



CTC CONNECTIONS

Countryside Trinity Church - 4690 Weiss Street - Saginaw, Michigan 48603

From the Pastor

----- JANE LYNN YOUNG

I recently returned from a family celebration. My oldest brother is turning 80! (Did I mention he is my oldest brother?). It was a wonderful weekend. My brother Tom and his wife Julie came from Kansas to celebrate Bob. When we were growing up, we went to the ballpark to see the Cleveland Indians. We were a baseball loving family! This weekend, my nephew got us all tickets to the Cleveland Guardians game. While the stadium is not the one we grew up with, and there has been a much needed name change of the team, there was a lot that was very familiar about our outing. I felt like we were kids again! My nephew and his wife and kids hosted us for Sunday dinner, and we all sat around the table laughing and enjoying each other's company. There were stories of childhood, and stories of what is happening in our lives now. And there was a lot of laughter, and a few tears when it was time for us to go. It was a wonderful celebration.

We have had wonderful celebrations in the church! I love sitting in fellowship time listening to the stories of the church. As we put together the display case with the goal of telling our church story, I have heard many stories of the church. I have looked at many pictures of what life in the church used to look like. I have heard the stories of the churches that have closed and the migration to Countryside. And I have heard both worry and hope for the future.

We have a glorious history and I encourage each of you to continue to share the stories. We have a glorious future, as well. Church will never be the way it was. But then again, was it really ever the way it was? Sometimes, while my family was reminiscing about our childhood, we each recalled particular events differently! Perhaps there is the lesson for us! We have a future here. Imagine in 10 years sitting around the tables remembering what we did this year. What memories do we want to make? What stories do we want to tell?

Remember that our vision for the future begins today!

Grace and truth,
Pastor Jane





Upcoming Lectionary Readings

<p>September 3, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6 <u>Complementary</u> Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28</p>	<p>Moses meets the Lord in a burning bush, and learns God’s name. Give thanks to the Lord, who sent Moses to set the people free.</p> <p>Jeremiah laments his calling, but God promises to redeem him. Vindicate me, O Lord; I have trusted you and walked in integrity. Love one another; seek what is good; live peaceably with all. Jesus says: If any wish to follow me, they must take up their cross.</p>
<p>September 10, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Exeodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 <u>Complementary</u> Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20</p>	<p>Before the Exodus, the Lord gives instructions for the Passover. Let the faithful praise the Lord with tambourine and dancing.</p> <p>The Lord desires that the wicked turn away from evil, and live. Teach me your way, O Lord: to turn from vanity and disgrace. Love is the fulfillment of the law; put on Christ; salvation is near. Jesus says: seek reconciliation; when you gather I am with you.</p>
<p>September 17, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 <u>Complimentary</u> Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103(1-7) 8-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35</p>	<p>At the sea, God delivers the Israelites from the Egyptian army. The earth shakes and the sea retreats in the presence of the Lord. Moses and Miriam sing praise to God, who has delivered them.</p> <p>Joseph’s brothers seek forgiveness; God turned their evil to good. Bless the Lord, who is gracious and merciful, forgiving our sin. Refrain from judgment; whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. A lesson in forgiveness from a parable about debts and debtors.</p>



Upcoming Lectionary Readings, Continued

<p>September 24, 2023 Semicontinuous Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Complementary Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16</p>	<p>The people complain of hunger; God gives food in the wilderness. Give thanks to the Lord, who gave food and drink in the desert.</p> <p>God's mercy angers Jonah; God teaches a lesson through a bush. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of love. Living is Christ, dying is gain; live in a way worthy of the gospel. The parable of laborers in the vineyard; the last will be first.</p>
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Countryside Trinity Church Changes in Equity January 2023 - July 2023
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	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
NET ASSETS	-	-	-	-	-
UNRESTRICTED	-	-	-	-	-
Memorial Fund	18,092.13	2,535.00	-	-	20,627.13
General Fund	16,381.31	57,334.88	(69,919.56)	10,115.00	13,911.63
Bricks Fund	1,335.85	-	-	-	1,335.85
Mission Fund	13.75	-	-	-	13.75
Minister Compensation Fun	71,675.70	7,265.71	-	(3,745.00)	75,196.41
Endowment - Expendable	71,510.15	13,942.22	-	(6,370.00)	79,082.37
Subtotal Unrestricted	<u>179,008.89</u>	<u>81,077.81</u>	<u>(69,919.56)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,167.14</u>
DONOR RESTRICTED	-	-	-	-	-
Food Account	1,551.52	840.00	(2,012.00)	-	379.52
Good Samaritan	2,250.64	-	(150.00)	-	2,100.64
Youth Experience Fund	245.81	500.00	(680.00)	-	65.81
Parking Lot Fund	1,115.00	-	(118.76)	-	996.24
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	6,006.43	956.61	(916.00)	-	6,047.04
Endowment Nonexpendable F	153,334.00	349.00	-	-	153,683.00
Subtotal Donor Restricted	<u>164,503.40</u>	<u>2,645.61</u>	<u>(3,876.76)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,272.25</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u><u>343,512.29</u></u>	<u><u>83,723.42</u></u>	<u><u>(73,796.32)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>353,439.39</u></u>



John & Leore Bethune @ Home	Dawn Curtis @ Home	Betty Hauk Wellspring Assisted Living
Floyd & Lois Krzak Floyd @ St. Francis Home Lois @ Home	Avis Leach @ Roosevelt House	Marilyn Leffler New Hope Valley
Marie Lemmer Wellspring Assisted Living	Fern Evon Little Swan Haven Manor	Virginia Lyon New Hope Valley
Norma Meacham Grand Haven, MI	Elaine Miner @ Home	Mary Ann Parker Wellspring Transitional Care, Lake Superior Sec.
Fran Prueter @ Home	Judi Westendorf The Bickford	

ELDERS & DEACONS – 2023 TO 2025	
SESSION COUNCIL	DEACONS
Class of 2023 Mary Longstreth Roger Scovill	Class of 2023 Barbara Groom Nancy Easlick
Class of 2024 Sidney Diggs Debbie Davis Sandy Redfield	Class of 2024 Lynne Groom Jackie Williams Ron Platt
Class of 2025 Darren Woodke Becky Pequignot Bethany Scovill	Class of 2025 Pat Denno Ronda Otway Duncan Redfield
	Co-Opted Member Dan Groom



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?

SUNDAY SCHOOL & TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES resumes on September 10th.



CTC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

We will begin regular meetings of the Women's Association on Saturday, October 14th at 11:30 a.m. If you can do so, please bring your favorite salad to share with the group. Thereafter the meetings will take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month unless otherwise scheduled.

Our Mission for September is the **City Rescue Mission.**

Please mark your donation "Rescue Mission". Thanks



JULY MISSION REPORT

Many thanks to all who donated to our July Missions – Emmaus Homes and Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

We received the following:

EMMAUS HOMES

- Monetary Donations of \$190.00
- 3 towel Sets, 2 pair slippers
- 12 tops, 1 pants, 4 pair socks
- 2 shampoos, 2 deodorants
- 4 boxes of tissues
- 2 Razors, 1 Bodywash
- 12 toilet paper
- 2 sweatshirts/jackets
- 4 bathrobes
- 1 twin sheet set

SLEEP IN HEAVENING PEACE

- Monetary Donations of \$360.00
- 23 twin sheet sets
- 1 mattress protector
- 1 blanket
- 4 pillows
- 4 pillowcases



Welcome our new accompanist, Noah Davis.
We are pleased to have you join our church family.



We will be celebrating Genesis Sunday following Worship on September 10, 2023. The Deacons will provide the meat and beverages and ask those who are able to do so to bring a dish to share. There will be great food and fun for all. **If you can do so, the Deacons are looking for donations of baked goods (cakes, cupcakes, pies, cookies, etc.) to use as prizes for the "Cake Walk". Please bring to the church by the morning of September 10th. Thanks.** Sunday School will resume that day, so please be sure to have your children and grandchildren come for the return of Sunday School. Questions, contact Sandy Redfield or Dan & Barb Groom.

PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON

SEPTEMBER MEETING

COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH will be hosting the September Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Starting at 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be in person and hybrid via zoom. If you would like to attend, please call the office (989) 793-0125 to register.



Countryside Trinity Choir will resume in September. If you are interested in adding your voice please talk with our Choir Director, Dan Groom. All voices are welcome.

Mari McKenzie, will be honored at the Underground Railroad's 7th Annual Empowerment Dinner & Celebration. 5:30 p.m. Cocktails (Cash Bar) & Networking – 6:15 p.m. Welcome & Dinner – 7:30 p.m. Program & Award Ceremony @ Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center, Composer Room, 1 Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth, MI. Individual tickets are \$75.00, Business attire. Reservations must be made by September 22, 2023. Reservation cards can be obtained by calling the church office (989) 793-0125 Tues-Thurs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or they will be available on the table in Fellowship Hall.



Our Boy Scouts will be hosting a bottle/can drive on Sunday, September 10th during the Genesis Sunday event. Please bring all your unwanted returnable bottles and cans in a plastic bag to church the 10th.

They have also volunteered to provide a game on Genesis Sunday for the children.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Rule who were married at Countryside Trinity Church on Saturday, August 26, 2023.





A LETTER FROM MARY ANN PARKER

August 12, 2023

Dear Friends,

I appreciate all the cards, prayers, and thoughts in these last few months. Thanks to the congregation, as well. I wish I could say that I was in a better frame of mind, but I can't at this point. Damn Covid got my nerves and muscles good as an after effect.

I feel now that I have to concentrate on regaining my strength and stamina, so it is with a heavy heart that I am resigning all of my positions at Countryside. I thank you for putting your trust in me to serve as your clerk of session, the PNC, and the committees that I served on during these fleeting years... I have enjoyed in serving the church in this way even though it was challenging at times. I will help to make the transition to another clerk if I can.

Regretting to resign,

Mary Ann Parker

UPDATE:

August 30, 2023

Mary Ann is currently at Wellspring Transitional Care, Lake Superior Section in Room 8, located at 5939 Shattuck Road, Saginaw, Michigan 48603, where she will be able to continue with her rehab. She welcomes visits, phone calls and cards. Call first before visiting to coordinate with her rehab schedule. The **GREAT** news is that she is showing improvement and beginning to regain strength! This is wonderful news. Nobody knows how long it will take – but it appears that Mary Ann is making strides in the right direction, and we are so happy for her. Keep up the good fight Mary Ann.





DAVID AUSTIN SIEROCKI

August 17, 1945 – August 7, 2023

Age: 77 Years

David Austin Sierocki, beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away unexpectedly Monday, August 7, 2023, at his home in Caro. He was 77 years old. David was born August 17, 1945, in Saginaw, son of the late Austin and Mary Ellen (Grams) Sierocki.

He attended Saginaw schools graduating from Arthur Hill High School in 1963. David went on to attend Delta College before gaining employment with Saginaw Steering Gear. He spent his entire working career there, retiring after over 30 years of service.

David was a sportsman in many ways. He grew up fishing, which was a hobby he enjoyed throughout his life. He was also a sports fan and enjoyed watching sports of all kinds, particularly involving Michigan and Detroit teams. As David got older, he developed a great fondness for horses. He owned and trained horses, which became one of his true passions. David was also a notorious collector and loved going to auctions. He always found treasures that he shared with family and friends. Whether for himself or someone else, David always felt all his treasures had a purpose.

A true family man, David loved his family more than anything. He was strong, kind and would give anyone a helping hand. David was a devoted father and grandfather and taught his kids to be humble, kind, and caring.

He is survived by his children, Amy (Scott VerHagen) Sierocki and Mandy Kocsis, and daughter-in-law, Kelly Martin. His only son, Paul, preceded him in death. He is also survived by nine much-loved grandchildren, Sydney, Carly, Benjamin, Samuel, Natalie, Katherine, Jessica, Matthew, and Luke; his beloved siblings, sister Sue (Eric) Smith, Terry (Debbie) Sierocki and Tom Sierocki; and numerous nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends. His family and friends will always remember him as a compassionate, warm-hearted, and loving father and brother who was always ready to help in any way.

FUNERAL: A memorial service took place at 2 p.m. Friday, August 11, 2023, at Deisler Funeral Home, 2233 Hemmeter Road (off State Street). Pastor Ted McCulloch officiated with burial in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.



DOWNTOWN SAGINAW MARKET



203 S. Washington

You'll find us under the outdoor pavilion
at the SVRC Marketplace.

2023 Season

Wednesday and Friday
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Mondays begin on July 3, 2023
and run through August 28, 2023**

OPEN FROM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023
THROUGH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

EVERY SATURDAY IN 2023 IS
KID'S DAY

&

AREA ARTISANS WILL JOIN US
ON SATURDAYS IN 2023 TO
SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS

UCC WOMEN OF MICHIGAN



Creations
Of Light &
Love with
Overwhelming
Radiance

AN INVITATION
TO A FALL
GATHERING

When: SUNDAY-MONDAY, OCTOBER 22-23, 2023
Where: Frankenmuth MI - The Bavarian Inn Lodge.

**Flyers are on the table in Fellowship Hall. If you
would like more information, check with Marcia
Lacker .**

**Join us as our Presenter
leads us in exploring how
the Spirit and Love of
God is within all of us.
How we reflect and shine
these gifts with color by
sharing the radiance and
brilliance with others!**



Dear Countryside Trinity Church (BW538):

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization. Community Rewards is easy to use, The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

We are committed to carefully protecting our customers' personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff

IF YOU NEED HELP LINKING YOUR KROGER'S REWARDS TO COUNTRYSIDE, SEE KATHY IN CTC'S OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE.

01-May-2023 to 31-Jul-2023

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Households

\$ 47.13

Total Donations



BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Becky Pequignot
- 3 Rob Halase
- 5 Charles Davis
- 8 Lindsey Groom
- 13 Louis Diechman
- 14 Michael Patrick Groom
- 17 Lois Krzak
- 20 Liz Saperstein
- 22 Amanda Dean Groom
- 25 Thomas Kennedy
- 29 Tom Ladner
- 30 Vincent Martinez

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Zachary Plater
- 2 Drew Pequignot
- 2 Dan Groom
- 3 Joseph Ruth
- 5 Mary Longstreth
- 6 Amanda Groom 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 (Hanson)
- 27 Marie Lemmer
- 29 Scott Jacob
- 29 Lori Halase

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Paige Pequignot
- 3 Sam Nolan
- 7 Judi Westendorf
- 8 Duncan Redfield
- 9 Stephanie Plater
- 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

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

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Sidney & Kermit Diggs

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None Known

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

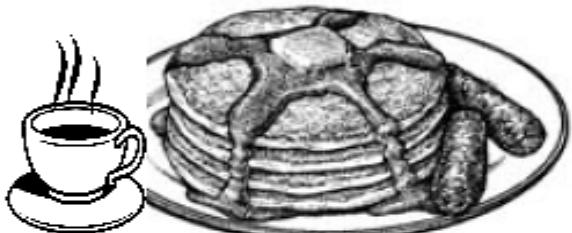



PANCAKE BREAKFAST and RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Special Olympics Michigan Area 22: Saginaw



Sunday, September 24, 2023 9am—1pm

	<p>St. Dominic's Parish SS. Peter and Paul Site 4735 W. Michigan Ave Saginaw, Michigan 48638</p> <p><u>\$8.00 Per Person</u> Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, and Beverage <u>Free for Kids under 3</u></p>
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<p>MANY \$2.00 & \$5.00 Raffle Items</p> <p><u>You do not have to be present to win.</u></p> <p><u>Raffle Ticket Presale</u></p>		<p>Special Olympics Michigan Area 22 currently has over 1000 athletes with intellectual disabilities who participate in various sporting activities. When the athlete competes on the playing field they discover their abilities, skills, and strengths. When the athlete competes they feel joy, confidence and a sense of accomplishment. These athletes are an inspiration to Saginaw and Shiawassee Counties.</p> <p>Under the direction of Joe Bronz : 989-498-0137</p> <p>Please consider attending or donating to this Pancake Breakfast and Raffle. Community support is very important. All fundraiser proceeds go for the Athletes' 2023-2024 participation expenses and fees.</p> <p>Donations/Questions contact Debi @ 989-295-3765</p>
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ALL Proceeds from Fundraiser are used for Special Olympics MI Saginaw Area 22 Athletes' participation expenses and fees.



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The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.