

Greetings from Ceresco Baptist Church!

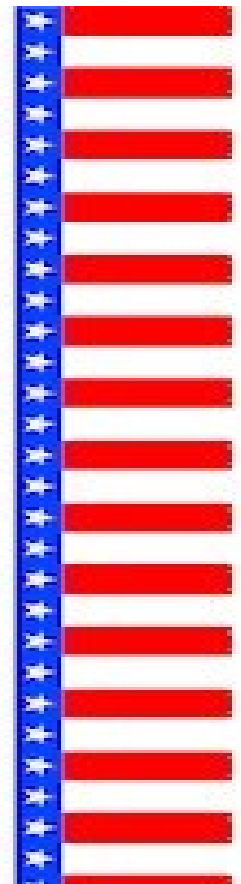
Ceresco Messenger, July 2019

The Spirit Of America

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Our fathers of old built this land
On the leading of God's Holy Hand.
Each great statesman lived his own life,
Proudly putting his God first in that life.
This country, so beautiful, full of pride ~
Shows it in the colors of her flag as it flies.
We see the lovely blue, that for us, does show,
The great expense of God's heaven above.
Both flag and sky carry the shining stars;
Each star showing the beauty of God's love.
The red, so bright, in the stripes gives ~
The color of the blood first given by Jesus,
and then lost in the many wars of man;
So each American could have so many freedoms.
The white shows first the purity of our God's love;
That we see in each heart that looks to Him above.
In all of America, the greatest earthly spirit is seen,
In the emblem of the strong and soaring eagle.
He shows that each heart that loves God lives free.
We are free to learn from all our history;
When we learn of our many great statesmen,
Who were men of true Christian conviction.
They knew their God-given duty
Was to live by their Christian values.





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 21 Bradley Thomas
 Jul 21 Ryder Goodman
 Jul 26 Rick Frey
 Aug 1 Sharon Hadley
 Aug 5 Christy Phelps
 Aug 10 Kaleb Collins
 Aug 10 Kate Skinner
 Aug 11 Jacob Lewis
 Aug 12 Veronica Anthony
 Aug 13 Allison Biljum
 Aug 13 Jason Holder
 Aug 13 Jonathan Holder
 Aug 16 Joy Sommers
 Aug 22 Jack Biljum
 Aug 25 Rick Bonney
 Aug 25 David Hadley
 Aug 26 Whitney Rose Ivey
 Aug 28 Tyler Sommers
 Aug 28 Kristen Sommers
 Aug30 Scott Boysen

7/3 Brad & Karyn Halverson
 7/7 Gary & Phyllis Schooler
 7/9 Peter & Paula Briedis
 7/23 Ted & Lora Finch
 7/26 Ron & Linda Chisholm
 7/30 Bruce & Monica Entsminger

 8/2 Derek & Emily Holtz
 8/11 Jim & Darlene Anthony
 8/15 Dick & Linda Schlee
 8/15 Alice & Ryan Gombas
 8/16 Scott & Penny Wood
 8/24 Bud & Vi Halder



Do you have a birthday or anniversary to add to these lists?
 Do you see one that should be removed?
 Please send an email to cerescobaptist@gmail.com

Pick A Favorite Hymn!

We are picking a favorite hymn each Sunday through August. We would like you to select a favorite hymn (with your name on it) and put it in the box in the foyer.

Pastor Mary Fair-Matthews, Transitional Pastor

Office Hours are: Thursdays 5:30-7:30 pm,
Fridays 3:00-5:00 pm, Saturdays 9:00-11:00 am.
Please call for an appointment!

Church: 269.964.9669

Cell: 313-303-3301

Thank you to those that attended the Old Fashioned Hymn Sing with John & Kate Denner. We had a great time!

An Independence Day Prayer

Dear Lord,
On this glorious day
of colorful parades,
family cookouts,
dazzling fireworks displays,
Let us not forget
The reason for it all.

Over two hundred years ago
When our forefathers hammered out
Their Declaration of Independence
They acknowledged their need
For Your help and guidance.

And so, Lord,
On this glorious day,
In the midst of the fun and frolic,
Help us to remember
Our independence from tyranny
Is based on our Dependence
On You.

Amen.



Our Ice Cream Social was wonderful! Lots of toppings, fresh fruit, cookies, and ice cream!

Thank you Pastor Mary Fair-Matthews for hosting this event!



Martha Circle Minutes, July 10, 2019

We had 3 ladies in attendance tonight, Joanne Henley, Gretchen King, and Joy Sommers. Joanne was our hostess. She read a devotional entitled "Families" by Jean Caldwell. Reminding us to pray for others, especially for the future generations of our own families to be Christians if they are not already. Joanne then gave prayer.

We have about \$440 in our checking account. Joanne read a Thank You from the Friendship House for the donations we sent to them.

ABW - Joy attended the annual retreat in DeWitt, and was installed as the President of the West Area American Baptist Churches of Michigan. Joy read an update from Wayne Niles about Katherine's trip to the new hospital in Mulolo. Joanne read the list of names that she sent card to over the past two months, there were many!

We are still collecting items for the Haven of Rest [*see article below for items needed*].

We had 6 people in attendance at our June picnic, including Glennie Swann. The Memorial Luncheon on June 15th went very well.

Our Treasure Sale is Saturday, Aug. 24th, 9am-3pm. We will start taking donations for the sale on Sunday, Aug. 18th. We will discuss more at our August meeting (the 14th!).

Since we have changed our meetings to be March through December, we need a hostess for the August 14th meeting, as well as 9/11, 11/13, and 12/11. The Oct date has been filled.

Our Love Gift offering was \$9, and the Devotional was \$8.

Our scripture reading for next month is Psalm 119:89-96.

Joanne closed our meeting in prayer, and then we had refreshments.

Haven of Rest Ministries

The Haven has provided emergency food and shelter each night to homeless men on a temporary basis (30-60 days). Pastoral and case management services are available through qualified shelter staff, working in conjunction with local agencies. Referrals are available for clients to receive medical, psychological and legal assistance. Area churches from many denominations provide nightly church services for those wishing to attend.

Coffee, Kleenex, Large cans of Fruits and Vegetables, Breakfast Meats, Foot Powder, Deodorant, Shampoo, Towels (hand and bathing), Hygiene products, and Laundry detergent

Each year The Haven serves 55,000 meals to over 1,700 different homeless persons each year; daily we serve an average of 35 men, and 40 women and children in our emergency shelters, 15 men in our adult foster care unit, 26 men in our residential substance abuse treatment program and 5 to 10 families in our transitional housing program.

If you would like to donate items to the Haven, you can bring them to church, and we will get them delivered. They are very appreciative of any donations received. Thank you!

OUR ANNUAL TREASURE SALE IS SET FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019, FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM. We will be collecting clean, usable items and clothing for the sale starting Sunday, Aug. 18th. Thank you!

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Independence Day		Ice Cream Social 4:30-5:30 pm, Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing with John & Kate Denner 6-7 pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Communion Sunday			Martha Circle Meeting 6 pm			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Deacon Fund Offering						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Pastoral Search Committee Meeting, 6 pm				
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale <i>Church in use 1-6 pm private event</i>			Information for the August Messenger is due by noon. Send to cerescobaptist@gmail.com			

Ceresco Baptist Church / Administrative Council Minutes / June 8, 2019

Devotions by Rick "Nose of a Camel" - Satan tempts us a little at a time, we need to be aware of our situation, and stop Satan in his tracks. James 4:7 - need to remember the entire verse. 1 John 4:4.

Clerks Report: Minutes from March meeting were in March 2019 Messenger; I was installed as the West Area American Baptist Women's President; Still need ministry teams to submit agenda items early so they can be published in the bulletins two weeks in advance of the quarterly meeting.

Financial Secretary: Last year's General Fund offerings to date Jan-May 2018: \$21,533.71, General Fund Offerings for Jan-May 2019 \$19,483.77, so offerings are down \$2,049.94 from this time last year.

Treasurers Report: Motion by Dawn Frey, 2nd by Mary Ivey to move all the memorial funds Edward Slayton through Missy Hodge to the General Memorial Funds, no discussion, approved. Following funds were moved to the General Memorial Funds: Edward Slayton (\$300), Joyce Hill (\$500), Edythe Weaver (\$608.33), Robert Alexander (1,583.33), Skip Katz (\$2,228.34), Margaret Pray (\$390), Art Wood (\$125), Marilyn Mead (\$545), Linda Cole (\$100), Paul Mead (\$525), Jeri Wood (\$250), Jean Combs (\$100), Nancy Reed (\$785), Nadine Coats (\$20), Robert Lutz (\$300), and Missy Hodge (\$300). Motion by Mary Ivey, second by Joanne to move the Albert Cole memorial to the Renovation fund since it was designated for the roofing fund, no discussion, approved.

Worship Ministry Team: Graduate Sunday June 9th, Father's Day June 16th; 'Pick a Hymn' for June-August ; Next meeting is Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 5:30 pm; John & Kate Concert at 6 pm.

Pastoral Search Committee: Reviewing/tallying the congregation surveys

Property Management Ministry Team: Bob Beltz cleaned up around the west side of the porch; What should we put in place of it now? The rock? Steps? Souder Fund has \$16000, so we could use some of those funds to put in steps. Will have PMMT get together and figure out what to do. PMMT - Rick, Roger, Bob, Ed - anyone else? Church is reimbursing Glennie for the flowers she plants at the church (money from the Landscape Fund); Bob, Rick & Justin have been doing the lawn maintenance; Two trees out in front of the church are getting bigger - trim back? Remove? ; Pam & Ed Kirkland did some landscaping cleanup last Sunday after church; Downstairs bathroom sink is leaking, needs a new faucet.

Deacon Ministry Team: Been in a holding pattern; need to regroup and meet with Pastor Mary.

Educational Ministry Team: Sunday School - only a few attend other than the adult's class. Family Night Potlucks - June is last one until September. Church Fall Party - planning for October 26th. Vacation Bible School - Second Missionary Baptist Church in Battle Creek Aug 5-9. Joy to get more information.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mary has office hours Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays; Email address for Pastor Mary put in bulletin; Pastor visited with Margie Cole in the hospital; Pastor & husband will host an Ice Cream Social to meet/greet people. Dr. Rev. Michael Williams is retiring, Pastor Mary is on the team to find his replacement. The next meeting is Saturday, June 15th.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN ITEMS: Next Administrative Council meeting is Sept. 7, 2019 at 9 am (after Church Breakfast at 8 am); Ice Cream Social on Saturday July 6th - 4:30-5:30 pm, right before the Hymn Sing; Linda Chisholm -members that have not attended or supported the church in 2 years can be removed per the Church Constitution. We typically do not remove them though. Mary Ivey maintains the Inactive Member list; Birthday & Anniversary listings for the Messenger - need to clean up the listing. Dawn Frey & Linda Chisholm have a guideline of what to charge for funeral dinners when discussing with a family.

Community Collaborative

Vacation Bible School 2019



GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS!

FELLOWSHIP & FUN!

Bible Stories!

Light meal provided

Host Church: Second Missionary Baptist Church
485 N. Washington Ave. Battle Creek, MI 49037
Rev. William J. Wyne, Pastor

Aug. 5-9
4:30-7 p.m.

Fun for
ALL AGES!

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Community Collaborative Vacation Bible School 2019

This year we are participating in Vacation Bible School with Christ United Methodist Church, Convis United Methodist Church, Fairfax Community Baptist Church, Faith Temple COGIC, Mt Zion AME, New Deliverance MBC, St Mark CME, Second Missionary Baptist Church, Shiloh MBC, Unity Baptist Church, and Washington Heights United Methodist Church.

VBS is August 5-9, 2019, from 4:30-7 pm each night. There will be a light meal served, fellowship & fun, games, arts & crafts, and Bible lessons. This is open for preschool through 100 years old and up!

Join this fun experience! VBS will be at Second Missionary Baptist Church, 485 N Washington Ave, Battle Creek.

