

Newsletter

JULY 2022

Worship God.

Follow Jesus.

Serve Others.

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.”

Ephesians 3:16-17

Dear Friends in Christ,

The months of summer are a beautiful gift for us in Southwest Michigan. When it's not too hot for safe work or recreation, the months of July and August offer the most comfortable days and nights for enjoying activities that renew and refresh us. What is it that you do for renewal, refreshment and recreation?

Boating, hiking, riding, camping, swimming may be on your list of ambitious activities. Lakeside visioning, sunset admiring, patio grilling, porch swing reading or rainy day napping may be on your list of more quiet pursuits. In any season, the pursuit of holiness is always a worthy target and desire. And while summer activities may lend to our blessing of renewal, it is our intentional cultivation of the presence of God that will strengthen our inner being and allow Christ to dwell in our hearts through faith.

So, along with the active and the contemplative practices of summer, let us include the disciplines of prayer, fasting, Scripture and worship. Let us listen to and sing the songs and hymns of our faith. Let us read and study the Bible, privately and together. Let us watch for and receive the blessings of God as they come to us in abundance each and every day.

Look forward to seeing you in church this Summer!

Blessings,

Wade S. Panse, Pastor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BETTY RUTZ



Please come to the party for Betty.
July 23, 4:00 PM, VFW Hall, Downtorn Cassopolis
Dinner and cake provided
RSVP the church office 269-445-3107

INSPIRATION FOR THE MONTH

"Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known." Habakkuk 3:2

Thank You Notes Received

Dear Church Family:

Thank you so very much for the generous retirement gift. I have loved serving as your secretary for the past nine years. It was a joy to serve all of you and this church I love. Now Liana Heath has this honor, and she will do a fine job. I will continue to see all of you each Sunday!

Love, Vicki Beebe

Dear United Methodist Church,

LEE League for Encouraging Empowerment would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$100 for our First Annual Wellness Beach Festival on May 14, 2022. Your contribution played a large role in helping us present resources to over 400 people in the Cass County area, not just for mental health, but other needs of the community. You truly made the difference for us, and we are extremely grateful!

Thanks again!

Carmen Peake, CEO



The Newton House at 20689 Marcellus Highway will be open to the public every Sunday thru August 1-4:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for families in Cass County to learn more about local history.

HUMOR FOR THE MONTH

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

July Sermon Schedule

Sermon Series: "I Am the Lord Your God" Ten Sermons on the Ten Commandments

July 3	4th Sunday after Pentecost	Idolatry	"No Idols"	Deut 5:8-10
July 10	5th Sunday after Pentecost	Profanity	"The Name"	Deut 5:11
July 17	6th Sunday after Pentecost	Sabbath	"Keep It Holy"	Deut 5:12-15
July 24	7th Sunday after Pentecost	Family	"Honor"	Deut 5:16
July 31	8th Sunday after Pentecost	Life	"No Murder"	Deut 5:17

SEVEN PSALMS FOR SUMMER (PLUS TWO)

Once again this summer, our Pastor will lead us in the study of selected Psalms each Wednesday in the months of July and August. You are invited to bring your Bible (and bring a friend) to join in the weekly study of nine Psalms this season. Each week will be a different Psalm, so you can attend one or more of the study sessions as your summer schedule allows. Light refreshments will be served after our discussion and study. So, please plan to attend as many Wednesday evenings as you can. We will begin promptly at 6:30 and conclude by 7:30 each week.







Here is the schedule of our Bible study: Seven Psalms for Summer (Plus Two)

July 6	Psalm 30	August 3	Psalm 107:1-9
July 13	Psalm 82	August 10	Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
July 20	Psalm 52	August 17	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
July 27	Psalm 85	August 24	Psalm 71:1-6
		August 31	Psalm 81:1, 10-16



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Worship 10 AM <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Newton House open 1-4</i>	4 Independence Day 	5	6 <i>Bible Study 6:30 PM</i>	7	8	9
10 Worship 10 AM Keith & Sheila Baker 	11	12 <i>Tim Heath</i>	13 <i>Bible Study 6:30 PM</i> <i>Liana & Tim Heath</i> 	14	15	16
17 Worship 10 AM Cacy May Carey May-Fox 	18	19 Arden May-Fox Jane & Steve Poe 	20 <i>Bible Study 6:30 PM</i>	21 <i>Jeanne Garber</i> <i>Mike Hiemstra</i>	22	23 St Paul Lutheran Food Pantry 11:30 - 1 <i>Betty Rutz</i>
24 Worship 10 AM Bob & Diane Sumption 	25 Evie Westrate	26	27 <i>Bible Study 6:30 PM</i>	28	29	30
31 <i>Mike Fox</i>						

If your special date does not appear on this calendar, please let the office know.