

October 2026 Messenger

A Blessing

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

Pastor, we just want to say,
Your faith is an inspiration to us all,
Your kindness and thoughtfulness,
Helps us not to fall.

Your caring heart and gentle ways,
Are a gift from God above,
And we are grateful to have you,
As our shepherd with your love.

We thank you for your tireless work,
For preaching the word of God above,
And for being a shining example,
Of devotion and of love.

You are a blessing to us all,
And we are grateful for your faith,
Your leadership, and guidance,
May God bless you and keep you safe.

God's Love Seen In You

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God's love is seen in all you do,
In every word and action, too.
Thank you, Pastor, for your care so true,
Your support and love, we value through and through.

In this dark world, you are a shining light,
In times of joy and in the darkest night.
We appreciate you Pastor, dear,
You represent God's love so clear.



Pastor Appreciation Bible Verses

1. "The shepherd looks after the sheep, and so do you with your heart full of love. 'The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing' (Psalm 23:1). Thank you for guiding us."
2. "You are a true servant of God. 'Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.' (Matthew 20:26). Your humility inspires us all."
3. "Your love for the Lord shines brightly. 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.' (Matthew 9:37). You are a faithful laborer in His field."
4. "You lift us up with strength, and with love, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' (Philippians 4:13). Thank you for your faithful service."
5. "Your words reflect God's love, and your life shows His light. 'You are the light of the world.' (Matthew 5:14). We are so thankful for your example."
6. "You are a true shepherd of souls. 'The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.' (Psalm 34:18). Thank you for your compassion."
7. "Your hands are a blessing, your words a healing balm. 'The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him.' (Proverbs 20:7)."
8. "We are grateful for you and your family. 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.' (Joshua 24:15). Your love is a guiding light."
9. "Your guidance steers us toward His purpose. 'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.' (Isaiah 40:31). Thank you for your faith."
10. "Your service to the Lord touches lives daily. 'Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.' (Galatians 6:6)."
11. "In your ministry, you reflect His grace. 'He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much.' (Luke 16:10). We thank you for your steadfast faith."





Avery Goodman was voted Middle School Student Council President. Avery has now held an office for 3 years.

Ryder Goodman was voted Middle School Student Council Treasurer. Ryder is the 2nd 6th grader to hold an office in the past 5 years with his sister Avery being the 1st.

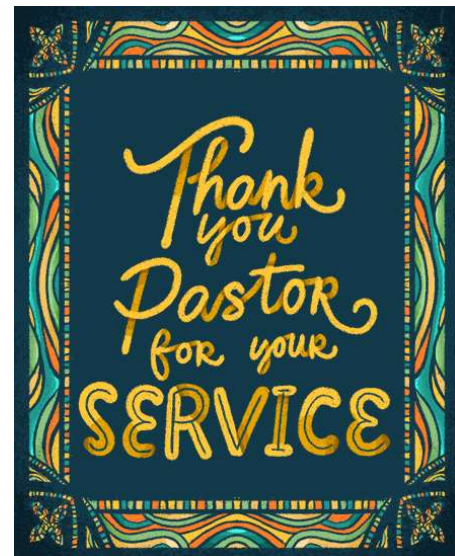
Congratulations to Avery & Ryder!

Avery Goodman's 8th Grade A Volleyball team is undefeated 4-0!

Hainsley Casey's 7th grade A Volleyball team is undefeated 6-0!

Jensen Casey's 3rd/4th grade Football Team is undefeated 2-0!

Congratulations & keep being awesome!



We're having our Annual Fall Party on Saturday, Oct. 24th, from 5-7 pm. This is always a fun time, so be sure to join us for food, fun & games!

Ceresco Baptist Church - Administrative Council
MINUTES – September 12, 2026, Quarterly Meeting

Attendance – Dave & Sharon Hadley, Bob & Deb Beltz, Jennie Markos, Mary Ivey, Rick & Dawn Frey

Devotion – Rick Frey “The Listening Trap”. James 1:19 “My dear brothers and sisters take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.”

Treasurer's Report - Mary Ivey: Financial Reports provided. Motion by Dawn Frey to move the Ferris and Walbeck memorial to the General Memorial, second by Mary Ivey approved.

Financial Secretary's Report – Dawn Frey General Fund June 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026 \$18,794.16.

Educational Ministry Team – Sharon Hadley – need to have a meeting to discuss the Fall Party.

Worship Ministry Team – Mary Ivey. Hymn selection for Sept/Oct is Joanne Henley. Sept. 13th – Grandparent's Sunday, Sept. 20th – The Lord's Highwayman – special music service, Oct. 11th – Women's Sunday/Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Mary

1. 2025/2026 Virtual Bible Study
 - a. Everlasting Wisdom for Everyday Life
 - b. The Chosen video series
2. ABC Events
 - a. Annual Gathering Oct 2-3 at Galilee Baptist Church in Kalamazoo
 - b. ABC-Michigan nominating team recommendations for 2027-2028 term
3. Concern – locking of doors during church services
4. Local Missions – Jennie Markos

Property Management Ministry Team - Bob Beltz: New outside water line with spicket and sampling tap installed. Reginald Matthews cleaned off the back patio. Removed brush from property. Quote to remove tree from the west side of the parking lot. Sheppards tree removal \$4,000.00. Motion by Mary Ivey to have the tree, stump and all debris removed second Bob Beltz, approved.

Deacon Ministry Team – Dave Hadley, approved a donation to help with the Women's Prayer Retreat. We have Gift cards for families in need.

MACS Gearing up for Annual Christmas Basket giveaway. More information will be in upcoming bulletins.

Old Business:

Church Property by the River: Motion by Dawn Frey if the church property down by the river is ever to be sold and Justin & Heather Casey still own the adjacent property they will get first chance of purchasing the property second by Jennie Markos, approved. Mary Ivey reported our four extra parcels are now tax exempt from the street light fee.

New Business: Motion by Mary Ivey to close the Quarterly Business Meeting second Dave Hadley, approved.

ANNUAL MEETING

Motion by Dawn Frey to accept the 2027 Proposed Budget as printed second Mary Ivey, approved. Motion by Dawn Frey to accept the 2027 Proposed Slate of Officers as printed second Mary Ivey, approved. Motion by Dawn Frey to change Constitution as follows Article VI Church Officers Sec 2 2.1 The Moderator shall be elected annually. 2.2 The Assistant Moderator shall be elected annually second Mary Ivey, approved. Motion by Dawn Frey to change the Constitution as follows Article X Meetings. Section 1 Annual Meeting. An annual meeting shall be held in December of each year. Second Jennie Markos, approved.

Next Admin. Council Quarterly Meeting will be Saturday, December 12th at 9 am.
10:27am Mary Ivey closed the meeting in prayer.

Martha Circle Minutes, September 9, 2026. Hostess: Joy Sommers

Present: Dawn Frey, Sharon Hadley, Jennie Markos, Vi Halder, Ruth St. John, Joy Sommers, Veronica Anthony, Becky Wilkens.

Devotions: "A Prayer to Recharge" - We need to remember that we need to recharge our spiritual lives by spending quiet time alone with God and take time to laugh. A cheerful heart is good news. And it is okay to take naps to refresh ourselves.

Collections: Love gift: \$15.00. Devotions: \$13.00

Secretary: Short review of last month's meeting.

Treasurer: Beginning balance: \$3,661.09; Bin Buddies:(Isaiah House) \$711.81; Treasure Sale Income: \$413.30; Women's Prayer Retreat Income: \$150.00

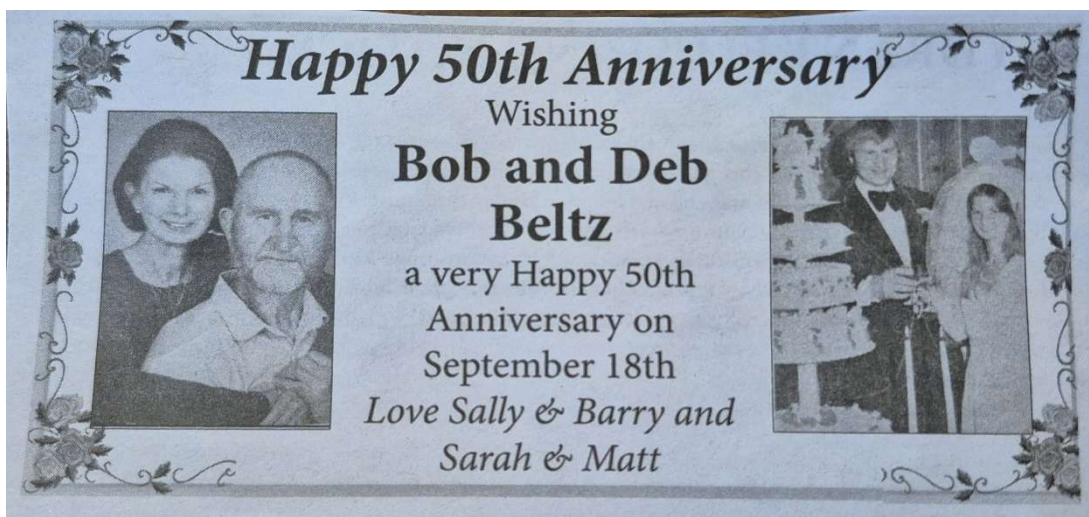
Old Business: Treasure Sale brought in \$413.30. Motion made by Sharon to give 10% to Deacon's fund. Seconded by Vi. A thank you note from the Rescue Ark for animals was received and read by Dawn thanking us for our donation of leftover items from the Treasure Sale. Plans for the October 17 Women's Prayer Retreat were discussed. Invitations have been sent to area churches. Have a few speakers lined up but would like to have a few more.

Motion made by Joy to send \$25 to World Missions. Seconded by Veronica. Motion carried.

New Business: October 11 is **Pastor Appreciation Sunday** and **Women's Sunday**. Areas of service have been filled.

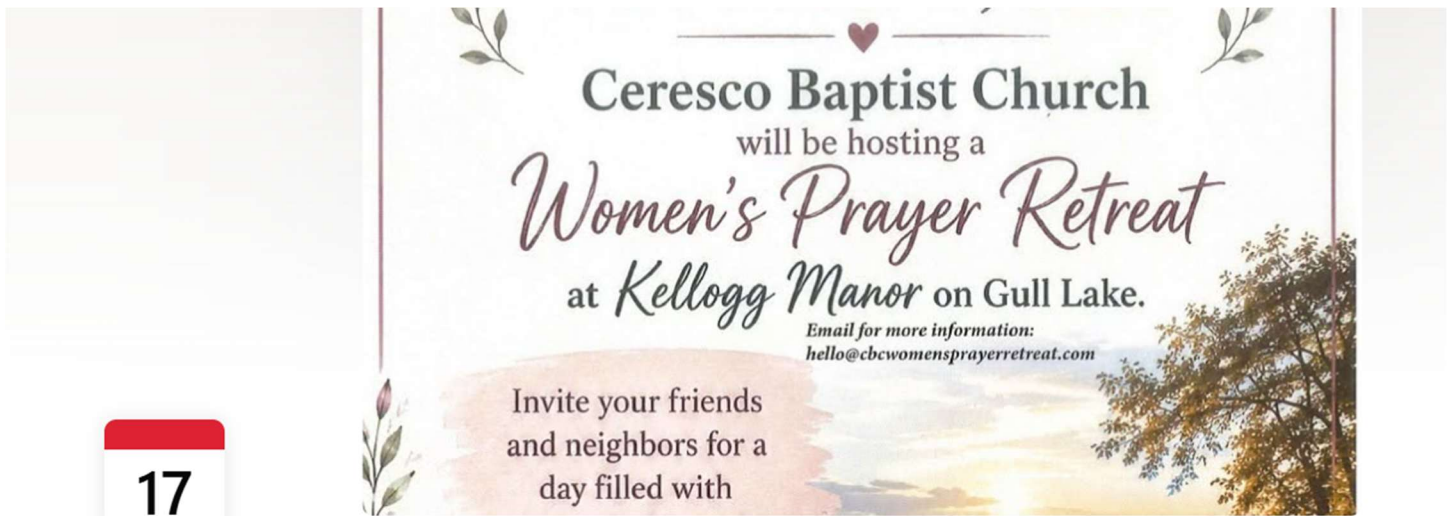
Discussed OCC (Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes)-We will fill (20) boxes. Ten boys and ten girls. Would like a list to be started of items gathered so as not to have too much of one thing. Stuffed animals left over from last year will be donated to Red Cross (Ruth). We have \$477.76 left over from last year's spaghetti dinner to purchase items. There will be no spaghetti dinner this year due to the cost of a license.

Meetings for November, December, and March will start at 5:30 pm. Meeting dismissed in prayer by Dawn. October hostess: Marcy



October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
			10 am Bible Study 6 pm The Chosen S3, E8	6 pm Zoom Bible Study, Proverbs	MDC Annual Gathering, Galilee Baptist Church, Kalamazoo	8 am Men's Breakfast, 9 am CBC MOVERS
4	5	6	7	8		10
Communion Sunday, Deacon Fund Offering			10 am Bible Study, 11:30 am The Chosen S4, E1			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pastor Appreciation Sunday, Women's Sunday	Pastor Mary's Birthday & Columbus Day	Church in use, private, 4-7 pm	10 am Bible Study, 11:30 am The Chosen S4, E2, Martha Circle 6 pm			Women's Prayer Retreat at Kellogg Manor, Hickory Corners 7:30am-5pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Relay for Life Planning Meeting 6:30 pm	10 am Bible Study, 11:30 am The Chosen S4, E3, Family Night Potluck 6 pm	MDC Assembly Meeting via Zoom, 7 pm		MACS Stuff the Bus, Marshall Family Fare 9am-3pm, Annual Fall Party 5-7 pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale			10 am Bible Study, 11:30 am The Chosen S4, E4			Halloween



Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 7:30 AM – 5 PM

Women's Prayer Retreat

W.K. Kellogg Manor House



Some pictures from the Annual Gathering!



Flower Schedule

Oct. 4 - OPEN

Oct. 11 - OPEN

Oct. 18 - OPEN

Oct. 25 - Sommers

Children's Time – October

Oct. 4th – Joy Sommers

Oct. 11th – OPEN

Oct. 18th – Joy Sommers

Oct. 25th – OPEN

Fellowship Refreshments

October – OPEN

November – Deacons

December – OPEN

Jan. 2027 – OPEN



During the month of October Martha Circle is collecting items or donations toward the Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child** Shoebox Project. We plan to do 20 boxes total. Ten for girls and ten for boys. Age groups are 2-4 yrs, 5-9 years, and 10-14 years. We will have a bulletin insert on Oct. 11th & 18th with lists of items we would like to collect, and there will be a sign-up sheet by the bulletins to let us know what you can donate. Thank you!

MACS – Marshall Area Community Services

🎄🎁👶**Applying for Christmas Assistance Now Open**🎁🎄👶

Are you or someone you know in need of help this Christmas? We're here to lend a hand! MACS is now accepting applications for Christmas assistance. Whether you need toys, food, or other essentials, we're here to make your holiday a little brighter. To apply, simply pick up an application, fill it out completely, and return it to us by November 2nd.

Please note that applicants must either live in the Marshall School District or have children attending Marshall/Albion schools, including Mar Lee School and Marshall Academy. Spread the word and let others know that help is available. Together, we can make this a special Christmas for everyone in our community.

Please email cerescobaptist@gmail.com if you need to have an application emailed to you!

Applications to receive MACS Christmas food and gift baskets are now available in the lobby at:



Fountain Clinic
111 N. Jefferson St.
Marshall, MI 49068
Monday - Friday
8am - 4pm



Applications due by November 2nd



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. 11th – Dave & Sharon Hadley

Nov. 12th – Rick & Marcy Bonney



Heavenly Father,

Amidst the rustling leaves
so calm, grant us peace like
a soothing balm,

In autumn's hush, our souls
find rest, a tranquil haven,
truly blessed.

We seek Your solace in this
season, in Your presence,
we find our reason,

As days grow shorter,
nights draw near, Your
comfort, Lord, we hold so
dear.

May Your serenity fill our
days, in Your loving arms,
we'll always stay.

Amen.

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Marshall Lions Club

Stuff the BUS for MACS

Help families in need. Make a donation!

- Non-perishable food items
- Paper products
- Personal care items

Questions? Call (269) 781-2954



October 24th Family Fare in Marshall 9am - 3pm