

A Father's Love

A father holds your hand for a while,
Watching your sweet and innocent smile.
Through every laugh and every tear,
He stands beside you year by year.

Though hands may part as you grow free,
His love remains eternally.
You may not see him now, nor I,
Yet feel his presence passing by—
In a gentle breeze or robin's song,
A quiet reminder he's not really gone.

He took the Lord's hand, this is true,
And knows someday we will too.
But now's not time—we're called to stay,
For there is still much more work to today.

We plow the fields, we plant and grow,
Sowing seeds of faith we know.
So when you wander, look above,
Remember him—and share that love.

Plant those seeds in all you do,
Let kindness be the path you choose.
And one sweet day, beyond the blue,
You'll stand with Him, smiling too.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

submitted by Jennie Markos

The first Father's Day was celebrated on **June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington.**

Initiated by Sonora Smart Dodd to honor her father—a Civil War veteran who raised six children alone—it gained traction over several decades, becoming an official permanent US national holiday in 1972 when signed by President Richard Nixon

"Father" is mentioned 70 times in Matthew, 17 times in Mark, 41 in Luke and over 100 times in John!

Mostly mentioned "father's" names in the Bible: Abraham, Joseph, David, Adam, Noah, Jacob, Moses, Job, Mordecai and Manoah are the top 10.

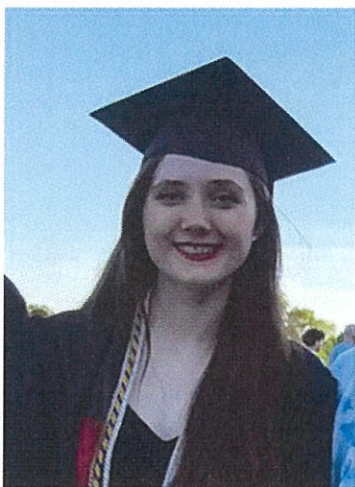
Father is mentioned 1,500 – 1,700 times in the Bible depending on the translation.



Graduates



Class of 2026



Allison Marie Biljum

Marshall High School

Parents: Jayme & Diane Biljum ;Sister Emily; Brother Jack

Grandparents: Roger & Joy Sommers, Mary Murphy

Great Grandmother: Jean King

Future Plans: Air National Guard, Kellogg Community College for Cybersecurity



Katarina Maria Amalia Biber

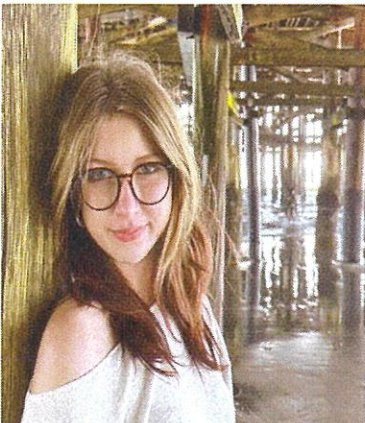
Germany Exchange Student

Marshall High School Graduate

Parents: Markus and Miriam Biber

Host Family: Joshua and Candace Ivey

Plans: 2 more years of high school in Germany then study Law in college.

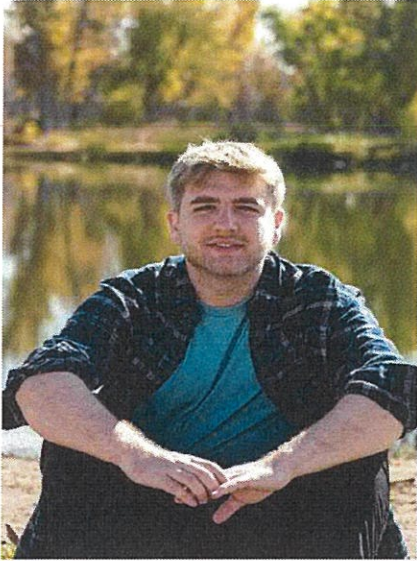


Whitney Rose Ivey

Marshall High School Graduate

Parents: Joshua and Candace Ivey; Brother: Zane Ivey

Plans: To study Radiography at KCC with intention of transferring to WMU for Bachelor's degree and possibly become a PA in Radiography.



Jakob Willey

Goal High School

Parents: Jill and Justin Willey

Grandparents: Don and Ruth St. John



Jordyn St. John

Marshall High School

Parents: Mark and Kristen St. John

Grandparents: Don and Ruth St. John and Bruce and Rita Cline



Madelyn St. John

Hope College

Parents: Mark and Kristen St. John

Grandparents: Don and Ruth St. John and Bruce and Rita Cline

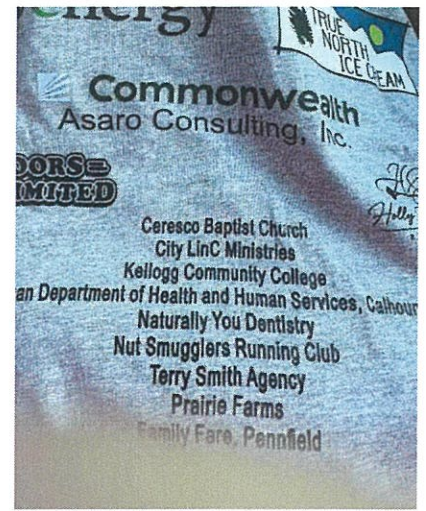


Isaiah 117 House

Red Door Dash

Ceresco Baptist Church was able to be a sponsor of the 5k Red Door Dash! The Martha Circle was a sponsor this year meaning Ceresco Baptist Church was listed on the shirt for every runner and volunteer at the 5k, listed on every social media post and recognized the day of the event. Thank you for your continued donations each month at the bake sale that helped to

make this possible! Pictured are Kathy Wright (our sponsored runner), Jennie Markos and Richard Reeves.*****



Going to Make this Garden GROW! 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

Paul uses the metaphor of planting and watering to describe the roles in spreading the Gospel. This verse teaches us that while we may plant and water seeds of faith, it is ultimately God who causes growth, reminding us of our dependence on Him.

Isaiah 61:11

"For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations."

This verse compares the growth of a garden to the spread of righteousness and praise. It illustrates how God nurtures spiritual growth in His people, causing His righteousness to flourish like a well-tended garden.

Relay For Life of Calhoun County

June 19th-20th, 2026
 Calhoun County Fairgrounds
 3 PM - 3 PM
 Register and join the fun!
RelayForLife.org/CalhounCountyMI

Join us! Public welcome. Register, participate, or support

REGISTER
DONATE
REGISTER

American Cancer Society **RELAY FOR LIFE**

Martha Circle Meeting Minutes

Martha Circle Report-May 13, 2026: Hostess: Becky Wilkens

Present:(12) Dawn Frey, Sharon Hadley, Jennie Markos, Vi Halder, Shannon Hamilton, Pastor Mary, Marcy Bonney, Kathy Wright, Ruth St.John, Joy Sommers, Veronica Anthony, Becky Wilkens.

Devotions:(Becky) Based on the book "Gracefully Woven". Conversing face to face with Jesus, He tells us "you are loved, chosen, saved by grace. I am yours".

Collections: Love: \$33.00. Devotions: \$21.00.

Secretary: (Sharon) Reported on highlights of the April meeting.

Missions: (Marcy) Wayne and Katherine Niles: Continuing improvements at Baptist hospital in Bandiendville with more operating tables, air conditioning, and equipment to care for GYN/OB and ophthalmology. Through a generous gift, installation and solar was supplied. Jon and Amanda Good: Their faith and witnessing are helping to strengthen the church in Italy. Recent fundraising event for vulnerable children was held in the country of Togo.

Treasury: (Joy) Available funds at end of meeting: \$3,743.90. April Bake Sale: \$70.00

Old Business: Reports on the craft show were very positive and the fellowship was awesome. The "hot dog" tent was very much a success and a gathering spot for the men. After covering the cost of the hotdogs, buns, and drinks, the profit was \$4.16.

New Business: Discussed Isaiah House and the "Red Door Dash" which is a 5K run/walk that will be held on May 30th at 9:00a.m. Any group can enter a sponsor for \$250 and the name of the group will be added on the back of a t-shirt, which will be given to each runner. Motion made by Sharon to have a sponsor from the Martha Circle to enter and seconded by Becky . Our sponsor girl will be Kathy Wright and the name "Ceresco Baptist Church" will be added on to all t-shirts. The \$250 entrance fee will be from the Bake Sale funds which are used for Isaiah House missions. Discussed sponsoring Fellowship Sunday. We will divide into two groups for the months of June and July. June: Becky, Ruth, Dawn, Sarah, and Kathy. July: Jennie, Shannon, Sharon, and Marcy.

Dismissed in prayer by Dawn. Next meeting is our family picnic, June 10. Bring a dish to pass, it will be potluck.

Annual Craft and Vendor Show

May 2 our annual Craft and Vendor Show was held from 9am-3pm. This was not only a craft show but a community event! What a wonderful time of fellowship and an excellent hot dog luncheon!

We had over 20 vendors this year and everything from freeze dried candy to the best-selling author of Ceresco! Some of the patrons were former members of the church and grew up in the community. Sometimes it is a simple event like this to bring his flock together.

Annual Ladies luncheon

The annual Ladies Luncheon was also held in May on the 16th. The men of the church served over 30 ladies of all ages as we played some fun games (thank you Shannon!) and enjoyed laughter and fellowship. Rick's famous chicken salad was once again a hit, and we could not do it without the support of our church family. Our theme this year was Spring and Gardening.

****June and July Birthdays and Anniversaries****

What is your favorite Birthday treat? Cake, cupcake, pie or other???

June Birthdays

June 1	Ronald Stewart
June 2	Santiago Johnston
June 3	Reginald Matthews Jr
June 4	Linda Chisholm
June 7	Garrett Gary
June 9	Ed Kirkland
June 9	Chrstoph Johnston
June 12	Joshua Ivey
June 15	Krista Lopshire
June 17	Kyle Gary
June 17	Sally Beltz
June 17	Barbara Gary
June 18	Sally Slayton
June 21	Angela Sommers
June 22	Ken Yoder
June 22	Gannon Gary
June 25	Dan Johnston
June 26	James Anthony
June 27	Brittani Ivey
June 28	Hailey Sommers
June 29	Brianna Markos

June Anniversaries

June 22	Ed and Pam Kirkland
June 26	Justin and Heather Casey

July Birthdays

July 2	Payton Angelina
July 2	Jennifer Douglas
July 3	Becky Wilkens
July 5	Kevin Sommers
July 5	Stephanie Wasielewski
July 10	Joyce Cary
July 10	Ben Markos
July 10	Maeley Rumduol Sophekatra
July 13	Anniston #12
July 15	Andrew Sommers
July 21	Ryder Goodman
July 21	Bradley Thomas
July 22	Elijah Ivey
July 22	Weston Wasielewski
July 25	Madeleine Johnston
July 26	Rick Frey
July 30	Gracie Douglas

July Anniversaries

July 19	Glen and Joyce Cary
July 20	Terry and Trish Ivey
July 23	Ted and Lora Finch
July 28	Joshua and Candi Ivey

June 2026

Is there a Sunday that you would like to provide flowers for the service? If so, just email: cerescobaptist@gmail.com or sign up in the foyer at Church. See you Sunday!

July 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 Relay Meeting 6:30pm	3 Bible Study 10am	4 Zoom Bible Study 6pm	5	6 Men's Breakfast 8am Bud Halder Memorial 4pm
7	8	9	10 Bible Study 10am WMT 5:30pm MC Picnic 6pm	11 Zoom Bible Study 6pm	12	13 Administrative Council 9am
14 Flag Day Graduation Sunday	15	16	17 Bible Study 10am Family Night 6pm	18 Zoom Bible Study 6pm	19 Juneenth	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24 Bible Study 10am	25 Zoom Bible Study 6pm	26	27
28 Fellowship Sunday And Bake Sale	29	30	1	2	3	4 Independence Day