



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Bible Study 6:30pm 1	Bible Journaling 2pm 2		Men's Group 9am  4
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VBS Sunday AA 3pm Prayer Group 6pm 26	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 27	BOG Mtg 7pm 28	Bible Study 6:30pm 29	Bible Journaling 2pm 30		 JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

July 1	Carter Jaggi
July 6	Knox Wilson
July 9	Kylie Reed
July 10	Cobe Robertson
July 10	John Keller
July 11	Cynthia Thompson
July 13	Rian Esper
July 14	Dana Paape
July 16	Myran Thompson
July 16	Levi Walugembe

July 17	Brenda Beyer
July 20	Steve Powers
July 21	Lyn Benefiel
July 22	Brian Langhorne
July 23	Steve Sprague
July 23	Dick Spayde
July 26	Mackenzie Jutson
July 26	June Heilman
July 26	Gussie Williams
July 31	Deb Miller

ANNIVERSARIES:

July 1	Caleb & Courtney Jaggi
July 1	David & Stephanie Skeels
July 10	Brad & Samantha Reed
July 14	Mike & Donna Canales
July 14	Steve & Alicia Powers
July 19	Dave & June Bailey
July 23	David & Sherry Paquet
July 24	Jerry & Estella Smith
July 25	Nick & Dee Nickerson
July 28	Dutch & Deb Miller



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Mike's Musings

It's July and this year marks our country's 250th year of becoming a nation. Our country was founded with **In God We Trust** as the motto of what we stood for when we were founded. It's even printed on all our money.

As Christians we should be happy we serve a God who loves us and wants the best for us. Here is food for thought. We need to foster this motto in all we do and say. Do we trust in God?

John 14:6 says, Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

If we **Trust in God**, are we telling others this truth. We should be. Do we really **Trust in God** when it says in **2 Timothy 3:16-17** "**All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**" **Do we trust God's word?** Then why don't we tell others about God? You have everything you need in God's word to do "every good work."

I am proud to be an American, but my pride should be in the one that allowed this country to become such a great nation. Be proud of God and what He has done for us. As we celebrate our 250th Anniversary of the birth of our nation, remember the motto **In God We Trust**, because it wouldn't be a nation without our God.



An Acoustic Night with the Sidewalk Prophets

On May 31st Church of The Straits sponsored their concert. Praise be to GOD the event was a huge success with over 500 tickets sold. The Cheboygan Opera house was full of people with open hearts and minds. A night filled with praise for Jesus' through song and storytelling.

Evangelism committee would like to thank:

Cheboygan Opera House and Staff, Great Big Family Productions, Cheboygan Coffee Roasters, Cherry Republic, Fort Fudge, Alice's Candy and Korn, Joanne's Fudge, Scrolls and More, Holiday Inn Express M.C. and Signs of Mackinaw

Volunteers for the event:

Shannon & Matt Cooley, Sue & Todd Kohs, Bobbie Lechowicz, Ken & Kristi Laninga, Roy & Meredith Cole, Jennifer & Julia Cole, Brenda Bell, Sue O'Dwyer, Don & Jan Hawver, Laura Jackson, Nancy Prindle, Abby Small, Becka Bicks, Jeff & Sharolyn Metternich, Rod Westhuis, and Theodora Albu. It was hard work, but God was working in people's lives.

We would also like to thank all of the people that attended the Sidewalk Prophets show. We hope that you enjoyed and left feeling uplifted, closer to GOD and closer to your brother and sister in Christ. I had the opportunity to talk to many people who traveled from down state and the U.P. for this special night.

The Evangelism has decided to have a fundraiser T-Shirt sale.

Bo a local artist designed C.O.T.S. volunteers a wonderful T-Shirt to wear at the concert. Well, everyone liked it so much and asked how they could get one. We decided to open it to everyone that would like their own C.O.T.S. T-Shirt pictures of T-shirt below. Shirt orders can be placed through Church of the Straits. Cash or check will be accepted. Prices:

Xsmall- XLarge \$20.00

2XL- \$22.00

3XL - \$24.00

Sincerely,

Church of the
Straits Evangelism
Committee



Operation Christmas Child

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

Suggestions: July is clothes month! Socks, underwear, shirts, shoes, sandals, sun dresses, etc.. We can always use: activity pads, note pads, coloring books and items for older boys.

Church Picnic July 19th After Service

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



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.

Summer Service Time

We are on our summer schedule with service starting at 10am and Adult Bible Study at 9:30am. We will continue until after Labor Day



VBS is August 3rd – 7th from 9am – Noon with the Friday Parent Program from 12-12:30 pm.

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 Evening Bible Study
Michael Canales is leading a bible study on the book of John Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Please see Michael if you have questions or would like to attend.



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

SARM happenings

At Church of the Straits, We Love Kids!



Baccalaureate May 20th 2026



Sunday Sundae!

Upcoming Events
July 12th Sunday Sundae
August 3rd to 7th VBS True North
September 7th Bridge Walk and Breakfast at Audies

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

July 2026



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.

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship 10:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Minister	Pastor David Wallis
Youth Director	Shannon Cooley
Head Ushers	Todd Kohs
	Spencer Masters
Organist	Loretta Martinek
Treasurer	Joshua Kuehn
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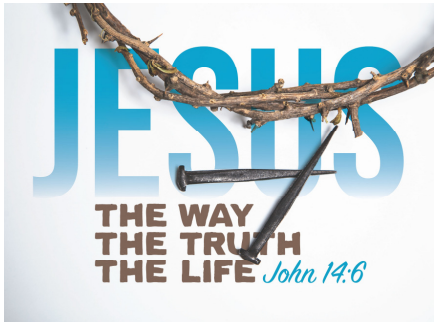
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I have been excited about the celebration of 250 years as a country for some time. I can remember when I was 15 years old, celebrating 200 years and it was the same year that we had a real big family reunion. When I was young it seemed that this country was filled with a lot of America loving patriots and we were more of a united Country. I'm sad to say it doesn't seem so much that way anymore. But I'm also an eternal optimist and I think we can get back to being proud, united Americans again.

There are perhaps many reasons why it is so different five decades later. I think most of those reasons can be rolled up into one main reason. We have lost our way spiritually speaking and it has affected everything else. Church attendance and interest in Christianity is far different today then five decades ago. The "God is dead" era did infect the interest in the things of God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, the Church allowed this to happen with a "live and let live" approach rather than a live a life of the Gospel in the world so they can see that God indeed is alive and Jesus rose from the dead.

The information highway has offered a myriad of half-truths and quasi gospels that aren't rooted in the Scriptures. The church itself gets off course because we haven't anchored ourselves in the unchanging truth of God's Holy Word. Psalm 119:11 says. "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." If we don't know the Word, we can't be sure we are on the right track. My opinion does not matter, only the truth in God's Word does. That should be our filter for living our lives in holiness.

I don't want to water down the truth, so when Scripture says (Jesus speaking), "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6), that is what I believe. When people far and wide, claiming to be Christians, tell me something different, I will not waver. I'm not anchored in opinion but the clear direction in the Word.

It seems that I got off course from the first paragraph to here. I don't think I did. Our Country was at one time anchored in the Constitution, and belief in the God of Scriptures, and acting accordingly in the way we lived our lives freely. We lost that and I want to find it again for me, my family, my neighbors, my country and even my enemies.

I love the USA as imperfect as we are. I pray for our leaders, our churches and our people.

God bless you all and God bless the United States of America,

Pastor Dave
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