

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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## CTC Connections Newsletter June, 2022

### **From Our Pastor:**

Several people asked me to post the article I used in my sermon this past Sunday. So, here it is:

Genocide is biblical.

Loving your enemy is biblical.

But only one is Christlike.

Slavery is biblical.

Chainbreaking is biblical.

But only one is Christlike.

Patriarchy is biblical.

Counter-cultural elevation of women is biblical.

But only one is Christlike.

Retributive violence is biblical.

Grace-filled restoration is biblical.

But only one is Christlike.

Segregation is biblical.

Unity is biblical.

But only one is Christlike.

Christ transforms, not the Bible. Be wary of those  
who know one but not the other.

~Jordan Harrell

Many years ago there was a popular saying: *What would Jesus do?* There were bracelets and t-shirts with WWJD on them. I often think that we would be a kinder, fairer society if we would just ask ourselves: What would Jesus do? And then, knowing that He commands us to love, our decisions will be clear.

Grace and truth,  
Pastor Jane

## UPCOMING LECTIONARY READINGS:



<p>Acts 2:1-21          Or Genesis 11:1-9          Psalm 104:24-34, 35b          Romans 8:14-17          Or Acts 2:1-21          John 14:8-17(25-27)</p>	<p>On the day of Pentecost, God pours out the Spirit upon the earth.          At the tower of Babel, the Lord confuses the languages of the earth.          The Lord of creation sends forth the Spirit to renew the earth.          In the Spirit, we are children of God and joint heirs with Christ.          On the day of Pentecost, God pours out the Spirit upon the earth.          Jesus and the Father are one; the Father will send the Holy Spirit.</p>
<p>Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31          Psalm 8          Romans 5:1-5          John 16:12-15</p>	<p>Does not wisdom call? I was present at the beginning of creation.          O Sovereign Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!          God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.          Jesus says: The Spirit will guide you; all that the Father has is mine.</p>
<p>1 Kings 19:1-4(5-7)          8-15a          Psalms 42 and 43  <u>Complimentary</u>          Isaiah 65: 1-9          Psalm 22:19-28          Galatians 3:23-29          Luke 8:26-39</p>	<p>Elijah meets God-not in wind, earthquake, or fire-but in silence.            My soul longs for you, O God; where are you? My hope is in you.            The Lord says: I will repay their iniquity, but I will not destroy them.          The Lord did not despise or forsake me; I will praise the Lord.          In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female.          Jesus casts out a man's demons and they enter a herd of swine.</p>
<p><u>Semiconiuous</u>          2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14          Psalm 77:1-2,11-20  <u>Complimentary</u>          1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21          Psalm 16          Galatians 5:1, 13-25          Luke 9:51-62</p>	<p>Elijah is taken to heaven in a whirlwind; Elisha picks up his mantle.          You work wonders, O God; you make a path through the waters.            Elisha leaves his family and his oxen to follow the prophet Elijah.          Protect me, O God; you show me the path of life and fullness of joy.          Christ has set us free; live by the Spirit, not the desires of the flesh.          Jesus turns toward Jerusalem and warns those who would follow him.</p>

**YOUR SESSION/COUNCIL AT WORK,  
MAY 15, 2022  
MARY ANN PARKER, CLERK OF SESSION**

Following prayer by Pastor Jane Lynn Young reports were received.

Minutes of the last month's stated session meeting approved.

**Clerk's Report:** Church membership remains at 113.

Communion was served to 33 parishioners on May 1, 2022. Teams served communion to 12 homebound members plus 2 family members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report for April approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Jane introduced Rhonda Otway. Following questions by session members of Rhonda, a motion was sustained to receive Rhonda into church membership on Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Denominational Report:** Scovill volunteered to serve as Elder Commissioner to the June 7<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meeting at Alma College.

**PNC Report:** PNC continues to review pastor information forms of pastors who may be interested in serving our church.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Building & Grounds:** Scovill reported that he had a scheduled appointment with Orkin representative regarding the ant problem in the church offices.

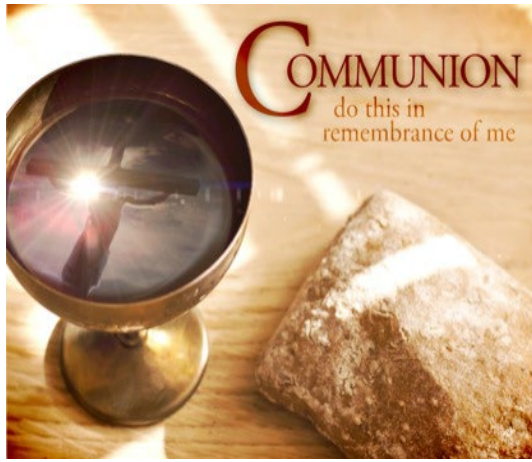
**Finance & Stewardship:** Scovill reported that the third stewardship letter should be going out soon. Debit card policy was approved by the session. Parker talked with McKenzie, church treasurer, regarding the ZOOM account. The fee for the ZOOM account will be paid from the technology account instead of the PNC account as previously decided.

**Spiritual Life:** D. Davis reported that the monitor for the back of the church will soon be installed. Monitor and equipment for installation totaled \$764.19.

**Personnel:** Parker reported that the job descriptions for the paid staff have been amended and are waiting for committee review. Personnel policy handbook is now being reviewed. Loviska, administrative assistant, will be taking vacation July 12, 13, and 14. Coverage discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Redfield will work on finding a third person to represent congregation-at-large on the Nominating Committee. We will then call a congregational meeting to approve that member to fill the vacancy.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.



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**“HOMEBOUND COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED”:** A very important ministry at Countryside Trinity Church is serving communion to of our shut-ins We are presently in dire need of volunteers to be a part of this ministry. The Deacons are searching for people who are willing to visit and serve communion several times a year to those unable to attend worship.

We go out in teams of two and to get started you would be teamed up with one of our current team members or you could form your own team. We are called to serve God and ALL members of our church family, and this would be a great opportunity to be a part of this rewarding ministry.

Please prayerfully consider joining our Homebound Communion Team. Our current servers are: Mary Ann Parker, Lori Halase, Jackie and Dallas Williams, Kathy Loviska, Pat Denno and Dan Groom. If you have any questions about this ministry, please talk to any of our current servers, and when you are ready to join with us please contact Dan Groom. Thank you , The Deacons



Our Boy Scout Troop 304 is hosting another returnable bottle/can drive on Sunday, June 5, 2022. If you have a donation, please bring it to church that morning as the scouts will be in the parking lot collecting the donations. If you are unable to bring them at that time, please call the church (989) 793-0125 to make other arrangements. If you have friends, family or neighbors who may wish to donate, please pass the word along to them. Thank you so much for your donation.

We have received our quarterly donation from Kroger for the Community Rewards Program. The amount for February through April was \$45.78. If you shop at Kroger, get gas or prescriptions there and have a card like this one pictured here, if you have not yet named Countryside as your charity of choice, please consider doing that. Your family and friends can also name CTC. If you need help or want further information, please call Kathy in the office and she will be glad to help.



### Jazz on Jefferson

*on Saginaw's Historic South Jefferson Avenue*



**Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

4:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Free Concert - 7:30 p.m.  
at First Congregational Church

The New Reformation Jazz Band

**JAZZ ON JEFFERSON:** It's B A C K!!! After a couple of years of Covid the very popular event returns on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend. It is free to attend – you only pay for food and beverages, and they are delicious! Free carriage rides, free entertainment including the New Reformation Jazz Band and many more, great food vendors, antique car show. You won't want to miss it. It is so much fun and I recommend it to everyone.

# Remember Our Shut-ins



<b>Betty Burr</b> Samaritas Senior Living	<b>Joan Comstock</b> @ Home	<b>Dawn Curtis</b> @ Home
<b>Betty Hauk</b> Wellspring Assisted Living	<b>Floyd &amp; Lois Krzak</b> @ Home	<b>Marie Lemmer</b> Wellspring Assisted Living
<b>Fern Evon Little</b> Swan Haven Manor	<b>Virginia Lyon</b> @ Home	<b>Norma Meacham</b> New Hope Valley
<b>Elaine Miner</b> @ Home	<b>Fran Prueter</b> @ Home	<b>Helen Reynolds</b> Wellspring Memory Care
	<b>Judi Westendorf</b> Bickford Assisted Living	



**GRADUATES:** If you have a family member graduating from High School or College, please contact Sandy Redfield or the office at CTC to let us know so that they can be recognized during worship service.

**TWO COINS A MEAL** will continue to be collected on the first Sunday of each month during Worship Service. There will be a pail at the back of the Sanctuary marked as such. Please bring your coins in a plastic baggie or envelope if you can do so and place in the pail either on your way in or out of Church. Thank you.



## Thanks



Our member and friend, **Judi Westendorf**, wishes to send her thanks to all of you who have sent her cards, called, and visited following Garth's passing and her recent health issues. She is currently residing at Bickford Assisted Living, 5275 Mackinaw Road, Saginaw, Michigan 48603 and is doing great. Judi would love to hear from you and is also welcoming visitors.

Also, our member and friend, **Gwen Henderson**, wishes to send her thanks and appreciation to all of you who were so kind to send her birthday cards, get-well cards and kept her in your prayers while she recovered from Covid-19.

**MOUNTAIN SPRINGS MUSIC CAMP:** CTC is hosting a "Music Camp" the week of June 27 – July 1, 2022. Class time is 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. There will be classes for those children with no experience to learn to read music and classes for those who have at least one year of experience playing one of the four instruments (Violin, Viola, Cello and/or Bass) for any age and student must bring their own instrument. If you or any of your family members are interested in attending, please go to the following website for more information and to register online:

[www.mountainspringmusic.org/saginaw/](http://www.mountainspringmusic.org/saginaw/)

There will be a short program on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and all are invited to attend. The time will be announced during the worship service, or you can call the office at (989) 793-0125.

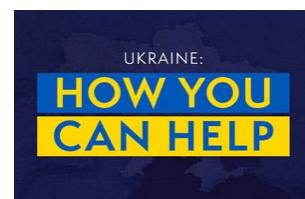


**Christian Outreach:** Please remember our local ministries during this time, as they work to provide additional resources to our community in this time of pandemic and need your support. The **Mission of the Month for May is Habitat for Humanity**. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states and in more than 70 countries around the world. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat works toward this vision by building and improving homes in partnership with individuals and families in need of a decent and

affordable place to live. Habitat for Humanity also has a Disaster Risk Reduction and Response program. Every year, natural disasters, war, and civil unrest displace millions of people around the world from their homes. Through Habitat's Disaster Risk Reduction and Response program, and with the help of volunteers and donors like you, they can provide shelter assistance, education, training, and partnerships to the affected individuals who find themselves in unthinkable situations. When a disaster strikes, the loss of a home can leave you at your most vulnerable. Habitat works to rebuild communities in these circumstances, moving them from ruin to recovery. If you wish to donate, please drop your donation in the Offering Basket during worship, or mail to the church. Be sure to write "Habitat" in the memo line or on your envelope. Thank you so much for your generosity.



## FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE



As the war in Ukraine continues to escalate – the Christian Outreach Committee at Countryside Trinity Church is searching for ways we can help.

Both PCUSA and UCC have programs aimed at international disaster assistance to provide emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc. to war refugees and internally displaced people.

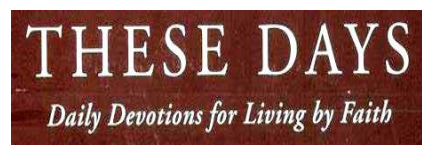
If you are able and desire to help, place your Donation in an envelope marked “Ukraine” in the collection basket at church or mail to Countryside Trinity Church, 4690 Weiss Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48603.

All monies collected at CTC will be divided equally between Presbyterian Church (USA)’s Disaster Assistance fund and the United Church of Christ’s Disaster Relief fund.

By the generosity of our members and friends, we have collected over \$500 so far and will continue to do so until further notice.



**These Days:** *These Days* magazines are on the entryway table in Fellowship Hall if you would like to pick one up. A donation jar is on the table.



**Greeting Cards:** A variety of greeting cards are on the table inside the East entrance to the building. Please leave your payment in the basket provided.

**Facebook Prayer Group:** Don’t forget we have a Facebook Prayer Group on our FB Page. It is a private group where only those who are invited can see the messages posted for those in need of prayer. If you are on Facebook and would like to be invited, please call Kathy in the office so she can invite you to join. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact Kathy in the office to do so.





For those of you who have been at Countryside for a while, a former employee of ours has recently passed away. Heather Bailey was the Director of Christian Education at CTC and the Lord took her home on April 29, 2022. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Heather's obituary is below.

**HEATHER ANNE BAILEY**  
**JUNE 11, 1960 – APRIL 29, 2022**  
**AGE: 61 YEARS**

Heather Anne Bailey was born in Sparta, Wisconsin on June 11, 1960, to John and Alice (Irvine) Maletic. She passed away on April 29, 2022, at Brian's House. Heather was a member of First Presbyterian Church where she was the Director of Christian Education.

Survivors include her husband, James A. Bailey; her children, Nathaniel J. Bailey, and Abigail (Depree Taylor) A. Banks; her grandchildren, Marquis Banks, Lucas Bailey, Prejay Taylor, Depree Taylor III and Emma Taylor; her mother, Alice Maletic; her sister, Allison (James) Ross and her brothers, Jonathan (Gwenn Volkert) Maletic and Adam Maletic. She was preceded in death by her father, John Maletic.

A memorial service will be held at a later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to First Presbyterian Church.

**Please Be Respectful:** Please be respectful during worship service and refrain from talking. Remember that once the Prelude begins and until the Postlude ends the Worship Service **is in progress** and is being livestreamed. During this time, we are to remain in our seats and listen to the beautiful music that is being played and the message our Pastor brings to us. We ask that you do not get up until the Postlude has concluded so as not to interfere with the livestreaming. Thank you.



**TELEPHONE DIRECTORY:** They are done! Pick one up when you come to church on Sunday – or if you need one mailed to you, call the church (989) 793-0125 to let us know.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:** Roger Scovill reports the final Stewardship Letter, which will contain your pledge card, will be mailed very soon. Pledges will be dedicated during worship service on Father's Day, June 19<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all of you to prayerfully consider your pledges and to either bring your pledge card with you to worship on the 19<sup>th</sup> or mail or drop off at the church so the cards will be here for the dedication on that day. Thank you.





# Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations

## **BIRTHDAYS JUNE**

- 2 Michael Wayne Groom
- 3 Eric Smith
- 8 Christian (Volker) Saxton
- 11 Robert Bortner
- 11 Dana Hansen Cooper
- 19 Kitty Blehm
- 20 Marilyn Leffler
- 21 Jasmyn Volker
- 30 Darren Woodke
- 30 John Furlo

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Elaine O'Keefe
- 5 Dawn Curtis
- 11 Graham Parker
- 13 Jean Bortner
- 18 Sidney Diggs IV
- 23 Bobby Diggs
- 24 Zayden Evans (Alexa Mahan)
- 24 Dick Mallette
- 27 Susan Anderson
- 29 Holly Furlo
- 30 Lynne Groom
- 31 Rachael Plater

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Taylor Hansen (M = Dana Woodke)
- 4 Marianne Bird
- 4 Kathryn Barnum

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED**

- 5 Daniel Groom
- 8 Chad Parker
- 10 Randy Jacob
- 12 Fran Prueter
- 13 Kyle Redfield
- 15 Ainslee Mahan
- 15 Aubree Mahan
- 17 Joan Comstock
- 21 Karla Parker
- 21 Casey Redfield
- 22 Brooke Vernon
- 31 Jim Lorenz

## **ANNIVERSARIES JUNE**

- 21 Edward & Lori Halase
- 29 Ronald & Jean Anne Miller

## **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 28 Charles & Irene Ohmer

## **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- 11 Dan & Barb Groom
- 17 Dallas & Jackie Williams
- 29 Darren & Joann Woodke
- 29 Duncan & Sandy Redfield

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# Happy Father's Day

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness, and patience.

Support them in the work they must do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.