder



Joshua 1:7-9 "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Congratulations, Graduates! God Bless You!

Ceresco Baptist Church ~ Administrative Council Meeting ~ MINUTES ~ June 9, 2018

Council members present: Rick Frey, Dawn Frey, Joanne Henley, Sharon Hadley, Justin Casey, Ron Chisholm, Ruth St. John, Roger Sommers, Joy Sommers, Pastor Gary Schooler. Others present: Bob & Debby Beltz, Bud & Vi Halder, Glen & Joyce Cary.

Devotions by Rick read devotion by Lea Adams, "Paper-plate People" - about how we treat people in our lives. Do we treat them as "fine china" or as disposable plates? Then Pastor gave prayer to open the meeting.

Clerks Report: Joy Sommers

Minutes from March meeting were in the Messenger.

Agenda for Council is supposed to be published in the bulletin the 2 Sundays before the meeting so the congregation knows what will be discussed. Joy reminded officers to submit agenda items, and still did not get everything so agenda could be published in bulletin. How do I get people to provide their agenda items on time? Go with what is submitted on time.

Working with Lifetouch on the new Photo/Church Directory. Very poor turnout by church members/attendees. Will upload what pictures I can for members that did not participate. We can choose what cover we want to have (can include picture of the church). Motion by Roger, second by Dawn, for front cover to be full picture of the church, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Ruth St. John

Reports handed out and discussed. Motion by Roger, 2nd by Joanne to accept report. Motion passed.

Property Management Ministry Team: Justin Casey

Metal wrapped & ready to be installed outside fellowship hall

Back door of parsonage, and front sidewalk to front porch needs to be replaced, repairs can be done by PMMT, no need to hire out.

Outside water faucet on parsonage had to be replaced.

New battery purchased for the lawn mower.

Clutter in parsonage side entrance to church needs to be cleared

Air conditioners need to be put back in the windows.

Bob Beltz willing to replace front walk at the parsonage.

Parking Lot Signs are in the works - specifying when parking is not allowed

Parking Gates to be put out for special events

Deacon Ministry Team: Roger Sommers, Justin Casey, Pastor Gary

Funeral Dinners - we've had 5 funeral dinners recently. Need to come up with a new plan for how the funeral dinners are planned and prepared. Thinking of having the main course (meat) catered. Maybe we should have a 'Funeral Dinner Team', so it is not just the deacons that are responsible for the entire funeral dinners (setup, serving, cleanup, etc.)

Constitution - Deacons are reviewing this for possible changes, and will bring suggested changes before the council for additional comments/suggestions. The Constitution was last revised & approved September 2016.

Emergency Call List / Prayer Chain Call List - reviewing these for possible changes.

Pastoral Relations Committee: Joy Sommers

New Committee members met with Pastor Gary on April 10th

Discussed proposal from Doug Souder, made recommendation to Administrative Council via letter, given to Rick Frey.

Rick Frey read the letter from Doug Souder and from the PRC to bring the proposal from Doug to pay off Pastor Gary's vehicle that he purchased for church related travel. This money will come from the Souder Fund, NOT the general fund. The Souder Fund is one of our special funds that the donor determines what the funds can be used for. As of May 31, 2018, the Souder Fund contained \$22,105.05.

Motion by Joy Sommers, second by Ruth St. John to pay off the loan with Key Bank as of the date of this meeting with funds from the Souder Fund, (up to \$8,300). Motion passed.

PRC Ministry Team Members are: Darlene Anthony, Linda Chisholm, Bud Halder, Gretchen King, & Joy Sommers. Gretchen King was appointed Chairperson.

Next regular meeting scheduled for August 21st at 4 pm

Administrative Council Minutes [6-9-18], continued

Worship Ministry Team: Joanne Henley

May special services: Mother's Day, John & Kate Music
June special services: Graduation Sunday, Father's Day
Alice is selecting hymns for June
Will do "Pick a Favorite Hymn" during July and August (2nd song each Sunday)
Next regular meeting is June 26th at 5:30 pm

Educational Ministry Team: Sharon Hadley

Sally Beltz has joined the ministry team
Lost: Jeri Wood, Linda Cole, Pam Kirkland
Sally has agreed to be the new chairperson
Next meeting - no date set yet
Next Youth Event - no date set yet

Boy Scouts: Rick Frey

Talked to them about making sure doors are closed, and not left wide open while they are here.

Pastor's Quarterly Report:

Visits: 13 Funerals: 5 Council meeting Family nights
MLG: 4 MLGW: 4 NKPL classes: Finished on June 2nd
Bible studies: am & pm. SMBC Lenten lunches: Preach
Deacon meetings Worship ministry meetings
Linda Cole fundraiser event Good Friday service
Membership classes Sermon preparation, calls, texts, emails
Prayer time and reflection time for direction of CBC and myself

NKPL Classes - Pastor thanked the church again for allowing him to take these classes.

Pastor met with a couple that wants to have their wedding at our church, to use our sanctuary in a small country church setting. March 16, 2019, \$500 to use the church.
Slate of Officers - need to share with the congregation (bulletin insert) - look for volunteers to replace those that were on ministry teams, and are no longer participating, or have passed away.

Missions Committee:

Members are: Kay Davis, Mary Ivey, Marcy Bonney.
Missionaries are: Goods, Gutierrez, etc.
Need to work on local missions too

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN ITEMS:

Church Breakfasts - continue on quarterly basis.
No Family Night Potlucks during June/July/August. Resume in September.
Membership at Large position still open (replace Linda Cole) - any volunteers?

Next Meeting September 8, 2018.

2018 Administrative Council Members are: Rick Frey, Joy Sommers, Mary Ivey, Dawn Frey, Marcy Bonney, Ron Chisholm, 2nd Member at Large (vacant), Deacon Representative, Justin Casey, Educational Ministry Team Chair, Worship Ministry Team Rep (not Mary or Joy). Quorum for an Administrative Council meeting is 7 A/C members.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am after closing prayer by Pastor Gary.

Minutes submitted by Church Clerk, Joy Sommers

Graduation Quotes / Words of Wisdom . . .

What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.

~ **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever. ~ **Mahatma Ghandi**

Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. ~ **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it. ~ **William Arthur Ward**

You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way! ~ **Dr. Seuss**



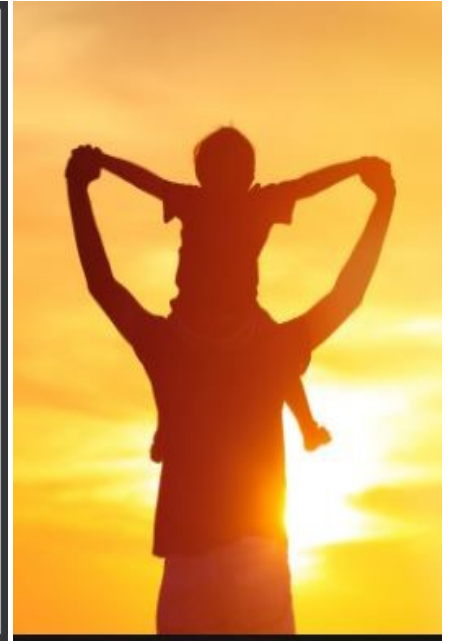
**CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR GRADUATION!**



Happy Father's Day

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

PROVERBS 20:7



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.

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it...
Dad

~Anonymous

*God, I bet Your hands are really big and strong,
Just like my daddy.
God, I bet You sing in the shower-happy songs-
Just like my daddy.
God, I bet You cheer for me when I get to first base,
Just like my daddy.
God, I bet You have a smiling face,
Just like my daddy.*

~Anonymous



June 2018

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>Martha Circle members & family members, be sure to attend our annual picnic on Wednesday, June 20th, 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall! Please bring a passing dish, table service, and beverage. Thank you!</p>					1	2
3 Communion Sunday	4	5 Bible Study 10 am	6 Deacon Ministry Team Meeting 6 pm	7	8	9 Church Breakfast 8 am Admin. Council 9 am
10 Graduation Sunday	11	12 Bible Study 10 am	13	14	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19 Bible Study 10 am	20 Martha Circle Picnic 6:00 pm	21	22	23
24 Fellowship Sunday	25	26 Bible Study 10 am WMT 5:30 pm	27 July Messenger Info DUE! Church in Use pm	28	29	30

Happy Birthday

May the Lord bless you and protect you.
May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.

June 1 Pam Lutz
June 2 Austin Frey
Jun 3 Laurann Frey
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 Boice
Jun 16 Garrett St. John
Jun 17 Sally Beltz
Jun 17 Isaac Entsminger
Jun 17 Barb Gary
Jun 17 Kyle Gary
Jun 18 Sally Slayton
Jun 19 Chad Hart
Jun 19 Livia Grace Haefele
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 Jordonn Steele
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 24 Nate Latshaw
Jul 26 Rick Frey
Jul 27 Robert Lutz
Jul 27 Kyle Sorell
Jul 27 Floyd 'Pete' Burrows



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

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Brad & Karyn Halverson
Gary & Phyllis Schooler
Peter & Paula Briedis
Bill & Shirley Westphal
Floyd 'Pete' & Diane Burrows
Ted & Lora Finch
Ron & Linda Chisholm
Bruce & Monica Entsminger

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