

Ceresco Baptist Church ~ The Ceresco Messenger

March 2023 - Lenten Season

Hearts...

“Faith without works, is dead.” James 2:17

During the month of February, the congregation of Ceresco Baptist shared some of their faithful good works. The front doors of the church quickly filled with red hearts. Listed here are the works listed on those hearts and is evidence that members of the congregation put their faith in practice with good works every day.

Took lunch to someone who was ill.

Turned a frown upside down.

A friend in Kalamazoo was out of power from the ice storm. I offered my shower and made dinner for her. By the time she got home, the power was on.

Helped an elderly friend connect her new printer.

Took 3 friends to lunch (2) and dinner (1).

Sent note to Viviana and call to Joanne.

Brought a friend to Bible Study.

Waited until all members were present to start a meeting.

Smiled at fellow shoppers.

Gave an unneeded coupon to a stranger with the item in her cart.

Supported a friend through a loss, encouraged her. Sent text messages and cards.

Sent cards to individuals on prayer list and those who specifically requested prayer.

Helped a lady by loading water into her cart today at the grocery store. She blessed me.

Called and texted an individual in a car accident.

Telephone call to SIL whose mom has Alzheimer.

Took care of elderly neighbor's trash.

Kept my cool when another driver pulled out in front of me. Thank you, Jesus!

Held the door for an older gentleman at the restaurant.

Try to show up each Sunday to church.

Got out of the truck at the bank drive through to help a lady open the deposit cylinder.

Picked up Valentine candy for the congregation.

Saw several pieces of mail on the road by my house. Tracked down the house and took it to them.

Loaned and hooked up a generator for a co-worker without power from the ice storm.

Gave four individuals one of the paper hearts and wrote “You are loved!” on the front and a scripture about God's love on the back. The individuals included the Post Office Clerk, the Township Clerk, a movie theater cashier and a restaurant server.



**Flower Sign-Up
March 2023**

3/5/23 - OPEN
3/12/23 - Sommers
3/19/23 - OPEN
3/26/23 - OPEN

**Children's Time Sign-Up
March 2023**

3/5/23 - Sommers
3/12/23 - Bonney
3/19/23 - Sommers
3/26/23 - Sommers

Fellowship Refreshments Mar. 26th - Sarah C & Dawn F

CONSIDER THIS

God is nearer to us than our own heart. His Holy Spirit dwells in the deepest part of our being. So why do we sometimes feel as though He's far away?

In the Bible, we find many promises, such as:

“Call upon Me and **come** and **pray** to Me, and I will listen to you” (Jeremiah 29:12)

“**Seek** the Lord your God, and you will find Him” (Deuteronomy 4:29)

“**Cry** for help, and [God] will say, ‘Here I am.’” (Isaiah 58:9)

The Lord said, again and again, He would be with us. So perhaps today you don't need to pray for His nearness, but for help in perceiving how close He already is. For the blessing of being fully present with Him, even if just for a few minutes, right where you are.

Start small. Can you seek God one time today?

(In Touch devotionals - February 2023)

Family Fare Grocery Receipts

- the program to get money for non-profits is ending soon. If you have Family Fare grocery receipts, please bring them to the church as soon as you can! The money they are donating is running out, so we will need to submit our receipts soon!

Thank you to everyone that has turned in grocery receipts for this fundraiser!

MACS is running low on the following items: Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Jelly and Jams, Dry Milk, Evaporated Milk, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Spaghetti Sauce, Jello and Pudding Mix. A box and envelope will be placed in the Church Foyer for those that would like to donate. If a money donation would like to be made in place of the food items: Check/cash to be made out to MACS with note for FOOD and your address so MACS can mail a receipt. Marcy Bonney will collect and deliver to MACS as necessary. Last date of collection will be April 30th. Thank you for any help!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February 26th was Gretchen King's 84th Birthday!

Looks like she had a Happy Birthday!

February 18th was Glen Cary's 90th Birthday! Laurann & Bill Frey pulled off a wonderful SURPRISE birthday party for him!



Viviana Anthony is attending the **Michigan Youth Challenge Academy** through June. She is allowed to have letters or cards sent to her (NO CARE Packages):

Michigan Youth Challenge Academy
Attn: Anthony, Viviana, 1st Platoon
5500 Armstrong Rd, Bldg 13
Battle Creek, MI 49037-7193

There are pre-addressed, stamped envelopes available at the church if you'd like to write her a letter. She would appreciate the encouragement! Thank you!



Save the Date! May 6, 2023 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Spring Craft Show

Ceresco Baptist Church, inside & out

Space Rental is \$25.00 per spot

If you know of a crafter that would be interested please let Sarah Collins or Dawn Frey know and they will get a sign-up form to them.

Martha Circle Resumes March 8th

Scripture: Romans 12:1-8



- Mar 11 Ruth St. John
- Mar 13 Lucas Finch
- Mar 15 Vi Halder
- Mar 15 Joanne Henley
- Mar 18 Pam Kirkland
- Mar 20 Deb Beltz
- Mar 22 Danny Sommers
- Mar 22 Stacy Sommers #2
- Mar 27 Sarah Collins
- Mar 29 Hainsley Casey
- Mar 29 Kenzie Babcock

- Apr 1 Emily Biljum
- Apr 6 Zane Ivey
- Apr 10 Jenny Markos
- Apr 13 Ruth Paschen
- Apr 14 Reed Goodman
- Apr 16 Darlene Anthony
- Apr 16 Charity Gary
- Apr 19 Don St. John
- Apr 24 Stacey Goodman
- Apr 30 Katherine (Anthony) Rogers

Our Family Night Potluck is always the third Wednesday of the month at 6 pm.

For March, please wear green, and bring a 'green' or Irish dish. Roger will be making the corned beef, cabbage, carrots & potatoes

Bring your own table service and a passing dish. Please feel free to invite family and friends even if they don't attend church.

This is a great time of fellowship and always lots of good food!



Mar 11 *Michael Meng & Angela Sommers*

Apr 4 *Rick & Dawn Frey*

Apr 5 *Roger & Joy Sommers*

Men's Breakfasts!

The first Saturday of every month at 8 am is "The Men's Breakfast" prepared by Rick Frey and Roger Sommers. Most always you'll find farm fresh eggs, biscuits and gravy, and whatever else they may throw in the skillet. The conversation is contributed by all the guys and just like the food ——— there is plenty!

See ya there the first Saturday of each month!

Grace UPON Grace

America for Christ Offering 2023

Kodiak Baptist Mission

Located in Kodiak, Alaska, Kodiak Baptist Mission believes that the beauty surrounding us is a gift from God, and the best way to use it is to share it with our community and beyond.

Drawing upon our history and our consistent faith in Jesus Christ, Kodiak Baptist Mission seeks to be an example for our community and the world in the way that we love our neighbors through a holistic approach to education, as well as the dedication of time and resources to strengthen families.

From 1893 to today, Kodiak Baptist Mission has pioneered approaches to holistic education and domestic, rural missions right here in Kodiak. Through devastating fires and tightening state mandates, we have stayed firm in our faith and love of God.

Today, we have the best summer camps and after school programs in Kodiak. Our programs enable children to make positive choices and decisions, keep them safe and respectable, establish a spiritual foundation in their lives, and assist families to live, work, and grow together in Christ.

Heritage Farms and Ranch



As Heritage Farms grows, so does its population of farm animals. Children can spend time around our chickens, goats, ducks, cow, horses, mule, and beloved Willow—our barn cat. Seeing the differences between these farm animals, the products they create, and how they interact with both other animals and humans is an experience kids adore because you simply can't get it in a classroom.

We are collecting the “America For Christ” Offering in March

March 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Saturday
26	27	28	1 Bible Study 10 am	2 Zoom Bible Study 6 pm	3 EMT Meeting 10:00 am	4 Church in use Private Party 10am-5pm
5 Communion Sunday 2nd Sunday of Lent	6 Boy Scouts	7 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30 pm	8 Bible Study 10 am Martha Circle 6 pm	9 Zoom Bible Study 6 pm	10	11 Church Break- fast 8:00 am Admin Council 9:00 am Move clocks ahead 1 hour
12 3rd Sunday of Lent Daylight Sav- ing Time	13 Boy Scouts	14	15 Bible Study 10 am Family Night Corned Beef Potluck 6 pm	16	17	18
19 4th Sunday of Lent	20 Boy Scouts	21 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30 pm	22 Bible Study 10 am	23 Articles for the April 2023 Messenger are due by noon!	24	25
26 Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale!	27 Boy Scouts	28	29 Bible Study 10 am	30	31	1 April 1st Tomorrow is Palm Sunday! Join us for BRUNCH after the worship service!

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John 1:16-17 [NRSVue]

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.