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



Presby-Notes

Prayer concerns: Pat, Linda, Peter, Debbie, Katie, Mike, Teresa P., Terry, John healing after back surgery, Dennis, Vicki, Keith, Ray, Mike, Rick and Mike

Continued prayers for members: our shut-ins including Julia, Lila and Roy, Ruth, Shirley, Janet, Sheila, Pat and Pete, John and Dolores, and Rosemary, Joe, Theresia, and Gary Baker

We also keep Glen and Craig Skinner in our thoughts and prayers for the passing of our dear Chuck Skinner. He will be sorely missed.

We also grieve with the family of Helen Phelps, who passed away on January 30th. Arrangements are still unclear. A phone call, email and facebook post will be sent when details are in place.



Louis	Goodlow	2-Feb
David	Stombaugh	17-Feb
David	Holt	19-Feb
Sharon	Osmond	26-Feb
Joelle	Osmond	27-Feb
Lila	Dunn	28-Feb



February, Ready Set Go!

February is a busy month this year. It's the month in which we celebrate Valentine's Day of course, but this year Ash Wednesday also falls on February 14. Ash Wednesday, as we are reminded that "we are dust and to dust we shall return," ushers us into the long season of Lent. Lent prepares us recall the love of Jesus that took him to the cross and the grave and Jesus' victory over death; the source of our salvation.

February is also Black History Month; the month that we remember the history of race and racism since President Gerald Ford designated the entire month for this solemn purpose in 1976. The designation allows us to celebrate what has been accomplished by civil rights leaders and to recommit ourselves to the cause of liberty and justice for all.

One reason to choose the month of February for this work on racism is because February 1 is the anniversary of the approval of the 13th Amendment which abolished slavery in 1865. It's not a federal holiday but President Harry Truman recognized National Freedom Day in 1949 and urged citizens to pause to celebrate its significance.

What does Valentine's Day, National Freedom Day, Black History Month, and Lent all have in common? In a word, Love. When we remember and celebrate these important days, we are called to recommit ourselves to loving our neighbors; all our neighbors.

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. calls Christians then and now to remember who we are and whose we are in his sermon "Paul's Letter to American Christians" (1956):

The greatest of all virtues is love. Here we find the true meaning of the Christian faith and of the cross. Calvary is a telescope through which we look into the long vista of eternity and see the love of God breaking into time. Out of the hugeness of his generosity God allowed his only begotten Son to die that we may live. By uniting yourselves with Christ and your brothers through love you will be able to

matriculate in the university of eternal life. In a world depending on force, coercive tyranny, and bloody violence, you are challenged to follow the way of love. You will then discover that unarmed love is the most powerful force in all the world.

Our worship services help us celebrate Ash Wednesday and Lent but how do we allow Black History month to lead us to be better followers of Christ? Perhaps you might try one of the following possibilities:

1. Support a Black business, donate to a Black organization or an HBCU
2. Visit a Black History or Civil Rights Museum in your local area
3. Become a member of a Black organization
4. Read a book by a Black author
5. Cook a soul food meal
6. Learn about an unsung hero of Black history
7. Call out racism and prejudice in your community
8. Engage in healthy conversations about Black history on social media
9. Learn the hymn [*Lift Every Voice and Sing*](#) (*hyperlinked to youtube*) Also printed in the PN.
10. Listen to Dr. King's [I Have a Dream Speech](#)

Let's let this cold, month of waiting for Spring and Easter be a time to commit ourselves to our Christian calling to grow in faith and love.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son...

Yours in Christian love,

Pastor Theda



The definition of MISSION is the vocation or calling of a religious organization, especially a Christian one, to go out into the world and spread its faith.

We are looking forward to new opportunities to provide our mission objectives locally, and globally. Thank you all for a great 2023.

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing fill earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, felt in the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had the
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far.

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.



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

Date	Leader	Counting Team	Usher Team
Feb 4	AVAILABLE	2	4
Feb 11	Mary Deykes	3	1
Feb 18	John Peters	1	2
Feb 25	Carol Morgan	2	3

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	Rita Gibbs, 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)

Monday mornings – 11:00A – Chris Domino

Tuesday Mornings – 10A PW Craft Circle

Wednesday evenings – 6P Adult Bible Study Led by Pastor Theda

MEETING

SESSION



February 15 7P



Deacon Ministry

February 8 6P

Property Committee	1 st Sunday of the Month	11:30A
Worship Committee	1 st Thursday of the Month	7P
Finance Committee	2 nd Wednesday of the Month	7P
Christian Education	March 2024	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 76859 Friday at 6:00P
 Troop 1841



Board of Deacons Highlights January 11th

Malcolm McBryde, Secretary

Your deacons started 2024 with a changing of the guard, as longtime moderator David Radcliffe ended his service, along with secretary Leanne Cowen. Thanks to both for their service! Our new moderator is Mary Deykes; vice-moderator, Helen Phelps; and secretary, Malcolm McBryde. We welcomed new deacons John Peters and Sue Kren, along with the returning Helen Phelps.

Our continuing Tuesday-afternoon food distribution has benefited from the sign in front of the church. Several of our patrons have said they stopped in just because they saw the sign. Our January 9 distribution had six patrons, which is more than we've seen in a while. Thanks for your support of this important ministry.

We are investigating how to continue our fall flu clinic without the participation of the now-closed nearby Rite Aid. We talked over options, and the plan now is to go ahead if we can find a new provider. We also are looking into reinstating the summer health clinic, which the deacons used to do with the Synod of the Covenant. We approved dates in November and December for the Wish Tree, Thanksgiving baskets and the Advent Dinner. Watch this space later this year for details.



Our first meeting of the year was held on January 6th, with all seven of our members present. We set our goals for the year and will be looking into community projects. We also went through all the bags of fabric that we received after Jackie Toth passed away.

During January we gave out three comfort quilts and eighteen eye glass cases for the homeless, we also received thirteen ditty bags which we passed on to the PW for Valentine for Vets.

In March we are planning a group project where we will all be working on the same pattern, using our own choice of fabrics.

Our next meeting will be February 3rd 10 am to 4 pm. As always, we extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us.



A (wo)man must be big enough to admit his(/her) mistakes, ... and strong enough to correct them.

John C. Maxwell

I had a large problem with the original directory which I corrected. Now the CORRECTED directory has more mistakes. Please take a moment to go through your directories and make these corrections and additions:

Bates, John and Jane	4982 Moore St., Wayne MI 48184	John - 734-469-0605 Jane - 734-772-4674
Brodie, Shirley		734-956-5205
Davis, JD and Shelley	30915 Sheridan Garden City 48135	313-350-3806
Domino Robert		734-812-0920
Domino, Chris		734-658-7285
Domino, Erik		734-658-7341
Ferguson, George / McIntire, Sandy	482 Darwin Westland 48186	734-728-3005
Grube, Lisa	Birthday 01/30	
Hargett, Nyssa	Birthday 10/24	
Hensley, Cherlin	32035 Annapolis Wayne 48184	(734) 444-8701
Hill, William and Colleen	28472 John Hawk Garden City. 48135	734-7510-9643
Kart, Maureen	34201 Cherry Hill Westland 48186	Cell 248-563-0428 Home 734-729-1386
Kren, Sue	Birthday 12/17	
McCullough, Brian and Mary	8562 Cranston, Westland 48185	734-658-1014
Minor, Jim and Connie	355742 Fernwood St., Westland 48186	734-326-3117
Okogeri, Patience	28868 Balmoral Garden City 48135	
Potvin, Mike and Carol	33485 Unicorn Ct Westland 48186	734-765-4187
Powrozek, Linda	27030 W. 6 Mile Redford 48240	734-674-6110
Prince, Lucia and Lesia	P.O. Box 543 Southfield 48037	313-617-6003

Santeiu, Judy		734-522-6892 cell 313-949-8767
Sebastian, Janice	1390 Mar-Ann St. Westland 48186	734 -748-2156
Swider, Pat	33876 Lyndon Livonia 48154	734-425-1686

What is Ash Wednesday?

It is a day of repentance, when we, as Christians, recognize and confess our sins before God. The pastor will make the sign of the cross on our foreheads to signify that God sees us, and that we know we are sinners, and we are asking for his forgiveness. Jesus Christ died on the cross to forgive us these sins. It is a time to look at ourselves as the sinners we all are.

On Ash Wednesday, February 14th, interestingly the day we celebrate our love. We will have an Ash Wednesday service at 7P on February 14th. The Worship Committee, Mission Committee and Board of Deacons are planning an Empty Bowls light supper preceding the service at 6P. The meal will consist of soup, salad, bread, and a couple of desserts may find their way to the table. You will be asked to “buy” your soup bowl. The cost will be a free-will offering or non-perishable food. Your gifts, whether monetary or food, will be given to the Board of Deacons Food Bank. What better way to do as Jesus did and feed the hungry. **Please join us, won't you?**

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Pancake mix	Seasoning Packets (spaghetti Sause, Chili, etc.)
Syrup	Instant Potatoes
Tuna Fish	Canned soup
Canned meat – beef or chicken	Spaghetti noodles
Saltine crackers	Ramen noodles
Peanut Butter	Packaged side dishes
Jelly	TRIAL size shampoo, soap, lotion
Skillet meals (i.e. Hamburger Helper)	Toothbrushes
Cookies (not homemade)	TRIAL toothpaste
Boxed Rice	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
10am - Worship 11:30am - New Member 8pm - AA - SH	11am - Bible Study - CE 5:30pm - Troop 77284 8pm - AA Group SH	10am - Craft Circle 8pm - AA	6pm - Adult Bible Study 7pm - AA - SH	7pm - Worship 7:30pm - AA Group - SH	8pm - AA - SH	10am - Sewing Hope - SH 1pm - Overeaters Anon
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