

Ceresco Baptist Church

The Ceresco Messenger - October 2023

Dear Pastor on this Special Day

by Paul Berchtold, August, 2010

Dear Pastor on this special day,
I pray your faith is firm, unbending.
Walk with God in every way,
Receive His blessings without ending.

Dear Pastor on this special day,
I pray your hope is always strong.
Cling to God come what may,
Receive His comfort all year long.

Dear Pastor on this special day,
I pray your love is ever growing.
Share your God, His Word relay,
So our souls for Him keep glowing.

Dear Pastor on this special day,
I thank you that you've done your part.
You help the Lord, you are His ray,
You bring His sunshine to my heart.

Dear Pastor on this special day,
God bless and ever keep you,
That every day you may be blessed,
And all your loved ones too.

Annual Fall Party October 28th, 5-7 pm

Join us for our Annual Fall Party

Hot dogs, chili, apple cider, coffee,
cookies, brownies & doughnuts.
Games! Pinata! This is always a fun
time!

We are asking for donations of cookies,
brownies, doughnuts, and candy (for
pinata). If donating items, please have
them to the church by Sunday, Oct.
22nd.

~ Educational Ministry Team



American Baptist Women's Fall Fling Held September 23, 2023

About 35 women from the West Area of Michigan attended the Fall Fling at Ceresco Baptist Church on Sept. 23rd. It was a very informative and praise-filled day! We also enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Michael McGee.



Martha Circle Minutes - September 13,2023 - Hostess Joanne Henley

Present: Dawn Frey, Sharon Hadley, Sarah Collins, Linda Chisholm, Joanne Henley, Joy Sommers, Darlene Anthony, Veronica Anthony, Pastor Mary.

Devotions: Given by Joanne: "Becoming a Women of Worth" The scripture being Romans 12:5. We all belong to the same body of Christ and we all have different responsibilities to take care of.

Collections: Love gift: \$14.41. Devotions: \$13.50

Secretary report: Given by Sharon: Highlights of last month's meeting were given including discussing plans for the spaghetti supper (Oct. 21) - Women's Sunday (Oct.8)- plans for the ABW Fall Fling (Sept.23)

Treasurer report: Given by Joy: Balance at end of August meeting \$2,412.55 which includes deposit of Treasure Sale of \$735.30. A tithe from the sale will be given to the Deacon's fund of \$73.50.

Missions report: Given by Sharon in Marcy's absence: Philippines: White Cross kits are being put together: Eastern Kenya and border of Western Uganda: Events to create awareness and peace among tribes. As a result 32 people became followers of Jesus: -

Puerto Rico: Programs being offered to be of service for God's missions. Sixty people committed their service to God: Rick and Anita Gutierrez: Continuing to equip people in South Africa to grow fruit trees, vegetables and raise poultry.

Sunshine: Given by Sarah: Ten cards were sent out and we all signed a card to be sent to Gretchen. A thank you card was received from the ladies of Newton Methodist for the sheets we collected for them.

Old Business:

(1) Women's Sunday, October 8: Sermon: Sharon/ call to worship: Dawn / responsive reading: Darlene / community sharing and prayer requests: Joy / children's time: Sarah / Prayer at end: Sharon

(2) Spaghetti supper: Will plan on serving about 100. Will include desserts this year. Discuss in more detail at next meeting October 11.

(3) T-Shirts: An order of 25 or more will be \$15 each. Our church will be pictured on back with "established in 1854". A sheet will be passed around to take orders and will be opened to everyone. Individuals to pay Martha Circle and one check to cover cost of t-shirts will be made out by MC to cover the cost.

(4) ABW Fall Fling: The luncheon will be catered in at \$12 a person which is covered by the registration fee. Forty luncheons have been ordered to cover late comers. We will cover cost of meals for speakers. The continental breakfast will be set up in small fellowship room. Joy will get tableware and breakfast supplies. Sarah will decorate in the fall fling. Set up will be Friday night before.

New Business:

(1) Project Christmas Shoe Boxes: We will begin filling the shoe box project at the October meeting. Joy has picked up 40 boxes for us free of charge. They must be turned in between Nov. 13 and the 20th. The profit from the spaghetti super will be used to purchase supplies to fill the boxes.

(2) Meeting time change: The MC meeting for Oct., Nov., an Dec., will begin at 5:30.

(3) Sarah mentioned Birds and Beaks wants to start a new fund raiser, painting wood signs it would be a 3 hour class. They would like 15-20 people with a minimum of 10 people. Cost would run between \$40 - \$50.

(4) Joy reported on MACS doing stuff the bus and the Christmas boxes. Joy picked up 40 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our startup balance is \$73.30.

(5) Sarah and Joy have volunteered to deliver anything left over from the next Treasure Sale. They are planning to take it to Charitable Union or That's Enough.

Meeting was dismissed with prayer by Dawn and then on to refreshments

Next Meeting: October 11 - Hostess Sharon

Report submitted by Sharon Hadley



Take Me Home Country Roads

by Jennie Markos

Nathan and I, 2 summers ago, had taken a small vacation to West Virginia, or, as family would say, "West by God Virginia". We traveled to a small town called Weston. Well, most towns in West Virginia are small, but don't let that fool ya - it can take quite some time to get to places in West VA, with those hair pin turns through mountains and valleys.

We went exploring someplace new each day the entire week we were there. One day we went into a nearby town called Buchanan. - You HAVE to say it correctly - Buck-Can-In - Just ask Nathan about Mama Rosas Pizza - Well, in Buchanan there is way up on this hill a little country church that at one point probably served as a schoolhouse and church. We had to park ½ way up the hill and walk the rest of the distance because there was where the road ended!

When we got to the little white church there was a small cemetery. The view overlooking the valley was breathtaking! Most views in West VA are! We looked at all the names on the stones in this tiny little cemetery and were just in awe at the beauty around it.



Now, fast forward to today. While attending my uncle's funeral, my cousin explained to me that here is a stone she is having made to be taken to this very cemetery I have spoken of in Buchanan West Virginia. On this stone she will have the names of her father, my father and their other 2 siblings that have passed on it. Also on this stone will be the words "We Made It Home" - how wonderful, yes, home to West Virginia, but, more importantly, to their heavenly home.

Yes, our goal is to be reunited in heaven, our heavenly home. While at my uncle's funeral, the pastor spoke of the dash between the 2 dates in our lives. I want to make the most of the dash. To let everyone, know of the love of Jesus so they can make it home too. Yes, West Virginia truly is "Almost Heaven", with all its beauty, but the true Heaven we seek is with Jesus Christ our LORD and Savior and to hear him say one day "Well done my good and faithful servant, WELCOME HOME".

Ceresco Baptist Church - Administrative Council Minutes of Quarterly Meeting - September 9, 2023

Devotion – Rick Frey – “Worrying About the What-If’s” We worry about too many things, yet the Bible says don’t worry about your life. Matthew 6:25-27,33 Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. Rick then gave prayer.

Treasurer’s Report - Mary Ivey

Reports discussed.

Financial Secretary – Dawn Frey

General Fund Offering 2022: March-Aug \$41,501.90

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Pastor’s Report – Pastor Mary

Virtual Bible Study

American Baptist Churches

ABC MI Annual Business Meeting @ 7 via Zoom

10/13-14 Annual Gathering @ Great Lakes Christian College.

Seniors Ministry – provide weekly service package to those that are shut-in.

Open Leadership positions – Deacons, Bible Study Teachers – Don is leaving end of November.

Worship Ministry Team – Mary Ivey:

Hymn selection for Sept/Oct is Veronica Anthony

Grandparent’s Sunday is tomorrow, Mary Ivey doing tribute, deacons provide flowers

October 8th is Women’s Sunday & Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Video recording most of the service and posting on Facebook & YouTube

Next meeting is October 11 at 5 pm.

Property Management Ministry Team

Landscaping Improvements – Mary Ivey had Bob Coward come look at the ‘jungle’ outside the church. He came back and cleaned up all the vegetation and poison ivy. Then Bob & Deb Beltz came and cleaned up everything else, and then did the stones that are now there.

More may be done in the future to make it look even nicer.

Poison ivy in overflow lot has been killed off.

Need to purchase a new CD duplicator, old one quit working a long time ago. This is used to make copies of the recordings of the worship service, which we need to start doing again. Found one for \$132 on Amazon [Joy] – Mary Ivey suggested that we use the Technical Equipment Fund and General Memorial Fund to pay for whatever we end up giving. Since less than \$1,000, is OK to purchase.

Sound System – needs some improvements. Joy has information from John Denner on the speakers and equipment that they use. We had ordered a new microphone for the pulpit from BC Sound, but it has not been received yet. Need to have them come out and give us an idea of what is needed.

Deacon Ministry Team – Roger Sommers

Looking for additional Deacon members – have asked a couple of people, but no response yet. Would like to have 4 Deacons.

Meet quarterly, in addition to Sundays before the service

October 1 - World Communion Day – special communion that day

Let the Deacons know if anyone needs emergency help or should have a visit from a Deacon.

Educational Ministry Team – Veronica Anthony

Fall Party, Oct. 28th, 5-7 pm – everybody invited

Christmas Party Dec. 2nd, 11am-1pm – geared towards the youth

Family Nights: Birds & Beaks this month, someone from SAFEPlace in Oct or Nov; November is usually the Thanksgiving meal

Fellowship Sunday Refreshments: EMT Sept. 24th, DMT Nov 26th

Annual Picnic/Church 170th Anniversary – Aug. 3, 2024. Pig roast, passing dishes, desserts. Sarah looking into getting a banner. Sarah looking into having t-shirts made for the volunteers.

Next meeting is Oct. 6th at 10 am.

MACS/CBC - Joy Sommers

May 13th Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive – over 3,000 lbs of food collected for MACS

July’s Hacks for MACS raised a net of \$6,759 for MACS

August Backpack/School Supplies Project – about 110 backpacks given out to kids

Stuff the Bus program will be in Oct or Nov

Will be doing Christmas Baskets again this year

Next meeting is October 5th at 7 pm

New Business/Open Items:

American Baptist Women’s West Area Fall Fling here at Ceresco Baptist on September 23.

20 signed up so far, 10 are from Ceresco Baptist.

Friends & Family CPR Training - Marshall Firefighters said it’s just \$10/person which includes a book. They do the training at their facility, or if need be they could do a training at the church – any interest? Need to figure out a date and get something scheduled.

Spaghetti Dinner at CBC on Oct 21, 5-7 pm – Martha Circle in charge.

ABC-MI Annual Business Meeting, Oct. 4th, 7 pm, church is allowed 2 delegates. Mary Ivey and Joy Sommers volunteered to be delegates to the meeting this year.

Annual Meeting:

Proposed Budget for 2024 provided for discussion. [no quorum, so can’t vote] Overall proposed budget for 2024 is less than the 2023 budget.

2024 Officers – Roger needs to contact current officers

Will have a special meeting to vote on the proposed budget and slate of officers.

Next quarterly meeting is Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 9 am.

Meeting closed in prayer at 10:35 am by Pastor Mary.



- 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 20 Casimir A Farmer
- Oct 24 Sophia Gary
- 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 10 Lourenco Johnston
- Nov 12 Tyler Thomas
- Nov 13 Brad Gary
- Nov 17 Lisa Cavinder
- Nov 17 Jody Babcock
- Nov 26 Roger Sommers
- Nov 28 Andrew Douglas

- 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

Children's Time Sign-Up

10/1 - Joy Sommers

10/8 - Sarah Collins

10/15 - Joy

10/22 - OPEN

10/29 - OPEN

Flower Sign-Up

10/1 - OPEN

10/8 - OPEN

10/15 - OPEN

10/22 - Sommers

10/29 - OPEN

**Marshall FFA Citrus
Fruit & Poinsettia
Sale is going on now!
Contact Joy Sommers
if you're interested
in ordering anything!**

Holiday Plants \$15— \$20
A Holiday staple to bring cheer to any room. Locally Grown.

- \$17 Red Poinsettia**
- \$17 Cream Poinsettia**
- \$20 Chameleon Poinsettia**
- \$20 Star Amaryllis Bulb**
- \$15 Red Christmas Cactus**

October 2023

Sunday		Mon.		Tue.		Wed.		Thu.		Fri.		Saturday	
1		2		3		4		5		6		7	
Communion Sunday						Bible Study 10 am		ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 6 pm				Men's Breakfast 8:00 am	
8		9		10		11		12		13		14	
Pastor Appreciation & Women's Day						WMT Meeting 5 pm, Martha Circle Meeting 5:30 pm		ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 6 pm					
15		16		17		18		19		20		21	
						Bible Study 10 am Family Night Potluck 6 pm		ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 6 pm				Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 5-7 pm	
22		23		24		25		26		27		28	
						Bible Study 10 am		ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 6 pm				Annual Fall Party 5-7 pm	
29		30		31		11/1		11/2		11/3		11/4	
Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale						Bible Study 10 am		Information for November Messenger due at Noon ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 6 pm				Men's Breakfast 8 am	

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Here's an invitation from **First Baptist Church of Marshall** to come hear from missionaries:

Pieter and Nora Kalkman from the **Czech Republic** mission work in Europe and Middle East will be at First Baptist Marshall on **Sunday, October 15 at 4:00 pm**. Figure about a 90 minute program with refreshments to follow. If you have anyone interested in coming let me know so we can plan accordingly. Should be an informative afternoon. Looking forward to seeing some of you then.

contact information:
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Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, October 21st from 5pm-7pm

Ceresco Baptist Church

230 C Drive North, Ceresco

Price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 5-10,

kids ages 4 years & under eat free.

Meal includes spaghetti, breadstick, salad, beverage, and cake!

Proceeds help with expenses for

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project.