

Worship Helpers for June

USHERS:

5:
12
19: Deb Burton & Judy Cook
26:

GREETERS:

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19:
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SOUND SYSTEM



Ken Bell
Austyn Page

FELLOWSHIP TIME:

5:
12 Don & Miriam Strohpaal
19:
26: Deb Burton & Judy Cook



Birthdays in June

3 Jim Cook
4 Bud Sherwood
5 Deb Burton
12 Carolyn Siders
16 Donna Edighoffer
16 Deb Fraley
20 Betty Bell
21 Sandy Purcell



Anniversaries in June

3 Dick & Gloria Winters
10 Don & Miriam Strohpaal
12 Barb & Bob Getz
17 Bill & Shirley Barends
25 Klaus & Debi Walter



*Spring reminds us of the
Ressurrection --*

*It is written on every
leaf and flower.*

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The Churchmouse



June, 2016

Words By Which To Live



“Then you should solemnly state before the Lord your God: ‘My father was a starving Aramean. He went down to Egypt, living as an immigrant there with few family members, but that is where he became a great nation, mighty and numerous.’”
Deuteronomy 26:5

So begins one of the peculiar confessions of faith in God in human history. Every harvest, Jewish people were asked to bring the first products of their year’s labors to the temple to dedicate them to God. At the heart of this statement of faith is human weakness: we went to Egypt because we were hungry. We were punished there for being populous. We wandered through the wilderness because of our stupidity and our unwillingness to follow God. We arrived in the land flowing over with milk and money only because God is full of love, not because we deserved it at all. God’s mercy, God’s call. God’s work.-that’s the heart of it all. In the end, it’s isn’t about ‘I’ at all. It isn’t about ‘we’. It’s really about God and all that God can do. And the people were called to say these words to remind themselves of how things really were and who we were supposed to be in that ordering of life.

We still have that tendency to organize our lives. We collect phrases, even whole paragraphs, that capture simply what we believe is the heart of our lives, that declare what we hope is the point of our time here on earth, that challenge us to keep at what we are supposed to be keeping on about. This summer I want to look at one such inspiring documents: The United Church of Christ’s Statement of Faith (in this case, rephrased at as a prayer to God). Each week, June through August, we will look at this declaration of our strange and wonderful expression of Christianity line by line, pair each line with some of the Bible verses that provided its impetus, and then explore how we live out what we are proclaiming. We all need words to live by and so it is my hope that this series will give you a way to express what you believe and provide you with ways to make what you believe come alive.

Here is a schedule of what I will preaching about:

June 05 - “We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:” Genesis 1:1-Genesis 2:3 - “God, the Creator of It All”. We will also share communion.

June 12 - “You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.” Genesis 2:4-25-“Humans-God’s Creation.” We will also have a hymn sing.

Worship Schedule



June 5 -

Genesis 1:1 - Genesis 2:3
God, the Creator of It All
Communion



June 12 - Genesis 2:4-25
Humans - God’s Creation
Hymn Sing

June 19 - John 3:16-17 & John 11:1-8

God the Pursuer
Hymn Sing

June 26 - - Amos 7:7-9

God, the Judge

Bring a canned good to share with our
greater community

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June 19-“You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.” John 3:16-17 and John 11:1-18-“God, the Pursuer.” We will also have a hymn sing.

June 26-“You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.” Amos 7:7-9-“God, the Judge.” We also invite you to bring a canned good to share with our greater community.

July 03-“In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and have shared our common lot,” Philippians 2:1-11-“God in Jesus”. We will also share communion.

July 10-“...Conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself. Colossians 1:15-20-“Christ the Reconciler”. We will also have a hymn sing,

July 17 “You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,” Acts 2:42-47-“The Gift of Spirit.” We will also have a hymn sing.

July 24- “...binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.” Acts 17:16-34-“The Binder.” We also invite to bring a canned good to help relief hunger in the world around us.

July 31-“You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants and in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world,” Luke 9:1-10-“God Calls: Share the Gospel.” We will also look at how some of the greatest artists of the world have painted Christ’s disciples through the ages living out the Gospel of Christ.

August 07-“...and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. ” Luke 22:7-34-“God Calls: Resist.” We will also gather around the communion table.


August 14-You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace” Romans 8: 18-39- “God’s Promises: Forgiveness and Courage.” We will also have a hymn sing.

August 21-“...your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.” John 15-“God’s Promises: Presence and Life.” We will also have a hymn sing.

August 28-“Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.” Psalm 24-“Everything is God’s.” We will also gather canned goods for the needy.

Please join us as we seek words by which we can live.

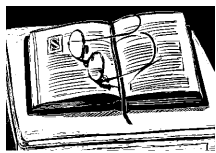
Peace,
Pastor Jon



In our thoughts & prayers

John, Melissa, Linda, Al, Genny, Vicki, Carolyn, Conrad Jr., Fred & Lucas.

Sunday Morning Bible Study




9 am every Sunday. We are slowly reading through the Acts of the Apostles. We'll supply the Bibles, you supply your questions and comments.

All are Welcome Come Join Us • Bibles Provided

Deadline for the July Churchmouse

Please send any information or articles you would like included in the **July Churchmouse** to the office by **Sunday, June 26**. You may e-mail information to: churchmouse@newaygoucc.org or leave a hard copy in the office.



Adult Study Classes

Noon and 7 p.m.-each Tuesday

Movie Series: “Babette’s Feast”

What is communion? Is it the food served or the people serving? Where is God in the midst of us? Come and join our scene by scene discussion of the Academy Award-winning Foreign Film. A small devout community finds itself in a quandary when Babette, a woman they have protected for years, wants to give something as sign of her gratitude. A gifted chef, she prepares an elaborate feast that threatens the spirituality of the community and challenges their understanding of how God works in creation.

Are you Interested in . . .

Going to a White Caps ballgame,
OR
Signing up for getting together for a Progressive dinner?

Worship and Pastoral Care is planning some fun for this summer. If interested call Nancy Carlson, 652-6834.

Would You be Interested?


Would you be interested in touring the Hindu Temple in Grand Rapids on 6/13 at 6:30. Please let Pastor Jon know if you are interested.

Directions: M-37S to I-96E to 36th St Exit. Go L. Follow 36th & it will turn into Thornapple S. Please note not to turn L onto Thornapple N. Just stay going straight until you hit 48th. Go L Follow until it ends at Whitneyville. Go R. Temple is on L side just a few yards from 48th. Pull in lot & enter the door on left. My cell# is 616-717-0352 if anyone has problems. No special dress code. We ask that you remove your shoes, that's all.



Pick a Topic Sermons

Pastor would like to hear from you about which topics you would like Pastor Jon to feature during his *Pick a Topic* sermons. If you have a suggestion, you can call Pastor at 652-6624, put a note in the offering plate, or email him at revjdriedel@gmail.com.



Canned Goods for Food Pantry

We are continuing the collection of Canned Goods for the food pantry. There is a special need at this time of the year. There will be a box under the coat racks in which to put your donations.

Thank You

June 2016

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		6	7 Movie Series Babette's Feast Noon & 7 pm Mission & Social Action 5:30 pm	8 Evangelism Meeting 6:00 pm	9 Worship & Pastoral Care 10 am	10	11 Kids Day at the Park 12-3 pm
		13 Hindu Temple Tour - 6:30 pm Meet at Church at 3:30 pm	14 Movie Series Babette's Feast Noon & 7 pm	15	16	17	18
		20	21 Movie Series Babette's Feast Noon & 7 pm	22	23	24	25 Men's Breakfast 9 am @ NUMC Community Picnic 12:00-3:00 pm Free Hot Dogs
		27	28 Movie Series Babette's Feast Noon & 7 pm	29	30 Marguerite Seagles Service at NCUCC 3:30 pm	1	2
	5						
	12 Carolyn Siders Reception 2-4 pm						
	19 Father's Day						
	26 Annual Meeting after church						



I Am Beautiful! Fashion Show Fundraiser

Benefiting Vera's House

Thursday, June 16, 2016 • 6:00 pm

Located outside on the property between Elizabeth Halsey Boutique and St. Mark's Episcopal church.

Location: 48 Justice Street, Newaygo, MI

After the Fashion Show, shop and enjoy refreshments at the **Elizabeth Halsey Boutique**. A portion of the sales will be donated to Vera's House. Donations accepted.

**Woman's Life Insurance Society
will match the first \$500 raised!**

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Community Picnic



The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a Community Picnic on Saturday, June 25th from 12:00-3:00 pm.

We will furnish hot dogs, chips & water, etc.

We will have games and activities for the children.

This picnic will be held on our front lawn so people can see us as they drive by and hopefully stop and visit with us.

Please plan on joining us for fellowship and fun.

Donations of Hot Dogs, Chips, & Water would be appreciated!

Mexican Fiesta VBS Fundraiser



On May 1, a few days before Cinco De Mayo, we had a wonderful Mexican Fiesta Lunch for our fundraiser for Skateboard VBS 2016. The food was varied and abundant, from enchiladas to Spanish rice, tacos, and burritos.

We're not sure how many people dined, but the fellowship hall was full, and we had a few people come from outside our church. We were also able to send food home with several people.

We raised around \$540, plus we've received a \$150 donation. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Thank you to everyone who provided food and to everyone who cooked. Thank you also to those who helped decorate the fellowship hall and to those who stayed after and helped clean up. (You know who you are!)

We are half way to the target amount for Skateboard VBS 2016.

*"My God is powerful;
He stands invisible.
I will hold on to Him;
I will hold on to Him'
Through God I will overcome:
He's the rock that will never move.
I will hold on to him."*

lyrics to "Our God is Powerful" VBS theme song)

Church Scholarship Recipient



Honor's Banquet at NHS on May 5.

The scholarship committee - Deb Burton, Jane Porter, and Jeanne Leaver - read through 11 applications for our church's scholarship. We were so impressed with the abilities and accomplishments of all the applicants.

Casey Wismar's essay was pivotal in our picking her to receive the scholarship. She has been in Newaygo schools since the 6th grade and has participated in soccer, cheer and Girl Scouts. She has shown her dairy cows and pigs in 4-H at the Newaygo County Agricultural Fair.

Casey has over 240 hours in community service, including Tent City Challenge and Toys for Tots. Her current job is working in a

daycare in Fremont, where she has come to recognize her love of working with children and watching them learn.

Casey attends the Newaygo Co Career Tech Center and, upon graduation, plans to attend Muskegon Community College, majoring in Early Childhood Education and minor in Business. She would like to successfully run her own daycare.

Casey says, "In my field of study, it requires perfect attendance. I try to have few or no absences...."

I take on extra tasks that help me improve as a person. For example, at work, I always ask if the garbage needs to be taken out. At Voc, I always ask my teacher if she needs help grading papers. When I'm out in the community I strive to be the best person I can be. When I walk up to doors, I hold them open for others and tell them to have a good day, while having a smile on my face."

Congratulations, Casey Wismar

We wish you all the best.

Kid's Day of Newaygo

June 11 -- Noon - 3 pm

Brooks Park, Downtown Newaygo

Donations of water needed. We also are in need of volunteers to help with the ring toss game, set up and running the event and pick up.

If you can help, please let Pastor Jon know.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be meeting on Tuesdays at 10:00 am.

All are welcome!

Questions?? See Barb Getz.



A heartfelt THANK YOU to my church family for all of the prayers, food, phone calls and cards following my knee replacement surgery. Your acts of kindness are very much appreciated.

Betty Bell



Income		Total Exp.
April 17	\$1,342.00	\$5,928.29
April 24	1,581.00	
May 1	3,022.00	
May 8	2,130.00	
May 15	501.00	
Total	\$8,576.00	\$6,928.29
Difference		\$2,647.71

Treasurer's Report

April 16 - May 15
2016

Maxi Account	\$6,931.94
Phillips Fund	\$142,792.69
Blankets Plus	\$323.73

Thank you to God for all the treasures large and small that we receive each and every day.

Dawn Anderson
Treasurer