

CTC Connections Newsletter November 2022



From the Pastor:

November is such a great month! It is the month we are reminded to give thanks! We should give thanks all the time, but the month we celebrate Thanksgiving, puts a special emphasis on the practice of giving thanks. I find myself singing "*Give Thanks*" a lot during this month.

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son*

*And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us*

Living with a grateful heart is the best way to live! But sometimes we take so much for granted that we forget to be grateful. We spend far too much time thinking about what we need to do tomorrow, that we forget to be grateful for today.

Life is good! Yes, we experience pain. Sometimes life is sad and difficult. But even in the sad and difficult times, life is good! Because God gives us life, and God's gifts are good.

It is an old tradition, but one I invite you to do. Give thanks! Say out loud the things you are grateful for. It doesn't have to be an exhaustive list. In fact, how could it be? There is always more for which we are thankful. But name a few things you are grateful for, and name them out loud. And then give thanks to God!



Thank you all for the kind words you gave spoken, and the cards and gifts you have given to me for Pastor Appreciation. It means so much to me. I am honored to be your pastor in this season. I appreciate all you do for the church, which makes my work so joyous. You are a special people, and it is my honor to serve you.

Pastor Jane

UPCOMING LECTIONARY READINGS:

NOVEMBER 2022



Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5,17-21 or Psalm 98 Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	I am with you; do not fear; I will restore the splendor of this house. I will extol you, my God; great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. Make a joyful noise to the Lord; give thanks for God's victory. I know that my Redeemer lives; at the last I will see my God. Hear a just cause, O Lord; guard me as the apple of your eye. Do not be deceived; stand firm and hold fast to our traditions. The Sadducees ask Jesus a question about marriage and resurrection.
Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12 Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	God promises a new creation, where all creatures will live in safety. In that day, I will give thanks and say: surely God is my salvation. The sun of righteousness will rise with healing for the faithful. Make a joyful noise to the Lord; give thanks for God's victory. Do not be idle; follow this example and work for your daily bread. The temple will fall; a great trial is coming; God will supply wisdom.
Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	I will gather the remnant of my flock and raise up good shepherds. Blessed be the Lord, who has raised up a savior for the people. Though the earth changes and the waters roar, God is our refuge. Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Crucified with Jesus, a criminal says: remember me in your kingdom.
Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 100 Philippians 4:4-9 John 6:25-35	When you come into the promised land, offer your first fruits. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Rejoice in the Lord always; think on things worthy of praise. I am the bread of life.
Matthew 1:1-17 Isaiah 2:1-5	An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

YOUR SESSION/COUNCIL AT WORK
OCTOBER 16, 2022
MARY ANN PARKER, CLERK OF SESSION

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

Minutes of last month's stated session meeting approved.

Treasurer's report received.

Clerk's Report: Church membership is 114.

Communion was served to 541 parishioners on October 2, 2022. Communion served to twelve homebound members and to four family non-members. Letter from the Halases's read. Lori will not serve as financial secretary after December 31, 2022, and Ed will no longer be doing the grounds work. Letter received with deep regrets. For the Record: The wedding of Rachal Plater and Brandon Barrera on October 8, 2022.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jane reported the counselling and wedding for Rachal Plater and Brandon Barrera. She is working on material for the Advent study. Pastor Jane reported that she is taking vacation October 17to October 25, 2022.

Denominational Report: Parker gave brief report of Presbytery meeting at Bay City First on September 20, 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Outreach: Blehm reported that the October missions are the CROP Walk, Old Town Mission, and the Peace Offering. November mission will be Hidden Harvest and the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Loviska reported that letters were sent to nineteen inactive members.

Personnel: Seven participants took the CPR/AED class taught by Brian Leach on October 11. Parker reported that five people will be taking the class on October 20th. It is a wonderful thing! Thanks to Brian.

Spiritual Life: Woodke reported the dates for the Advent study which will be held after church on Sundays. Soup and bread will be served. Christmas services will be listed in the newsletter. Redfield reported about the students who may be available to receive the Muriel Lakey Scholarship money. It was decided to restart having fresh flowers for the worship services.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominating Committee will be starting to work on the slate of officers for 2023. Motion sustained to hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 11, 2022 for the purpose of electing officers for 2023.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned with prayer by Pastor Jane at 12:30 PM.

TREASURER REPORT- MARI MCKENZIE

	September				Ending Balance
	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	
General	16,056.72	4,984.97	6,484.07	1,547.00	16,104.62
Memorial	17,122.13	25.00			17,147.13
Special gift	2,000.00				2,000.00
Special projects	1,360.81				1,360.81
Mission					
Per capita	(186.25)				(186.25)
Two-coins-a-meal	33.00	1.09			34.09
Food baskets	927.52				927.52
Heifer proj (Church School)	-				-
UCC/PCU/Blankets	50.00	10.00			60.00
Good Samaritan	2,527.28				2,527.28
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	8,754.46				8,754.46
Local mission	350.00	140.00			490.00
Bricks	1,335.85				1,335.85
	50,331.52	5,161.06	6,484.07	1,547.00	50,555.51
Minister Compensation	73,324.84	-		(535.00)	72,789.84
Endowment	229,141.84	2.00		(1,012.00)	228,131.84
	352,798.20	5,163.06	6,484.07	-	351,477.19



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

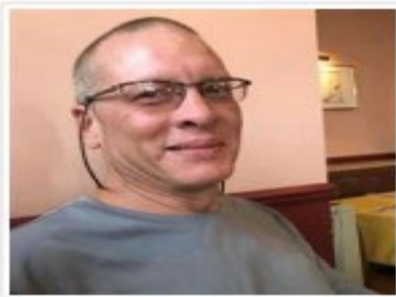
Prayers for Peter Dominguez who is currently at the Wellspring Transitional Care facility following a fall and recovering from Covid. You can send him a card or stop and visit him. He is at: 5939 Shattuck Rd., Room 4, Saginaw, Michigan 48603. Telephone: 989 899-7441.

ROY A. ERNDT

BORN: January 13, 1947

DIED: October 6, 2022

IN MEMORIAM



Dennis "Denny" William Armstrong Jr.

December 28, 1968 - October 17, 2022

Dennis "Denny" William Armstrong, Jr., age 53, of Saginaw, passed away on Monday, October 17, 2022. He was born on December 28, 1968, in Ypsilanti, Michigan, to Dennis William and Charlotte Kay Armstrong.

Dennis was a certified optician. He was also an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, and camping. He was particularly skilled at duck hunting. He enjoyed canning and will be remembered for being an excellent cook.

Dennis is survived by his beloved daughter, Charlotte Michelle Armstrong; mother, Charlotte (Lee Austin) Armstrong; step siblings, Theresa (Ronald) VanAcker, Marsha (Brian Hunt) Austin; 9 nieces and nephews; uncles and aunts, Wayne (Rita) Paquette, Randy (Betty) Paquette, and Sharon (the late Gordon) Kime; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Dennis William Armstrong, Sr.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, October 25, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. at Fischer Family Funeral Home, 504 N. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48602. Burial will take place at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Saginaw.

Memorials in honor of Dennis may be made to his family to help fulfill his daughter, Charlotte's, future educational needs and funds, to be administered by Charlotte K. Armstrong.

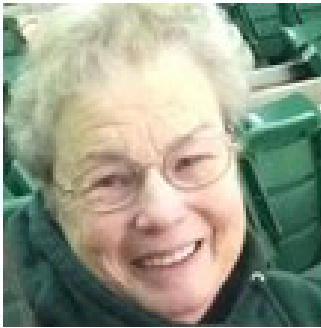
For information, please call Fischer Family Funeral Services at (989) 755-8277. To express your condolences, please visit www.fischerfuneral.com.

ALL SAINTS DAY – 2022. We will celebrate All Saints Day during worship on Sunday, November 6th. We will be honoring our members and friends who passed away during 2022.



Nancy Scott

December 24, 1936 – January 3, 2022



Shirlee Elsie Scovill

January 2, 1953 - February 5, 2022



Richard Easlick

October 11, 1932 – February 10, 2022



Ruth Marsh

October 13 1927 – February 22, 2022



Garth Westendorf

December 8, 1936 – February 26, 2022



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NEWS FROM CTC

CHOIR NEWS: The choir is back and will be singing on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month starting in November. Practice will be held in the choir room on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month beginning at 5:15 p.m. All those interested in joining the choir see Dan Groom. All voices welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES is back! Ms. Sandy will be taking the children back to Sunday School class on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month unless otherwise announced. Please think about bringing your children, grandchildren, or other young family members with you to church on those days.

HOLIDAY FOOD: CTC will be giving gift cards to needy families from Weiss School. This way, the families can purchase the type of food of their choice. Gift cards will be given for Thanksgiving and for Christmas. If you wish to participate, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Food Cards" and place it in the offering basket or mail to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.



ADVENT-2022: During Advent, CTC will be offering Soup and Scripture lunches following worship on Sunday afternoons.

The schedule is as follows:

November 27th	Deacons
December 4th	Spiritual Life
December 11th	Session
December 18th	Choir



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.

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, Lou Diechman, Ron Platt, 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 window ledge in Fellowship Hall. Please leave your payment in the basket provided.

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.



MISSION OF THE MONTH. Missions of the month are the Hidden Harvest and Thanksgiving Food Baskets.



About Hidden Harvest

Hidden Harvest's mission is to alleviate hunger and end food waste in the Great Lakes Bay Region by providing a safe and coordinated system of rescuing surplus food and redistributing it to feed people in need.



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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is holding a series of classes in *Home Maintenance & Financial Management* for 2022-2023. Classes range from basic home repair including minor electrical, lamp repair, plumbing repair, & many more as well as home maintenance. Pre-registration required. If you are interested, flyers are in Fellowship Hall.



Holiday Bazaars In Our Area

There are many bazaars and harvest dinners taking place in the Saginaw/Bay County areas. Here is a listing of those we have been made aware of:

St. Mark Lutheran Church & Preschool Holiday Bazaar-Nov. 5th, 8:30-2:30, 2565 N. Miller Rd. at River Rd., Saginaw

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Bazaar & Luncheon-Nov 5th, 9:00-3:00 at 5335 Brockway, Saginaw

First Pres. Holiday Fair, 9:00 to 3:00 at 805 Center Ave., Bay City-Nov 5th

Trinity Episcopal Church, Harvest Dinner, Tues. Nov. 8th, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Corner of Center Ave. and Grant Street, Bay City, MI

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church-Harvest Bazaar & Luncheon-Nov. 12th, 9:00-3:00, 545 S. Seventh St., Freeland, MI

HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING DRIVE – MID MICHIGAN WASTE3 AUTHORITY. November 15, 2022 -January 15, 2023

Don't throw away old holiday lights. Recycle them at one of the following locations during normal business hours! Proceeds benefit the Can Council.

Bridgeport Twp Govt Center, 6740 Dixie Highway, Bridgeport
Can Council, 1311 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw
Carrollton Twp DPW, 1645 Mapleridge Rd., Saginaw
Frankenmuth City Hall, 240 W. Genesee St., Frankenmuth
Gardner White Furniture, 2660 Tittabawassee Rd., Saginaw
Hydes Park, (During Freeland Light Show, starting 12/1, 9200 Midland Rd., Freeland
James Township Hall, 6060 Swan Creek Rd., Saginaw
Merrill Village Office, 148 W. Saginaw St., Merrill
Mid Michigan Waste Authority, 2063, S. Miller Rd., Saginaw
Richland Township Office, 1180 N. Hemlock Rd., Hemlock
Saginaw City Public Works, 1435 S. Washington St., Saginaw
Saginaw Twp DPS Bldg., 4870 Shattuck Rd., Saginaw
Spaulding Twp Office, 5025 East Rd., Saginaw
St. Charles District Library, 132 S. Saginaw St., St. Charles
Village of St. Charles Office, 110 W. Spruce St., St. Charles
Thomas Twp Public Safety Bldg., 8215 Shields Dr., Saginaw
Wheeler Township Office, 8510 E. Monroe Rd., Wheeler
Zilwaukee City Office, 319 Tittabawassee Rd, Saginaw



Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations

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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 Dave & Dora Fitzgerald

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Rhashell Hunter
- 12 Melissa Paterson (Shalhoup)
- 16 Alexa Mahan
- 17 Nancy Easlick
- 18 Paula Plater
- 22 Ed Halase
- 25 Brecque Woodke
- 26 Craig Gates
- 30 Kermit Diggs

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Joseph & Doris Ruth
- 24 Bruce & Patricia Denno

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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“Thank the almighty, for all that He gave in life, for the food that you eat, for the people you greet, for the love in the heart, for that wonderful start. Thank the Lord for everything, because it is Thanksgiving Day!”– Author Unknown