



# June



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Men's Group 9am  1
Communion  AA3pm Prayer Group 5pm 2	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm  3	Pinecrest 2pm PPRC 6:30pm 4	Bible Journaling 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm 5	6	7	Men's Group 9am  8
Youth Ministry Sunday God Rocks Macinac Is. AA3pm Prayer Group 5pm 9	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm  10	11	VBS Meeting 10am Bible Journaling 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm 12	13	 14	Men's Group 9am  15
Father's Day  AA3pm Prayer Group 5pm 16	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm  17	18	Bible Journaling 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm 19	Men's Brkfst 9am Willing Workers 10am 20	21	Men's Group 9am  22
<b>**Worship 10AM</b>  AA3pm Prayer Group 5pm 23 / 30	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm  24	BOG Mtg 7pm  25	Bible Journaling 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm 26	27	 28	Men's Group 9am  29

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	Grace Chase
June 20	Ginny Brew
June 21	Leah Charboneau
June 21	Bill Ptashnik
June 22	Scott Newman
June 22	Mary Jane Boyke
June 27	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

God is so good to us. We all have problems going on in our lives, but if we believe what Gods word says we know He has it all under control. Psalms 37:23-24 says: "The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may

stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand." Yet what part do we have in what happens in our lives? John 25:4 says: "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me". God has promised so many things to us, but he also wants us to be obedient to His commands.

Here is another good example of this Jeremiah 29:11-13. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." We all want to see God working in our lives but are we seeking Him in all we do? I sometimes think that many of our problems stem from our own actions or the way we live our lives. I'm no different than anyone else, I do things that get me in trouble, just ask my wife. Just joking.

I am comforted that God is faithful even when I am not. He wants the best for us and wants our best. Renew your minds with the word of God, talk with God about your short comings, fellowship with others who love the Lord. God always has something better for us if we just take the time to listen to Him. I pray that your struggles in life don't overwhelm you and I will leave you with verses that spoke to me. Colossians 2:6-7 "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."



### Operation Christmas Child

We've 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.

### Memorial Day Parade-Books

Many books were handed out on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the riders, walkers, and people who handed out books. We were blessed with good weather and had a good experience sharing the joys of the Lord!



Thanks for all of your help and support!!!

### Service Time Change

Starting Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### VBS Meeting June 12<sup>th</sup> 10am

VBS This year will be Aug 5<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a planning meeting for anyone who would like to help out. Our theme this year is "Space"

### Blood Drive June 18<sup>th</sup>

Mackinaw Woman's Club and St. Anthony Catholic Church are hosting a Community Blood Drive on June 18, 2024, noon 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](http://versiti.org/miblood) and search 'Mackinaw' to schedule your appointment on-line. Save lives across Michigan by donating blood.



### Request from Pinecrest Fellowship

Pinecrest is looking for Lego's! They would like donations of Lego bricks of all sizes to help support eye-hand coordination and dexterity. Please talk with Sue Kohs if you have any to donate or have questions. Thanks!

### Church Picnic July 14<sup>th</sup> After Service

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

### Congratulations to all our Graduates!

#### 2024 Graduates of Mackinaw City High School

Gracie Beauchamp  
Lucas Bergstrom  
Katelynn Cross  
Carter DeWitt  
Irena Ditta  
Amelia House  
Stacy-Ann Miller  
Damon Morse

Jersey Beauchamp  
Sabastian Pierce  
Ella Poumade  
Connor Robertson  
Grace Sroka  
Trystan Swanson  
Nicholas Vieau

#### 2024 Graduate of NMCA Burt Lake

Addie Pietrowski



**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.



**Reminder on Scheduling Use of the Church:**  
All scheduling must go through the Church office for events and use of the building. If you plan to utilize the building, please get in touch with the Office to check the calendar. Thanks!

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

**Midweek Bible Study**  
Lead by Michael Canales. Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8pm. We will be studying the book of Romans. The class will be geared to those of all faith levels.

**Summer Hours for Shannon Cooley**  
On Thursdays Shannon will work 10 am to 1pm

# SARM happenings

## At Church of the Straits, We Love Kids!



Baccalaureate May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

### Upcoming Events

**June 9<sup>th</sup> “God Rocks” on Mackinac Island Meet at 10am**  
Help us decorate and distribute rocks on Mackinac Island!

**July 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sundae @ Sully Sweet Shop**

**VBS August 5-9<sup>th</sup>**

**August 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sundae @ Dairy Queen Mackinaw City**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge Walk and Breakfast at Audie’s**

**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 2024



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, Carl Strieby
	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.

Office Phone: 231 436-8682  
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We indeed have some exciting news here at Church of the Straits. The new windows are being put in the sanctuary as we speak. I can hear the tools running outside my door. The new windows should save on our heat bill, keep things cooler in summer and lessen the glare through the windows with slight tinting. The windows will have a cleaner look because the seals between the panes won't be broken.

Speaking of windows, how about the window to your soul? No matter how cloudy that window is, God sees through it because he lives in the heart of each believer. Where the picture may get cloudier is when we look at

each other's inner being and aren't always allowed to see what's deep inside because we aren't transparent with each other.

Galatians 6:2 says, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." How can we carry each other's burdens if we don't know what they are? Sometimes we are so guarded when it comes to sharing our shortcomings, our sin, our struggles, or our pain because it makes us feel or seem weak. The fact is, we are weaker on our own than we are with a group of people who care about us and pray for us.

James 5:16 tells us to "confess our sins to each other and pray for each other so that we may be healed." Healing may not be physical, it could be spiritual, but the fact is we need to share with each other. My desire as pastor of this church has always been that we would function as a healthy family. That means we would be real and transparent as we live in community with each other. We would always be looking out for the needs of those in our family and be selfless, not selfish.

Perhaps the biggest hurdle to get to transparency is trust. What will people say and think if I share my deepest struggles and issues? Will they think less of me? Will I be accepted if they know I have blown it in some way? In our flesh and blood families (when healthy) forgiveness and understanding abound. Judgment isn't meted out like mercy and grace are.

If the church could be like that, the individual growth and intimacy experienced would be exponentially larger. Healing relationships would happen more readily. Seekers would come more regularly. God would be experienced more genuinely.

Let's work toward that goal so we can see through the glass more clearly!

Love ya'll

*Pastor Dave*

Pastor Dave

