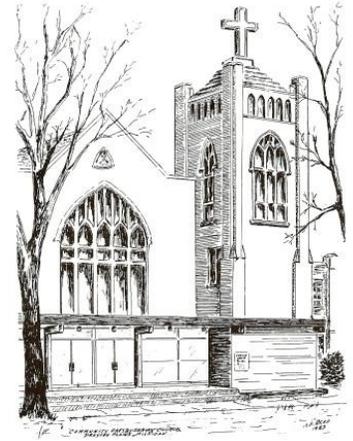


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By Pastor Tom Hartley

Ronnie McBrayer told this story in the newspaper recently, he noticed an old woman frantically waving her arms along the highway when he stopped his car. He discovered she and her husband had been picking up litter along the highway, when he lost his balance and fell head over heels down a steep embankment beside the road. The reporter jumped over the guardrail and climbed quickly down to where he only saw a straw hat and a rear end sticking up out of the bramble bushes. Surely, I thought, the old man is a goner; face down into the bushes and briars as he had fallen. But Ottis (aught-iss) was alive if not quite well. With the help of an off duty police officer and two paramedics who arrived on the scene shortly thereafter, Ottis was soon getting the help he needed, along with plenty of simultaneous petting and chastising from his wife – done in a way that only could be achieved by a couple who had weathered many decades together.

After the dust settled, I said to the wife: "It was smart of you not to go down the bluff to him. If you had fallen too, you both might never have been found in time. She replied: SON, AIN'T NO WAY I WAS GOIN' DOWN THERE!" The better part of wisdom was to help him from above.

What if Christ had said such a thing? Looking over the guard rail from heaven above? I can't say that I'd blame him, for staying put. Any honest observer of this planet earth, human nature, world history, or current events, would have to wonder why anyone would want anything to do with us on earth. Sure it's a beautiful world, our creation – and its most evolved beings – we humans are capable of the highest nobility, altruism, and achievement. When we are good, we can be very good! But when we are bad, we are capable of ruthless violence, merciless behavior, and we contaminate almost everything we touch. Ottis' wife's remark: 'Ain't no way I'm going down there' would be the right response; but thank goodness it wasn't God's response!

We believe God saw us the way we are, fallen and flawed, hurt and broken, fallen head over heels into the brambles on our head! God knew that if anyone was going to be able to help or heal us – keeping a safe distance wouldn't be good enough!

So, in those gospel words of John: God so loved the world that He sent his only Son ... and out of love, his Son came down, because LOVE CAN DO SOMETHING TO CHANGE US AND CHANGE OUR WORLD! We're not goners yet, and if God has anything to say about it, we never will be completely!

Pastor Tom

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Music and Worship

August Worship Calendar

Sunday, August 7

Theme: Luke 12:32 Fear not, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom

Texts: Isa 1: 12-20; Gospel of Luke 12:22-27; 32-34

Pastor Tom, preaching

Sunday, August 14 Youth Missionary Conference Service

Theme: Go and Make Disciples of Nations

Text: Gospel of Matthew 28:16-20 Great Commission

Come hear inspirational youth testimonies from our 2016 Conference!

Sunday, August 21

Texts: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Gospel of Luke 13: 1 0-19

Key verse: Luke 13:19 The kingdom of God is like a tree where all the birds find nest!

Pastor Tom, preaching

Sunday, August 28

Theme: Jeremiah 2:7

"I brought you into a land of plenty"

Text: Gospel of Luke 14:12-14 Invite someone who cannot repay you!

Pastor Tom, preaching

Sanctuary Flowers

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

- August 7 –
- August 14 –
- August 21 –
- August 28 –

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.

SCRIP News

The Music and Worship Committee is manning the SCRIP table this summer, and appreciates all of the support we have been getting. Proceeds will underwrite the St. Andrew's Day dinner again this fall. We are having monthly drawings to thank our supporters, and the \$25 card winner for June is **Nancy McDavid Nisbett**. Are you in the drawing for this month? See a committee member before or after worship to purchase your cards and enter the drawings!

Finance

June Financials

INCOME	
Forecast	\$17,417.68
Actual Income	<u>\$17,486.50</u>
	\$68.82
EXPENSES	
Forecast	\$17,417.74
Actual Expenses	<u>\$17,436.76</u>
	-\$19.02
June Net to Forecast	\$49.80
YTD Net to Forecast	(shortfall) -\$3,707.29



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.



Deacons

Joys and Concerns

Prayers...

Our active duty military, Dan & Debbie Pochiecha, The Ostrom family, Boyd Ferguson, Ellen Jones, Jean Ketter, Vivian Bowden, Robert Bloom, Jeff Hazlett, Catherine Mount, Arnold Simmons, Gary & Marilyn Pike, Hazel Vancil, George Voss

Condolences...

To the Spry & Sundquist families on the loss of Bill Willson on July 1

Thank you...

Dear family,
Once again I thank you for your love, prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my hospital stay and recovery!!

Our family is so blessed because of you!!

Love,

Don Landis and family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your cards, concerns, prayers and hugs during Gary's surgery and ongoing recovery. With your caring support he is making great strides in getting back to his normal self. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a caring congregation that rallies around a family when help is needed.

Thank you so much,

Gary and Marilyn Pike

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and all the cards sent to comfort my family during this difficult journey through my dad's illness. My father passed June 8th and your prayer shawl was on him during his last breath. My mother wants you to know she now uses that shawl for comfort and she thanks you. Your love has been with us through everything. I will forever be grateful to all of you.

God's Blessings and much love to all,
Karen Wesley and family

Thank you for the get well wishes while recuperating from surgery, I have one more to do and hopefully I will be back in shape again.

Boyd Ferguson

Congratulations!

To the Prudhomme family on the birth of:

Blake Elizabeth
Born June 21
7.1 lbs. 19 in.

Parents - Allison and Jeff Hazlett

Grandparents - Joanne and Michael Prudhomme

Christian Education

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.



Membership



August Birthdays

- Courtney Anglin
- Richard Axford
- Marty Boggs
- Abigail Bonk
- Katelyn Dwire
- Barb Edwards
- Eric Jockwig
- Steven Jockwig
- Taylor Jockwig
- Connie Landis
- Nita Larpenteur
- Aleesha Laszko
- Erin Morency
- Chris Pociecha
- Alicia Prescott
- Elizabeth Prestel
- Luke Prudhomme
- Lynn Sands
- Cameron Shelton
- Lily Sundquist
- Lorre Sweetman
- Karen Wesley

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



Community Activities

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!!!

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.



NEVER FEAR!

The Psalms are full of inspiring prayers to God,
who always looks after you.

*Directions: Use the clues to fill in each missing letter. Then use those letters
to complete Psalm 13:5, NIV.*

What plants grow in D I R ₁
The opposite of play W O ₂ K
One-of-a-kind ₃ N I Q U E
A hug and a K I ₄ S
Sour T A R ₅
To speak very loudly Y E ₆ L
Immediately N ₇ W
Bees live in a H I ₈ E
A dandelion is this W ₉ E D

I ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄ ₅ in your unfailing ₆ ₇ ₈ ₉ ;
my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV

Answers: dirt, work, unique, kiss, tart, yell, now, hive, weed;
I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm
13:5, NIV

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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