



June

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BIRTHDAYS:

June 2	Nick Nickerson
June 3	Jeff Metternich
June 4	Mike Ware
June 5	Dee Nickerson
June 8	Meridith Cole
June 11	Sandy Prior

June 12	Erin Masters
June 19	Grace Chase
June 20	Ginny Brew
June 21	Leah Charboneau
June 22	Scott Newman
June 27	Ava Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES:

June 6	Dave & Lisa Wallis
June 12	Jamey & Kim Jutson
June 18	Les & Laura Jackson
June 26	Peter & Kate Walugembe
June 26	Rodney & Edie Bennett

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Mike's Musings

When I was younger, I had many people telling me who I was. Some told me positive things, and others told me negative things. My Mom said I was loved and cared for. Some people said I was fat, some said I was lazy, some even said I never

would amount to much at all. As I got older people were still telling me who they thought I was. They said I was rigid, and overbearing as a boss. Others told me I was stupid and had no value because of my beliefs. Unfortunately, after many years of hearing negative thing about me I began to believe what they were saying. This caused my soul to ach, and I began to feel I was worthless and didn't want to go on with this pain. Perhaps today you are feeling the same way.

It wasn't until I accepted Christ into my life that I found out who I really was. Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." In Psalms we see God made us perfect. Psalm 139:13-14 "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." So, no matter what others say God thinks you are perfectly made because he doesn't make junk.

Finally, I want you to know once God has redeemed you he sees you in a different way than before you knew him. Romans 8:1 "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus," Stand strong in this knowledge brothers and sisters. Don't let what others say define who you think you are. In Proverbs 12:23 it says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." We guard our hearts by filling them with the truth. God's truth! Remember that God loved you so much he gave us his son so we might be free. Ignore those who condemn you and listen instead to the one who made you. God loves you and wants you to have peace from what the world is telling you. Today I want you to trust God's word and know you are who God made you. A masterpiece!

Remember God is good all the time, and all the time God is good.



Operation Christmas Child

We're gathering items to fill boxes in November. These are just suggestions – look for items on sale or clearance!

June is Toys month! Little cars, balls, jacks, jump ropes, Slinkys, Yo-yo's, small dolls, puzzles, etc.. We can always use: activity pads, note pads, coloring books and items for older boys.

Service Time Change

Starting Sunday June 22nd we will change to our summer schedule with service starting at 10am . We will continue until after Labor Day



Coffee Hour Signups Needed



We're always looking for helpers! There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for the coming months. Please don't feel you have to do an "elaborate spread". Cookies and coffee, some juice is all that is needed.

Thank You!

To all my family at Church of the Straits, Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the outpouring of love and support our friends and family received with Mom's passing. Even the out-of-town family felt the love at her Celebration of Life. And the desserts were delicious and beautiful! All who baked and brought goodies hit it out of the park!! Thank you for the beautiful cards, hugs, texts, and messages during this last year and even before. I have felt the prayers and messages of love have sustained me through Mom's battle. You all have a servant's heart for Christ, and I am blessed to be part of the family!

-Julie Burnett, Jehren and Jaedon Warner, and the rest of Cathy's Clan!



Church Picnic July 20th After Service

Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided. There will be a sign up for deserts.

Congratulations to all our Graduates!

2025 Graduates of Mackinaw City High School

- Jared Weirtalla
Isaac Valot
Vanessa Groenewood
Lucas Foster
Abigale Brown

2025 Graduate of Pellston High School

Madison Jutson



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.



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!



Easter



Flowers for Mother's Day



Upcoming Events

Mackinac Island Youth Field Trip: Sunday June 8th leaving at 10am

Trip includes boat tickets, lunch, sightseeing, ice cream, and more!

Youth will be passing out and hiding pocket prayers along the way.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Shannon Cooley.

Signups due by June 1st

Sunday Sundae Sully's Sweet Shop: July 13th

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

June 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
Youth Director	Shannon Cooley
Head Ushers	Todd Kohs
	Erin Masters
Organist	Loretta Martinek
Treasurer	Donna Falor
Financial Secretary	Laura Jackson
Clerk	Laura Jackson
Administrative Asst.	Joshua Kuehn

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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The last time I wrote to you was before our little ice storm (quite the understatement)! We were readying ourselves to leave for Florida to see our son and family when the storm hit. We were able to leave several days or so into the power outage and had power by the time we got back. A total of 12 days without power and many of you were longer than that.

The storm made us realize how reliant we are on electricity. We need it for heat, for keeping our perishable food from spoiling, for lights, for internet, TV, and so on. Besides the fact we need someone else to have electricity to pump gas into our vehicles, keep groceries from spoiling, keep hospitals running and the list becomes exhaustive. We experienced this, didn't we.

I have a renewed appreciation for electricity and fuel (for the generator). This experience made me aware of my reliance, and I have already learned how I can be better prepared for a next time (although I hope we never have a storm as bad as that one).

As in anything, perhaps there is a spiritual lesson here as well. As believers we are comforted by God's presence! When life throws a curveball, we sometimes experience a bit of a disconnect with God for perhaps a time until we realize we need to stay connected to him. Like electricity we don't realize how much we need it until we are without it.

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27) It isn't our peace, it's His peace given to us. If we don't accept it, we don't benefit from it. It is there, just connect.

God knows we will experience a disconnect from time to time, it reminds us of where our strength and peace come from. John 16:33 says, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Disconnects are inevitable but HE is always there waiting for us to trust Him with everything, all the time.

We need God. We need Jesus. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to walk this journey. I have a renewed appreciation of the Godhead, just like I do with electricity.

Love you all deeply,

Pastor Dave

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