



CTC Connections Newsletter October, 2022

From the Pastor:

Happy October! The cooler temperatures feel so good. It has been a very hot summer! I was in a store recently and the fall decorations are up, along with an array of Halloween Costumes! I remember when I was a kid how fun Halloween was. I would think and think about the perfect costume and then pull it together using props and old clothing from home. My friends and I would enjoy scary movies and campfire stories about ghouls and ghosts. We would try to conjure up spirits, knowing full well that there is no such thing!

October seems to be the month when we are aware of change. The weather changes, the trees change colors, and we swap out our warm weather clothes for our cool weather clothes! Change is good!

Our church is changing too! We do some things the way we have always done them, and other things we change to reflect who we are now. But change is not easy. We get comfortable with the way we have always done it! Sometimes we don't imagine there is any other way. But God's Holy Spirit is always inviting us to change.

To hear and see the new things God is doing for us and with us. Change can be exciting!

Life is an adventure! Enjoy!

Grace and truth,

Pastor Jane



Lunch with Pastor is back!

We began on September 14th and hope that you can join us. It isn't necessary to come to all of them, since this is not a cumulative study, you can come when you can! The fellowship is great, and what could be better than studying scripture? Pack your lunch and join us for fellowship and Bible Study.

UPCOMING LECTIONARY READINGS:

OCTOBER 2022



Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 Or Psalm 137 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	How lonely is the great city now; majesty had departed from Zion. Even in my affliction, I remember the steadfast love of the Lord. By the waters of Babylon we wept; how could we sing God's song? Write the vision; make it plain; the righteous live by their faith. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in God, who will act. Rekindle your faith; guard the good treasure entrusted to you. If you had faith like a mustard seed, you could uproot this tree.
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Build houses and plant gardens in exile; seek the welfare of the city. Make a joyful noise to God, who brought us out to a spacious place. Elisha tells Naaman to wash in the Jordan; he is cured of leprosy. I give thanks with my whole heart; great are the works of the Lord. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead; that is my gospel. Jesus heals ten people with leprosy; only one returns to give thanks.
Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	I will make a new covenant; I will write my law on their hearts. I love your law; it is always with me, sweeter than honey to me. Wrestling with a stranger at night, Jacob seeks God's blessing. My help comes from the Lord, who guards me day and night. Continue in your faith; be persistent in proclaiming the gospel. The widow and the unjust judge; pray always and do not lose heart.
Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; I will save those who call on me. Praise God, who answers prayer, sends rain, and blesses the earth. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, we set our hope on you. How lovely is your dwelling place; my heart and flesh sing for joy. I have fought the good fight and kept the faith; God stands by me. Jesus tells a parable: the prayers of a Pharisee and a tax collector.
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119; 137-144 Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-7 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10	Write the vision; make it plain; the righteous live by their faith. You are righteous, O Lord; give me understanding that I may live. Wash and make yourselves clean; learn to do good and seek justice. Happy are those whose sin is forgiven; I will confess to the Lord. To the Thessalonians: I give thanks for your faith and pray for you. Zacchaeus, a tax collector, wants to see Jesus; Jesus visits his home.

**YOUR SESSION/COUNCIL AT WORK,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
MARY ANN PARKER, CLERK OF SESSION**

Following prayer by Pastor and Moderator, Jane Lynn Young committee reports given.

Mari McKenzie, church treasurer, present to discuss Muriel Lakey Scholarship Fund.

Minutes of last month's stated session meeting approved.

Treasurer's report received and approved.

Clerk's Report: Church membership is 114.

Communion was served to 50 parishioners at outdoor worship service on September 11, 2022.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jane requested she be allowed to use her \$100.00/month professional expense to purchase a new laptop for herself. Motion sustained. Lunch with pastor has started. She is now on a Presbytery listening team. Motion sustained to host a Presbytery meeting in September 2023.

PNC Report: Scovill gave report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds: Scovill reported that 2 out-of-order commodes will be repaired. Motion sustained to allow the Boy Scouts of America to use church facilities for their District meeting on second Thursday of month from 7-9 PM, starting in December. Discussion continued regarding the moving of the pastor's office and the administrative assistant's office to area adjacent to fellowship hall.

Christian Outreach: Blehm reported that the September mission is City Rescue Mission. Motion sustained to contribute \$1000.00 to Rescue Mission for the house for foster children who have aged out of foster care and \$1000.00 to Sherwood School to start their backpack program. This money is from the \$2000.00 Courage Grant awarded to CTC from the UCC. Motion sustained to send letter written by pastor to inactive members.

Personnel: Parker distributed staff performance review documents to various committee moderators. Ten people have signed up for the CPR classes. Date and time to be determined.

Spiritual Life: As a matter of record, the electronic vote of Session members to remove the mask mandate for those visiting the church during the week and for worship services on September 11, 2022, was sustained. Masking and social distancing will now be optional. Motion sustained to place hymnals, prayer cards, and envelopes back into the pews by October 2, 2022

NEW BUSINESS: Subject of having Sunday School for the children twice a month referred to Spiritual Life.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned with prayer by Pastor Jane at 12:45 PM.



HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT LEARNING CPR AND USING AN AED LIKE THE ONE WE HAVE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL?

NOW IS THE TIME.

WE HAVE A FRIEND OF THE CHURCH WHO IS A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR AND WHO IS WILLING TO TEACH SEVERAL PEOPLE IN LIFE SAVING TECHNIQUES. AS A CONGREGATION, IT WOULD BEHOVE US TO HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH WHO CAN DO THIS IN CASE WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY WITH ONE OF OUR PARISHIONERS. I AM ASKING FOR SOME VOLUNTEERS TO COME FORWARD TO MEET OUR NEED.

WILL YOU PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS?

IT IS A SKILL THAT YOU CAN USE WHEREVER YOU ARE AND IF AN EMERGENCY OCCURS.

COST IS NEGIBLE UNLESS YOU WANT A CARD AND THAT WILL COST ABOUT \$6.00.

TIME INVOLVED WILL BE ONLY A FEW HOURS.

DATE AND TIME WILL BE DETERMINED TO ACCOMMODATE ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.

PLEASE CONTACT MARY ANN PARKER AT 989-793-4797 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

TREASURER REPORT- MARI McKENZIE

	August				
	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance
General	16,316.44	5,701.62	7,508.34	1,547.00	16,056.72
Memorial	17,087.13	35.00			17,122.13
Special gift	-	2,000.00			2,000.00
Special projects	1,360.81				1,360.81
Mission					
Per capita	(24.00)		162.25		(186.25)
Two-coins-a-meal	196.50	33.00	196.50		33.00
Food baskets	927.52				927.52
Heifer proj (Church School)	-				-
UCC/PCU/Blankets	269.00	50.00	269.00		50.00
Good Samaritan	2,527.28				2,527.28
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	8,754.46				8,754.46
Local	654.24	250.00	554.24		350.00
Bricks	1,335.85				1,335.85
	49,405.23	8,069.62	8,690.33	1,547.00	50,331.52
Minister Compensation	73,859.84	-		(535.00)	73,324.84
Endowment	230,133.87	19.97		(1,012.00)	229,141.84
	353,398.94	8,089.59	8,690.33	-	352,798.20



Betty Burr Samaritas Senior Living	Joan Comstock @ Home	Dawn Curtis @ Home
Betty Hauk Wellspring Assisted Living	Floyd & Lois Krzak @ Home	Marie Lemmer Wellspring Assisted Living
Fern Evon Little Swan Haven Manor	Virginia Lyon @ New Hope Valley	Norma Meacham @ daughters in North Carolina
Elaine Miner @ Home	Fran Prueter @ Home	Helen Reynolds Wellspring Memory Care

WHAT'S NEW AT CTC

By the first week of October, you will see some new (old) things back in place at CTC. As you already know the mask mandate has been lifted – but we ask that you are mindful of your own medical concerns and if you feel the need to wear a mask, please continue to do so.

Here are the other things to look forward to:

1. Hymnals will be in the pews.
2. Prayer cards will be in the pews.
3. Visitor cards will be in the pews.
4. Coffee hours will begin again following the worship service. If you wish to host a Coffee Hour, sign up in Fellowship Hall on the schedule which will be on the bulletin board. **NOTE:** If on any given week there is nobody signed up for coffee hour – there will not be one on that day.

CHOIR NEWS: It has been a long 2+ years since we have been able to sing as a full choir due to the pandemic. Following worship on October 9th those interested will meet to discuss how we can move forward as a choir. All voices are welcome.

TWO COINS A MEAL

will continue to be collected on the first Sunday of each month during the 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.



COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED!

One of our most important ministries here at Countryside Trinity Church is serving communion to 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 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.**

THESE DAYS: *These Days* magazines are on the 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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: You should have received your pledge card by now. If you did not, or if you have misplaced it, please contact the office (989) 793-0125 and one will be provided to you. We encourage all of you to prayerfully consider your pledges and if you have not yet turned your pledge in, please mail or drop off at the church. Thank you.

DISASTER RELIEF: PCUSA and UCC have programs aimed at national and inter-national disaster assistance to provide emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc. to people in need. This enables congregations and mission partners to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events.



If you are able and desire to help, place your Donation in an envelope marked "Disaster Relief" 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.

Thank
You



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.

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.



LAKE HURON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

FALL MEETING: Women of the church are invited to the Lake Huron Presbyterian Women Fall Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 22 at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Flint. See the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall for details. Registration due by October 8. Flyers are on the table in Fellowship Hall.

CROP WALK will be by individual church. Individuals may walk their own neighborhood, or the participants can walk as a group around the church neighborhood. We are collecting funds for CWS. Four local charities supplying food to our area also benefit. Disasters have created a global food disaster. Emergency food, seeds and fruit trees and agriculture education are provided. In the USA over 9,000 individuals have signed to walk. We walk in solidarity with those suffering around the world. Cash or Donations should be designated for CWS/CROP Walk. **Those wishing to walk/collect can pick up "Donor Tracking Form" on table in Fellowship Hall or from Marcia Lacker.**



MISSION OF THE MONTH.

Mission of the month is the Peace Offering. Both the Pres-

byterian and United Church receive this offering. 25% of the PCUSA offering is retained by the local congregation for peace projects and 25% is retained by Mid Councils for their peace programs. Neighbors in Need (UCC) uses 1/3 of their donations to further work with American Indians. Other programs are focusing on fair wages for all. Please label your donations Peace Offering.

AND ALSO:



OLD TOWN

MISSION: They consider themselves a "Spirit filled church

established for the purpose of reaching Saginaw with the hope and joy of Jesus

Christ." Old Town has many different aspects of ministry: Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry, Baby Pantry, Worship Services and more. If you wish to donate, mark your check/envelope "Old Town".

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is holding a series of classes in *Home Maintenance & Financial Management* for 2022-2023. The classes range from basic home repair including minor electrical, lamp repair, plumbing repairs, and many more as well as home maintenance. Pre-registration is required. If you are interested, there will be flyers on the table in Fellowship Hall as well as posted on the Bulletin Board.

20TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW & SILENT AUCTION

for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity will be held at **Our Saviour Lutheran Church**, at

2525 Hemmeter Rd., Saginaw, MI from Friday October 14th to Sunday October 16th. Times are from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



on Friday and Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is Free. There will be flyers on the table in Fellowship Hall as well as posted on the Bulletin Board.

UCC COVENANT ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING, "Better Together in Unity,

will be held on October 1, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. There will be flyers on the table in Fellowship Hall as well as posted on the Bulletin Board.



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will be hosting their Semi-Annual Drive Thru Only Fish Fry on Friday, October 21, 2022, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Price is \$14.00 per meal (cash only) includes Fried Alaskan Pollock, Potatoes, Coleslaw, Bread, and Dessert. There will be flyers on the table in Fellowship Hall as well as posted on the Bulletin Board.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 121 S.



Harrison Street, Saginaw, MI 48602, Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be crafters and direct sales vendors.

Reservations are being taken for space rental and must be submitted by October 7th. Flyers are on the table and Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall.

BENEFIT FOR EMMAUS HOUSE: Kenny Rogers Tribute Concert to benefit Emmaus House, November 4th and 5th at Bronner Performing Arts Center, 525 E. Genesee St., Frankenmuth, MI. Both nights the concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 each. Go online for more info www.vancoevents.com/BHTJ

ST. PAUL SMORGASBORD will be held on November 6, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They are located at 4941 Center Street, Millington, MI 48746.

Meal includes Barbequed Chicken, Ham, Homemade Meatballs, Sauerkraut with Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Mac-n-Cheese, German Potato Salad, Squash, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Relish Tray, Rolls, Assorted Homemade Desserts, Drinks. Price is \$14 for adults (13 and older)/Take-Outs; \$10 for children 5-12 years of age; \$5.00 for children under 5. All proceeds to support St. Paul Lutheran School. There will be flyers on the table in Fellowship Hall as well as posted on the Bulletin Board.

ADVENT – 2022:

During Advent, we will be offering a Soup and Scripture following worship on Sunday afternoons. More information will be forthcoming.



CTC CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24th, 2022. We will not have a Christmas Day service; however, we have been invited to attend First Presbyterian Church's Christmas Day Worship Service. There will be more details to follow.



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Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Zachary Plater
- 2 Drew Pequignot
- 2 Dan Groom
- 3 Joseph Ruth
- 5 Mary Longstreth
- 6 Amanda Fulton
- 11 Jerry Paquette
- 13 Ethan Parker
- 13 Charlotte Armstrong
- 14 Mike Yusaf
- 14 Tania Yusaf
- 16 Randy Groom
- 17 Elizabeth Jacob
- 19 Christopher Davis
- 22 Jean Anne Miller
- 22 Pat Denno
- 25 Ezra Yusaf
- 25 Aaron Plater
- 26 Ashley Huizar (Scovill)
- 27 Marie Lemmer
- 29 Scott Jacob
- 29 Lori Halase

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Paige Pequignot
- 3 Sam Nolan
- 7 Judi Westendorf

- 7 Christine (Dowling) Greenwood
- 8 Duncan Redfield
- 9 Stephanie Plater
- 10 Anjel Vernon
- 11 Dave Fitzgerald
- 12 Jacob Plater
- 15 Dick Woodke
- 16 Pervez Yusaf
- 19 Martin Bethune
- 19 Bethany Scovill
- 21 Ronald Miller
- 22 Jacob Groom
- 22 Lucas Gonzales
- 23 Bethany Scovill
- 28 Jennifer Nolan-Heyn
- 28 Avis Leach

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Aaron & Paula Plater
- 10 Eric & Sue Smith

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 Dave & Dora Fitzgerald

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Year	Daylight Saving Time starts on	Daylight Saving Time ends on
Daylight Saving Time 2017	Sunday, March 12, 2017	Sunday, November 5, 2017
Daylight Saving Time 2018	Sunday, March 11, 2018	Sunday, November 4, 2018
Daylight Saving Time 2019	Sunday, March 10, 2019	Sunday, November 3, 2019
Daylight Saving Time 2020	Sunday, March 8, 2020	Sunday, November 1, 2020
Daylight Saving Time 2021	Sunday, March 14, 2021	Sunday, November 7, 2021
Daylight Saving Time 2022	Sunday, March 13, 2022	Sunday, November 6, 2022
Daylight Saving Time 2023	Sunday, March 12, 2023	Sunday, November 5, 2023
Daylight Saving Time 2024	Sunday, March 10, 2024	Sunday, November 3, 2024
Daylight Saving Time 2025	Sunday, March 9, 2025	Sunday, November 2, 2025
Daylight Saving Time 2026	Sunday, March 8, 2026	Sunday, November 1, 2026
Daylight Saving Time 2027	Sunday, March 14, 2027	Sunday, November 7, 2027

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**Don't forget to set
your clocks back
before you go to bed
on November 5, 2022**

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HELLO AUTUMN!

Gracious and loving Lord, thank you for the seasons we can count on, find routine in, and that will never cease while the earth remains. As we enter into autumn, when the cooler winds drift in and the days grow shorter, draw us closer to you. Let us feel your warm and loving presence. May we imagine ourselves in your arms, close to your heart, surrounded by your light, and find comfort in your consistency when the world around us seems to be constantly changing. Thank you for your loving kindness that engulfs us and your light that drives the darkness away. We praise you for being a God who loves us and takes care of us. We are grateful you are with us in all circumstances and seasons. Amen.