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July 2024



Heavenly Father, we lift up these people and ask for your healing touch on their lives.



Presby-Notes

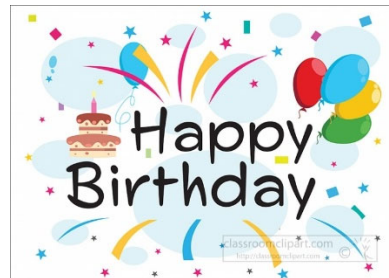
Pat, Linda, Debbie E., Katie F., Terry, Kristen, Art, Bob (continues to decline), Evie, Peggy, George, Wanda, David (cancer), Carson, Jeff T, Brian, Maureen, Ronnie upon the death of her husband, Bob, Oakland County police officer who lost his life in the line of duty. Prayers for John and Jane as they deal with a difficult relative.

Continued prayers for members: our shut-ins including Barb K. (had knee surgery) Lila and Roy, Ruth, Shirley, Janet (had a fall and is bedridden), Lisa G., Sheila, Pat and Pete, John and Dolores, and Rosemary, Joe, Theresia, and Gary Baker.

Our sympathies to the Dey family upon the passing of Russell Dey in Wake Forest, NC.

Our sympathies to the Houk family upon the passing of Fredna Houk. Fredna (Freddie) moved to Roscommon many years ago. Her funeral will be at Santeiu funeral home on Wednesday, July 3rd.

Prayers for all we keep in our hearts that God continues to watch over them.



Lindsey Basile-Goodlow 7/2
Gerald Morgan 7/6
James Todd 7/8
Diane Eleson 7/8
John Russell 7/10
Pat Atkinson 7/13
Brian Sampson 7/25
Kathie Maclean 7/27
Pam Parys 7/29
Roy Dunn 7/31



Happy Fourth of July!

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to
your name give glory, for the sake of
your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Psalm 115:1

I read the full poem inscribed on the Statue of Liberty for the first time this year, (I'm chagrined to say) and wasn't aware of the reference it makes to ancient images.

The New Colossus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land.
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

+ Emma Lazarus

When Lazarus wrote this poem in 1883, immigrants from all over Europe were entering the United States in great numbers. The Website, S.A.L.T. offers this commentary on the poem:

"Lazarus insists, the Statue of Liberty, is "not like" the Greek Colossus, domineering and male, which stood at the harbor of the island of Rhodes, like some conquering warrior and guardian. No, this statue holds a beacon in her hand, signaling nothing less than "world-wide welcome." Her name is "Mother of Exiles." She is unarmed, a light in one hand and a votive tablet in the other. Such tablets were common in ancient Greece for inscribing prayers, or in any case aspirations — and on this particular tablet is the date the United States formally broke from English rule: July 4, 1776. It's as if she says, "We aspire to be free — now come, all you who yearn for freedom."

"This isn't the old colossus, but rather a new one: far from keeping people out, Lady Liberty — that "mighty woman with a torch, is welcoming us in."

As the daughter of immigrants, that welcome might speak more strongly to me than some others but all of us who gather for worship in this place hail from ancestors who came to these shores from elsewhere. Most came for the express reason that this land represented welcome and hope for prosperity. We praise God for this land that

offered our forebears refuge and pray that it may continue to be a land of freedom and prosperity for all.

Pastor Theda



Participation in the life of a church is serving God. If you would like to help on any of these teams, please let the church office know.

Date	Leader	Counting Team	Usher Team	Acolytes
07/07	Gail Merrifield	3	2	Ava
07/14	Tom Morgan	1	3	Darren
07/21	Chester Parys	2	4	Emily
07/28	Dave Radcliffe	3	1	Imrielle
Leaders are needed as substitutes. If you are willing, please tell Carol				

Usher Teams	
Team 1	Jeff Teichman, Bill Cowen and Josh Beels
Team 2	Mary Deykes, Erik Domino, John Peters
Team 3	Chester Parys, Hawley Harmon, Chris Domino
Team 4	Pam Parys, Dennis Kapelanski, Malcolm McBryde
Counter Teams	
Team 1	John Bates, Tom Morgan
Team 2	Mary Deykes, Jeff Teichman, Erik Domino
Team 3	Carol Morgan, John Peters

Counters and Ushers are needed. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. Jobs are not hard and can be done while you are here at church anyhow.

WEEKLY



meeting

Sunday Morning – 9A Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday Mornings – 10A PW Craft Circle

Wednesday evenings – 6P Adult Bible Study (no meetings in July)



No meeting in July



No meeting in July

Property Committee	1 st Sunday of the Month	11:30A
Worship Committee	07/11	7P
Finance Committee	07/10	7P
Visioning Committee	3 rd Wednesday of the Month	7P
Christian Education	4 th Wednesday of the Month	7P



Our Community Outreach Commitment

Radio Club

Third Tuesday of each month at 7P

AA Meetings

Monday 8P
Tuesday 8P
Wednesday 7P
Thursday 7:30P

Friday 8P

Sunday 8P

Overeaters Anonymous 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month 1-2 PM

Scouts

Troop 77284 Monday 5:30P

Troop 1841 off-site



**Session Highlights
in May 2024
Lindsey Basile-Goodlow, Clerk**

Income	Actual May	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	\$over/ (under) YTD
Pledge Giving	5907.46	49583.83	44534.15	5049.68
Non-Pledge	2740.00	13168.41	10243.75	2924.66
Other General Fund Income	1127.00	7944.36	5930.40	2013.96
Total General Fund Income	9774.46	70696.60	60708.30	9988.30
Other Income (non-budget)	12087.66*	18560.17		
Total All Fund Income	21862.12	89256.77	60708.30	28548.47
Expenses	Actual April	Actual 2024	Budget YTD	\$(over)/ under
General Fund Expense	13979.86	69464.71	68308.40	1156.31
Other Expense	2527.55	8456.85		
Total All Fund Expense	16507.41	77921.56	68308.40	9613.16
General Fund Net Profit/Loss	(4205.40)	1231.89	(7600.10)	8831.99
All Fund Net Profit/(Loss)	5354.71	11335.21	(7600.10)	3735.11

*\$10,000 was received from the Charles Skinner Trust

Finance Committee – Jeff Teichman, Chair, Carol Morgan, bookkeeper

- Presentation of the Financial Reports.

Property Committee – Chester Parys, Liaison

- The committee is still researching a different insurance company.
- Cost estimate for new handicap ramp \$7000

- Mini work day June 29th with the paper shred day

Nominating Committee – Sue Flynn, chair

- Nothing to report

Personnel Committee – Nancy Wolter and Sharon Osmond, co-chairs

- Employee Evaluations will be done next week

Worship Team – Gail Merrifield, Chair

- Graduate recognition in June
- Sermon series in June focused on discussions with the Visioning Committee.
- Pulpit supply has been secured for Pastor Theda's vacation – Lon Keuhn 7/21 and Brian Sampson on 7/28. Brian has arranged for a substitute, Patti Fry for his vacation on 7/14

Christian Education – Lindsey Basile-Goodlow, chair

- Plans underway for VBS. Substitute teachers are needed

Fellowship, Care & Outreach, PW – Sue Flynn, chair

- Car Show will be held on August 17th. There will be lots to do even though the show will be run by an outside entity. If you are interested in working on the committee please see Carolyn Davidson

Mission Committee

- Due to the recent tornado that damaged Rotary Park in Livonia, the Crop Walk has been moved to Ben Celani/Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

Visioning Committee- Reported by Pastor Theda.

- Series in June on the 4 marks of the Vital Congregation which will give the church an idea of what we can do as a church going forward. In the bulletin, we will have questions on the vital congregation. Activities on what to do with the church family. Looking for ideas on how to get to know each other better with the new members and groups.



Board of Deacons Highlights June 13th Malcolm McBryde, Secretary

Plans are moving ahead for the deacons to install a blessing box—a container much like a Little Free Library with food that passersby can take as needed. Hawley Harmon has volunteered to build the box, which we plan to put up just east of the John Hauk entrance to the back parking lot. We'll fill it with nonperishable food items (canned goods should have pull tabs for easy opening) and stock it once per week.

As you heard from Moderator Mary Deykes during worship on June 16, the deacons need more bags to use during food distribution. One result of an increase in people (31 in May!) using the food pantry is that new patrons

aren't always aware we'd like the bags back. We'd appreciate any help you can give us on the bag front.

Also, the deacons plan to start posting a list of current food needs on the deacons-pantry door. Use it to guide your donations! We do now have a refrigerator, donated by Sue Kren, so don't shy away from perishable items you see on our list.

We are once again planning a flu-shot clinic for a Sunday in September. Keep your eye on this space for further information.

The deacons are taking a cue from Session and skipping our meeting in July. We'll meet again Aug. 8. In the meantime, if you have any needs or questions, feel free to contact any of us: Kathie Aiken, Mary Deykes (moderator), Bill Florence, Malcolm McBryde, John Peters (vice-moderator), Angie Smith, Barb Keough, Sue Kren, and Jan Sebastian.



Our last meeting was held later in the month, June 8th with three members attending. We continue to work on various projects. Our group was asked to make tote bags for VBS towards a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance project. As of this writing we have made fifteen for their project.

In June we also presented Rosemary Loostrom with a quilt in honor of her 100th birthday.

Looking forward, we plan to host the Scout Troop 1841 in August to teach them how to sew a pillowcase.

Our next meeting is Saturday July 6th, 10 am to 4 pm, as always, we extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us and learn more about our group.



July 8th – July 11th
Free and open to all
5:30P (dinner)
6:30 – 8:30P (activities)



**Click on Menu
to Registration**

**Garden City
Presbyterian Church
2024 VBS – Camp Firelight**

**Kids: Preschool thru 5th
grade**

Helpers: 6th – 12th grade

Click on QR to register.

Or contact the church

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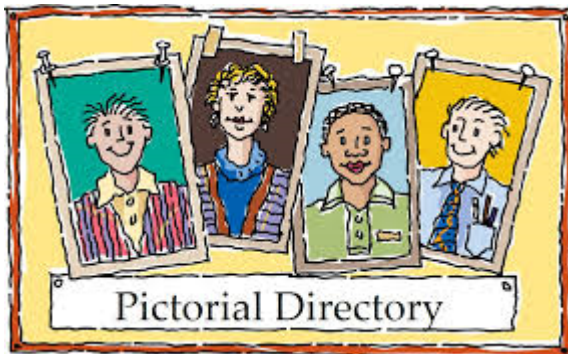
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Middlebelt.**

New Pictorial Directory



Session has authorized a
NEW pictorial directory.

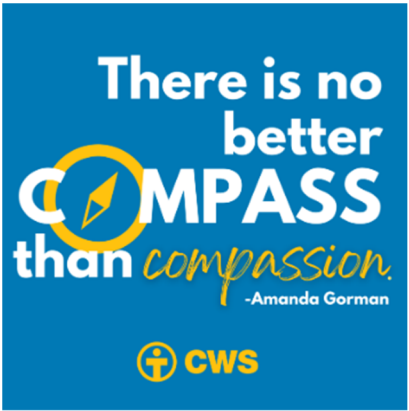
We **WILL NOT** be using a company such
as LifeTouch as we did the last time.

We have the talent and the technology to do this on our own. This is where you can help. We are asking each of you...member or friend, to submit a photo of yourself or your family to the office. Please indicate the names of everyone in the photo. During your upcoming vacation, this will be a great opportunity to take a family shot. Casual pictures are encouraged, but not mandatory. If you can send a photo electronically, it is even better. Submitted photos will be scanned and returned to you. We need 100% participation to make this a success. If you cannot submit a photo, a team of dedicated people will take your picture either here at church or a home visit can be arranged.

Will you be a part of this project?

Get to know who people are!

Thank you



Our church will be participating in two Church World Service projects this summer and fall.

During VBS, a service project is a key factor for their program. This year, the children will be collecting items and packing School Kits to be given to CWS. Sewing Hope is working on bags for the supplies.

The Mission committee is participating in the Crop Walk as we always do. The Crop Walk will be held at the Ben Celani Park located at 7 Mile and Wayne Rds. In Livonia on October 13th. We will still be doing the pledge walking part which you will hear more about soon, but there is a big change. The committee is trying something new. The first thing is having the walk somewhere other than a church. The park offers a 1/2-mile walking course. Our hope is to outreach to more churches and organizations in our area to participate and donate. The second thing is that after the walk is over, we will put together Hygiene kits for CWS. Our goal is at least 50 kits.

The lists for the VBS and Crop Walk items needed are below. Your support in purchasing these items is very important. Of course, a monetary donation towards supplies is always acceptable.

So mark your calendars for Oct. 13th for Crop Walk and please donate items from the lists below.

Supplies needed for School Kits	Supplies needed for Hygiene Kits
Each bag will include:	Each bag will include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One pair of blunt scissors (round tip) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One 1-gallon Ziploc bag
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three 70-count bound notebooks (no loose paper) totaling 200-210 pages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One hand towel measuring 15" by 28" (no fingertip, bath, dish, or micro-fiber towels)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One 12" ruler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One washcloth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One hand-held pencil sharpener 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One wide-tooth comb – 6" in length, no rattails, no pocket combs or picks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One fingernail or toenail clipper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six new unsharpened pencils with erasers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One bath-size bar of soap in its original packaging
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crayons – 24 pack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One toothbrush in its original packaging
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 standard size Band-Aids.

Visioning Committee Questionnaire Results

Ever mindful of its long history of ministry in this community, the ad-hoc Visioning Committee has been meeting since January to discuss and set a course for a continued promising future for Garden City Presbyterian Church.

We distributed a series of questionnaires in June intended to gather feedback on what the majority of members consider most important. Here are results of those questionnaires, with the 3 most frequent responses from each questionnaire.

June 2 - Question: "What are the most important functions or roles of the church?"

1. Glorifying God in Worship
2. Caring for Those in Need
3. Being an Inclusive Community

June 9 - Question: "What programs would you like the church to offer?"

1. Health and Wellness Classes
2. Operating as a Warming Center
- 3 & 4. Community Gardens (tied with) Offering a Men's Group

June 16 - Question: "What activities would you like the church to offer?"



1. Game Night
2. Church Picnic
3. Blessing of the Animals/Pets Service

As a result, the Visioning Committee applauds the church leadership for their devoted efforts in providing much of what the respondents identified: Session ensures each week's inspiring worship and fellowship, the care the deacons provide for those in need and the warm and welcoming community the congregation at large offers.

In light of the interests expressed, the committee will plan to make recommendations for the session and its committees to consider.

We are pleased to continue to explore the ways that God may be calling us forward into the future. Anyone interested in joining us, please let Pastor Theda know, our next meeting is planned for **August 22**.

Thank you to all for participating in this important work! Stay tuned for further developments.

May the **WILL** of **GOD** 
take you, where the
GRACE of **GOD**
will keep you, where the arms
 of God will support you,
where
the **WISDOM** of **GOD**
will teach you, and may the
POWER of **GOD** ^{protect}
today and all of your ^{you} tomorrows.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1 5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	2 10am - Craft Circle 8pm - AA	3 6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH	4 7pm - Worship 7:30pm - AA Group - SH	5 8pm - AA - SH	6 10am - Sewing Hope - SH 1pm - Overeaters Anon
7 10am - Worship 8pm - AA - SH	8 5:30pm - VBS 5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	9 10am - Craft Circle 8pm - AA	10 6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH 7pm - Finance Committee	11 6pm - Deacons Meeting 7:30pm - AA Group - SH	12 8pm - AA - SH	13
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Brian Sampson off						
Pastor Vacation						
10am - Worship 8pm - AA - SH	9am - All Star 5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	9am - All Star 10am - Craft Circle 7pm - Radio Club - SH 8pm - AA	9am - All Star 6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH 7pm - Visioning	9am - All Star 7pm - Session Meeting - 7:30pm - AA Group - SH	8pm - AA - SH	1pm - Overeaters Anon
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