

Greetings from Ceresco Baptist Church!

Ceresco Messenger, September 2019

GRANDPARENTS ARE SPECIAL

Grandparents are special in so many different ways,
Their hearts are filled with love and they brighten up our days.
Grandparents are great listeners when we need them to advise,
Because they're always understanding and are truly very wise.
Grandparents have great smiles because they've been smiling for so long,
And they even make us smile when everything is going wrong.
Few can bring the warmth that can be found in their embrace,
And little more is needed to feel loved than the smile on their face.
They're a supply of precious stories yet they've time to wipe a tear,
And give us reasons to laugh as they grow more precious through the years.
Nobody can do for grandchildren what grandparents are willing to do,
Because grandparents sprinkle stardust over our lives in all that we do.
Grandparents are so generous and they make sure we have the best,
So I'm thankful for my grandparents and I know I'm truly blessed.
May the land yield unto them a perfumed garden always growing,
With a warm breeze and a quiet sea that's filled with love overflowing.

Grandchildren are the crowning glory of grandparents. ~ Proverbs 17:6

One of the most powerful handclasps is that of a new grandbaby around the finger of a grandfather. ~Joy Hargrove

Few things are more delightful than grandchildren fighting over your lap.

~ Doug Larson

What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort, lessons in life. And, most importantly, cookies. ~Rudolph Giuliani



Coins for Coats

During October, collect your spare change and help the Charitable Union buy winter coats for kids. Once you are done collecting change, you can drop it off at The Gift Shop at the Charitable Union, 85 Calhoun Street, Battle Creek, MI 49017.



Haven of Rest Donations

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.

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.

Martha Circle is collecting laundry detergent/items, stain remover, hand towels, wash cloths, and bath towels for the month of September ("Suds Your Duds") - if you would like to donate items too, you can bring them to the church, there will be a box in the foyer. Thank you!

Pastoral Search Committee Update

The Pastoral Search Committee has collected all the information needed to prepare the Church Profile. Once the Church Profile is completed, it will be sent to Rev. Owens. He will then use the information to find possible pastoral candidates.

We would like to thank everyone that participated in the congregational surveys, and for the prayers during this process. ~ PSC Team



When God created Grandparents, the world was truly blessed with all the special joys that make a family happiest...

For Grandparents know how to do the things that warm a heart, they touch our lives with loving care right from the very start.

They show that they believe in us and all we're dreaming of ... when God created Grandparents, He blessed our lives with love.

- Sept 1 Shawn Struble
- Sep 2 Ted Finch
- Sep 5 Ken MacInnis
- Sep 8 Matt Ivey
- Sep 10 Sierra Phelps
- Sep 11 Karen Anthony
- Sep 11 Katelyn Green
- Sep 12 Brandon Davis
- Sep 12 Art Ruthruff
- Sep 13 Travis Paul
- Sep 14 Mary Ivey
- Sep 17 Nathan Markos
- Sep 19 Steve Evans
- Sep 20 Jason Ivey
- Sep 20 Michele Babcock
- Sep 20 Robin Johnston
- Sep 22 Justin Casey
- Sep 23 Madison Beck
- Sep 23 Janet Smith
- Sep 25 Kay Davis
- Sep 27 Fred Combs
- Sep 29 Melvin Cole
- Sep 30 Ellie Daevy #1

- Oct 1 Kamren Collins
- Oct 2 Richard Straub
- Oct 2 Cortney Green
- Oct 2 Jordan Smith
- Oct 6 Jensen Dean Casey
- Oct 8 Kevin Collins
- Oct 9 Dave Glen
- Oct 9 Terry Ivey
- Oct 10 Heather Hess
- Oct 15 Dawn Frey
- Oct 15 Tina Green
- Oct 19 Craig Thomas
- Oct 25 Molly Sommers
- Oct 26 Vera Chichester
- Oct 26 Diana Kidder
- Oct 26 Michelle McJunkin
- Oct 26 Jane Worthington
- Oct 27 Jade Haefele
- Oct 31 Mike Lutz

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



- 9/3 Jody & Michele Babcock #25!
- 9/7 Stephen & Christy Phelps
- 9/11 Andrew & Kristen Sommers
- 9/14 Danny & Rayna Sommers
- 9/18 Bob & Deb Beltz
- 9/19 Alex & Stacey Goodman
- 9/26 Dave & Jeannette Glen
- 9/27 Don & Ruth St. John
- 9/30 Jayme & Diane Biljum

- 10/3 Gary & Pat Heidrich
- 10/21 Randy & Lisa Cavinder
- 10/25 Russ & Shawn Skinner



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Devotions by Rick: "Wait Until You Get to the Corner" about an impatient young pastor. Isaiah 28:16. Young pastor was making haste. When the Lord gives us a task, He doesn't need to give us additional guidance until the task is done, then we will get the next task. We shouldn't be in a hurry. Phil 4:11 - we need to learn to be content. Pray for patience. Psalm 27:14, 37:7. Isaiah 40:31, Lamentations 3:25, Isaiah 8:17. We must all be patient.

Clerks Report - Joy Sommers: Minutes from June meeting were in the Messenger. Still need ministry teams to submit agenda items 2 ½ weeks in advance. Birthday/Anniversary listing for the Messenger - for 2020, will send around a blank sign up sheet.

Financial Secretary - Dawn Frey: General Fund Offerings YTD compared to Last YTD, we are up slightly over this time last year.

Treasurers Report - Mary Ivey: Reports handed out and discussed. Showed comparison of expenses from this year-to-date, and last year-to-date. We have a \$10,000 CD that is coming to term December 13, 2.27% interest. Motion by Dawn Frey to roll the CD over into a new CD for 13 months, second by Roger Sommers. Motion carried. Dawn Frey made a motion, second by Mary Ivey to move the Gladys Smith memorial in to the General Memorial. Motion carried.

Worship Ministry Team - Mary Ivey: Mary is selecting hymns for September & Joanne is leading them. Mary will be selecting October hymns, and Gretchen will be leading them. We have special music for each Sunday in September. Sept 8 is Grandparent's Sunday, Mary doing a tribute. Will be doing contemporary Christian music before the service for September (instead of chimes). Next WMT meeting is Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019 at 5:30 pm

Pastoral Search Committee - Joy Sommers: We have collected all the necessary information to prepare the Church Profile! Once completed, it will be given to Rev. Owens so we can start getting pastoral candidates. Next meeting is 6 pm on Sept. 10th.

Property Management Ministry Team - Roger Sommers: Will get pricing to have steps put on the west end of the porch, and report back. Two trees out in front of the church are getting bigger - Mary contacted Bob Howard, and he is going to come and trim them. Joanne Henley will pay for the cost. Roger purchased new LED light bulbs for the sanctuary, yet to be installed. Downstairs bathroom sink is leaking, needs a new faucet. Mary Ivey - could we put a removable railing in the sanctuary for going up to the altar? Mary gave information to the PMMT to pursue it. Mary Ivey - should we get a new sign, make it lower, double-sided, visible from the road. Mary would like permission to research. Motion by Joy Sommers, second by Linda Chisholm to have Mary continue her research and get back to the PMMT. Motion carried. Linda Chisholm - back steps coming down into the church, put a railing on the other side too. Joy Sommers - need to fix railing in upper room in sanctuary. Bob Hollister will be doing the snow plowing at the church this winter.

Deacon Ministry Team - Gretchen King: Nominations for 2020 Slate of Officers will be coming up soon, and there are openings on the Deacon Ministry Team - must be a member of the church. Would like at least two more deacons on the DMT. The Deacons are servers, not decision makers. Honoring grandparents tomorrow: Sommers, Anthony's, and Henley. Deacons will not be ordering calendars for 2020.

Educational Ministry Team - Dawn Frey: Sunday School - going to start doing a group Sunday school instead of classes for all but the adult class. Family Night Potlucks - resume this month (18th). Church Fall Party, Oct. 26th. Fellowship Sundays - everyone has been helping. Junior Church - Sally/Kay continue on 3rd Sunday of the month. Children's Time - Joy doing.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mary has office hours Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays - will be adjusting. They will change in November, and she will let us know. Email address for Pastor Mary has been in the bulletin.

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BOY SCOUTS - Meet 1st Monday and last Wednesday of the month. Bob Hollister's son is a boy scout in our troop.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN ITEMS:

Annual Gathering is Oct. 19th. Pastor Mary will be attending. Need 2 delegates - Mary Ivey and Gretchen King have volunteered to attend.

Region churches have been asked to contribute a Love Gift to Rev. Williams on his retirement. Motion by Mary Ivey, second by Joy Sommers to contribute \$500, will come from the miscellaneous budget line item. Must be sent before Sept. 20th. Motion carried.

Would also like to give Rev. Williams a Tribute Book. Church Clerk will send a letter to include.

Martha Circle is collecting items for the Haven of Rest Missions. If others want to donate items, they can bring them to the church. For the month of September, we are collecting: laundry detergent/items, stain remover, hand towels, wash cloths, & bath towels.

Nominating Committee - Roger is chairperson - Dawn Frey, Linda Chisholm volunteered.

Budget Committee has met, and presented a proposed budget for 2020. Motion by Joy Sommers, second by Roger Sommers to accept the proposed budget as presented to be voted on at Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting Oct. 16th after the Family Night Potluck. Change potluck to 6 pm instead of 6:30, motioned by Joy Sommers, second by Gretchen King. Motion carried, with a soft nay.

Pastor Mary closed in prayer at 10:02 am.

2019 Administrative Council Members are: Rick Frey, Joy Sommers, Mary Ivey, Dawn Frey, Bob Beltz, Kay Davis, Deacon Gretchen King, PMMT Roger Sommers, EMT Sharon Hadley, WMT Rep Joanne Henley. Quorum for an Administrative Council meeting is 7 A/C members.



HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!



Oliver Stanley Schlee born on May 24, 2019.

Son of Eric & Ashley Schlee. Grandparents are Rev. Richard & Linda Schlee.

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Communion Sunday	Labor Day	Bible Study 10 am				Quarterly Church Breakfast & Administrative Council Meeting
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
National Grandparents Sunday		Bible Study 10 am, Pastoral Search Committee Meeting 6 pm				
	Boy Scouts		Martha Circle Meeting 6 pm			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Bible Study 10 am				
	Boy Scouts		Family Night Potluck 6:30 pm			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Bible Study 10 am				
	Boy Scouts		Information for the September Messenger is due by noon. Anyone may contribute!			
29	30	Oct. 1	10/2	10/3	10/4	10/5
Women's Sunday, Fellowship Sunday, Bake Sale		Bible Study 10 am				
	Boy Scouts					

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