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Communion AA 3pm Prayer Group 6pm 1	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 2	Pinecrest 2pm PPRC 6:30pm 3	Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm 4	Men's Brkfst 8am 5		Men's Group 9am 6
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Trade Fair AA 3pm Prayer Group 6pm 22	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 23	BOG Mtg 7pm 24	Worship 10am Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm Jo Ann Rinehart Mem 3pm 25			Men's Group 9am 26
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BIRTHDAYS:

October 2 Shannon Cooley
 October 2 Jennifer Cole
 October 2 Sam Strittmatter
 October 2 Ann McClue
 October 3 Mike Canales
 October 4 Dave Bailey
 October 4 Jonathan Lyons
 October 6 Janet Schaefer
 October 9 Les Jackson
 October 10 Danny Ranville
 October 10 Tom Jones

ANNIVERSARIES:

October 8 Roy & Meredith Cole
 October 12 Jeff & Sharolyn Metternich
 October 14 Mark & Lou Ann Sellers
 October 21 Jerry & Marita Archer
 October 24 Rod & Jill Westhuis
 October 26 Pastor Ed & Joyce Weiss
 October 28 Denny & Lana Qualey
 October 29 Matt & Megan Wallis

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Mike's Musings

Why do we go to church? I know as a child I went to church because my mom made me. We would go to church, and as soon as the service was over we would leave. We rarely stepped foot back in the building any other time. So, what is Church?

Webster's 3ed definition of Church is, "the whole body of Christians." The first was the building, and the second was the religious body. In my opinion the whole body of Christians is correct. The Church is the people. So, what does God say on the subject of Church. Hebrews 10:25{NLT} says, "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

Fellowship is what we are talking about. When I looked up the word fellowship in my bible application, I found hundreds of scriptures that dealt with fellowship. I find every time I get together with other believers it helps me grow stronger in the Lord. Proverbs 27:17{NLT} says, "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend." God planned it that way. We are supposed to build each other up and keep each other accountable. Acts 2:42-47 tells us what was happening in the early Church. "All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper^[a]), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved." I want to encourage those of you to stay after the service on Sunday to have fellowship with other believers. Join a small group, meet up with other Christians for a meal or plan an activity with people from Church. I bet you will get a lot out of it.

Much of the body of scripture about fellowship is about caring for others within the Church, but I think Peter sums it up with these verses in 1 Peter 4:7-10{NLT} that says, "The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

In closing I want to say that God makes a promise about fellowship in Matthew 18:20 {NLT} it says, "For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them. "No one is an island. We need each other to grow stronger. Come fellowship with the people that love the Lord. You might just find God is in that place.

Pinecrest Fellowship is the first Tuesday of each month from **2-3 pm**. There will be a short devotional, prayer, and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come and visit with the residents.

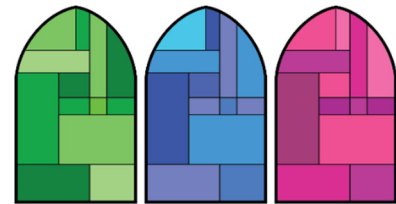


Operation Christmas Child

We've been gathering items to fill boxes in November. These are just suggestions – look for items on sale or clearance! *The October suggestion is for a personal note or letter to the child who receives the box. But there is always a need for other items for the big packing party next month, so anything fun!!*



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Window Replacment Capital Campaign

Thanks for all of your generous donations. As of the printing of this newsletter we are at \$50K of our \$73K target goal to replace the windows. Continue to pray for our project and give if you are able. Thank You!

Adult Sunday School

Continues at 9:30am on Sundays before service. We are currently studying the book of Revelation. All are welcome!

Committee Trade Fair Oct 22nd

Join us after service for a "Trade Fair" that will display how our various committees help share God's message and work inside and outside the Church. We will have refreshments and opportunities to learn how you can serve.



Memorial for Jo Ann Rinehart

There will be a memorial service on Oct 25th at 3pm.

Baby Shower Coffee Hour

On Sunday Oct 8th we will have our fellowship hall decorated for a baby shower! Donations will be taken to support the AA Crisis Pregnancy Center. Please plan to attend!



Remembrance Sunday Oct 29th



We will be having a time of remembrance for family members who have passed in the last year. If you have a loved one you would like recognized please contact the Church Office.

Coffee Hour and Liturgist Sign Ups

Please see the various sign-up sheets by the entrance to the church. We always need help with Coffee Hour and for readers on Sunday.



Stewardship Sunday Oct 22nd

Please prayerfully consider your donations. Please have your pledge cards returned by Oct 22nd so that we can have them for a time of celebration in the service that day.

Want something mentioned in the newsletter? Let the Church Office know! Thanks.

SARM happenings

Recent Events



Labor Day Bridge Walk and Breakfast

Upcoming Events

Oct 1: Exercise for Your Sou begins/Coats for Kids

Oct 7: Cheer for the home team MC Junior High Volleyball take on the Wolverines 10:30am MC school.

Oct 29: Pumpkin Patch and Hayride meeting at COS* at 10:30am.

Ongoing: Change to make a change: SARM is accepting donations for Coats for Kids contact Shannon for more info.

Shannon Cooley at Church of the Straits. Wednesday through Friday 11 AM to 2 PM (231)436-8682

*SARM Straits Area Resort Ministry *COS Church of the Straits

*YMS Youth Ministry Sunday *MC Mackinaw City.

All changes to SARM schedule will be posted on SARM Youth Facebook page or you can always contact youth director Shannon Cooley at COS (231) 436-8682 for updates.

Straits Talk Newsletter

October 2023



The Mission of Church of the Straits:
 To worship God faithfully
 To grow together spiritually
 To serve Jesus Christ and
 our neighbor joyfully
 ...in the power of God's Spirit.

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OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m.



God has a way of letting us know when fall is about to begin, at least up north. The birds start to tell us when it's arriving as some of them pack up and leave for the southern climates (now that I think about it, some of our congregation lets us know as they head south too, Ha! Ha!). The trees let us know as God paints them in various colors. The weather starts to let us know as it cools down in preparation for winter.

We ourselves prepare for fall as we dress more warmly and put away the summer clothes. The lawn mowers are put away and the snowblowers are getting ready to be used. It is true that some things can be prepped for while other things may blindsides us. I can't count how many times in ministry I have witnessed people being unprepared for something because there were no signs that it was coming. People have been diagnosed with cancer or experienced a serious accident. Sometimes there is the news that a job was lost, or a fire burned a home. You could insert any number of occasions here, but it is hard to adapt to something serious like this when there was no pre warning that it would happen. How do we deal with it?

My initial response is to "cast all your anxiety upon him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). But it is the next few verses that give a more complete answer: "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. To him be the power forever and ever, Amen." (Verse 8-11)

These verses indicate that we need to be focused on him because the devil wants to distract us from God. He wants to destroy us. So, we need to resist him and stand firm in our faith (as small as it may be – like a mustard seed). Know that others have experienced similar things and that God brought them through it and will bring you through as well.

Who or what can help us with this? The body of Christ, the church can help. The Word of God can help. Prayer can help. And if I am so privileged, I would love to help as well.

Love you all very much,

Pastor Dave



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1 Peter 5:10, NIV