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JUNE SCRIPTURE READINGS

- JUN 02 Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; **Luke 9:57-62**
- JUN 09 **Acts 2:1-21**; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, (25-27)
- JUN 16 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8;
1 Thessalonians 5:12-24; John 16:12-15
- JUN 23 I Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43
Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
- JUN 30 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25, 22-26; Luke 9:51-62

The scripture in bold is what Pastor Kim will use in her sermons.

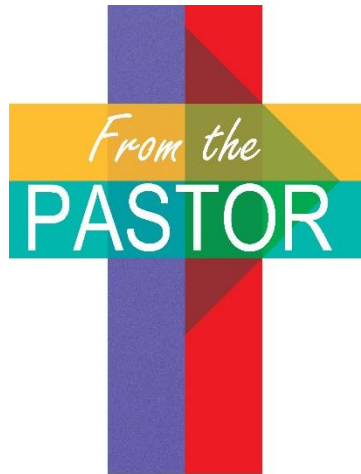
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FROM THE PASTOR

Happy June! As predicted, I have already been out fishing, hiking, and enjoying God's creation. I have also just finished what I consider to be the world's largest garage sale. It took six months to organize thousands of items that



were at one time valuable to the owner. There were toys that Bryce has outgrown, long-forgotten, but the moment they are sitting on a table with a price tag, they are rediscovered as a long-lost favorite. There were the big speaker systems (not wireless, mind you), that ten years ago people saved to purchase. The kind of speakers where you would have a small heart-attack if your kid knocked one over. There they sat, not even worth much as scrap.

The entire experience is something I am still processing. You see, the items in the garage sale belonged to not only Erin, Bryce, and I, but also to some loved ones who have passed on. Going through item after item, knowing you are touching items that they loved and enjoyed is hard enough, but then to price it all and watch it treated like stuff on a dollar menu is exhausting.

I know many of you can empathize as you have faced the daunting task of sorting through a loved ones belongings. Allow me to share with you what this experience has taught me and please, if you have any advice for next time, share.

I have learned to cherish the small keepsakes: the favorite book, the necklace, the pictures... and let the rest go. I have learned it is the sentimental value that has worth, rarely the item itself. I have learned that it is wonderful to enjoy the latest gadgets and gizmos, but if the kid throws a ball into the speaker, it doesn't really matter. In a few years it won't be worth scrap.

I pray that we each take time this summer to enjoy the things that last forever, making moments that will long surpass any human-made possessions we can find.

Love and Light,

Rev. Kim

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY



6/15/ Daniel Grudzinski
6/15 Nicole Henson
6/17 Jaclyn Butz
6/25 Evelyn Dietlin
6/28 Pat Mohritz
6/30 Ellyn Youatt

Many Birthday Blessings to all!

SERVING OTHERS – SERVING OUR CHURCH

Following is the listing of participants in our “New Opportunities” and the Ballot voted upon at our Semi-Annual Meeting that was held on May 19.

Ministry Council would like to thank all of you that have chosen to serve your church in any capacity. The response to our ‘old’ and ‘new’ initiatives is inspiring.

Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk

Dennis Green	Patty Simcina
Nina Marinello	Jessie Wales
Kay Maniscalco	Erin Wynn
Mike Maniscalco	

Game Night

Harriet Booth	Lois McGinley
Rob Butz	Barbara Schultz
Terry Butz	Cheryl Smith
Dennis Green	Matt Smith
Vita Green	Jessie Wales
Nina Marinello	Erin Wynn

Theatre Group

Rob Butz	Lois McGinley
Dennis Green	Barbara Schultz
Nina Marinello	Matt Smith
Kay Maniscalco (set)	Jessie Wales
Mike Maniscalco	Erin Wynn

Book Club

Harriet Booth	Mike Price
Rob Butz	Pam Schwark
Terry Butz	Patty Simcina
Vita Green	Cheryl Smith
Kay Maniscalco	Matt Smith
Nina Marinello	Jessie Wales
Lois McGinley	Kathy Wegner
Elaine Price	

Sleep Out America

Rob Butz

Terry Butz

Vita Green**

Nina Marinello

Mike Maniscalco

Mike Price

Patty Simcina

Cheryl Smith**

Jessie Wales

Dennis Wegner**

Kathy Wegner**

Erin Wynn

*** - food and fellowship*

Christmas Eve Dinner

Harriet Booth

Rob Butz

Terry Butz

Mary Lou Coker

Joyce Couch

Barbara Schultz

Patty Simcina

Cheryl Smith (maybe)

Matt Smith (maybe)

Jessie Wales

Erin Wynn

Peach Festival Food Drive

Scott Bombard

Harriet Booth

Terry Butz

Don Collier

Mary Collier

Kay Maniscalco

Mike Maniscalco

Nina Marinello

Barbara Schultz

Patty Simcina

Cheryl Smith

Matt Smith

Jessie Wales

Dennis Wegner

Kathy Wegner

Erin Wynn

Ellyn Youatt

Ned Youatt

There is always room for more! If you weren't able to be present at the meeting and still have an interest in any of the above, please let Rev. Kim know.



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC of ROMEO
2018-2019 ~ OFFICERS**

Moderator Rob Butz
Clerk..... Dennis Green
Financial Secretary..... Elyn Youatt and Harriet Booth
Treasurer Mike Price
Benevolence Treasurer Mike Price

2018-2019 ~ MINISTRY COUNCIL

Rob Butz	Lois McGinley
Terry Butz (staff)	Mike Price
Dennis Green	Barbara Schultz
Kim Newport (staff)	Ned Youatt

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| EAST. ASSOC DELEGATE | MICH CONF DELEGATE |
| Kim Newport          | Vita Green         |

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MINISTRIES

STEWARDSHIP
Terry Butz
Dennis Wegner
Matt Smith
Barbara Schultz

EDUCATION
Vita Green
Jessie Wales
Kathy Wegner
Erin Winn

WORSHIP/CREATIVE ARTS
Rob Butz
Kathy Wegner
Dennis Green
Jessie Wales
Patty Simcina
Erin Winn

OUTREACH/MISSION
Harriet Booth
Joyce Couch
Vita Green
Penny Lowes
Patty Simcina
Cheryl Smith
Jessie Wales
DennisWegner
Kathy Wegner

PERSONNEL

BULLETIN BOARD MINISTRIES

His Table, Hospitality, Card Ministry, Communion
Prep/Serve, Lay Reader, etc.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH AND MISSION



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

The Ministry of Outreach and Mission would like to thank everyone for the great support and help in putting together 30 Cleaning Buckets as our Lenten Mission this year!!!! These buckets will be distributed by Church World Service to people who experience loss due to

disasters such as tornados, floods, hurricanes, etc. The buckets were delivered to a church in Lansing last week by Dennis Green and Dennis Wegner, then to be distributed from there. A special Thank You to Cheryl Smith for organizing this endeavor, a major task!! Also much gratitude to everyone who purchased items, participated in the Bake Sale, put buckets together, etc. - a whole church effort!! MOM's Pancake Breakfast on May 19 was a fun celebration at the Annual Meeting! Thanks again to all who helped, especially to Matt Smith for his special apple and blueberry pancakes!!

UPDATE ~ New Book Study!!

If you haven't already – please start reading the book selected for the next book discussion - *“Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine”* by Gail Honeyman. We will set a date for discussion in mid-July. Ministry of Education chose a “lighter” book selection this time! Enjoy!

HOLIDAY CRAFT AND VENDOR SALE



Our Second Holiday Craft and Vendor Sale date has been set! Mark Saturday, November 9 on your calendar!! Open 10:00 - 4:00. This year we are hoping to have vendors to add to our

offerings! If you or someone you know would like to set up a table or a display, please talk to Lois, Vita, Terry, or Kathy. We hope that a larger variety of items will draw more interest. We need your help in many ways to make this fundraiser a success: create things to sell, talk to friends about becoming a vendor, pass the word of the sale day, help in publicity, distributing flyers, setting up, etc., etc.! We will be setting up work days soon. Everything helps, from cutting something out, sewing, gluing, ???!!! Please plan to help in this church fundraising event!

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
Tom Raymond - Theo's son
Jim Wade
Karyl Lyn Dietz - Lois McGinley's sister
Kay Maniscalco
Lisa Shibley - Joyce Couch's cousin
Max Finnen - Marnie Adams' cousin
Janet Laloup - sister of Mary Lou Coker
Bob Warner - Joyce Couch's brother
Patricia Jackson - Lynelle Novak's mother
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
Elyse Peters - friend of Lois McGinley
Marianne Abate - relative of Vita Green
Etsuko Ryutani - friend of Glen and Lynelle Novak
Bob Whitman - friend of Lois McGinley
Olivia Velicevic - granddaughter of Maniscalco's
Dale Lopus
Paul Walters - Stuart and Mary's son
Jane Lowes-Bonczeck - Penny Lowes' mother
Marty Pellerito - Vita Green's brother
Zelda Rivers - friend of Rob and Terry Butz
Antonina Marinello - Nina's grandmother

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