



The Spirit

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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

Storytelling ...

I love to tell stories! Those of you who do know me, know that fact. I think I've been a storyteller all my life. I know that this is something I inherited from my Dad. He was always telling stories.

Growing up with my Dad, I remember his stories about his job, He managed an Auto Parts Store, and his family. His stories tended to get longer and more involved as the years went on. He was also a good joke teller.

Storytelling has always been a part of my sermonizing as well. I really think that no matter what I say people will most often remember the story attached to the sermon. Often the story is one that I find in a resource, but many times, it is a true story of my life or the life of my family.

In August of 2000, I attended my very first "Network of Biblical Storytellers Festival Gathering in Atlanta, Georgia.

I first heard about the Network of Biblical Storytelling by a pastoral colleague in Mansfield, Ohio who told the Gospel every Sunday! Another colleague had a one-day workshop and he helped me realize that I could "tell" the Gospel.

I love to tell stories, but most of all "The Story." You know, the one about Jesus and his love.

As the hymn says:

I love to tell the story, of unseen things above.

Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;

It satisfies my longings, as nothing else would do.

I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory,

And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Men's Group Dinner

Tuesday, Aug. 2 @ 6:30 pm



This month we're meeting at:
Commerce Public House Bar
& Grill, 2215 Haggerty Rd.
Commerce Township, MI
48390

Signup posted! The men's
group is open to all men of
Holy Spirit, so please join us!

Adult Basic Yoga Class

Tuesdays @ 9 am



Simple basic poses with on-
hand modifications available.
Geared toward developing a
yoga practice that does not
intimidate.

Please bring a yoga mat for
floor poses.

\$4.00 per class. Tina Green is
the instructor.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesdays @ 10 am



Please join us and bring a
project to work on or we can
supply you with yarn to make
a prayer shawl.

We continue the fellowship
by going out to lunch
afterwards.

Come and join us!

Dinner With Friends

Friday, August 12 @ 6 pm



This month we're dining at:
C.A.Y.A. Smokehouse Grille,
Wolverine Lake.

Signup posted! We hope
you'll join us! Any questions,
please talk to Ruth Dziuba.

WELCA Potluck Dinner

Thursday, Aug. 18 @ 5 pm



We meet the third Thursday
of the month for dinner, with
a business meeting following
if needed.

Signup posted!

WELCA is open to all women
of Holy Spirit, so please join
us!

Book Club

Thursday, Aug. 25 @ 7 pm



This month's selection is "Fifty
Words for Rain" by Asha
Lemmie.

If you have questions or
would like to join, please
talk to Mary Martin.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THIS MONTH

AUGUST 7	AUGUST 14	AUGUST 21	AUGUST 28	SEPTEMBER 4
Greeter & Reader Kathy Chiaravalli	Greeter & Reader Tina Green	Greeter & Reader Norm Werner	Greeter & Reader Stan Samuelsen	Greeter & Reader TBD
Ushers Andy Meyer Bob Frick	Ushers Dennis Kunkel Doug Opthoff Tom Sweda	Ushers Jarrod Dexel Jeff Parko Stan Samuelsen Lukas Mattern Roy Salowich Tim Moore	Ushers Janet Martin Mary Martin Hilda Sawicki Jeanne Myers	Ushers Andy Meyer Bob Frick
Counters Mary Martin Janet Martin	Counters Nancy Green Barb Kunkel	Counters TBD	Counters Stan Samuelsen Andy Meyer	Counters TBD
Altar Guild	Jeanne Myers			Judy & Laura Bergman

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Rose Filipp	August 1
Jeff Buckler	August 9
Lorry Prus	August 10
Nancy Fish	August 11
Jarrold Dexel	August 14
Jennie Sweda	August 15
Heinz Mattern	August 19
Marge Dronsella	August 22
Bob Burns	August 23
Liesa Helfer	August 23
Ralph Green	August 27
Beth Carter	August 29
Cort Yohn	August 30
Sue Gates	August 31

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Linda Iverson	August 3
Dan & Melanie Bergman	August 5
Dustin & Danielle Dronsella	August 8
Mimi & Shawn Curlee	August 13
Norm & Carolyn Werner	August 13
Jarrold & Sophia Dexel	August 14
Hal & Sue Adams	August 20
Matthew & Krystina Sawicki	August 28

HSLC AUGUST 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Voting in Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawls 10 am Men's Group 6:30 pm	No Bells 7 pm		AA meets 8 pm	Zumba (rental) 9:30 am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
No Choir Worship Service 10 am		Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am	No Bells 7 pm		Dinner w/Friends 6 pm AA meets 8 pm	Zumba (rental) 9:30 am
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
No Choir Worship Service 10 am	Finance Meeting	Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Council Meeting	No Bells 7 pm	WELCA Dinner 5 pm	AA meets 8 pm	Zumba (rental) 9:30 am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
No Choir Worship Service 10 am		Yoga 9 am Prayer Shawls 10 am	No Bells 7 pm	Book Club 7 pm	AA meets 8 pm	Zumba (rental) 9:30 am
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PRAYER VENTURES AUGUST 2022

Pray that we will look to God's wisdom as we ponder the world, our purpose in life and how we might live with one another in global community.

Ask the Spirit to bolster us in praying for worldwide peace and reconciliation and in supporting people, ministries and organizations committed to making peace, providing relief, bearing hope and defending the vulnerable.

Give thanks for the gifts, wisdom and perspectives of youth around the world, and remember in prayer young people who live in areas of war and conflict, suffer poverty and hunger, long for educational opportunities, provide care for their siblings and parents, and live in hope for a better future.

Followers of Christ can suffer criticism and opposition. Ask God for courage, boldness and patience to share the gospel and serve our neighbors in need; pray that, when people oppose or criticize us, the Spirit will give us the confidence to respond with respect, love and humility.

Ask God to help us discern between those who speak and teach God's word faithfully and those who deceive others by preaching and prophesying for personal gain, recognition or power.

Give thanks for the chance to enjoy the awe and beauty of God's creation in wilderness areas and city, state and national parks. Pray that, working together, we will make these treasures more accessible to people of all ages, abilities and economic circumstances.

Remember and give thanks for people now and throughout history who have inspired and strengthened our faith, helped us to understand God's word and ways, encouraged our service and witness in the world, and influenced our lives and actions through their fearless pursuit of justice and healing for all people.

Ask God for forgiveness when, intentionally or not, we have discouraged total inclusion and involvement of all people in the church or society. Pray for an open mind and a willingness to listen to the stories and needs of those who are excluded or feel unwelcome; ask the Spirit to unite us in changing our practices, traditions, facilities and institutions to remove all barriers and deterrents to full inclusion and participation.

Pray for students beginning the new school year, especially those feeling uncertain, hesitant, insecure or fearful. Ask the Spirit for opportunities to care for students with tutoring, mentoring, counseling, family support and safe programs before and after school.

The end of summer is a time of transition for many people in seasonal jobs. Pray that they will be appreciated for their skills and service, find employment and housing, have consistent and affordable access to insurance and health care, and be welcomed and supported by communities and congregations wherever they go.

Pray that we might not rate ourselves above others because of their life circumstances, race, ability, appearance, education, income, religion, social status or political affiliation. Ask the Spirit to fill us with respect, thoughtfulness and compassion for our neighbor, no matter who they are.

Remember in prayer teachers, classroom assistants, student teachers, counselors, coaches, school staff and school administrators. Ask the Spirit to sustain their enthusiasm and inspire their wisdom, creativity, patience and concern for students and their parents.

Paul's instructions to the Hebrews couldn't be more timely: "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:1-2). Pray that we will turn to Scripture and the wisdom shared by our communities of faith for guidance on how to live and serve our neighbors in these times of deep division and conflict.

VISITORS WELCOME

We warmly invite you to join us for worship, study, and activities.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:00 am Sunday Worship

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We are

CALLED by Christ in our Baptism

GATHERED by the Holy Spirit to celebrate

God's grace in our midst

SENT to share God's blessings in our

community and beyond.