

From Pastor Hal:

In this preview of what the church needs to wait and pray for I write this short Pew News brief to highlight our journey in the church and the expectation what all in the church needs to wait and pray for. Besides a biblical illiteracy, one of the major problems in the church is a failure to wait upon the Lord, and wait upon the Spirit through prayer. The primary work of the church is done through the Spirit, and we wait on the Spirit in prayer. Apart from the Spirit, we are powerless. When we fail to wait in prayer, we will fail because we try to do everything under our own power. This is the preliminary understanding of any church journeying with Jesus—we can't do it ourselves. We are to await the Holy Spirit to act through our prayers and while waiting in expectation, everyone praying does just that, expect the Holy Spirit to arrive and answer prayer. It is in God's time not ours. Besides, Biblical literacy is practicing the way Jesus conveyed for us to live. We seek and desire to live in this context as Christians and his disciples because we live out of God's word emulating Christ our Messiah. Once we desire to become Jesus' disciple there is no turning back. Our salvation depends on it. Let us continue to practice our walk and wait on the Holy Spirit among us and live the scripture of the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus.

September Birthdays

- 1 Leigh Maas
- 5 Dan McLoskey
Margaret Ritzert
- 6 Emily Sieting
- 7 Mike Youngblood
- 10 Henry Grossbauer
- 14 Angela Quinlan
- 16 Patricia White
- 18 Randy Sivertson
- 20 Colin Fleming
- 22 Carol Lenneman
Stephen Placeway
Wendy Byard
- 25 Carolyn Christner
Linda Warren
- 26 Helen Dice
- 27 Taylor Grossbauer
- 28 Cathy Black
- 29 Scott McLeod
Andrew Rowden



Office Closed:

The office will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022 for the Labor Day holiday. Office will be open Tuesday– Friday of that week

Volunteers Needed:

Our projector crew needs volunteers to help run the slides and live stream the service. If you are interested in helping out please contact Mike Mosher or CJ Merriman.

Refuge:

Session voted on August 11th to allow Refuge to use the church in December. The dates are December 4th-10th. Watch for sign up sheets to help with the shifts and meals.

Adult Sunday School:

Adult Sunday School will begin on September 18th at 9:00 AM we will be studying Revelations.

Memorials:

In Honor of Our New Pastor Hal and his wife Tici Shafer
Barbara Skirmants

In Loving Memory of Frances Darragh
Barbara Skirmants

In Loving Memory of Cletis Klaffer
Gary and Linda Hamilton
Maxine Baxter
Bob and Karen Rowden



August 26, 2022

Church Staff

Pastor Rev. Hal Shafer	Faith Nurse Linda Hamilton
Office Admin. Linda Warren	Music Director Jonathan Korpi
Custodian Team Work of Lapeer,	Organist Katherine Nold

Please Pray For...

Joe Adamson (Shirley Adamson's son)
Denise Turonek (friend of Kim Herderich)
Sharon Walker
Al Hart
Tom Kimball
Lincoln Jeffers (Shirley Adamson's nephew)
Bob Barber
Gary Robertson (Carol Lenneman's brother)
Cheryl Cattane (Nancy Sieting's sister)
Chuck Hale
Delores Downey
Jane Waldrup
Patricia Baker (mother of Susan Dawson)



Making Connections

Church Hours: M-F, 10am-2pm
Pastor Hal's Hours T-F, 10am-2pm

Pews News Deadline: If you want your news item in Pews News, please submit your info the Wednesday before the next issue.

Going Deeper: To learn about becoming a Christian or a member here, please contact our office.

Per Capita 2022: \$29.00

Attendance:

08-14-2022 –62 Adults / 3 Children
08-21-2022– 62 Adults / 4 Children

Session & Committees

Bob Rowden (Finance)
Bob Rowden (Missions)
Sharon Galbreath (Worship)
Linda Hamilton (Health Min)
Kathryn Lawter (House)
Mike Mosher (House)
CJ Merriman (Session Clerk)
Barbara Dick (Personnel)
Barbara Skirmants (Finance)
TJ Craven (Christian Ed.)
Lauren Emmons (Christian Ed)

Deacons

Chris Dungey
Toni Emmons
Margaret Fansler (referrals)
Deb Moore
Darlene Placeway
Carol Jaeger
Francis Pitts
Nancy Pitts

Other Ministry Leaders

Scott Bodell (Ushers)
Dennis Galbreath (Ushers)
Carol Jaeger (Pres. Women)
Co Moderators (Faith Circle)