

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	Men's Group 9am 3
Communion AA 3pm Prayer Group 6pm 4	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm Missions 1pm 5	Pinecrest 2pm PPRC 6:30pm 6	Bible Journaling 2pm 7	8	9	Men's Group 9am 10
Youth Ministry Sunday Sunday Sundaes - DQ AA 3pm Prayer Group 6pm 11	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 12	13	Blood Drive @ St Anthonys 11:30am-5pm Bible Journaling 2pm 14	Men's Brkfst 9am Worship 10am Willing Workers 10am 15	16	Men's Group 9am 17
Father's Day AA 3pm Prayer Group 6pm 18	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 19	20	Bible Journaling 2pm 21	22	Big Ticket Festival Men's Group 9am 23 24	
**Worship 10AM AA 3pm Prayer Group 6pm 25	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 26	BOG Mtg 7pm 27	Bible Journaling 2pm 28	Protect Life Event 1pm-6:30pm 29	30	

BIRTHDAYS:

June 2 Nick Nickerson
 June 3 Jeff Metternich
 June 4 Mike Ware
 June 5 Dee Nickerson
 June 8 Meridith Cole
 June 10 Carol Grebe
 June 11 Sandy Prior
 June 12 Erin Masters
 June 13 Jerry Prior

June 19
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Grace Chase
 Ginny Brew
 Leah Charboneau
 Bill Ptashnik
 Scott Newman
 Mary Jane Boyke
 Ava Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES:

June 4 Jerry & Sandy Prior
 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

Pastor Dave recently talked about abiding in Christ. It took me a long time to understand how this worked. As a new Christian I was excited about being a Christian but wasn't sure what that looked like. There were many people in my life who said they were Christian, but they didn't look much different than the world. I was a baby and was crawling in my relationship with Christ but didn't get how I should walk. Over time I learned that to be in a relationship I had to put in more effort. This was the beginning of me abiding. I found out to walk with Christ meant I had to make scripture study part of my daily routine, not just reading it, but committing it to my memory. When I started doing that my life changed dramatically. God's word was changing me. This was how I learned to walk. I won't try to tell you this was easy because it wasn't. God is still working on me daily. If you only have time for God on Sunday you are not in a relationship with God, you are just playing Christian.

I want you to know when you are abiding in God it comes with privilege. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29) Early on in my Christian life I put God in a box. I only called on God when things got out of control, but God showed me He was there all the time. John 15:9 states, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love." Also, John 15:11 says, "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." These things are hard to believe. God gives us so much, but you may be struggling with this still. Abiding means you need to surrender all to God. Abiding in Christ means receiving and believing and trusting in the words of Jesus. It means receiving the love of Jesus for the Father and for his people and the joy that Jesus has in the Father and in us. It means sharing the joy, the love, and the words with Jesus. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) The question I have for you is, are you fruitful or are you just doing things by yourself?

I'm still learning to abide in God, but I know that God longs for this relationship. You have a choice you can abide in Him or do life on your own. Abiding is not so hard when you see the love, joy and peace that come with it.

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.



Vacation Bible Camp

August 7th-11th 2023, 9am to Noon

Age 4 to 6th Grade

Songs, Games, Arts & Crafts, Bible Stories, Snacks



Operation Christmas Child
We've gathered 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 25th we will change to our summer schedule with service starting at 10am . We will continue until after Labor Day



Congratulations to all Mackinaw City Graduates

Carla Blake
Larissa Huffman
Eva Maida
Jeffrey Siebigteroth
Nathan Straus
Noah Valot
Cooper Whipkey

Britanya Clayton
Lars Huffman
Marlie Postula
Madison Smith
Julia Sullivan
Lily Wallace



Protect Life Event at Church of the Straits

Join Protect Life Michigan on **June 29**, from 1pm-6:30pm (dinner provided) for their Pro-Life Bootcamp training, here at the church! Their staff of professional outreach leaders will be giving trainings on Pro-Life Apologetics, Conversation Tactics, and Outreach Methods. The training will be followed by outreach on the streets of our fair town, to mobilize attendees to take life-saving action, and to reach our community with the pro-life message. For more information, check out protectlifemi.org/bootcamp

When: June 29, 1pm-6:30pm. Dinner will be provided.

Who: Any pro-lifer, ages 13-113. We are encouraging parents and teenage kids to attend and learn together!

Cost: Early bird registration is \$25 and closes on June 8. After that, the cost is \$35 per person, with discounts available for groups that register together.

Blood Drive @ St Anthony's June 14th

Mackinaw Woman's Club and St. Anthony Catholic Church are hosting a Community Blood Drive on June 14, 2023, 11:30 am to 5 pm, at the St Anthony's Parish Hall, 600 W Central Ave, Mackinaw City. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. Call Donna Falor at 231-445-0151 or visit versiti.org/miblood and search 'Mackinaw' to schedule your appointment online. Save lives across Michigan by donating blood.



Coffee Hour Help 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.



SARM happenings

Recent Events



SARM Cheers for the Comets Softball and Baseball



SARM Mother's Day Celebration



Sunday School Graduation and trip to the Bakery



Upcoming Events

June 12th 10:30 am Meeting at Church of the Straits is the return of Sunday Sundae at DQ
June 23rd-24th Big Ticket Festival in Gaylord. If any kids under 12th grade would like to be sponsored there are scholarships available through SARM.

Ongoing: Change to make a change: SARM is accepting donations for the women's resource center of Northern Michigan. Personal hygiene products. "Purse with a Purpose" contact Shannon for more info.

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

*SARM Straits Area Resort Ministry *COS The 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 2023



The Mission of The 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 10:30 a.m.



*...his mercies never come
 to an end; they are new
 every morning; great
 is your faithfulness.*
Lamentations 3:22-23, NRSV

I'm reiterating a story I shared on Facebook a little over a week ago about my journey downstate to pick up an old tractor I purchased a couple weeks ago. The trip down was uneventful but the trip back came with two flat tires on the trailer. I was ready for the first one because I had a spare. I also came prepared with an impact drill, truck jack, filled air compressor tank, etc...

I was only prepared for one flat! When I got the second flat I had no spare, I had no air in the compressor and it was late at night, around 11pm. I was north of Cadillac, so I called AAA. They couldn't help so I unhooked the trailer and went into town to no avail. I called until I found a tow company

that pointed me in the direction of a mobile emergency service out of Kalkaska. I called and they could help but would be a couple hours because of another call. I quickened the timeframe by rounding up my two rims, taking them to Kalkaska to meet them and then taking new tires on rims back to the trailer to put them both on because the spare on the trailer was not a strong enough tire for the weight being transported. I ended up home after 5 am! I think it qualified as a bad day, LOL!!!

All that to say, I got home, and I am okay, and another day brought joys and blessings and good things. Not every day is bad. Sometimes we dwell in the moment and don't allow ourselves to hope for a better day! Lamentation 3:21ff says, "Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him.' The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."

Do not fret when things go wrong. Do not worry when things happen there are essentially out of your control. As prepared as you think you are, there may be a second spare that blows. But there will be a new day and there will be good things coming to those who trust in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Remember the old farmer proverb, "God makes fertilizer out of the manure in our lives". I'm grateful for bad days because they make me appreciate the good days all the more. They also teach me to trust even more.

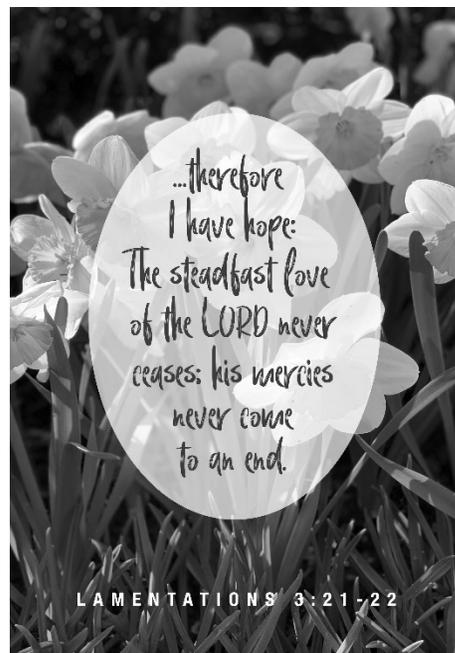
Love you all dearly,

Pastor Dave



"GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS."

L A M E N T A T I O N S 3 : 2 3



*...therefore
 I have hope:
 The steadfast love
 of the LORD never
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