

Ceresco Baptist Church ~ The Ceresco Messenger

October 2021 - Pastor Appreciation Month!

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 her 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 her flock in the Savior's way
Is the gift of a pastor's heart

Striving to live
as an apostle of Christ
Serving her father giving Godly advice!
Preaching and teaching and sharing the Word
Is the gift of a caring pastor's heart.

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For You I Pray

In my prayer for you I pray
That God will bless you in a special way.
Your precious smile, your warm handshake,
Your words of concern, my day does make.
For this my friend I say: Thank you.

In my prayer for you I pray;
That in your life, God has His way,
That, as you go from task to task,
For what you need, in faith you'll ask.
For this my friend, I say: Bless you.

In my prayer for you I pray;
That in your trials, you'll pray
For guidance clear and wisdom dear,
And the Lord's presence ever near.
For this my friend, I say: I care.

In my prayer for you I pray;
That your life be touched in a special way
And that our friendship means as much
As our lives made happy by the Master's touch.
For this my friend, I say: Praise the Lord.

by Judy Crowe

Thank You Pastor

Thank you, caring pastor,
For tending to your flock;
You keep us all from weakening;
Like Jesus, you're our rock.

Thank you special pastor;
Your sheep you're always feeding;
Through example, guidance and stirring
talks,
You give us what we're needing.

Thank you, Pastor, for teaching
About Jesus, our Lord and Master;
For all you say and are and do,
Thank you, thank you, pastor!

By Joanna Fuchs

I Said a Prayer For You Today

I said a prayer for you today and know God
must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart although He spoke
no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame, I knew you
wouldn't mind.
I asked Him to send treasurers of a far more
lasting kind.
I asked that He'd be near you at the start of
each new day.
To grant you health and blessings and friends to
share your way.
I asked for happiness for you in all things great
and small.
But it was for His loving care I prayed the most
of all.
~ Author Unknown

SEPTEMBER QUIZ QUESTION:

Why did God confuse the people with different languages?

Answer: Read Genesis 11:3-7

OCTOBER QUIZ QUESTION:

What is the difference between Hallelujah and Alleluia?



Thank You!

**Pastor, I want to thank you
for all your great advice,
for all your beautiful sermons,
and keeping Faith in my life.**



During the World Mission Offering this October, our church has the opportunity to join the transformational work God is doing around the world through International Ministries' 120+ global servants and 250+ global partners. God can use your participation not only to change lives

internationally, but also to deepen your own discipleship in Christ. You can take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing to bring God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."

There are special envelopes in the pews for the WMO! **We did not collect this offering in September, so we have moved it to October!**

Installation Service Held for Pastor Mary Fair-Matthews

Ceresco Baptist Church, Sunday, September 19, 2021

We held Pastor Mary's Installation Service on Sunday, September 19th. Special guests that participated in the service were: Pastor Roxie E. Perry, Reverend James Perry, Lashon McGee, Dixie Hamblin, Reverend Edgar Owens, and Pastor William J. Wyne.

After the wonderful service, we had refreshments downstairs, provided by the Worship Ministry Team. Thank you to everyone that participated in this special event!



2021 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT

A shoebox can be packed for: 2-4 year old girl or boy, 5-9 year old girl or boy, 10-14 year old girl or boy.

Items that **CANNOT** be put in an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox include: candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, military toys or figures or wearable camouflage; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans; Vaseline®; scary items (things that will frighten a child rather than bring joy); liquid paint sets or liquid glue; rubber balls with liquid filling; liquid lip gloss; matches or fire starters; sand/rocks/shells gathered from nature; nail polish; money or play money; baby powder; baking soda; razors; used clothing or used toys. If any of these items are put in the boxes they will be removed when the boxes are inspected before being sent to the children.

These items **ARE ALLOWED**: playing cards; batteries (in original packaging or with both ends taped); wet wipes or plain alcohol wipes; toy spiders/bugs/snakes; superheroes or other licensed characters; items with company logos; all types of scissors; squirt guns (that don't look like real guns); glow sticks; play dough (store bought); solid stick deodorant; adhesive bandages (non-medicated); eating utensils; marbles; Bibles or other religious literature or symbols.

It is suggested that each box include a **"wow" item** (doll/soccer ball & manual air pump/stuffed animal/clothing/small musical instrument), **personal care items** (comb, brush, toothbrush, wash cloth, colorful adhesive bandages, reusable plastic containers, blanket, flashlight [solar powered or hand-crank]), **school supplies** (pencils, small manual pencil sharpener, colored pencils, pencil case, erasers, pens, crayons, markers, notebooks, blank index cards, solar-powered calculator, scissors, ruler, protractor, glue stick, small adhesive tape), **clothing/accessories** (shirts, pants, wrist watch, underwear, shoes, socks, flip-flops, hat, sunglasses, tote bag/purse, hair bows) **crafts and activities** (coloring books, puzzles, playdough, stickers, chalkboard & chalk, binoculars, building blocks, tool set, building blocks, jump rope) **and a personal note & photo.**

OCC also asks for a \$9 donation per shoebox to cover trucking to the processing centers, inspecting the shoebox gifts and prepare them for international shipment, shipping to over 100 countries and once there to the local churches, and gospel materials to train & equip local churches how to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ in a child-friendly way, and "The Greatest Gift" gospel booklets written in the children's language and distributed along with the shoebox gifts. This year, they are asking that the \$9 be donated online, or mailed in. Martha Circle is going to help cover some of this, and will collect the money separately from the shoeboxes. They will then send all the \$9 donations together in one payment/mail-in envelope.

If you decide to pack a Shoebox for OCC, please have it to the church no later than Nov. 7th to give us time to get them to the area collection during the National Collection Week Nov. 15-22.

Martha Circle Meeting - Minutes September 8, 2021

Meeting started with our Bible Study, Isaiah 35

Present: Sharon, Linda, Veronica, Joyce, Darlene, Pastor Mary, Donna, Joanne, Dawn, Viviana, Gretchen, and Joy

Devotion – Joy – “Remember God and All He’s Done” – Experience Hope Devotional for today. Remember all that God has done for you.

Secretary/Treasurer Report – checking balance \$1,665.24.

Sunshine – Joanne sent cards to Dawn Frey, Marcy Bonney. Read a Thank You from Bud & Vi Halder for the floral arrangement for their 75th Wedding Anniversary. Gretchen paid for it personally, motion by Joy, second by Joyce to reimburse Gretchen for the cost of the floral arrangement.

Missions – will send a gift in December for birthdays/Christmas.

ABWM – Sunday, 9/19 6 pm – ABWM 70th Birthday Online Event – Joy will show it in the sanctuary.

Fellowship Sunday – Sept. 26th will resume, Bake Sale will resume Oct. 31st.

Treasure Sale – where should we make a donation?? Sharon Hadley suggested we give 10% to the Deacon Fund Offering. Motion by Sharon, second by Donna to donate 10% of the Treasure Sale funds to the Deacon Fund Offering. Motion passed.

Motion by Donna that we also donate the cost of the three new handicap toilets that are being put in the church, to come from the Treasure Sale proceeds. Second by Joanne Henley. Motion passed.

We will continue to have our Annual Treasure Sale – Sharon has volunteered to spearhead it again next year.

Operation Christmas Child – We will have a packing party at our next Martha Circle meeting on Oct. 13th. Information will be put in the bulletin, as well as the October Messenger.

Love Gift is \$25.73, Devotional \$27.00



Flower Sign-Up for October:

10/3 - Sommers
10/10 - W.M.T.
10/17 - OPEN
10/24 - OPEN
10/31 - OPEN



Children's Time Sign-Up for October:

10/3 - Sommers
10/10 - Sommers
10/17 - OPEN
10/24 - OPEN
10/31 - OPEN

**Fellowship
Sundays are
Back!!!**

**Oct. 31st
OPEN**

**Monthly
Bake Sales
resume
Oct. 31st**



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	19	Craig Thomas
Oct	25	Molly Sommers
Nov	2	Barry Vavrina
Nov	3	Alex Goodman
Nov	5	Lora Finch
Nov	6	Devin Phelps
Nov	10	Jean King
Nov	12	Tyler Thomas
Nov	13	Brad Gary
Nov	17	Lisa Cavinder
Nov	17	Jody Babcock
Nov	26	Roger Sommers

Oct	11	Dave & Sharon Hadley
Oct	21	Randy & Lisa Cavinder
Oct	27	Ken & Malia MacInnis
Nov	12	Rick & Marcy Bonney
Nov	15	Art & Donna Ruthruff

Last month we honored the following grandparents:

Laia June Wasielewski

Born Dec. 17, 2020, 8# 13 oz, Parents: Steve & Stephanie Wasielewski, Grandmother Robin Johnston, Great Grandmother Joanne Henley.

Olivia Kay Hamilton, Born Feb. 4,

2021, 7# 6 oz., 19" long. Parents: Kendra & Travis Hamilton, Grandparents: Bryan & Jody Davis, Great Grandparents: Ken & Kay Davis

Stacy Jean Sommers, Born March

22, 2021, 6# 8 oz., 18 1/2" long. Parents: Danny & Rayna Sommers, Grandparents: Roger & Joy Sommers, Mary Murphy, Great Grandparents: Jean & Dick King, Marlene & Rod Kinne

Patrick Kenneth Douglas Born

March 24, 2021, 7# 8 oz., Parents: Chris & Jennifer Douglas, Grandmother: Robin Johnston, Great Grandmother: Joanne Henley

Santiago Alfonso Johnston

Born June 2, 2021, 8#, Parents: Daniel & Beatrice Johnston, Grandmother: Robin Johnston, Great Grandmother: Joanne Henley



*Grandkids make
life grand*

Administrative Council - MINUTES for September 11, 2021 Meeting

Prayer & Moment of Silence (9-11) , Devotion - Rick Frey

Clerk's Report- Joy Sommers: Minutes from the previous meeting were in the Messenger.

Pastoral Search Committee: Pastor Mary's Installation Service - Sunday, Sept. 19th, service starts at 9:30 AM. Pastor Mary said she appreciates everything all of us do.

Financial Secretary - Dawn Frey: General Fund Income Jun-Aug 2020 was \$20,672, for Jun-Aug 2021 was \$18,809.

Treasurer's Report - Mary Ivey: Reports issued - doing good. Moved \$50,000 from checking to savings to get a better interest rate. Comcast - lowered monthly bill from \$151/mo to \$78.45/month. Consumers Energy bills - one from rental house, one for church - Mary updated the contact names on the accounts, as they were outdated.

Worship Ministry Team - Mary Ivey/Joanne: Mary Ivey will be selecting hymns for the months of Sept & Oct. Sept. 5th - Communion, using real bread and juice. Sept. 12th - Grandparent's Sunday (Deacon's do flowers and tribute). This will also be Patriot Sunday (remembering 9-11). Sept. 19th - Pastor Mary's Installation Service, Worship Service will begin at 9:30 am. We will have several dignitaries in attendance. World Communion Day is Sunday, Oct. 3rd. Mary will change the banners to "Go . . . Proclaim the Good News" and "To All the World". We are going to find a different group to do special music on the July 4th weekend instead of the John & Kate Denner for 2022. Rev. Brian Johnson, ABC-MI Executive Director will visit Ceresco Baptist - Feb. 13, 2022. We will contact First Baptist, Marshall about Thanksgiving & Christmas services for 2021. Will discuss at our next meeting Oct 21st at 4 pm. Reviewed bulletin for changes to the order of worship - changes took place Sept. 5th.

Property Management Ministry Team - Bob Beltz: New faucets in the two upstairs bathrooms. New toilets (handicap 17" height) - not purchased yet. Martha Circle voted to pay the cost. Habitat for Humanity will take the old ones. New dehumidifier in basement. Tightened handrails that were loose. Sink drains - not draining good - may have to remove the walls and change the plumbing. Revised contract at Parsonage (rental), addendum to contract regarding the two dogs there. Rent has never been raised while they have been there. Rent is \$800/mo starting Oct. 1, 2021. It was \$500/month prior. Health Dept - Rick has a certificate for "Cooking for Crowds" to be able to serve food, and is acceptable instead of the other Food Manager licenses we had. Actual Kitchen License is renewed annually, and is current (\$316).

Deacon Ministry Team - Roger Sommers: Communion - resumed using real bread and grape juice. Grandparent's Sunday is 9/12; Joanne Henley, Kay Davis, Roger & Joy Sommers; special music - Donna Ruthruff. Regular meetings with Pastor on Sunday mornings prior to worship service. Looking for volunteers to serve on the Deacon committee.

Nominating Committee - Roger Sommers: Time to get nominees for the 2022 Proposed Slate of Officers. Need a couple of volunteers to serve on the committee with Roger. Proposed Slate will be presented at the next meeting.

Boy Scouts - Seth Bagley is the new Scout Master. Meetings resume Sept. 13th. Meetings will be on Monday nights, like before. Seth will let Dawn know if there are any additional meetings.

Educational Ministry Team - Joy Sommers: Sign-up sheet for volunteers to do Children's Time. Children's Sunday School-Per Quarter-Marcy will have items prepared in case others cover the class. May request a class helper if more than 5 Children in attendance. May need to start next grade level class. Junior Church, On-Hold. Activities-Fall Gathering/Christmas-to be determined. Maybe make bags for the Children like last year. Operation Christmas Child- As outreach-have Children write notes/pictures to be put in the boxes. Fellowship Sunday-Starting in September. Sign-up sheet available. Always the last Sunday of the month. Family Nights- To be determined.

New Business/Open Items: Budget Committee has met, and has a proposed budget for 2022. Budget for 2022 is lower than the budget for 2021. Motion by Joy Sommers, second by Joanne Henley to approve the proposed budget as presented. Motion passed.

Next Quarterly Council Meeting will be on Dec. 11th. Motion by Roger Sommers, second by Dawn Frey to close the meeting. Pastor Mary closed in prayer.

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9/26	9/27	9/28	9/29	9/30	1	2
		Bible Study 10 am				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Communion Sunday & World Com- munion Day	Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am		ABW Virtual Conference 7-9 pm	ABW Virtual Business Mtg 6-7 pm & Conference 7-9 pm	ABW Virtual Conference 10am-Noon
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pastor Appreciation Sunday	Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am Pastor Mary's Birthday!	Martha Circle Meeting & OCC Shoe Box Packing 6 pm			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am		Worship Ministry Team Meeting 4 pm		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am	Information for September Messenger due by noon			
31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6
Halloween Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale!	Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am				

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Clergy Appreciation Day