

Greetings from Ceresco Baptist Church!

Ceresco Messenger, October 2019



A Pastor's Heart

A well spoken message stirs a heart to rejoice
There is nothing like a strong, resilient voice
But when sorrow comes, there is no better gift to impart
Then the gift of a caring, pastor's heart
A loving touch or a kind word
A moment of counsel from God's holy word
A telephone call--after you just heard..,
Is the gift of our pastor's heart.
Lord, bless this pastor
In each new day
Bless his ministry along the way
For fame and fortune can never impart
The precious gift of a caring pastor's heart
Just a servant of Christ
and at times a dear friend
With a desire to love God
To the very end
Tending his flock in the Savior's way
Is the gift of a pastor's heart
Striving to live
as an apostle of Christ
Serving his father giving Godly advice!
Preaching and teaching and sharing the Word
Is the gift of a caring pastor's heart.

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The West Area Fall Gathering is on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Our two delegates are Gretchen King and Mary Ivey.

Rev. Williams has asked Pastor Mary to represent our Region at a service in Pontiac on Sunday, Oct. 20th, so Rev. Owens will be providing our sermon that day in Pastor Mary's absence.

Did you know that the Martha Circle is open to all ladies of any age? Meetings are March-Dec each calendar year. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. Attendees bring a snack item of their choosing so we can have fellowship & snacks after each meeting.

The next meeting of the Martha Circle is Nov. 13th. Check it out! We'd love to have more ladies involved!

We are celebrating **Pastor Appreciation** on Sunday, Oct. 27th during the Worship Service. This is also Fellowship Sunday & monthly Bake Sale. Please plan to join us!

Feed My Sheep

A small voice in the dark
Whispering to an open heart
My child, My child, listen to Me
And the words to you I speak
My child, My child, feed My sheep
Though I tried to ignore it
The voice wouldn't go away
My child, My child
What are you waiting for
My child, My child, feed My sheep
What do I have to give, I cried
To those who are hungry and lost
To those who stand in the dark
What can I feed Your sheep
Master, Master, I did cry
What do I have to give, I asked
Those who know sorrow and despair
Those who know no hope or love
What can I feed Your sheep
Master, Master, I ask You
Gather together within My fold
My sheep who are hungry and lost
My sheep who are standing in the dark
And with the Bread of Life I give
My child, My child, feed My sheep
Hear My voice upon your heart
Listen closely to what I say
As I fed you with My words
And also with My love and grace,
so shall you My child,
My child, feed My sheep

Jackie, Florida, USA

A fun activity to do with your children or grandchildren for Halloween! Say the Pumpkin Prayer while you carve your pumpkin. Teach the kids about Jesus!

The Pumpkin Prayer

*Dear Jesus,
As I carve my pumpkin, help me pray
this prayer:*

*Open my mind so that I can learn
about You;
(cut the top off the pumpkin)*

*Take all my sin and forgive the wrong
that I do.
(clean out the inside)*

*Open my eyes so Your love I will see;
(cut eyes shaped like hearts)*

*I'm sorry for times I've turned up my
nose
at what You've given to me.
(cut a nose in the shape of a cross)*

*Open my ears so Your word I will
hear;
(cut ears shaped like a Bible)*

*Open my mouth to tell others You're
near.
(cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)*

*Let Your light shine in all I say and
do!
(place candle inside and light it)*

Pastoral Search Committee Update

The Pastoral Search Committee is finalizing the Church Profile. This will be shared with Rev. Owens, and he will try to find us pastoral candidates that meet the recommendations from the congregational surveys.

This process could take some time, so bear with us!

Thank you! ~ Pastoral Search Committee

Be sure to attend the ANNUAL MEETING on Wed., Oct. 16th! Family Night Potluck at 6 pm (earlier time), and then the short business meeting follows to vote on the 2020 Budget and the 2020 Proposed Slate of Officers. Please join us!



Autumn Praise

I praise you, Lord, for autumn:
for falling temperatures and morning chill,
trees turned gold and red, brown and orange,
falling leaves and blowing leaves,
the smell of burning leaves,
the joy of leaf-pile jumping.
I praise you, Lord, for autumn:
the interplay of outside temperatures
and inside warmth,
the promise of cider and pumpkin bread,
the blessing of blankets and sweaters.
I praise you, Lord, for autumn:
the beauty and hope in the change of season,
the promise that the coming of autumn
heralds another ending,
a new beginning,
and the wonder of another winter,
another spring,
another summer,
yet to come.

An Autumn Prayer

Abba, Father,
the trees are ablaze with your glory.
The seasons change, but you never do.
You are always beautiful,
in the green and freshness of spring
as in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.
Make me like you.
Let my life reflect your beauty,
season after season,
as the calendar of my life
turns and turns and turns.
The trees are letting go of this year's foliage.
Help me let go of both blessings and burdens,
and surrender them both to your loving care.
Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety.
So design my own fallings and failings
into whatever design will please you most.
In Jesus' name, I pray,
Amen.



Halloween Night, 5-6:30 pm in
the basement. Anyone may hand
out candy!

TRICK OR TREAT

We will have apple cider, hot
chocolate & coffee, and
doughnut holes for everyone.



Martha Circle - October Meeting Notes . . .

Eight ladies met at the church on Oct. 9th. Devotions were given by Joy, reading the daily devotional from Crosswalk.com about the Names of God. Treasurer's Report was given, available checking balance was \$812.53. Minutes from September meeting were in the September Messenger. We received a thank you card from Glen Cary for the fleece blanket we gave him.

Joanne said that Margie Cole's family will be gone next week. She's in Room 117 at The Oaks, and they would like it if anyone can please visit her. Hoping she will be able to go home soon.

Sunshine - send a card to Penny Wood. Women's Sunday went very well. Received a lot of compliments. Bake Sales continuing, collected \$60 for September's sale. Joy read an update from Wayne & Katherine Niles.

Haven of Rest Ministries - items were taken today and they were very thankful. For October, we are collecting canned goods for them.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Pastor Appreciation Sunday will be Oct. 27th. Circle has given money before. We should do something special for Pastor Mary. Motion by Joyce, second by Joanne to give a \$50 gift card to Pastor Mary for Pastor Appreciation, motion passed. Martha Circle will do flowers that Sunday, and Joy will get them from Horrocks.

Heifer International - We are giving one Hope Basket and one Goat for a total of \$170.00.

White Cross - Joanne reported that they are no longer sending roller bandages overseas. Joy emailed Katherine Niles to see if they still use roller bandages. We are no longer participating in the White Cross collections, as we have decided to donate locally.

Collections: Love Gift \$22.30 Devotion \$13.00

Bible Study - Joshua 1:1-9 - Joshua Installed As Leader. For November, please read Matthew 3:1-11. Meeting was closed in prayer by Joy. We then had snacks, and made a tied fleece blanket for Baby Brynlee Rogers. Next meeting is Nov. 13th, 6 pm

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 **canned goods** for the month of October to give to the Haven. Thank you to those that helped with September's collection!

American Baptist Regional Offering

For the month of October we will be collecting an offering for the

American Baptist Regional Offering. This offering will be used to support your pastor, help make connections to other churches, share resources for spiritual growth and provide care in time of crisis.





Oct 1 Kamren Collins
 Oct 2 Richard Straub
 Oct 2 Courtney 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

Nov 1 Scott Chisholm
 Nov 2 Barry Vavrina
 Nov 3 Margie Cole
 Nov 3 Alex Goodman
 Nov 5 Lora Finch
 Nov 6 Devin Phelps
 Nov 7 Dick Halstead
 Nov 10 Ken Davis
 Nov 10 Jean King
 Nov 11 Travis Weeks
 Nov 12 Betty Halverson
 Nov 12 Tyler Thomas
 Nov 13 Brad Gary
 Nov 16 Mike McJunkin
 Nov 17 Lisa Cavinder
 Nov 17 Jody Babcock
 Nov 18 Shirley Lawcock
 Nov 21 Brianne Holtz
 Nov 24 Bridget Holder
 Nov 25 Olive Derrick
 Nov 26 Roger Sommers
 Nov 28 Aneesa Tejada (Kidder)
 Nov 29 Bessie Ivey

Please join us for our
**Annual Fall
 Church Party!**

Saturday, Oct. 26th,
 4:30-6:30 pm

There will be a hot dog
 roast, some good chili,
 and s'mores to make!

There will be games,
 piñata, & pumpkins.

Mr. Scarecrow will be
 there again - take your
 picture with him!

Be sure to put this on
 your calendar!



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

 11/3 Mike & Pam Lutz
 11/12 Rick & Marcy Bonney
 11/15 Art & Donna Ruthruff
 11/16 Brian & Barb Gary

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
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Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993 Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 168 million shoeboxes to children in over 160 countries and territories. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Last year we participated in the Operation Christmas Child project through Samaritan's Purse for the first time. It went so well, that we are going to do it again this year! Boxes and supplies will be available soon. You can pack as many boxes as you want. We do boxes for boys and boxes for girls. There are different age groups to pick from: 2-4 years, 5-9 years, and 10-14 years. Be thinking about whether or not you would like to participate this year, and what gender & age group you would like to do it for. There will be sheets of suggested gift ideas based on the gender and age group you select to help you decided what to include in the shoebox you pack.

Look for more information in the bulletin later this month! National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child is Nov. 18-25, 2019.



October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>We will be celebrating Pastor Appreciation Sunday on Oct. 27th. Please join us!</p>		1	2	3	4	5
		Bible Study 10 am				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion Sunday	Boy Scouts	Bible Study 10 am, Pastoral Search Committee Meeting 6 pm	Martha Circle Meeting 6 pm			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Boy Scouts	Bible Study 10 am Pastoral Search Com- mittee 6 pm	Family Night Potluck 6:00 pm, Annual Meet- ing right after!	Worship Ministry Team 5:30 pm		Delegates to West Area An- nual Meeting
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Pulpit Supply by Rev. Owens	Boy Scouts	Bible Study 10 am				Family Fall Party, 4:30- 6:30 pm
27	28	29	30	31	11/1	11/2
Fellowship Sunday, Bake Sale Church in Use in afternoon, private event	Boy Scouts	Bible Study 10 am	Information for the November Messenger is due by noon. Anyone may contribute!	Happy Halloween! Trick or Treat at the Church 5:00-6:30pm		

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