

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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August 2016

Good day, gentle reader.

Typically when I sit down to write this column, the words just flow as I type what God's put into my mind and laid on my heart. Today, however, I find myself facing a case of writer's block. So this morning I'll avoid any effort to be novel or profound in favor of offering an authentic glimpse into this pastor's thoughts.

Two Sundays ago we had our annual church picnic. That morning, despite the sweltering temperatures in our worship space of Fellowship Hall, we had an attendance (63) which was nearly identical to our total church membership. Given the temperature and the season, this was nothing short of wildly impressive. There are all sorts of competing schedules when it comes to summer vacation plans, and while we have a few members who return for the summer, we also have folks who depart for the season. More than that, though, we are an older congregation for whom it is not as easy to get around as it once was.

....or so one might think.

We barely had enough chairs for those who came to worship together! As my eyes scanned the crowded room that morning my heart swelled not just with pride but also with joy in and gratitude for the friends with whom I have the privilege to praise God every week. What a gift!

I confess I have felt the pressure to bring more folks into the fold at Kirk of Our Savior; that I must succeed in drawing a new generation of members so that our church might not just survive but also thrive. That we might return to some semblance of the "glory" years when the pews upstairs were filled to brimming: filled not just with grandmothers and grandfathers, but also with fathers and mothers bouncing small children on their knees as the sanctuary was abuzz with a contagious energy felt by all ages.

The (not so quiet) whispers of toddlers to their parents and to each other during church might be off-putting in the moment, but the silence that takes the place of those voices is a far less desirable alternative. In the midst of my longing to hear those elusive voices gleefully interrupt my sermons, I am nevertheless reminded of the words of Yoda when speaking of Luke Skywalker: "All his life has he looked away... to the future, to the horizon. Never his mind on *where he was*. What he was *doing*."

I, and the Kirk, will continue in our tireless effort to bolster our numbers across all demographics, including the younger population. But never again shall I grow so preoccupied with my plans for the future that I take for granted the amazing congregation with whom I am presently surrounded. I am so thankful for what we have NOW.

As I was handed a plate at the picnic following worship last week, I surveyed tables that were lined with the dedicated and enthusiastic family of worshipers that make up our congregation. Before I took my first bite, I smiled and offered a quick prayer.

"Thank, you, Lord. Thank you not only for your will that shall be done, but thank you also for that with which you have blessed us *today*. Amen."

Pastor Mike

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	2 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	3 6:30-9:30 NA	4	5 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	6
7 Communion Fellowship Hall	8 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group 6:30-9:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	9 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	10 6:30-9:30 NA	11	12 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	13
14 Session Fellowship Hall	15 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	16 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	17 6:30-9:30 NA	18	19 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	20
21 Fellowship Hall	22 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group 6:30-9:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	23 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	24 6:30-9:30 NA	25	26 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	27
28 Deacons Fellowship Hall	29 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	30 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	31 11:30-Classy Lassies and Grazers Lunch 6:30-9:30 NA			

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Madeline Carpenter, Chairman and Elder

Bonnie Hilberer, Elder

Audrey Conner, Deacon

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Cindy Handford, Deacon

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Jenny Root, Chairman and Elder

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Lorraine Scott, Deacon

Lois Hanley, Deacon

FOUNDATION

Leslie Holland, Chairman and Elder

David Garcia, Elder

Nancy Pride, Deacon

Patrick Frobe, Deacon



Friday, September 16th, 7 p.m. –
Bonfire and Wienie Roast

Friday, October 14th, 7 p.m. –
Board Game Night



OUR AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

2	June Jennings
6	Dominic Fortuna
7	Paula Cowling
8	Dennis King
12	Gale Shrewsbury
22	Robin Roe
23	Peggy Flacks
28	Lisa Brincat
29	Erin Hesselgrave

MARGARET ROSE IS ON THE MOVE!

Margaret Rose has moved into Rose Cottage at the Village of Westland. She is doing quite well, will continue to attend worship as she is able and looks forward both to her change of scenery and maintaining communication with her church family at the



IT'S A LUNCH DATE!



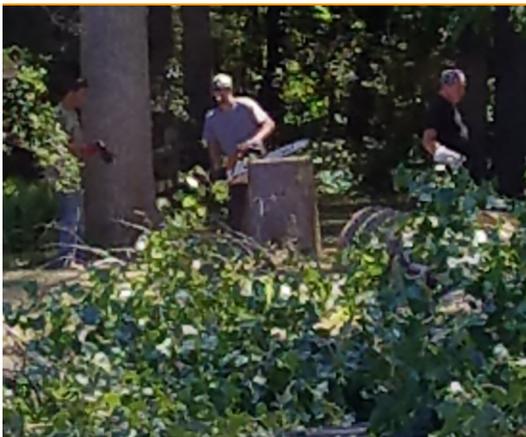
On the last Wednesday of the month, come meet at the church at 11:30am and go out to lunch with others. No need to eat lunch alone! Once at the church, the men's group and the women's group each decide where they will go locally for lunch and conversation. If you've never been, step out of your comfort zone this month and try it!

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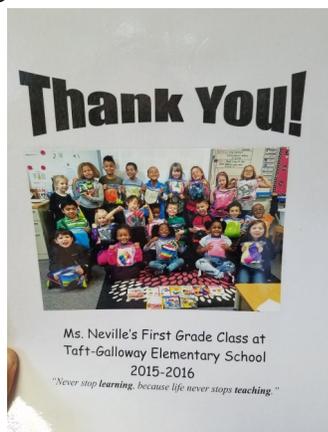
...AND THE TREES CAME DOWN

Thanks to the persistence and hard work of Leslie Holland, the discernment of the Kirk's session, and the cooperation and generosity of the City of Westland and the Hilltop Tree Service, the dead and dying trees outside the Memorial Garden have been taken down and the wall is no longer in danger! Praise God, and thank you Leslie!!



D O W N

Mrs. Neville's first grade class gave the Kirk a Thank You Booklet with pictures of the kids playing with items the Kirk provided its adopted teacher/classroom during 2015-16 along with letters from the kids. It is currently in the Fellowship Hall for you to look through at your leisure.



WORSHIP DOWNSTAIRS

Due to the hot summers in Westland and the lack of air conditioning in the Kirk sanctuary, worship services are held in the Fellowship Hall during the summer months.

WANTED:

The Don't Sweat the Small Stuff campaign will be starting in September. The outreach committee will be looking for donations of children's sweatpants-sizes 6-12- along with socks and underwear for our partnership with the Wayne Westland School District .

The committee is also looking for donations of flannel to help Trinity Church in Livonia make reusable sanitary napkins for girls in Third World countries. Flannel must be dark colors and not include animals, people or eyes.

August 2016 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

August

Monday, August 1
Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Judg. 6:25–40
Acts 2:37–47
John 1:1–18

Tuesday, August 2
Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Judg. 7:1–18
Acts 3:1–11
John 1:19–28

Wednesday, August 3
Morning: Pss. 96;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Judg. 7:19–8:12
Acts 3:12–26
John 1:29–42

Thursday, August 4
Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Judg. 8:22–35
Acts 4:1–12
John 1:43–51

Friday, August 5
Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Judg. 9:1–16, 19–21
Acts 4:13–31
John 2:1–12

Saturday, August 6
Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Judg. 9:22–25, 50–57
Acts 4:32–5:11
John 2:13–25

Sunday, August 7
12th Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Judg. 11:1–11, 29–40
2 Cor. 11:21b–31
Mark 4:35–41

Monday, August 8
Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Judg. 12:1–7
Acts 5:12–26
John 3:1–21

Tuesday, August 9
Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Judg. 13:1–15
Acts 5:27–42
John 3:22–36

Wednesday, August 10
Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Judg. 13:15–24
Acts 6:1–15
John 4:1–26

Thursday, August 11
Morning: Pss. 97;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Judg. 14:1–19
Acts 6:15–7:16
John 4:27–42

Friday, August 12
Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Judg. 14:20–15:20
Acts 7:17–29
John 4:43–54

Saturday, August 13
Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Judg. 16:1–14
Acts 7:30–43
John 5:1–18

Sunday, August 14
13th Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Judg. 16:15–31
2 Cor. 13:1–11
Mark 5:25–34

Monday, August 15
Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Judg. 17:1–13
Acts 7:44–8:1a
John 5:19–29

Tuesday, August 16
Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Judg. 18:1–15
Acts 8:1–13
John 5:30–47

Wednesday, August 17
Morning: Pss. 15;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Judg. 18:16–31
Acts 8:14–25
John 6:1–15

Thursday, August 18
Morning: Pss. 36;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Job 1:1–22
Acts 8:26–40
John 6:16–27

Friday, August 19
Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Job 2:1–13
Acts 9:1–9
John 6:27–40

Saturday, August 20
Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Job 3:1–26
Acts 9:10–19a
John 6:41–51

Sunday, August 21
14th Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Job 4:1–6, 12–21
Rev. 4:1–11
Mark 6:1–6a

Monday, August 22
Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Job 4:1; 5:1–11, 17–21,
26–27
Acts 9:19b–31
John 6:52–59

Tuesday, August 23
Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Job 6:1–4, 8–15, 21
Acts 9:32–43
John 6:60–71

Wednesday, August 24
Morning: Pss. 65;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Job 6:1; 7:1–21
Acts 10:1–16
John 7:1–13

Thursday, August 25
Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Job 8:1–10, 20–22
Acts 10:17–33
John 7:14–36

Friday, August 26
Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Job 9:1–15, 32–35
Acts 10:34–48
John 7:37–52

Saturday, August 27
Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Job 9:1; 10:1–9, 16–22
Acts 11:1–18
John 8:12–20

Sunday, August 28
15th Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Job. 11:1–9, 13–20
Rev. 5:1–14
Matt. 5:1–12

Monday, August 29
Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Job 12:1–6, 13–25
Acts 11:19–30
John 8:21–32

Tuesday, August 30
Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Job 12:1; 13:3–17, 21–27
Acts 12:1–17
John 8:33–47

Wednesday, August 31
Morning: Pss. 96;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Job 12:1; 14:1–22
Acts 12:18–25
John 8:47–59

KONNECTING with....

Jenny Marie Root, nee Hesselgrave

Clerk of Session

I live in Livonia.

I've been a member of the KIRK for 43 years!

I started coming to the KIRK because my parents changed where they were attending. I was 4-5 years old at the time.

If my life was a book, the title would be ***"Extraordinarily Ordinary"***

One of my favorite quotes is "Live in such a way that those who know you, but don't know God, will come to know God because they know you."

My family always tells a story about the trouble I had learning to tell time (not so enjoyable for me to hear!)

My favorite colors: pale yellow walls, green cars and bright clothing.

I knew God was working in my life when I was having a hard time letting go of feelings of hatred for a co-worker, and I asked for God's help during a 12th Night Ceremony and ***felt*** the hatred dissolve as I was asking.



"Marie" was my maternal grandmother's name.

One thing I love about the KIRK is the caring shown to those in need.

I find a lot of joy in kids-caring for them, playing with them; my family, my friends, my pets, my home and yard-love to flower garden!

My hobbies and interests are cross stitch, making teddy bears, antiques and collectibles and flower gardening.

I love the sound of genuine, uncontrolled laughter.

My favorite season is fall.

3 Things on My Bucket List:

1. to live to be as old as dirt
2. to have a close and loving relationship with all my grandchildren
3. to travel-Hawaii again, to the mid-northeast coast.

I try to remain active in the life of the KIRK, to show my faith in the way I live and how I speak of my faith, to try to be the kind of person I am called to be as a Christian-non-judgmental, caring, helpful. This is how I try to serve God, the church and others.

Financial Report as of 6/30/2016



	June	Year to Date	Budget
Income	8,173	54,958	52,772
Expenses	10,985	56,255	53,581
Net In- come or	-2,812	-1,297	-809
Liquid	87,633	87,633	

* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.

Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

June was adversely impacted by having three pay periods as well as an extra \$1,000 for tree removal. The Kirk still is near budget despite these extra expenses. A snowplowing bill for last winter has still not been received.

Pastor Mike has announced that an early evening Bible Study/Worship Time will begin during the last week of September and run through the final week of November. Day of the week and meeting time coming soon!

Now that you have finished reading the newsletter, please take a moment to pray for...

NEEDING PRAYERS:

Willow Creek's preschool teacher, Darlene Taig, has an 11-year old granddaughter with Kleefstra Syndrome

Lois Hanley's granddaughter who is enduring MS

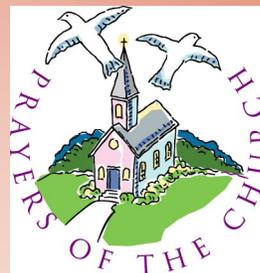
Jerry Cobleigh's wife who is enduring IBS

Bonnie Hilberer-recovering from a torn ligament and muscle around her knee

June Jennings-the passing of her aunt's brother, her aunt's friend is in hospice and her friend's father has passed

Judy Curtis-her friend, Elaine Rowell, has been in ICU with a serious infection

Please pray for Chelsea Marra, a friend of Pastor Mike. Her leukemia has relapsed and the prognosis is not good.



The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.

It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God's love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.