



## **PILGRIM JOURNAL**

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### ***AUGUST SCRIPTURE READINGS***

- AUG 02      Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9;  
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- AUG 09      Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125;  
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37
- AUG 16      Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19;  
James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
- AUG 23      Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1;  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
- AUG 30      Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124;  
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

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## FROM THE PASTOR



AUGUST

*It is hard to believe our summer is half-way over. I know many of you have been traveling,*

*experiencing all the beauty our world has to offer. Some of you, like me, have stayed close to home, but have enjoyed gardening, picnics, and maybe some local activities. Either way, I pray everyone is happy, healthy, and finding a renewal of Spirit. This month marks the beginning of a new decade in the life of our church. On August 16<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our 190<sup>th</sup> birthday. This is an enormous accomplishment in the life of the church. 190 years of teaching, mission, outreach, and community involvement displays a rich history of God's blessings. If only our walls could speak, I'm sure the stories would become a best-selling novel. It is because we celebrate our history that we must take the time to examine our future. Where do we want to be in ten years when we celebrate our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary? What will our church look like*

*in terms of membership, church involvement, ministries, outreach, worship, and education? Only WE, all of us, can answer those questions. As August unfolds, our different committees will be meeting to decide on our goals for the 2018-2019 year. If you are currently serving on a committee, I look forward to serving with you this year. If you are not currently serving in some capacity, I encourage you to pray about becoming involved. It is only through the commitment of everyone that we can complete the work of ministry.*

*May God's Peace Be With You Always,  
~Pastor Kim*



08/02	Rene Zimmer	08/15	Scott Buzzell
08/03	Judy Ginter	08/15	Don Collier
08/05	JB Couch	08/18	Tom Zimmerman
08/10	Molly Velicevic	08/21	Chuck Schacht
08/11	Dean McMinn	08/27	Sarah Musilli
08/13	Don Booth	08/30	Meghanne Tighe

*Many Birthday blessings to all!*



## **LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL**

*Our planning has begun! – Here are a few things to look forward to in the Fall...*

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

*Sunday, September 9*

*Four-legged, creepers, crawlers, slitherers... all are welcome. If your pet is ill, or aggressive, you can bring a photo and a prayer and blessing will be given.*



## **TUESDAY NIGHT STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUP**

### **Topics for September...**

- **September 18th- The United Church of Christ: Who We Are and What We Believe**
- **September 25th- Power, Lust, Rape, Murder, and Grace: The Story of David**

***The Tuesday Night Study and Discussion Groups will continue through November 13. All classes meet from 7pm-8pm. Each class is independent of the other - drop-in's are ALWAYS WELCOME!***

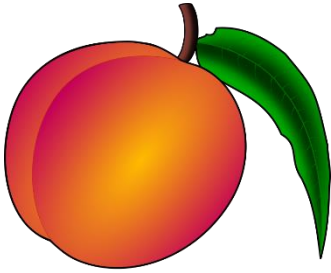
***INGATHERING SUNDAY – September 16***

*Come back 'home' to church –*

*First day of Church School and special coffee hour in our newly painted dining room!*

**HONORING A SOLDIER OF THE  
REVOLUTIONARY WAR**

A gentleman from Shelby Twp, James Raya, a member of the Oaks Chapter of the Michigan Society-Sons of the American Revolution, has been in contact with Pastor Kim and the Church Office to inquire about honoring a former member of our congregation who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Jim has a passion for making sure those that have fought in the Revolutionary War have a proper grave marker. He has done much research and found that Mr. Levi Collins was a former member of this church and community. A special service is scheduled for Sunday, September 16 at 1:00pm at the McCafferty Cemetery in Bruce Township. We are looking for people to sing a few patriotic songs during the ceremony. If you or anyone you know would like to be a part of this, please get in touch with the Church Office.



## *PEACH FESTIVAL IS ALMOST UPON US!*

*We are beginning to plan our Peach Festival Weekend! We will be doing some things a little differently this year – like making sloppy joes in our kitchen one day – not sure if it will be during the week or after church on a Sunday. We will need peach peelers and pie bakers and workers for the tent and parking lot. Sign-up sheets for all these jobs and food purchases will be up soon. Please consider helping this year – our presence in the community is very important on this busy weekend.*

### *LABOR DAY WEEKEND EVENTS*

*Friday evening parking lot help*  
*Saturday day/evening parking lot help*  
*7:00 Wayward Wind Concert*  
*Sunday - 10:00 Worship*  
*Monday - 10:00 Food Tent sales*  
*11:30 Just Banjos concert*  
*3:00 Clean up from another*  
*successful Peach Festival!!*

### **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

Sarah Swinney – Kati (Adams) Swinney's mother-in-law  
Nancy Parsons – Lois McGinley's friend  
Lou Jaros – friend of Kay and Mike Maniscalco  
Brian Ibbotson – son of Sally Hess  
Geoffrey Lopus – Dale and Judy's son  
Mary Ann – friend of Harriet Booth

Tom Raymond – Theo’s son  
Jim Wade  
Karyl Lyn Dietz – Lois McGinley’s sister  
Stacey – Sally Hess’s sister-in-law’s sister  
Kay Maniscalco  
Bill Moffet – Terry Butz’s step-father  
Dan Russ – Linda Russ’s son  
Lisa Shibley – Joyce Couch’s cousin  
Don Russ – Linda Russ’s husband  
Max Finnen – Marnie Adams’ cousin  
Miles McGinley– grandson of Lois McGinley  
Timothea – daughter-in-law of Lois McGinley  
Matt McGinley – son of Lois McGinley  
Janet Laloup – sister of Mary Lou Coker  
Christa Salyer – Mike Price’s sister  
Bob Warner – Joyce Couch’s brother  
Patricia Jackson – Lynelle Novak’s mother  
Jody – friend of Penny Lowes  
Fred Henzie – friend of Rob and Terry Butz  
Mary Lou Coker  
Joe Grippe – friend of Marnie and Bill Adams  
Tim Johnson – brother-in-law of Tammy, our custodian  
Harrison Gourlay – Dale and Judy Lopus’s grandson  
Todd - friend of Chery and Matt Smith  
Ray Guzall II – son of Sally Hess’s best friend  
Shirley – mother-in-law of Sally’s Hess’s nephew  
Jenny – daughter of Suzanne, friend of Maniscalco’s  
Janice Brown – Janessa (Butz) Brown’s mother-in-law  
Dale Lopus  
John O’Neil – friend of Penny Lowes  
Carol – friend of Mary Walters  
Kelly Kuznia – Jaclyn Butz’s mother  
Elyse Peters – friend of Lois McGinley  
Jason Stupera – son of a long-time friend of Vita Green

Those serving in the military:

Sergeant Mark Buzzell – Gerry Buzzell’s grandson  
Caleb Comock – brother of Lois McGinley’s daughter-in-law  
Jason Dean – relative of Vita and Dennis Green



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*In the heart of Romeo  
Where faith and compassion meet*