

Happy Thanksgiving!

CTC CONNECTIONS

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

From the Pastor

----- JANE LYNN YOUNG

For the first time ever, I have decorated for fall! I have a new porch, with a railing! I draped a couple strings of fall leaves on the railing. I have mums on the ground in front of the porch. And, I have a metal scarecrow with a sign that says welcome, by the steps! I have a fall centerpiece I put on my mantle and more fall leaves draped on the fireplace. My home looks cozy and welcoming. I recently received a text from my realtor congratulating me on owning my home for three years. And while I had moved most of my things to my home in early November, three years ago, I did not move in until Christmas Eve of that year.

Because I am finally feeling settled, and because I have fall decor, I have been thinking about Thanksgiving for quite a while. I'm thinking about turkey and stuffing and cranberry sauce. I'm thinking about being with friends. I've been thinking about family. This year it is likely it will only be me and my son for our "second" Thanksgiving. We spend Thanksgiving Day with friends, and then on Saturday I will make a small turkey for me and Andy and whichever of his girls are around. We all know that the best thing about Thanksgiving is the leftovers!

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to give thanks! I know that sounds obvious, but I've been thinking about giving thanks in a different from usual way. We can all come up with a list of things we are thankful for. At least, I hope we all have things for which we are thankful! But how do we give thanks? If we are thankful for leftovers, perhaps we can donate food/money to food banks to assure others have enough to eat. If we are thankful for family and friends, perhaps we can invite others to our gatherings. Giving thanks can be an active response to the good things in our lives. Think about what you can do to show your thankfulness!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Grace and truth,
Pastor Jane





Upcoming Lectionary Readings

<p>November 5, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 <u>Complementary</u> 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12</p>	<p>The redeemed gather at God’s throne; the Lamb is their shepherd. Bless the Lord, our redeemer; taste and see that the Lord is good.</p> <p>See what love the Father has given us; we are God’s children now. The Beatitudes: blessed are you; your reward is great in heaven.</p>
<p>November 12, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 <u>Complementary</u> Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 5:1-13</p>	<p>Choose this day whom you will serve; we will serve the Lord. Each generation will tell the next of the glorious deeds of the Lord.</p> <p>The day of the Lord is darkness; let justice roll down like waters. O Lord, make haste to help me, for I am poor and needy. The dead in Christ will rise first; then the living will meet the Lord. The parable of ten bridesmaids; keep awake, the Lord is coming.</p>
<p>November 19, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 <u>Complimentary</u> Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11)12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30</p>	<p>The Israelites cry to the Lord; God sends Deborah to deliver them. Have mercy on us, O Lord; we have had our fill of contempt.</p> <p>Beware, the day of the Lord is near; wealth will not save you. A thousand years are like a day to you; teach us to count our days. Be ready; the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. The parable of talents; good and trustworthy servants are rewarded.</p>
<p>November 26, 2023 <u>Semicontinuous</u> Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1-7a <u>Complementary</u> Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46</p>	<p>I will be the shepherd of my sheep, says the Lord; I will save them. Make a joyful noise to the Lord; we are the sheep of God’s pasture. The Lord is our God, and we are people of God’s pasture.</p> <p>Christ is seated at God’s right hand; all powers are under his feet. The king will judge: just as you did it to the least, you did it to me.</p>



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 Union Court Ass't Living St. Charles, MI
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



Treasurer's Report - Mari McKenzie

Countryside Trinity Church
Changes in Equity
 January 2023 - September 2023

	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
NET ASSETS					
UNRESTRICTED					
Memorial Fund	18,092.13	2,580.00	-	-	20,672.13
General Fund	16,381.31	66,730.10	(81,869.60)	11,560.00	12,801.81
Bricks Fund	1,335.85	-	-	-	1,335.85
Mission Fund	13.75	-	-	-	13.75
Minister Compensation Fun	71,675.70	4,809.37	-	(4,280.00)	72,205.07
Endowment - Expendable	71,510.15	9,785.52	-	(7,280.00)	74,015.67
Subtotal Unrestricted	<u>179,008.89</u>	<u>83,904.99</u>	<u>(81,869.60)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,044.28</u>
DONOR RESTRICTED	-	-	-	-	-
Food Account	1,551.52	840.00	(2,012.00)	-	379.52
Good Samaritan	2,250.64	-	(340.00)	-	1,910.64
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	<u>153,334.00</u>	<u>349.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>153,683.00</u>
Subtotal Donor Restricted	<u>164,503.40</u>	<u>2,645.61</u>	<u>(4,066.76)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,082.25</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>343,512.29</u>	<u>86,550.60</u>	<u>(85,936.36)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>344,126.53</u>

Welcome our Newest Staff Member



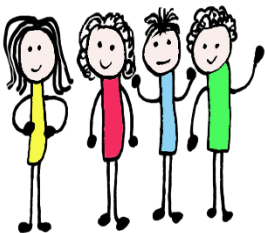
Please welcome our newest employee, Asher Neville. The Session felt it was way past time to start paying Asher for all his hard work behind the camera and all that he does to make the Livestream of our worship service go smoothly. Glad you are here Asher and thank you for all that you do. Congratulations!

Happy Thanksgiving!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?

CTC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

The next CTC Women's Association Meeting will take place on Saturday, November 11th in Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your lunch. Hope you will be able to attend.



CTC'S MISSIONS FOR NOVEMBER ARE 1) SHOE BOX SAGINAW PROJECT, 2) HIDDEN HARVEST AND 3) THE THANKSGIVING FOOD GIFT CARDS. MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. MARK YOUR ENVELOPE "HIDDEN HARVEST" OR "FOOD BASKETS".



Please donate to the one or ones you have an interest in supporting. Mark your donations accordingly.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.



CTC UNVEILS THEIR NEW OFFICES

It has been approximately one year since Pastor Jane had the vision to recommend to the CTC Session the possibility of relocating the Pastor's and Administrative Assistant's offices to a more central area of the church. And, what a vision that was. Thank you so much to Pastor Jane for suggesting this move. We also want to recognize Sandy Redfield for her dedication and hard work in going through all the "Stuff" that was in the former Christian Education and Sunday School rooms and either discarding and/or moving all of that "Stuff" – and it was a lot of "Stuff". You are amazing Sandy, and we don't thank you enough for all that you do. We also need to thank our construction workers, Roger Scovill and Chuck Davis, for having the skill and willingness to make this transformation happen. They were amazing and did such a great job. So, here are some pictures of the completed project. Please make sure you stop in and see it for yourselves whenever you are in the building.



PASTOR JANE'S NEW OFFICE



KATHY'S NEW OFFICE AS YOU ENTER



THE OTHER SIDE OF KATHY'S NEW OFFICE



PASTOR JANE IN HER NEW OFFICE



KATHY IN HER NEW OFFICE



We handed out snacks and juice to the children from Weiss Elementary School on Monday October 30, 2023, as they were picked up in our parking lot. This was a big success. The children loved it and were so excited as they came running up to us. Unfortunately, none of us thought to take a picture but we want to thank all of those who donated, put labels on the snacks and juice and who stood out in the cold handing them out.

We are planning to continue this outreach in December by handing out gift bags to each student. The gift bags will contain candy and small gifts. We have not yet determined the date but will keep you posted as it gets closer.



Pat Denno wishes to thank everyone for the cards, calls and prayers following her car accident. She is doing well, but still very sore. And she just got her new car as hers was totaled in the accident.



ALL SAINTS DAY – 2023. We will celebrate All Saints Day during worship on Sunday, November 5th. We will be honoring our members and friends who passed away during 2023.



Dorothy Sievert

November 16, 1936 – August 16, 2022



Virginia Brachear

March 8, 1942 – November 14, 2022



Doug Leffler

February 25, 1928 – June 28, 2023



David Jarvi

May 11, 1949 – April 1, 2023

Happy Thanksgiving!



Joan Comstock

August 17, 1935 – May 5, 2023



Helen Reynolds

February 26, 1918 – June 22, 2023



Betty Burr

May 6, 1926 – July 1, 2023



David Sierocki

August 17, 1945 – August 7, 2023



BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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
- 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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None Known

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



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“

For flowers that bloom about
our feet, Father, we thank Thee.

For tender grass so fresh,
so sweet, Father, we thank Thee.

For the song of bird and hum of bee,
for all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue
of sky, Father, we thank Thee.

For pleasant shade of branches
high, Father, we thank Thee.

For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
for beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with
its light, Father, we thank Thee.

For rest and shelter of the
night, Father, we thank Thee.

For health and food, for love
and friends, for everything
Thy goodness sends, Father in
heaven, we thank Thee.”

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

—woman's day—



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