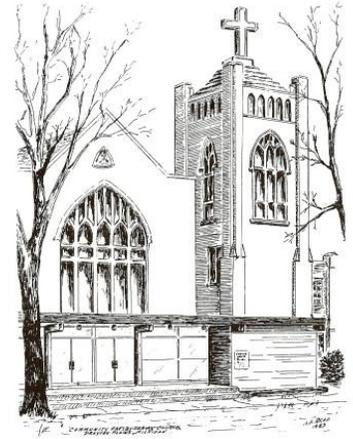


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By Pastor Tom Hartley

Author Chuck Swindoll, in Living Above the Level of Mediocrity speaks about how a clearly grounded faith in God's promises can inspire us to live our lives on a level of joyful generosity in everything we do. First, we need to remember God's priceless gifts to you, in Psalm 103:1-5 Bless the Lord with all my self, and everything that is within my being! I will bless the Lord and not forget all his benefits: who pardons all your sins; who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit; who crowns you with loving kindness and mercy; who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

In practical terms, do you have eyesight? It's a gift. Do you have a good mind? It's a gift? How about dexterity in your fingers? Or unique skills that enable you to handle your occupation? Do you have leadership abilities that inspire others to follow? A good education? Do you enjoy a family? How about your meals, lodging, and recreation? Reflect on all your gifts, it will deepen your joy and thankfulness each day. Remember God's promises about abundant life: those who sow bountifully will reap bountifully in life! I've never known anyone who was generous in spirit or in giving his time, labor, imagination, and love – who was not rewarded one hundred-fold! Personally, the more you multiply your gifts – the more you will be able to bless others in your life!

Second, examine your heart and your own motive when you are challenged to respond to any need or situation in life. Do I genuinely believe there is a need? Am I responding out of pressure or because I genuinely care? Is my response or gift a fitting amount to my position in life or a last minute gesture, or let's-get-it-over-with one time act? Have I taken time to pray and weigh the request or challenge? Is Joy prompting my response? Am I pleased with how God is using my time, talents, gifts? Does a spirit of liberality characterize my life? Have you ever taken a risk, or taken a step out in faith, even if the outcome was uncertain at the time? What happened under those circumstances?

Here's my favorite diagram on the greatest single verse in the entire Gospel of Jesus Christ: John 3: 16

God	the greatest Giver
So Loved	the greatest Motive
The World	the greatest Need
That he Gave	the greatest Act(ion)
His only Son	the greatest Gift
That whosoever	the greatest Invitation
Believes in Him	the greatest Opportunity
Should not perish	the greatest Deliverance
But have Eternal Life	the greatest Joy / Outcome!

When our greatest gift(s) meet the greatest need(s), and our greatest act(s) offer the greatest opportunities and invitation to others to share in our joy, then the greatest outcome is possible for the

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greatest number of people in our lives!

During the season of summer, which in our Christian calendar is the season of fruitful abundance – the season of Pentecost, when God's gifts are shared with God's creation – it is a fitting season to prayerfully consider in what personal ways we are fulfilling the lives of others with our gifts out of the fullness of God's love in our lives. *Pastor Tom*

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Music and Worship

July Worship Calendar

Sunday, July 3

Luke 10:1-11; Psalm 30; Gal 6:1-10

Theme: Jesus sent out seventy as witnesses

Sunday, July 10

Luke 10:25-37; Psalm 82 Parable of the Good Samaritan

Theme: Be a first responder: rescue the weak & needy!

Sunday, July 17

Our Summer Communion Service

Luke 10:38-42; Psalm 52; Amos 8:1-12

Theme: A famine but not for bread!

"Blessed are you when you hunger and thirst for righteousness"

Sunday, July 24

The New Wilmington Mission Conference Week begins!

Guest speaker, Joslyn Avenue Pastor Tom Kay

Pastor Hartley is attending the missionary conference with our youth!

Sunday, July 31, 2016

Luke 12:13-21; Psalm 107:1-9; Hosea 11:1-11

Theme: Life is not measured by our possessions!

The parable of the rich man's plans Luke 12:16

Sanctuary Flowers

There are still open dates in July for members to sign up to bring flowers for the worship service:

- July 3 –
- July 10 –
- July 17 – Communion
- July 24 –
- July 31 –

Please sign up in the Narthex to provide flowers for the Worship Service on future available dates. You may order flowers from a florist and have them delivered to the church on Friday from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. or you may bring them in on the Sunday you signed up for before the worship service starts.

Finance

May Financials

INCOME	
Forecast	\$17,417.68
Actual Income	<u>\$17,234.12</u>
	-\$183.56
EXPENSES	
Forecast	\$17,417.74
Actual Expenses	<u>\$15,091.47</u>
	\$2,326.27
May Net to Forecast	(shortfall) -\$2,142.71
YTD Net to Forecast	(shortfall) -\$2,431.78

Save the Date!

We are planning our Second Annual Outdoor Celebration Garden Service, in conjunction with Christian Education's Rally Day, on Sunday, September 11. We will be releasing Monarch butterflies. To be part of this celebration you may purchase a butterfly, in honor or in memory of loved ones and special events. Keep your eyes open for order forms in upcoming bulletins.

The order must be placed by July 24th and the cost is \$10 per butterfly.



Butterfly order

In honor of In memory of (check one)
(Name or event)



\$10 per butterfly.

Please place order and payment in collection plate
For release Celebration Sunday, September 11, 2016

Mission

School Supply/Health & Hygiene Donations

Starting July 31st through August 31st, the Mission Committee will be collecting school supply donations for all school ages. This has benefitted many children in the past to begin the new school year with new basic supplies. All supplies are welcome and if you need someone to do your shopping for you, just let us know. Just a reminder, SCRIP cards are an excellent way to purchase your supplies.

This year we have branched out to also include health and hygiene supply donations. Children can benefit from such items as: toothpaste (any size, large or small), toothbrushes, tissues, etc. There will be separate bins in the Narthex marked for each donation. Any toiletries that are not used will be donated to the Thanksgiving needy baskets. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Nancy Fitzpatrick.

The Mission Committee wishes to thank everyone for your support.

Church Rummage Sale

If you could wave a magic wand and turn your unwanted household items into a monetary donation for our church youth to attend the New Wilmington Mission Conference, would you? Well, we are offering the next best thing! For just slightly more effort than wand-waving, you can have a cleaner house, basement, or garage while also helping out our youth.

Here's how:

1. Set aside your unwanted items
2. Decide whether you would rather donate them or sell them yourself
3. See Julie Stinson or Andrea Williams to rent a table for \$10 to do your own selling, or arrange to make a donation (we can even pick things up!)

Our church rummage sale will take place on Saturday, July 16, from 9 am to 1 pm

Please consider donating or renting a table, this will help out our youth tremendously! Contact Andrea (248-930-0793) or Julie (248-933-0540) with questions or to participate.

Deacons

Joys and Concerns

Prayers...

Our active duty military, Dan & Debbie Pochiecha, Jenna Ostrom, Boyd Ferguson, Ellen Jones, Jean Ketter, Vivian Bowden, Robert Bloom, Jeff Hazlett, Catherine Mount, Arnold Simmons, Gary & Marilyn Pike, Hazel Vancil, Ron (Chris Bishop's brother)

Thank you...

To My Community Presbyterian Family,

During my period of grief and pain I found respite in being able to turn to my lord and the many living members of my church for comfort and peace! For this and more I will always be grateful.

*God bless you all,
Rose Karageusian*

Dear family,
Thank you for your heartfelt prayers, lovely cards and phone calls in the passing of our sister, Carol. It means so much to be loved!!

*Love to each of you,
Don and Connie Landis*

Dear Friends of Community Presbyterian Church,

Bruce and I want to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and flowers as we prepare our move to East Harbor Presbyterian Village in Chesterfield Twp. We have had so many opportunities to serve you, worship and fellowship with you, and grow in our faith here in this community. That makes it very hard to leave, but the time is right and necessary.

*May God bless each of you in the days ahead.
Bruce and Marilyn Smith*

Directory Updates

Art & Winnie Parker – new phone 248-765-3527 – please continue to send mail to 69621 Wildflower Lane, Bruce Twp, 48065

Membership



July Birthdays

Clyde Fitzpatrick	July 4
Jeff Sweetman	July 5
Robert Bloom	July 8
Andrew Wingate	July 8
Diane Crow	July 11
Aaron Hathcock	July 12
Terry Wallace	July 12
Boyd Ferguson	July 13
Betty Miller	July 13
Joann Johnson	July 15
Jonah Newsom	July 16
Bill Willson	July 17
Ellie Erkfritz-Gay	July 19
Zachary Hays	July 20
Megan Wingate	July 20
Jackson Prescott	July 21
Kelsey Hartley	July 22
Tim Emerick	July 24
Erin Coury	July 25
Barb Pierson	July 26
Nola O'Dea	July 28
Mike Erkfritz	July 29

Please notify the office of any mistakes or omissions in the birthday list.



Christian Education

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 18-21, 2016

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration forms can be found in the classrooms and on the CE bulletin board. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help out during the week and for donations of the following items:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WISH LIST

<i>Item</i>	<i>Size/Color/Description</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Paper plates	Standard white – (not Chinet)	30
Brass paper fasteners		50
Stickers and/or stamps	Encouragement	Lots
Blank card & envelope sets		50 cards 50 envelopes
Disposable pie tins	9 to 12 inches	6
Towels & washcloths	Old, raggedy ones – will not be returned	20
Sponges	Approx. 3”x5”x½” thick	12

If you can help during the week, even for one evening, please let us know. Donations can be left in the boxes at the church entrances. As always, thank you in advance for your generosity.

Questions? Please see Hannah Stinson, Jessica Warholak, or Jan Smith for answers.

Zoe Robinson Scholarship

Calling CPC women of all ages who are pursuing education beyond high school. The \$1,000 Zoe Robinson Scholarship is available for you! Applications are available in the church office. Please see our secretary Susan or Nancy Hunt, Applications need to be returned to the office by August 15.

Fellowship

Community Activities

Friday, July 1st

NO Concert at Auburn Hills Riverside Park.

7 p.m. Concert at Clarkston Depot Park:

Kris Hitchcock (Country)

Saturday, July 2nd

Fireworks for July 4th. Call Jenny for time & meeting place

Monday, July 4th

Meet at Jenny’s at 2 p.m. for a picnic. Bring dish to pass & favorite drink.

Tuesday, July 5th

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m. Cost is \$3.00.

Wednesday, July 6th

6:30 p.m. \$6 Detroit Zoo Concert:

The Sun Messengers (Jazz)

We are going to the Zoo.

We will meet at the parking lot at Salvation Army on

Sashabaw & Waldon Rd. at 2 p.m. Tour the zoo & go to

the concert. For information call Jenny 931-334-0513

Thursday, July 7th

Line dancing at CPC. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00

Friday, July 8th

7 p.m. Concert at Auburn Hills Riverside Park:

Stardust Big Band (30’s & 40’s)

7 p.m. Concert at Clarkston Depot Park:

Zion Lion (Reggae)

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Monday, July 11th

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15 for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

Tuesday, July 12th

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m. Cost is \$3.00.

Wednesday, July 13th

6:30 p.m. \$6 Detroit Zoo Concert:
Ms. Paula & Candy Bandits (Children)

Thursday, July 14th

Line dancing at CPC. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00

Friday, July 15th

7 p.m. Concert at Auburn Hills Riverside Park:
LL7 (Latin Jazz)

7 p.m. Concert at Clarkston Depot Park:
Magic Bus(70's Rock). TJ will perform at 6:30
LAST CONCERT at Clarkston

Saturday, July 16th

Meet at Community Presbyterian Church at
10 a.m. for the Detroit Gem Show.

Monday, July 18th

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15 for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

July 18th through July 21st Vacation Bible School for Kids. 6-8 p.m. For information Call 248-224-7160.

Tuesday, July 19th

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m. Cost is \$3.00.

Wednesday, July 20th

6:30 p.m. \$6 Detroit Zoo Concert:
Bernadette Kathryn & Lonely Days Band
(Country)

Thursday, July 21st

NO Line dancing
Grief Counseling 7 p.m. Cost \$0

Friday, July 22nd

7 p.m. Concert at Auburn Hills Riverside Park:
Hype Syndication (Top 40)

Monday, July 25th

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15 for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

Tuesday, July 26th

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m. Cost is \$3.00.

Wednesday, July 27th

6:30 p.m. \$6 Detroit Zoo Concert:
Michigan Opera Theatre

Thursday, July 28th

Line dancing at CPC. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00

Friday, July 29th

7 p.m. Concert at Auburn Hills Riverside Park:
Nobody's Business (Rockabilly)

Saturday, July 30th

Movie & Lunch. Meet at the Highland Grill at
12 noon.

Monday, August 1st

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15 for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

Tuesday, August 2nd

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m. Cost is \$3.00.

Wednesday, August 3rd

6:30 p.m. \$6 Detroit Zoo Concert:
Randy Kaplan (Children's)

Thursday, August 4th

Line dancing at CPC. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00

Friday, August 5th

7 p.m. Concert at Auburn Hills Riverside Park:
Bugs Beddow & the Good Stuff (Rock & Soul)

Monday, August 8th

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15 for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

Tuesday, August 9th

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m. Cost is \$3.00.

Our annual trip to Greektown!!! Meet at the
Salvation Army on Sashabaw & Waldon by
10 a.m. We will have a great time!!!

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Wednesday, August 10th

6:30 p.m. \$6 Detroit Zoo Concert:
Cosmic Groove (Pop)

Thursday, August 11th

Line dancing at CPC. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is
\$3.00

Friday, August 12th

7 p.m. Concert at Auburn Hills Riverside Park:
La Dolce Vita (Variety)

Monday, August 15th

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15
for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

Tuesday, August 16th

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m. Cost is
\$3.00.

Community Activities Meeting at 7 p.m. to
schedule activities for September at
Community Presbyterian Church. Bring your
favorite drink & a snack to pass.

Wednesday, August 17th

6:30 p.m. \$6 Detroit Zoo Concert:
Mr. Seley & The Troublemakers (Children's)

Thursday, August 18th

Line dancing at CPC. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is
\$3.00

Friday, August 19th

7 p.m. Concert at Auburn Hills Riverside Park:
Bel Aires (50's & 60's)
LAST CONCERT in Auburn Hills

Saturday, August 20th

Movie & Dinner. Call Jenny for time

Monday, August 22nd

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15
for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

Tuesday, August 23rd

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m. Cost is
\$3.00.

Wednesday, August 24th

6:30 p.m. \$6 Detroit Zoo Concert:
The Euphorics (Pop)

Thursday, August 25th

Line dancing at CPC. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is
\$3.00

Monday, August 29th

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15
for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.

Tuesday, August 30th

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m. Cost is
\$3.00.

Wednesday, August 31st

6:30 p.m. \$6 Detroit Zoo Concert:
The Verve Pipe (Rock)
LAST CONCERT at the Detroit Zoological
Park.

Thursday, September 1st

Line dancing at CPC. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is
\$3.00

Monday, September 5th

LABOR DAY Party at Lee Reiche's.
Time 1 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your
favorite drink. Call Jenny for directions.

Tuesday, September 6th

Line dancing at CPC. 9:45-11:45 a.m. Cost is
\$3.00.

Thursday, September 8th

Line dancing at CPC. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is
\$3.00

Monday, September 12th

Meet at the Big Boy restaurant on Dixie at 5:15
for games. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cost \$0 for games.
Prayer Shawl Knitting at Community
Presbyterian Church 1-3 p.m.

This group is open to anyone. If you have
any questions or need directions call Jenny @
931-334-0513.

Notes from the Celebration Garden

Celebrating Wildflowers – Swamp Milkweed – Asclepias incarnata



By July the summer sun has sufficiently warmed the soil and perennial plants are now flourishing. Many of the native plants in the Celebration Garden wait until the warmer weather before they emerge from the ground. Designed as a Monarch Butterfly Waystation, the garden provides nectar sources, shelter and milkweed plants to sustain Monarch Butterflies and other pollinators.

Monarch Waystations must have milkweed plants. Monarch caterpillars feed exclusively on milkweeds. Without milkweeds, Monarch Butterflies would disappear. There are over 100 species of milkweed in North America. Twelve species grow in Michigan. Milkweeds are named for the white milky sap that seeps from broken leaves, stems or flowers. The sap, composed of latex, contains alkaloids and cardenolides. Both compounds are known for their toxicity. These chemicals defend milkweeds from herbivores (plant eating animals). In turn, this chemical defense is used by monarch butterflies to protect them from predators.

Monarch Butterflies lay their eggs on milkweed plants. Once the eggs hatch, tiny monarch caterpillars begin to munch on milkweed leaves. In doing so, the caterpillars sequester the toxic chemicals into their bodies. The more the caterpillar feeds the more toxins are stored. The toxicity of the caterpillars is transferred to the pupae and adults. Predators learn that monarchs are bitter tasting and avoid them. Adult monarchs have bright colors to warn predators not to eat them.



There are a few species of milkweeds in the Celebration Garden; one species is Swamp Milkweed. A tall plant with smooth stems ending in a round cluster of pink flowers, the Swamp Milkweed is also known as Rose Milkweed or Rose Milkflower. It is one of the most beautiful species of milkweed. In nature, this milkweed grows along streams, lakes and ponds, but it also can survive in upland terrain.

The plants bloom in mid-summer. The fragrant flowers range in various shades of pink from mauve to magenta. Milkweed flowers are botanically very complex. Patience is required to appreciate the structure of the milkweed flowers. Five delicate petals compose a single flower. These petals are topped with nectar cups. Each cup has a downward curving horn. When insects land on the blossoms, their legs slip into the slits in the cup and pick up the pollen. Some insects are trapped on the blossoms if they cannot remove their legs. The insects can then pollinate nearby milkweed and the plants set seeds.

The genus *Asclepias* was named in honor of Asclepius, a Greek hero of medicine. Milkweeds have long been used to treat a variety of ailments. Chemists even today are researching the properties of milkweeds. Plants offer some medical promise in attacking cancer cells. Take time to smell and observe *Asclepias incarnata* commonly called Swamp Milkweed in the garden this summer.

Growing with God

Created by Kathleen Dougherty

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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17 9 Adult Sunday School 10 Worship & Communion 11 Coffee Fellowship 7p Praise Night (Outdoors)	18 5:30p Game Night @ Big Boy Cla 6p VBS 6:30p Christian Ed. mtg.	19 9:45 \$3 Line Dancing 6p VBS 7p Community Activities Mtg @ C	20 11:30 Bulletin Info Submission D 6p VBS 6:30p \$6 Detroit Zoo Concert	21 6p VBS 7p Grief Support	22 7p Aub. Hills Riverside Concert	23 NWMC
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