



October



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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 3	Charlee Paape
October 4	Dave Bailey
October 4	Jonathan Lyons
October 6	Janet Schaefer
October 9	Les Jackson
October 10	Danny Ranville
October 10	Tom Jones

October 10	Anne McCready
October 12	Nelson LaPointe
October 13	Judy Most
October 15	Stella Smith
October 15	Edie Bennett
October 15	Alicia Powers
October 17	Cheryl Newman
October 19	Mark Sellers
October 20	Jim Stevens
October 24	Amber Newman
October 26	Ben Strittmatter
October 28	Dutch Miller

ANNIVERSARIES:

O ctober 8	Roy & Meredith Cole
O ctober 12	Jeff & Sharolyn Metternich
October 14	Mark & Lou Ann Sellers
October 23	Barbara & Richard Stone
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

Sometimes I struggle with my prayers, and I wonder if God really hears me. Many times, we ask God for help, but we keep working on the problem ourselves. I read a poem, and I want to share it with you because it speaks about this subject.

-Broken Dreams-

As children bring their broken toys with tears for us to mend, I brought my broken dreams to God because he was my friend. But then instead of leaving Him in peace to work alone, I hung around and tried to help with ways of my own. At last, I snatched them back and cried! How can you work so slow? "My child", He said, "what could I do? You never did let go."

When we pray, we must surrender it to God and trust He will give the answers. Yet we struggle with the surrender part. It comes down to this, either we trust God, or we don't. It is that simple. Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

I have found that scripture to be so true. I don't need to wrestle with problems by myself. I don't have to wrestle with them at all! God takes the heavy load and gives me His load which is nothing at all. So, make the choice to trust God, and find yourself in His rest. It may take time to fix the things that you can't fix, but it is always worth the wait. Trust in the Lord with all your heart.



Operation Christmas Child

Boxes are ready to be filled! Please fill and return before **Nov 13th**. List of items are in each box. If you don't want to shop, there is a box located on the Samaritan table near the entrance taking donations for shipping. Thank you all for helping the children have a blessed Christmas. **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!!**

Food Pantry Resumes Nov 5th 10am

Help is needed to support healthy nutrition for those in need. We will need donations and help to distribute food on the day of the events. Please plan to help out if you are able. Thanks!



Christmas Cantata will be returning Dec 7th at 2pm. If you would be interested in participating, please talk with Sharolyn Metternich. Practices will be 2pm on Sundays.



Remembrance Sunday November 2nd

We will have a candle lighting ceremony to remember family and friends that we have lost this year. If you would like to have someone included in this service, please contact the Church Office.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

On Sunday October 12th after the service, we will be having Cake and Coffee to thank Pastor and Lisa for their service to our congregation.



Please plan to attend to show them our thanks! A basket for cards will be available.

Free Ramp Available Please ask Rox Strieby.

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 26th

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.

The Sounds of Worship

Have you ever paused to listen — really listen — to the world around you?

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" (Psalm 98:4, ESV)

The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. These aren't just background noise — they're invitations to worship.

God designed a world that sings. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it's woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are.

What sound lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness.

Flagpoles have been repaired and repainted!

Thanks to Mike, Nelson, and Todd!



Pinecrest Fellowship is the second 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.



Wednesday Night Bible Study @ 6:30pm
On break until after the new year.



Vote for the best scarecrow in town. SARM created a wonderful entry featuring the “Armor of God” Check it out near Mama-Mia’s Pizza.

Want something mentioned in the newsletter?
Let the Church Office know! Thanks.
(231) 436-8682 or cotsoffice@yahoo.com

Change to Make a Change
Kids helping Kids. We will be collecting your spare change as well as other donations to help support several causes this year including:

Coats for Kids
Operation Christmas Child “Shoeboxes”
Purses with a Purpose

We will have collection boxes for any items that are donated. Thanks for your support helping us to make a “Change” in our community.

SARM happenings

At Church of the Straits, We Love Kids!



Bridge Walk 2025



Thanks for a Great Summer!!

Upcoming Events
Trunk or Treat Oct 31st
Decorate Christmas Tree Dec 6th

Shannon Cooley at Church of the Straits. Wed-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 2025



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.

Minister	Pastor David Wallis
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	Erin Masters
Organist	Loretta Martinek
Treasurer	Donna Falor
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Clerk	Laura Jackson
Administrative Asst.	Joshua Kuehn

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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It's been a long time since I have done a sermon series on Spiritual Gifts and so I decided to do that starting in September. People often come up to me and wonder what, or even if, they have any Spiritual Gifts. If we are believers in Jesus Christ, then the answer to that question is an obvious "Yes we do." Read the following from a modern English version of the bible:

1 Cor 12:21-28 (from The Message – translated by Eugene Peterson)
21 Can you imagine Eye telling Hand, "Get lost; I don't need you"? Or, Head telling Foot, "You're fired; your job has been phased out"? 22

As a matter of fact, in practice it works the other way — the "lower" the part, the more basic, and therefore necessary. You can live without an eye, for instance, but not without a stomach. 23 When it's a part of your own body you are concerned with, it makes no difference whether the part is visible or clothed, higher or lower. You give it dignity and honor just as it is, without comparisons. 24 If anything, you have more concern for the lower parts than the higher. If you had to choose, wouldn't you prefer good digestion to full-bodied hair?

25 The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, 26 the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance.

27 You are Christ's body — that's who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your "part" mean anything.

Every part in the Body of Christ has its place and the whole functions so much better when each part sees its value and utilizes its skill in the context of the whole. No one part is more important than the other.

So perhaps it's important for us to investigate what our Spiritual Gifts are so that we can use them and hone them for God's glory. If you haven't done it already, either grab a packet from the Church of the Straits or go online to www.spiritualgiftstest.com and find out for yourself. Then, seek ways to be used by God here and elsewhere. I hope you find this an exciting adventure.

Love you in Christ,

Pastor Dave

