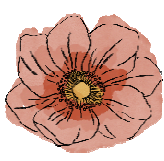




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BIRTHDAYS:

June 2 Nick Nickerson
June 3 Jeff Metternich
June 4 Mike Ware
June 5 Dee Nickerson
June 8 Meredith Cole
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
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Mike's Musings

I think sometimes we misunderstand our own salvation. I'm not sure about anyone else, but I sometimes struggle with sin; every day in fact. I often imagine that God is angry with me, but He isn't.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 says,

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.” When we accepted Christ all our sin was taken and we were made a new creature. That means all sin, past present and future sin. Our position was changed by what Christ did on the cross. We are no longer sinners but made **Holy** and **Righteous**. Not because of what we have done, but what Christ did by dying on the cross. Understand, we feel conviction when we sin because we have the Holy Spirit living within us.

John 5:24 says, “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.” So, we have been saved from eternal death, and now have eternal life. Some may say we have a free pass to sin because Christ has taken all my sins away. No, this isn't what God's word is telling us at all. Titus 2:11-14 says this, “For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.” Also, Romans 12:2 says, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

So, when we sin our position doesn't change, but our relationship with God isn't quite right. We don't need to agonize that we are bad people that can't live without sinning. No, we can see from scripture we need to confess it to God and get back to living **Holy** again. I sort of liken it to this; we are told we are Holy, but we don't believe we are Holy because we keep struggling with sin. But listen to this, Galatians 2:20 says, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” This is how much Jesus Christ loved us. He knew we were weak and couldn't keep His Law, so He sacrificed Himself to make it so we could. I'll end with this quote from C.S. Lewis' book Mere Christianity, “A Christian is not someone who never goes wrong, but who is enabled to repent and pick himself up and begin again, because the Christ life is inside him.” Keep talking to God and reading His word, also tell others that they too can find peace in Jesus Christ. I hope someone that needed to hear this now knows you aren't alone in your struggle. We all struggle!



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.

Landscaping Support Needed!

Last fall, the Board of Governors accepted a proposal to replace the plants surrounding the Church of the Straits. The new plants are low maintenance; will be placed to keep windows clear; beds include ground fabric and a pebble versus mulch covering to reduce weeds, and a drip irrigation system. We hope that you will prayerfully consider supporting this effort to maintain our place of worship and contribute as the Spirit leads you.



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.

Service Time Change

Starting Sunday June 28th, we will change to our summer schedule with service starting at 10am . We will continue until after Labor Day



Congratulations to Our Graduates!!

2026 Graduates of Mackinaw City High School

Alaina Brown
Braylon Currie
Logan Duffin
Jillian Foster
Tyler Hingston
Naomi Knack
Elizabeth Kruczynski
Draeven Leithauser
Kerry-Ann Ming
Tanyon Pierce
Haley Straus
Benjamin Strittmatter
Eden Teed
Cynthia Thompson
Myran Thompson

2026 Graduate of Cheboygan High School

Isabella Lieghio

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!



Sunday School Decorating Bird Houses



Cheer for the Home Team

Mother’s Day Flowers

Upcoming Events
June 21st Sunday Sundae Sully’s Sweet Shop
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

June 2026



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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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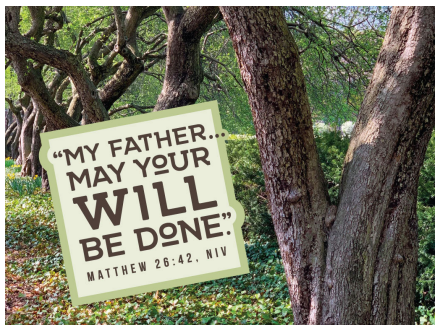
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OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.



I saw a little quip the other day about children. It goes like this:
“Children have a great deal of willpower – and even more won’t power!” I had to laugh when I read it because it is so true. One of the first words a little child learns is the word “no”! Our youngest grandchild learned to shake his head no (and it is his preferential nod) long before he shook his head up and down for yes.

Now that we have established that kids are innately sinful and reluctant to obey, perhaps we ought to turn to us adults. I fear that we haven’t grown out of that tendency ourselves. Just recently our Country celebrated a day, May 17th, to rededicate the United States of

America back to God. We participated in that endeavor in Sunday morning worship and spoke words of positivity toward that effort. I believe we were sincere in what we said and did.

I believe Jesus’ disciples were sincerely wanting to follow Jesus when they went with him to the Garden of Gethsemane in Matthew 26:36b-41 when Jesus said, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death, Stay here and keep watch with me.” Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will. Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping, “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?...Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” This of course happened two more times.

The disciples had willpower, but it didn’t overcome the won’t power! They were weakened by the distractions and busyness of life up till then. They had their own idea of what they should be doing, and they weren’t fully tuned into what Jesus wanted from them – obedience and companionship. Jesus had carried them along spiritually and they were saying yes in their spirit but no by their actions.

We can’t do this thing without God’s help! Our spirit is willing, but our flesh is weak. I say yes in my heart, but my actions sometimes fail me. I need to be obedient yet sometimes I am disobedient. Folks, we can’t do it ourselves. Confess to God our weakness, our sin, our indifference, our distractions and then ask him to fill us with His Holy Spirit to guide the way and lead us and our Country in the way of Christ.

Love you deeply,

Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave

