

Greetings from Ceresco Baptist Church!

Transitional Pastor Hired!

We are pleased to announce that Pastor Mary Fair-Matthews has been hired as our Transitional Pastor. We have signed a 12-month contract with her. She officially starts on Sunday, April 28, 2019. However, she will be doing Pulpit Supply for us on Good Friday (6:30 pm), and on Easter Sunday (8 am & 9:45 am). Be sure to join us! Read below for information about Pastor Mary!

Mary Fair-Matthews has been a member of Second Baptist Missionary Baptist Church in Battle Creek, Michigan since 2009. She serves as Associate Minister and Sunday School Teacher. She served as the Director of Christian Education from 2010 - 2016.

Mary has been active in American Baptist Churches of Michigan serving in the following capacities: Immediate Past President (2016 - 2015); President and Executive Committee Member (2015- 2014); Vice President (2014 - 2013) and member of the Administrative Committee (2013 - 2009). Mary has also served as pulpit supply and shared the Word of God in churches throughout the state of Mich.

Mary completed the American Baptist Churches of Michigan Ministry Leadership Institute in February 2017 and was awarded a Certified Lay Pastor Certificate.

Mary is presently Senior Corporate Counsel and Director of Ethics and Compliance at the Kellogg Company. She received a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She received a bachelor's degree in Industrial Technology/Management from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi.

She is a member of the Michigan Bar Association and has been a member of the Federal Bar Association for the Eastern District of Michigan, American Bar Association, Wolverine Bar Association, and the National Employment Law Council. She is also admitted to practice before the Sixth Circuit.

Mary and her husband, Reginald, reside in Battle Creek, Michigan and have one son, Reginald, Jr.



Pastor Mary Fair-Matthews

Important Dates:

- 4/2 Pastoral Search Committee Meeting
- 4/7 Deacon Fund Offering
- 4/14 Palm Sunday Brunch
- 4/19 Good Friday Service
- 4/21 Easter Son Rise Service & Regular Worship Service
- 4/28 Fellowship Sunday, Bake Sale
- 4/28 Congregational Surveys DUE!

The Pastoral Search Committee consists of Bob Beltz, Glen Cary, Gretchen King, Barry Vavrina and Joy Sommers (chair). Now that we have our Transitional Pastor in place, we can start the work on finding our new permanent pastor. There are congregational surveys in the 4/7/19 bulletin, with extras in the foyer. We ask that **EVERYONE complete a survey**. This is NOT for members only—we need EVERYONE's input in order to help us get the right permanent pastor for our church congregation! We are asking that all surveys be returned by 4/28/19. Do not put your name on them. Place them in the box in the foyer!



Apr 1 Emily Biljum
 Apr 4 Alicia Beck
 Apr 5 Gary Heidrich
 Apr 6 Zane Allen Ivey
 Apr 7 Kevin Smith
 Apr 9 Emily Holtz
 Apr 10 Jenny Markos
 Apr 11 Jase Casey
 Apr 11 Shannon Kraft
 Apr 12 Eric Schlee
 Apr 12 Patty Lutz
 Apr 13 Lindsey Casey
 Apr 13 Ruth Paschen
 Apr 13 Irene Raabe
 Apr 14 Charity Gary
 Apr 14 Reed Goodman
 Apr 16 Darlene Anthony
 Apr 19 Don St. John
 Apr 24 Stacey Goodman
 Apr 24 Hasley Moore
 Apr 24 Scotie Wood
 Apr 27 Albert Anthony
 Apr 27 Nathan Tuttle
 Apr 28 Linda Schlee
 Apr 29 Jeannette Glen
 Apr 30 Katie Rogers

May 3 Brian Halverson
 May 5 Alexander Finch
 May 5 Jayme Biljum
 May 6 Jared Babcock
 May 9 Darla Thorpe
 May 13 Tahlia Kidder
 May 13 Rob Kidder
 May 15 Bill Frey
 May 15 Marcy Bonney
 May 17 Kendra Davis
 May 17 Kalab Gary
 May 19 Heather Casey
 May 19 Alice Gombas
 May 24 Carol Schooler
 May 24 Trish Ivey
 May 25 Melissa Boysen
 May 25 Diane Biljum
 May 25 Ronnie Hildebrant
 May 26 Trey Casey
 May 26 Shawn Skinner
 May 26 Brad Halverson
 May 30 Mikey Wood

Apr 4 Rick & Dawn Frey
 Apr 5 Roger & Joy Sommers
 May 3 Brad & Ana Kidder
 May 6 Craig & Nichole Thomas 1995
 May 7 Brad & Charity Gary
 May 9 Chad & Cassidy Hart
 May 21 Trey & Lindsey Casey
 May 26 Jimmy & Alexandria Hamaker

AFFIRMATION
**The light of God surrounds me,
 The love of God enfolds me,
 The power of God protects me,
 The Presence of God
 watches over me.
 Wherever I am, God Is.**

**If you desire direction from
 God, be prepared to accept
 correction from God.**



Ponderings . . .

Forgive your enemies, it messes with their minds.
 Some of the people who say "Our Father" on Sundays go around the rest of the week acting as if they were orphans . . .
 Get your exercise today! Walk with the Lord.
 Avoid Truth decay, brush up on the Bible daily.
 There are two kinds of Christians: those who complain because God put thorns on the roses, and those who praise Him for putting roses among the thorns . . .
 God can heal your heart, but He wants you to give Him all the pieces first.



We are looking for volunteers to help take one week a month to do the church lawn care. This would include mowing and trimming. Both the mower and weed-whacker are on-site. Please contact Rick Frey (269-209-4157) or Roger Sommers (269-420-9661) with the weeks you are available . Thank you!



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I'd like to thank ALL who were able to come to my 80th birthday celebration. Thanks also for the beautiful cards with special notes in them, for the plants, gift cards, etc. But, especially for your presence! I am so blessed to have such a caring church family. Sincerely, Joanne Henley.

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!

The Choir is signing on Easter Sunday. There's always room for more people to sing! All you have to do is show up!



The following items are needed for the Food Pantry. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated!

Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, tissues, and hygiene items.



MARCH FAMILY NIGHT: Thanks Roger for the corned beef and cabbage that you prepared and thanks to all the others who brought passing dishes and desserts. All this and the twenty-one who came to share the food and conversation, made for a great and fun evening.

Since the April family night falls between Palm Sunday and Easter, it was decided to skip the April family night and continue it in May. See you there!!!



Son Rise Service 8 am, Worship 9:45 am



Following the Worship Service. Come hungry!

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
You are invited to Lakeview Baptist Church for their Palm Sunday Celebration on 4/14 at	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am Pastoral Search Committee 6:30 pm				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Rev. Owens Pulpit Supply Deacon Fund Offering	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am	Martha Circle Meeting 6:00 pm			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Palm Sunday Rev. Owens Pulpit Supply Brunch after the Service! No Sunday School	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am			Good Friday Service 6:30 pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
He Is Risen! Easter Sunday Son Rise 8 am, Regular Worship 9:45 am Pastor Mary Fair-Matthews Pulpit Supply, No Sunday Sch	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am				
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Fellowship Sunday, Bake Sale Pastor Mary Fair-Matthews official start! Congregational Surveys DUE TODAY!	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am Information for May Messenger due by Noon.				



Good Friday,



When they crucified Jesus, the day became night
as darkness was sent from above.

So far from the Father, lonely, forsaken, yet,
so near in His infinite love.

When they mocked Him and flogged Him, they were unaware of
the darkness that clouded their mind.

The sin of the world was put on His shoulders as He offered His
life for mankind.

When they thought they had killed Him, they had taken His life,
He had given it out of free will.

In the outside world no-one knew what had happened far away,
on Golgotha's hill.

But, the Father in mercy and endless compassion, looked down
from on high on His Son. Who committed His Spirit in the hands
of the Father, and in triumph cried out:
It is done!

Easter.

It is done! it is finished! Our sins are atoned for,
God's promise fulfilled by His Son.

The suffering Servant, Righteous Redeemer,
our Savior has suffered and won!

Jesus has offered His life for His people, His flock, He was given
to keep. He carried their sins to the end, He was faithful. The
Shepherd Who died for His sheep. They buried His body, sealing
the grave, but Jesus triumphantly rose.

Heaven was opened, Satan defeated, and God draws His chil-
dren close. And now we may live redeemed and forgiven in
thankfulness and joy all our days. Praising the Son,
praising the Spirit, and glorify God for His grace.

And as we await that glorious morning, when Jesus shall come
once again to gather His sheep from the ends of the earth. And
no-one is missing. Amen!

~ Mrs B. de Jonge (Foxton).




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*Jesus
loves you!*

For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten
Son, that whoever believes in
Him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

Wishing you a blessed Easter.

JOHN 3:16