

CTC CONNECTIONS

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

FROM THE PASTOR

---- Rev. Dr. Jane Lynn Young

I have loved having my windows open! I have been reluctant to close them due to cooler temperatures the past few days. This morning, I woke up especially early and as I was drinking my coffee, the closed window was bugging me. So, I got up and opened it! And then I snuggled in my blanket while enjoying my coffee. It felt especially delicious to have the window open. The breeze was marvelous!

In the church we are in the season after Pentecost. This is the longest season of the Church. We are in this season until Christ the King Sunday, the Sunday before Advent begins. So, how are we going to observe this season after Pentecost? Maybe by opening windows?

While we don't have the ability to keep windows open in the church, there are many ways to feel the fresh breezes, the winds of the Holy Spirit which blows new life into us! God's Holy Spirit has been given to us!

Receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit means that we are willing to let God change us, to whisk us away to a new place. Not a literal new place, of course, but rather to a new way of being a witness to God's love. The message is the same - God is love. What changes is how we say that to our neighbors!

On the first Pentecost, the disciples proclaimed God's love in many different languages. We have the opportunity as a church to speak of God's love for all in many different ways. Our missions of the month reach many people, in many different communities. We welcome everyone to worship with us. Our open acceptance of all people speaks the language of love. For God's love includes all of us! And the gift of God's Holy Spirit allows us to proclaim love in many different ways.

I'm excited! The gift of the Holy Spirit brings the winds of change. Our hearts are open to the new ways God calls us.

Grace and truth,

Pastor Jane



UPCOMING LECTIONARY READINGS

<p>June 2, 2024 <u>Semicontinuous</u> 1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15) Psalm 138 <u>Complementary</u> Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35</p>	<p>The people demand a king; reluctantly, Samuel anoints Saul.</p> <p>I give you thanks, O Lord; all the rulers of the earth will praise you.</p> <p>God confronts the man and woman about the forbidden fruit. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; there is forgiveness with you. If our earthly dwelling is destroyed, we have a home in the heavens. Jesus is accused of having an unclean spirit; he warns of blasphemy.</p>
<p>June 9, 2024 <u>Semicontinuous</u> 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20 <u>Complementary</u> Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17 Mark 4:26-34</p>	<p>Samuel visits Jesse's sons and anoints the youngest, David. The Lord will help the anointed one; God will fulfill your plans.</p> <p>The Lord says: I will plant a cedar sprig: it will become a great tree. The righteous are planted in God's house and grow like a cedar. We walk by faith, not by sight: in Christ there is a new creation.</p> <p>Jesus uses parables about seeds to describe the kingdom of God.</p>
<p>June 16, 2024 <u>Semicontinuous</u> 1 Samuel 17(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 Or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 Psalm 9:9-20 Or Psalm 133 <u>Complementary</u> Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41</p>	<p>Armed with only a sling, young David defeats the giant Goliath.</p> <p>David finds favor and success, while Saul is possessed by evil.</p> <p>The Lord helps the oppressed; the poor will not be forgotten. How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.</p> <p>The Lord answers Job: Who else but God can control the seas? Give thanks to the Lord, who saves us on the stormy seas. Do not accept God's grace in vain; now is the day of salvation. Caught in a storm at sea, Jesus calms the wind and waves.</p>
<p>June 23, 2024 <u>Semicontinuous</u> 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130 <u>Complementary</u> Lamentations 3:23-33 Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43</p>	<p>David laments the deaths of Jonathan and Saul, killed in battle. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; in your word, I hope.</p> <p>The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's faithfulness is great. O Lord, you brought me up from the grave; my soul praises you. Give generously to those in need; for our sake, Jesus became poor. Jesus heals a long-suffering woman and raises a girl from the dead.</p>

<p>June 30, 2024</p> <p><u>Semicontinuous</u></p> <p>2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10</p> <p>Psalm 48</p> <p><u>Complementary</u></p> <p>Ezekiel 2:1-5</p> <p>Psalm 123</p> <p>2 Corinthians 12:2-10</p> <p>Mark 6:1-13</p>	<p>David becomes the new king, a shepherd to the people of Israel. Let Mount Zion rejoice in the greatness of the Lord our God.</p> <p>The Lord sends Ezekiel as a prophet to the house of Israel. We lift our eyes to you, O God; we have had our fill of contempt. God's grace is sufficient for us; power is made perfect in weakness. Prophets are not honored at home; Jesus commissions the twelve.</p>
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TREASURER'S RREPORT – MARI MCKENZIE

Countryside Trinity Church
Changes in Equity
January 2024 - April 2024

	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Ending Balance
NET ASSETS					
UNRESTRICTED					
Memorial Fund	20,782.13	1,060.00	0.00	0.00	21,842.13
General Fund	29,570.75	25,564.30	(43,225.70)	5,790.00	17,699.35
Bricks Fund	1,335.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,335.85
Mission Fund	37.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.50
Minister Compensation Fun	77,350.10	0.00	0.00	(2,140.00)	75,210.10
Endowment - Expendable	83,850.11	1,009.74	0.00	(3,650.00)	81,209.85
Subtotal Unrestricted	212,926.44	27,634.04	(43,225.70)	0.00	197,334.78
DONOR RESTRICTED					
Food Account	839.52	665.00	(1,100.00)	0.00	404.52
Good Samaritan	1,750.64	0.00	(300.00)	0.00	1,450.64
Youth Experience Fund	65.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	65.81
Parking Lot Fund	996.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	996.24
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	6,370.01	660.83	0.00	0.00	7,030.84
Endowment Nonexpendable F	153,477.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	153,477.00
Subtotal Donor Restricted	163,499.22	1,325.83	(1,400.00)	0.00	163,425.05
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	376,425.66	28,959.87	(44,625.70)	0.00	360,759.83

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC

CTC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The next
CTC
Women's
Association
Meeting is
Saturday,
June 8th
beginning
at 11:30
a.m.



CTC'S MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE IS

THE EASTSIDE SOUP KITCHEN
MARK YOUR ENVELOPE ACCORDINGLY
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.



Lunch with Pastor!

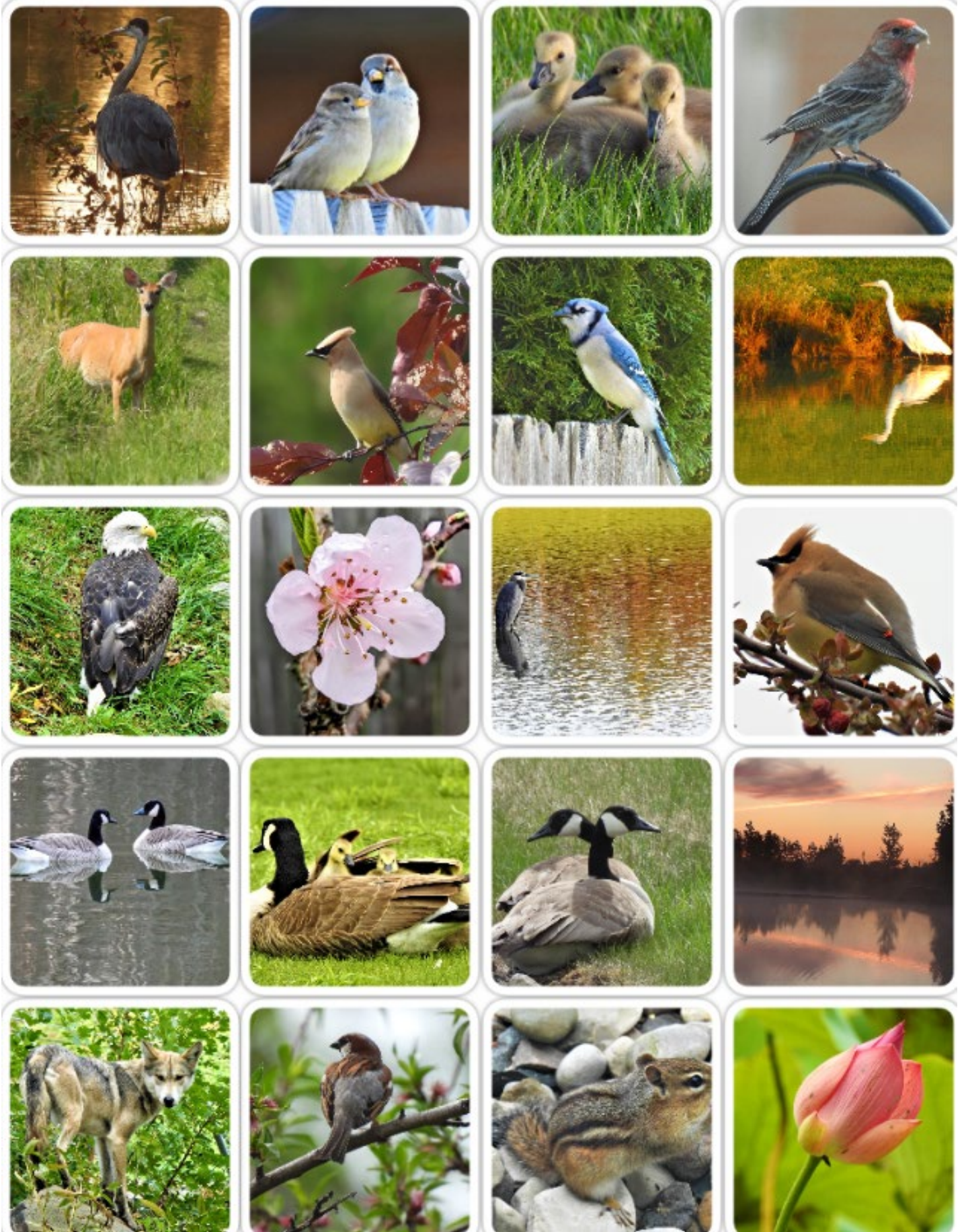
Pack your lunch each Wednesday and join Pastor Jane for fellowship and Bible Study. Come each Wednesday, or the Wednesdays you can. Together we can grow in understanding

KROGER'S COMMUNITY REWARDS: We received \$43.09 from Kroger's for our quarterly reward for February through April 2024.

SUMMER CAMP: CTC has financial assistance if your child or grandchild is interested in attending camp this summer. Please call the office for more information.

PHOTO DIRECTORIES are finished. They were handed out at church on Sunday, May 26th. If you can stop by to pick one up during business hours, which are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. please do so. If you are unable to get here, we would be glad to mail you one. Call the office and let Kathy know if you would like one mailed. Thanks.

We celebrated Tom Ladner and his beautiful photographs on Sunday, May 26th following worship. A wonderful coffee hour was shared by all and twenty of Tom's photographs were hung on the walls. Here are some of my favorite photographs of his work. When you get to the church, check out those hung in Fellowship Hall.



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CTC?

YOUR CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT



May was a busy month. The Missions of the Month were Blanket Sunday, which was celebrated on Mother's Day, May 12th; Pentecost Sunday which was celebrated with a Birthday of the Church party on Sunday, May 19th; and Habitat for Humanity, which was celebrated on Sunday, May 26th. Thanks go out to all of those who helped with the celebrations and all of those who donated. Mission of the month for June is the Eastside Soup Kitchen.

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.



Please consider hosting a coffee hour following worship service. There is a chart on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall – check for available dates if you are able to be a coffee hour host. For those who would like to help, but don't think they would be able to handle it – help is always available. Check with Kathy Loviska, Barb Groom, and Marcia Lacker. Thank you.

6th Annual 18-Hole Fundraiser Special Vision Golf Outing

Benefiting Special Olympics & Choroideremia Research Foundation

Saturday, June 1, 2024 - Valley View Farms Golf Course

\$70.00 per person includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, Door Prizes and Raffles

4-Person Scramble Format–9 a.m. Registration with a 10 a.m. Shotgun Start

Flyers are on the table in Fellowship Hall – or Call Kim: 989 860-5309 or David : 989 245-7226

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SESSION COUNCIL	DEACONS
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
Class of 2026 Roger Scovill Kathy Loviska Chuck Davis	Class of 2026 Barb Groom Dan Groom Paige Pequignot



John & Leore Bethune @ Home	Dawn Curtis @ Home	Floyd & Lois Krzak Floyd @ St. Francis Home Lois @ Home
Avis Leach @ Roosevelt House/Hemlock	Marilyn Leffler Traditions of Saginaw, West Formerly New Hope Valley	Marie Lemmer Wellspring Assisted Living
Fern Evon Little Swan Haven Manor	Virginia Lyon Roosevelt House/Hemlock	Norma Meacham Grand Haven, MI
Elaine Miner @ Home	Elaine O'Keefe Great Lakes Rehab	Fran Prueter @ Home
Dick Woodke @ Home	Our Homebound members and friends would all love to hear from you. Please drop them a card or give them a call. Their contact information is in the Church Directory.	



Troop 304 meets every Tuesday night at Countryside Church from 7:00-8:30 PM. We are currently working on getting ready for summer camp in July. Scouts are selecting merit badges they would like to earn at camp. We also had a joint troop meeting on May 28 with local troops 312, 321, and 342 to plan a canoe trip. Troop 304 is excited to plan combined events with other troops to enjoy fellowship.

March: Troop 304 helped to put gift bags together to hand out to Weiss Elementary school for Easter

April: Mr. Reis teaches the fishing merit badge with a mock ice fishing demonstration at a troop meeting.

May 3-5: Troop 304 attended the CAN AN Camporee at Attawandaron Scout Reservation in Lambton Shores, Ontario, Canada. The weekend was filled with great weather, especially on Saturday for the day events and activities. Two scouts - Marshall Wagner and Donald Treadway - attended for the first time. There was great food and fellowship as always.

May 14: Mr. Reis teaches canoeing basics and safety at a troop meeting

May 21: Troop 304 bikes the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail. We started at the Van Wormer Trailhead and biked to the Freezer in St. Charles where we enjoyed some delicious ice cream.

May 28: Troop 304 hosted local troops 312, 321, and 342 for a night of planning joint activities culminated with a canoe outing on August 24 at a place to be determined.

Upcoming Events;

Sunday June 30 - softball game hosted by Troop 337 in Hemlock

Week of July 4: Annual Ojibway Island Clean Up and flag raising on the Court Street Bridge followed by fireworks viewing on July 4

July 21-27: Summer camp at Camp Rotary in Clare, Michigan.

Troop 304 always welcomes new members. If you are interested, please consider attending a troop meeting and see what we are all about.

Mark Faupel

Troop 304

Pictures from our Pentecost Sunday Birthday Party!





BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS JUNE

- 2 Michael Groom
- 3 Eric Smith
- 11 Robert Bortner
- 11 Dana Hansen Cooper
- 19 Kitty Blehm
- 20 Marilyn Leffler
- 30 Darren Woodke

ANNIVERSARIES JUNE

- 11 Rylan & Katlyn Hanson
- 21 Edward & Lori Halase
- 29 Ronald & Jean Anne Miller

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
- 29 Holly Furlo
- 30 Lynne Groom
- 31 Rachael Barerra

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 28 Charles & Irene Ohmer

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Taylor Hansen (M=Dana Woodke Cooper)
- 4 Marianne Bird
- 5 Daniel Groom

- 8 Chad Parker
- 8 Rylan Hanson
- 10 Randy Jacob
- 12 Fran Prueter
- 13 Kyle Redfield
- 15 Ainslee Mahan
- 15 Aubree Mahan
- 21 Karla Parker
- 21 Casey Redfield
- 31 Jim Lorenz

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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

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
- 25 Thomas Kennedy
- 29 Tom Ladner
- 30 Vincent Martinez

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Sidney & Kermit Diggs

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"COME SUMMER WITH ME"



Come summer with me, Lord; summer deep down in my soul;
restore my faith in summer's time, in rest, in joy, in play, in you...

Summer in my heart, Lord, and dwell there as if time would never end, as if all time were children's
time, eternal time when school is always out and joy is ever in...

And let others summer in my shade, Lord, and share whatever summer's peace is mine to give,
whatever summer's light is mine to shed, whatever summer's warmth is mine to share...

Good God of every season and every day this week, come summer with me, Lord, and let the child in
my heart spend this summer in your love...Amen.

(A prayer by Fr. Austin Fleming who blogs at "A Concord Pastor Comments." Used with permission.)