

Greetings from Ceresco Baptist Church!

Ceresco Messenger, September 2020

The Ten Commandments of Grandparenting

1. Thou shalt not freak out when thy grandchild, to whom thou has just given a one-half interest in Mt. Rushmore plus two Oreo cookies, refused to speak to thee on the telephone.
2. Thou shalt permit thy grandchildren to have other grandparents before thee on the holidays.
3. Thou shalt honor the father and mother of thy grandchildren and thou shalt not substitute thy judgment for theirs.
4. Thou shalt open the doors of thy home and thy heart to thy grandchildren without screaming, "Don't touch," for thou knowest that the visit of thy grandchildren shall soon end.
5. Thou shalt remember thy family history and teach it diligently unto thy grandchildren.
6. Thou shalt refrain from exalting the roles of thy grandchildren, remembering always that thy friends also have grandchildren.
7. Thou shalt not commit effrontery; thou shalt answer the questions of thy grandchildren with dignity and respect.
8. Thou shalt not steal thy grandchild's witticism and pass it as thine own.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's grandchild for his or her good grades, sweet disposition, or gentle manor.
10. Thou shalt love thy half-grandchildren, thy step-grandchildren, thy somewhat grandchildren as surely as thou lovest thy natural grandchildren, for it is the heart not the bloodline that truly makes thee a grandparent.

From "hugs for Grandparents" by Dr. Larry Keefauver

2 Timothy v 5-6

⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

I have blessed you! Pass on your sincere faith from generation to generation. Fan into flame my unique gift which is in you. - Love, Your God of Marvelous Works and Deeds

ANNUAL TREASURE SALE SUCCESS!

A lot of work, but when the sale day came - - - what a fun day!
From the donations, the set up, the pack up, and a lot of help, what a church family of togetherness! A total of \$807.25 came in, and all by donations! A new record!
The Martha Circle will donate \$200 to the Haven of Rest Ministries, and help in other areas when called upon. It was a lot of work and we are glad that it's just once a year.
THANK YOU to everyone that helped, donated, setup, bought, packed up, & hauled away!

The American Baptist Churches of Michigan **Annual Gathering** is just around the corner.

What was once a one-day event on Saturday will now be a week-long event. Activities will kick off on Monday, October 5 and will end on Saturday, October 10. The events may be viewed in real time via Facebook and Zoom. If you want to tune in but you are unable to access Zoom, alternative arrangements can be made by contacting the Region office before September 24. The line-up of events is as follows:

Monday, October 5:	Sermon from Rev. Brian Johnson, our new Executive Minister
Tuesday, October 6:	Executive Minister Video Report
Wednesday, October 7:	Race and Justice Zoom Meeting
Thursday, October 8:	President's Report
Saturday, October 10:	Annual Business Meeting and Send Me Saturday

The annual business meeting will be conducted via ZOOM. Delegates will have an opportunity to vote on by-law changes, the slate of 2020-2021 Region Officers and the 2021 Region Budget. The meeting will culminate with "Send Me Saturday." This is where we all can participate! Send Me Saturday is an event where each church will identify a ministry project to be completed on October 10th from 10 a.m. to noon. It's our choice of what service project is completed during that time. We will identify a ministry initiative by September 13.

~ Pastor Mary Fair-Matthews

Administrative Council Meeting Scheduled

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the administrative council has not met yet this year. Lay Moderator Rick Frey has scheduled a meeting for Saturday, Oct. 10th, 2020 at 9:00 am. This will be an important meeting to find out what has been happening this year. We will also be voting on our proposed budget for 2021 and the Slate of Officers for 2021. There will also be an update from the various ministry teams, along with an update from the Pastoral Search Committee. Please plan to attend this important church meeting to keep informed!

Special Offerings - Playing 'Catch Up'!

With the COVID-19 Pandemic and not having church services, we missed a few of our special offerings.

We will be collecting for the **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**, **AMERICA FOR CHRIST** and **WORLD MISSION OFFERING** during the month of September. The envelopes for these three special offerings are on the table in foyer.

Please contribute if you can! Thank you!

Martha Circle Minutes, Aug. 12, 2020

Ladies of the Martha Circle met on August 12, 2020 at the church. Our hostess, Veronica Anthony gave devotions, reading from Jesus Calling, reminding us not to compare ourselves with others, as we are all different. She also read Isaiah 42:3, Isaiah 54:10, and Romans 9:26. Darlene gave the opening prayer.

Joy read minutes from last meeting which was March 11, 2020. Checking \$332.00 roughly, plus \$75 from Deacon Fund, \$407.

ABWM - Fall Fling is cancelled. Missions - Joy read update from Wayne Niles.

Sunshine - Joanne sent many cards since our last meeting, including a sympathy card to Mary Ivey. Will send a card to Ron Chisholm, Ellen Grimes, Art Ruthruff, and Penny Wood.

Election of Officers: President - Darlene Anthony, Vice President - Gretchen King
Sunshine - Joanne Henley, Missions/ABW - Joy Sommers, Secretary/Treasurer - Joy Sommers, Scholarship Girl- everyone. Slate presented, all in favor, passed.

Members Present: Gretchen, Darlene, Veronica, Sharon, Vi, Lisa, Ruth, Donna, Joanne & Joy

Treasure Sale Discussion: Start bringing donations Saturday, Aug. 15th 8-12, Sun before/after church, Tues 9:30-1 pm, Wed 5-7 pm. Cash box - Gretchen 9-12, Donna 12-3. Bring plastic bags. Setup Friday at 10 am. Yard Signs - Sharon has some, Joy to get the rest of them. Joy to contact There's Enough - to pickup leftovers Monday, Aug. 24th. Hoping to give Haven Ministries \$200 of our treasure sale income. Use east rear entrance door only. Emergency Exit only for the west entrance.

Collections: Love Gift: \$17.17, Devotional: \$24.75

Scripture reading for Sept. 9th meeting, Darlene will get one. Hostess schedule: Sep 9 - Vi Halder, Oct 14 - Sharon Hadley, Nov 11 - Joanne Henley, Dec 9 - Christmas gathering/potluck.

Meeting ended with prayer at 6:51 pm by Gretchen. Followed with refreshments in honor of Veronica's 17th Birthday!

Let Us NEVER Forget, 09/01/2001 . . .

“One of the worst days in America’s history saw some of the bravest acts in Americans’ history. We’ll always honor the heroes of 9/11. And here at this hallowed place, we pledge that we will never forget their sacrifice.”

—President **George W. Bush** at the Pentagon in 2008

“If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate.”

—**Sandy Dahl**, wife of Flight 93 pilot **Jason Dahl**, in Shanks-ville, Pennsylvania, in 2002

“Remember the hours after September 11th, when we came together as one ... it was the worst day we have ever seen, but it brought out the best in all of us.” - Sen. John Kerry.

“I miss 9/12/01. I would never ever want another 9/11, but I miss the America of 9/12. Stores ran out of flags to sell because they were being flown everywhere. People were Americans before they were upper/lower class, Jewish/Christian, Republican/Democrat. We hugged people without caring if they ate at Chick-Fil-A or wore Nikes. On 9/12, what mattered more was what united us, than what divided us. #NeverForget





Sep 2 Ted Finch
Sep 5 Ken MacInnis
Sep 8 Matthew Ivey
Sep 10 Sierra Phelps
Sep 12 Art Ruthruff
Sep 14 Mary Ivey
Sep 20 Jason Ivey
Sep 20 Robin Johnston
Sep 22 Justin Casey
Sep 25 Kay Davis
Sep 30 Ellie Daevy

Sep 3 Jody & Michele Babcock
Sep 9 Stephen & Christy Phelps
Sep 10 Andrew & Kristen Sommers
Sep 14 Danny & Rayna Sommers
Sep 18 Bob & Deb Beltz
Sep 19 Alex & Stacey Goodman
Sep 27 Don & Ruth St. John
Sep 30 Jayme & Diane Biljum

Oct 1 Kamren Collins
Oct 6 Jensen Casey
Oct 8 Kevin Collins
Oct 9 Terry Ivey
Oct 12 Mary Fair-Matthews
Oct 15 Dawn Frey
Oct 25 Molly Sommers

Oct 11 Dave & Sharon Hadley
Oct 21 Randy & Lisa Cavinder
Oct 27 Ken & Malia MacInnis



Thank You!

A BIG thank you to all those who have done so many things at and around church that make our house of worship look good. If you haven't noticed, please take a look at the cross on the front of church too! Awesome paint job by Deb Beltz! Looks nice! Great job!

We are celebrating grandparents on Sunday, Sept. 13th. The only information that has been submitted at the time of this printing was from Joanne Henley. Congratulations on three new great grandchildren!!!

Lourenco, Antonio, Cravo, Barradas Johnston. Born on Nov. 10th 2019 in Denmark! He was 9 lbs. 15 oz., 21 inches long. Parents are: Daniel/Beatrice Johnston, Grandparent, Robin Johnston
Great Grandmother, Joanne Henley.

Twins, Mortimer James Hamaker, 7 pounds, 15 oz., 20" long. Gideon Loren Hamaker, 6 pounds 14 oz., 21" long. Parents are: James and Alexandria Hamaker, Grandparents are: Brian & Barbara Gary and Randy & Denise Herman. Great Grandmother, Joanne Henley.

Join us on Sunday Sept. 13th to see pictures of these three beautiful boys!

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion Sunday	Labor Day	Bible Study 10 am			Patriot Day #NeverForget 09/11/2001	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Bible Study 10 am		Constitution Day		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Bible Study 10 am				National Family Day
27	28	29	30	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 2
		Bible Study 10 am				

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