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JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF COOPERSVILLE

SUNDAY

10:00 AM - Sunday Worship Service
11:15 AM - Fellowship Time
11:30 AM - Sunday School for all ages

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM - Pulse Worship
- Dinner provided
- Kids Club & Youth Groups

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The song goes: "God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay. Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day; to save us all from satan's power when we had gone astray. O', tidings of comfort and joy."

The acapella group, Pentatonix, has redone this classic Christmas hymn in an exciting new way. I was listening to it recently on the radio, and I fell in love with it. New voices. New tempo. New rhythm. Still the same song. Still the same beautiful proclamation of the reality of Christ's birth and the joy and comfort it has brought to our world!

It's kind of like life, isn't it? Things change. New experiences. New struggles. New joys and celebrations. And yet, the same life; the same reality; the same crazy world in need of the beautiful proclamation of the reality of Christ's birth and the joy and comfort we so desperately need.

As we come closer to Christmas- to the celebration of God coming to be with us through the birth of Jesus- I encourage you to take some time to listen to the songs that declare Christ's birth. Read the story of God's love that unfolded one night two thousand years ago. Talk with God and others about life, about your dreams, and about the amazing revelation of Jesus.

And remember that, even though things change, we need this story just as much now as we ever have! So, as the song encourages us, find rest this Christmas.

Don't let things worry you. Remember that Christmas is about celebrating the birth of Christ, who saved us from our rebellion and from the power of satan. Take comfort and find joy this Christmas season, and all year long!

HOW TO CHRISTIAN

A new year brings with it a chance to work on ourselves, to make goals for the year, and to start things over again. This is true in our families, with our finances, and especially with our faith! Beginning in January, we are going to spend some time working on all of these areas.

How To Christian is a series where we will be getting back to the basics of our faith and how they apply to our lives in very practical ways. This will be a great opportunity for those new to faith and new to church to learn what God has to say about all areas of our life- our priorities, money, families, self-care. And it will also be a good chance for those who've been part of the church for a long time to hear again God's message for our lives, and even be challenged about those things we've gotten a little too comfortable with and lax in.

So as the New Year dawns, and you look at things in your life you want to work on, consider spending some of your time and effort focusing on your spiritual life!

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES TABLE

There are activities available for children:

- * The Children's Resources Table in the back of the Worship Center has a Weekly Family Devotion and Clipboards with blank paper.
- * There are the Busy Bags available for the children to take to their seats with coloring books, and small toys.
- * Nursery is available for children up to 8 years old. The Nursery has a speaker system so the service can be heard, if you choose to stay with your child outside the worship center.

CLIPBOARDS

The Children/Youth of our congregation are welcome to take a clipboard and draw during the worship service. Here are some ideas of things that they are encouraged to create: Make a thinking of you card, get well card, or draw a picture to be hung up at church.

If you have a picture you would like displayed at church, place it in Kris Brandt's mailbox, on the table by the drinking fountain. We ask that you return the clipboards and pencils to the brown basket on the Children's Resources Table in the back of the worship center.

ALIVE +

Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm is for kids & youth ages Pre-K - 12th grades. A time of worship through song & prayer and a meal for all along with individual classes for ALIVE Youth Groups & Kids Club.

ALIVE - YOUTH GROUPS

THE ALIVE YOUTH GROUP IS FOUNDED ON ROMANS 6:11.

"...count yourselves dead to sin but alive to Christ Jesus." They meet on **Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm** and consist of 6th-12th grade students. There will be a break apart portion for middle school from high school students for a deeper age appropriate discussion.

They worship through song and prayer, enjoy a hot meal and then come together to hang out, to learn about God and life, and yes, even have fun!

KID'S CLUB - "THE + IN ALIVE+"

Kids Club is coordinated through our Education Team for Pre-K - 5th graders & is from **6-7:30 pm on Wednesdays**. They worship with the ALIVE - Youth Group through song & prayer, share the food provided for the evening and then go into the classroom and have a time of learning about stories from the bible along with a craft.

ALTAR FLOWER AND/OR MINISTRY SHARES 2017

Each Sunday we welcome Altar Flowers to adorn the front of our Worship Center, in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The specific information will be included in the bulletin.

There are 3 options for you when signing up for Altar Flowers on a given Sunday while honoring someone.

1. Purchase Flowers from Coopersville Floral \$25.00.
Payable to Coopersville Floral.
2. Purchase Flowers from Coopersville Floral and give to Ministry Shares/Flowers \$25.00 each.
3. Ministry Shares/Flowers and pay \$25.00 to CUMC.
(No Flowers on Altar, just a note in bulletin.)

The sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room or on Signupgenius.com and specify your choice by marking the appropriate columns.

The 2017 calendar is online & on the bulletin board.
Available Dates: January 1, 8, 15, 29.

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Worship - January 3
Trustee's - January 10
Finance - January 17
Church Council - January 24

Meetings are held @ 7 pm & open to everyone.

PRaise BAND MINISTRIES

The Praise Band rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 PM. Rehearsals are open to all.

Contact Patrick Conran at 616.915.1740, if interested.

2017 SPECIAL MUSIC

The Coopersville United Methodist Church invites you to bring Special Music to our congregation during our 10 AM Sunday Worship Service. We ask that you contact the church office and provide your name(s) and the name of the song(s) you wish to sing/play. Church office number is 997-9225 and email is Secretary@CoopersvilleUMC.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for all ages is available at 11:30 am Sunday following the Worship Service. See page 12.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

The Wednesday meal is a ministry of our church to our ALIVE+. We ask that you provide a hot meal, drinks and snack/dessert for about 40 people.

For those of you willing to bring food for the evening use SignUpGenius.com or the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Room. Our ALIVE+ is an outreach to many in our community. The kids are truly thankful for the support they receive from the whole congregation.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday mornings at 10 AM join us as we dig deep into the book of Acts, and look at the spread of the Church throughout the world, and what it means for the Church today. Everyone is welcome to this time of study and fellowship.

MONTHLY

EVENTS

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

We will stay local in January for our luncheon to be sure we can all get there safely. We'll go to Champs on **January 13th**. Meet at the Church at **11 AM** for a time of fellowship and we'll car pool from there. ALL are welcome. Join us for fun and companionship. The sign up sheet is on the counter in the Fellowship room. or call me at 616-502-8114.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY CAKES

Birthday Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please sign up to make a 9x13 cake of any flavor to be served by the coffee hosts for the day. There are 6 cakes needed for each month.

Use SignUpGenius.com or the sheet on the counter.

COMMUNITY CRAFT NIGHT

Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends & neighbors. Come and work on any craft that you have from quilting, knitting, crocheting, card making, painting and scrapbooking, etc. Community Craft Night \$2.00 are 6:30pm - midnight. Notify Angie Quinlan @ 616.366.5234 or arquinlan@gmail.com, to attend. If you plan on attending the Community Craft Night please rsvp by the Thursday before the date so there are enough tables set up.

Dates - 2017: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 10, May 5.

FEEDING AMERICA TRUCK

Coopersville Cares has a Feeding America Mobile Pantry truck at Church of the Saviour at 10 AM on the Second Tuesday of each month. Please bring your own bags/containers. Next date is **January 10**.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The last Saturday of each month the men of our community are invited to attend a breakfast at Coopersville UMC. It is a time of food and fellowship between men. The next breakfast dates are **Dec. 31** and **Jan. 28 @ 8AM**.

Contact Pete Stammers at 837-9595 with any questions.

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2017

Everyone is encouraged to submit articles for the Church newsletter. Our newsletter is a great way to stay in touch with everyone in our church. Submit articles to Kris @ Secretary@CoopersvilleUMC.org for deadline of the February newsletter is **January 17**.

OUR DAILY BREAD

The daily devotional thoughts published in Our Daily Bread help readers spend time each day in God's Word. Each daily thought is designed to draw the listener into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and to evoke responses of worship, love, trust and obedience. The book includes a Topic Index as well.

The December, January, February issue of the booklets are on the table in the fellowship room by the drinking fountain. They are for you to keep.

PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have a prayer request to share with your church family? Would you like to be included in our phone or email prayer updates? Contact Carol Pfahler at 837-9036 or email Lorna Brittain at lbrittain8757@charter.net and ask them to add you to the prayer chain and to include your prayer requests.

SCRIP/GIFT CARDS - FUNDRAISING WHILE YOU SHOP

DO YOU SHOPS, BUY GROCERIES, GAS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, ETC.?

YOU MIGHT EVEN EAT OUT & BUY GIFTS FOR FAMILY

OR FRIENDS! IF SO THEN SCRIP IS FOR YOU.

We hope this will encourage more of you to use this program to increase the money we can raise for church ministries. A complete list of companies is on the bulletin board by the drinking fountain and order forms are on the table. *Proceeds go to Camp Fund/Ministry Shares/Building Fund*. Make checks payable to CUMC.



Orders can be placed online at any time with a presto pay account, Physical Card orders will be processed on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The next order deadlines are Sunday, Jan. 8, your order & payment goes to Gail Holmes or can be placed in the red mailbox folder. Contact Gail 723-2422 or grbarrett25@gmail.com, with any questions.

Missions/Outreach @ CUMC

MISSIONS UPDATE

Our Christmas Giving tree was still in progress when writing this article for the newsletter, so I can't give you any count yet, and the same is true of the Reverse Advent Calendar giving. The cart was full on December 11, so we will deliver ed those goods during that week to make room for additional items.

The Missions committee will meet on **January 10th @ 7pm** to discuss and plan how to use the last quarter offerings. I will update you on that in the February newsletter.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.
THE MISSION/OUTREACH COMMITTEE

JANUARY 2017 MISSION

Our mission is supporting our Covenant with Rev. Paul Webster. Rev. Webster is a missionary in Zambia, Africa. Our church has supported his missionary work for 11 years. He has done a marvelous job of improving the lives of the people he serves. January is Paul's birthday month so we will take the offering and have a birthday card for everyone to sign.

MI BLOOD DRIVES 2017 @ CUMC

Coopersville UMC located at 105 68th Ave. N, Coopersville is a permanent sight for MI Blood drives. Remember every time you donate blood you save lives. Donor requirements - You can give blood every 56 days if you are a healthy person age 17 or older (or 16 with parent or guardian permission), weighing 112 pounds or more. However, females age 18 and younger must weigh 120 pounds or more.

Please sign up online. Here is the link:
<https://donate.miblood.org/donor/schedules/zip>

All drives are from 2-6:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday. Here are the dates for **2017**. January 24, March 28, May 23, July 25, September 26, November 28.

HEARTSAVER CPR/AED CLASS

On Saturday, January 14 from 9am-12pm, there will be a Heartsaver CPR/AED class at Coopersville UMC. Heartsaver CPR/AED is a classroom, video-based, instructor-led course that teaches adult CPR and AED use, as well as how to relieve choking on an adult. This course teaches skills with AHA's research-proven Practice-While-Watching (PWW) technique, which allows instructors to observe the students, provide feedback and guide the students' learning of skills.

The Class is \$20.00 and payable to CUMC for anyone 16 and up. There are only 10 spots available so sign up soon. There is a sign up sheet on the counter in the Fellowship Room. If you have any questions see Kris Brandt or email Secretary@CoopersvilleUMC.org.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

A BIG THANK YOU to all my volunteers who have been so faithful through the years. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. Our last Red Cross Drive was November 28th. We had 20 presenters. 3 were power reds and 17 whole blood. This totaled 22 units when they factored in the power reds.

Thank you,
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COOPERSVILLE CARES - 5TH SUNDAY MISSIONS - JANUARY 29

Coopersville Cares is in need of the following items for their Food Pantry.

Canned fruit Rice Jelly Sugar Mac n Cheese
Soups Pasta sauce Hamburger Helper
Dish & Laundry soap Pasta Ramen Noodles
Fruit juice Canned Vegetables Jell-O/Pudding
Flour Canned meat Paper products

Extremely low Items needed: Canned corn, mac & cheese, paper towels, toilet paper, ramen noodles, sugar, rice, shampoo, dish soap, diapers size 4.

We ask that you place your donations at the foot of the altar.

CONNECTION CARD

We're trying something new! For years, we have passed an attendance book on Sunday mornings, inviting everyone to sign it, and let your church know you're here. In an effort to create further connections with your church, we will no longer be using the attendance books, and are now asking everyone to fill our blue Connection Card. These slips of paper can be found in the bulletin and the pockets on the back of the chairs.

This new way of doing things provides more ways for you to connect with your church and the work that God is doing in and through us. Fill out as much or little as fits with you and your family, using it to provide contact information, ask questions, or get more information about various ministries and service opportunities.

At the end of each service, we ask that you place your filled-out Connection Cards in the basket by the door.

FINANCIAL GIVING OPTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Donations, Offerings and Tithes to Charitable organizations such as churches can be tax deductible. Do you donate or tithe money to Coopersville UMC? The church can provide you with offering envelopes to make your giving and record keeping easier. We provide statements 4 times a year and the final statement after the year-end is for tax purposes.

Or consider using our online giving option. It's easy! And you can even set up recurring donations. You will no longer need to write out checks or carry cash with you or the need for offering envelopes. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis.

If you need envelopes or help with online giving or if you have any other questions, contact Roxanne Denson @ roxanne.denson@yahoo.com or 616.723.2420.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2017

Please contact Roxanne Denson if you need a new box of offering envelopes for 2017. You can contact, Roxanne Denson at roxanne.denson@yahoo.com or 723-2420.

WINTER 2017 LAY SERVANT CLASSES

St. Paul's UMC: Jan. 14 and 28*

Classes are being offered at St. Paul's UMC (3334 Breton Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, 49508) on Saturday's, January 14 & 28* from 9am-3pm.

Basic Class: Keith Caldwell, Leader

Advanced Class --> Biblical Interpretation: Georgene Greene, Leader (NEW class title for Lay Servant Certification)

Advanced Class --> Spiritual Gifts: Jody Pratt, Leader (Lay Servant and Lay Speaker Certification)

The fee to attend is \$25 and includes your materials and lunch. Registration opens on November 1, 2016.

Questions? Please contact Jody Pratt via 616.292.4908 or prattgji09@gmail.com. To remain a certified Lay Servant you must take a class every 3 years and must complete all classes offered in a session.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES 2016

BIRTHS

Mackenzie Marie Noel	August 8, 2016
Makayla Lynne Noel	August 8, 2016

BAPTISMS - MARCH 27, 2016

Nicole Marie Looks	
Nevaeh Marie Looks	Tava Joyann Looks
David M. Marks II	Jeffrey James Marks
August Daniel Maslak	July 18, 2016
Pierson Brooks Ryder	July 24, 2016

BAPTISMS - NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Izibelle Noel	
Mackenzie Noel	Makayla Noel
Kaylee Hughes	Mylee Hughes

NEW MEMBERS - NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Tammy Noel	Mark Noel
Sandi Noel	David Marks II
Joe Waskiewicz	Nicole Looks
Michelle DeVoe	(Transfer from Faith UMC)

DEATHS

REMOVED/TRANSFERRED

Removed by Church Conference on October 23, 2016

Courtney Brink	Eric Brink
Adrienne Cooke	Carol Dausman
Richard Dausman	Nathan Morse
Natalie Sernick	David Tagg
Heidi Tagg	Joy (Tagg) Bush
Darlene Morse	- Transferred to Temple UMC, Muskegon

"ALL OUR DIFFERENT PIECES" PUZZLE

Our Church is made up of so many wonderful families, couples, and individuals. And God has brought together each of those pieces into a beautiful Church family! In 2017 we want to highlight that beautiful Church family!

Starting in December, pick up your Family Puzzle Piece in the Fellowship Room. Decorate the puzzle piece to show who you are, and who your family is. Then bring it back to church by the first of January. We will be assembling all our beautiful pieces into a wonderful puzzle, for everyone to see how God takes all our individual pieces and brings them together into the work of art our Church is!

And just like any puzzle, it would be incomplete without every piece- including yours!



SCRIP/RADA TOTALS

Thank you everyone who participated in ordering SCRIP gift cards or RADA products. Here is the breakdown and the winners of the contest. From **November 2015 - May 2016**: - \$810.00 was raised for the Mission Team. **June - December 2016**: There was \$860.00 raised with the SCRIP program. There was \$90.00 raised with the RADA Manufacturing orders. A total of \$950.00 was raised in 6 months.

The camp fund is being maintained and funds were distributed as following; \$95.00 to Ministry Shares (10%), \$855.00 to the Building Fund.

The winners of the contest are:

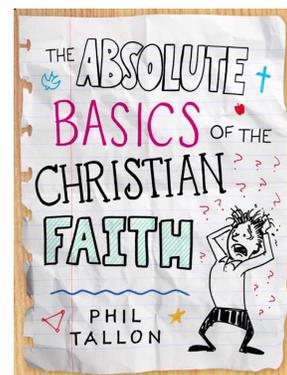
\$50.00 - Karie Kirby raising \$181.15 for the church
\$25.00 - Pam Stammis raising \$177.35 for the church
\$10.00 - Jerre Jean Conran raising \$76.00 for the church
They will choose gift cards for places they wish.

Pack It Up has a membership with the Meijer B2B Vendor program. This allows Pack It Up to purchase food at a discount. Meijer allows Pack It Up to use SCRIP cards to pay for their purchases. Pack It Up has raised \$238.00 of the \$1181.00 raised for 2016.

STUDY CLASS STARTING SOON: THE ABSOLUTE BASICS

The Absolute Basics of the Christian faith is a visual introduction to the core beliefs of the Christian faith. This eight-week study is stocked with rich explanation and engaging videos that bring religious instruction (catechism) to life for people of all ages, backgrounds, and stops along their spiritual journey. It is a perfect study for brand-new, as well as long-time, believers.

Through memory verses, catechism, text, and videos, each lesson work together seamlessly to provide a clear, compelling introduction to Christian belief for people of all ages.



Classes begin **Sunday, January 8 at 6pm**, and will be held at Pastor Cori's home (422 Harrison St. in Coopersville). Childcare and Snacks will be provided. We ask that you sign up for this class and specify if you want a book or not. They are not required for the class. Books are \$15.00.

WINTER JAM 2017

Great music. Loud music. Lots of music.
What could be better?

Sunday, January 8 at Van Andel Arena is Winter Jam 2017! Artist are Crowder, Britt Nicole, Tenth Avenue North, Sadie Robertson, Thousand Foot Krutch, Andy Mineo, Colton Dixon, hosted by Newsong with speaker Tony Nolan.

The ALIVE Youth, and anyone else who loves music, is invited to come out to the fun event. We will be **gathering at the church at 3pm** and carpooling to downtown Grand Rapids. Tickets are \$10 each at the door. Make sure to put this on your calendars and let the office know if you are attending!

The poster and sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the drinking fountain. **Sign up deadline is January 3.**

We are looking for adults to take youth of our Church, please let Kris in the office know if you are willing to drive.

MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

The Coopersville UMC Memorial Endowment is a permanent fund, which provides perpetual support for our church. Administrated by the Coopersville Area Community Foundation which is an affiliate of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. Only the interest, about 4%, from the fund can be spent by the Trustee Committee for capital improvements on the building, not the principal that anchors the endowment.

Consider honoring your loved ones by giving a gift to the Endowment Fund.



CURRENTLY THERE ARE 14 PEOPLE USING VANCO OUR ELECTRONIC GIVING ONLINE.

Support our church's mission through e-Giving. Use your computer or mobile device to have your contributions debited from your checking or savings account and securely transferred directly to the church account.

You'll never have to remember to bring cash or your checkbook again!

Get started today! Visit our church website @ CoopersvilleUMC.org for more information or scan the Quick Response code below.



DONATE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE!

Simply scan the image using your phone's Quick response (QR) code reader!



SPARTAN STORES RECEIPTS INTO CASH

Save your Family Fare & D&W receipts!
We're raising money through SpartanNash stores
"Direct Your Dollars" program.

"Direct Your Dollars" is a receipt-based program, so we can all raise money by shopping at Spartan Stores.

Every time you shop at your local Family Fare or D & W store, save your receipts - and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Place your receipts in the church mailbox marked "Direct Your Dollars". Once we've collected \$150,000 in receipts from these stores, we can turn those slips of paper into a \$1,000 check for our church. If you aren't able to drop your receipts off in person, you can also mail them to 105 68th Ave. N., Coopersville, MI 49404.

Through this "Direct Your Dollars" program, Spartan Stores will turn YOUR receipts into cash for OUR Church! This program started the first of August 2016 and as of November 22, we have collected \$9423.00 in receipts. Thank you all and keep them coming.



[UMC MARKET.ORG](http://UMCMARKET.ORG)

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

When you shop online at one of the thousands of participating stores, a percentage of every dollar you spend is contributed by those stores to your associated non-profit organization. For instance, if you shop at a store listed as "3%," that means for every \$100 you spend, \$3 is contributed to your non-profit organization, at no additional cost to you.

DOES THIS PROGRAM COST ME ANYTHING? NO. Participating in the program is free, and the contributions made to your associated non-profit organization are paid entirely by the participating merchants, not by you.

Please note that if you have had an account in the past that you do need to create a new login. There have been many changes to the program and the new and improved is up and running. When you sign up make sure to choose Coopersville United Methodist Church as your non-profit. This is a win win for us all.

See Kris or Pastor Cori, if you have any questions or concerns.

JANUARY CELEBRATION

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1	Lee Fought
1/3	Yareth Noel
1/3	Scott Seth
1/7	Mackenzie Duzan
1/8	Joseph Denson
1/9	Chris Zemaitis
1/12	Kris Brandt
1/12	Tara Seth
1/14	Eleanor Drooger
1/21	Lorna Fliearman
1/25	Maya Looks
1/27	Pete Ryder



If your birthday or anniversary dates are listed wrong or has been omitted, please call the church at 997-9225 to correct it.



UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

Leslie Cobb

Email - cornondacobb33@yahoo.com

Karolyn Holmes

616.848.9024

Please add these updates to your church directory. If you would like a Church Directory, please see Kris in the office.

FEATURED FAMILIES

Let's get to know each other better. Starting in the February Newsletter we are bringing back the "Featured Family" section. I will feature a different family each month throughout the year.

To have your family featured, a form maybe picked up in the church office or online. Come on don't be shy!

TRANSPORTATION TEAM

Do you need a ride to church?

Here is our team that is willing to help you out.

ROXANNE DENSON -	616.723.2420/ roxanne.denson@yahoo.com
GAIL HOLMES -	616.723.2422 grbarrett25@gmail.com
MARY WASKIEWICZ -	616.607.4884 mwaskiewicz@att.net

CELEBRATIONS OF Members in Ministry

PRaise BAND -

Welcome Melody Miller to the Praise Band. Thank you for sharing your love of music with the congregation.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING -

There was 20 people that went Christmas Caroling on December 11. This included people from the Church of the Saviour. The Depot and Fountain View very much enjoyed the Christmas sound of cheer and joy. There was bread, soups and goodies shared by the group following the singing. This has come an annual event between the churches and will be hosted by COS in 2017. Thank you to those who made soup or brought food.

HANDMADE SCARFS -

Jean Spriensma makes beautiful scarfs. She asked us to donate them for her. We have given 46 scarfs to Love INC. They will be given to women that they help.

TOYS FOR TOTS BAKE SALE -

Thank you Joe Waskiewicz for spear heading this bake sale fundraiser for Toys for Tots. The bake sale once again this year was a huge success. The bake sale raised \$922.00. Gifts totally \$500.00 were purchased for Toys for Tots and the \$422.00 remainder will be used by the Mission/Outreach Team to purchase any items needed for the giving tree.

KIDS HOPE -

The Kids Hope program is going great. Jessie Cypret has 8 Mentors and they each have a prayer partner. Kids Hope from our church along with Coopersville Reformed church have offered separate Christmas party's for the kids, families, mentors and prayer partners to attend either or both parties.

ADVENT PHOTO CHALLENGE -

I hope you are all having fun submitting pictures daily on Facebook. There are some beautiful, meaningful pictures to represent the word for the day. Even if you're not doing the challenge you can type #CUMCAdvent2016 in the Facebook search engine and check out all the pictures.

MONTHLY PRAYER FOR YOUR LIFE

Dear Lord, I'm Yours.

I want to offer myself to You-heart, mind, and will
-in humble service and in thankful worship
for all You have done for me.

Amen.

JANUARY VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">ALTAR FLOWERS</div> <p>January</p> <p>1 _____</p> <p>8 _____</p> <p>15 _____</p> <p>22 Denise Sernick</p> <p>29 _____</p>	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">LCD EDITOR/OPERATOR</div> <p>January</p> <p>1 Gail H/Ross C</p> <p>8 Gail H/Ross C</p> <p>15 Gail H/Ross C</p> <p>22 Gail H/Ross C</p> <p>29 Gail H/Ross C</p>	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">WORSHIP ASSISTANT</div> <p>January</p> <p>1 _____</p> <p>8 _____</p> <p>15 _____</p> <p>22 _____</p> <p>29 _____</p>	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">DOOR GREETERS</div> <p>January</p> <p>1 Karolyn Holmes</p> <p>8 _____</p> <p>15 _____</p> <p>22 _____</p> <p>29 _____</p>
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<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">NURSERY</div> <p>January</p> <p>1 _____</p> <p>8 Kaylee Brocker</p> <p>15 _____</p> <p>22 Tammy Noel</p> <p>29 Sandi Noel</p>	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">COUNTING OF OFFERING</div> <p>January</p> <p>1 _____/_____</p> <p>8 Wendy B/_____</p> <p>15 _____/_____</p> <p>22 Wendy B/_____</p> <p>29 _____/_____</p>	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">BIRTHDAY SUNDAY CAKES</div> <p>January 15</p> <p>1 _____</p> <p>2 _____</p> <p>3 _____</p> <p>4 _____</p> <p>5 _____</p>	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS</div> <p>January</p> <p>4 _____/_____</p> <p>11 _____/_____</p> <p>18 _____/_____</p> <p>25 _____/_____</p>
<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">HS YOUTH GROUP LEADERS</div> <p>January</p> <p>4 Michelle D/_____</p> <p>11 _____/_____</p> <p>18 _____/_____</p> <p>25 _____/_____</p>	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">MS YOUTH GROUP LEADERS</div> <p>January</p> <p>4 _____/_____</p> <p>11 _____/_____</p> <p>18 _____/_____</p> <p>25 _____/_____</p>	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">KIDS CLUB ACTIVITIES</div> <p>January</p> <p>4 _____/_____</p> <p>11 _____/_____</p> <p>18 _____/_____</p> <p>25 _____/_____</p>	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">KIDS CLUB LESSON</div> <p>January</p> <p>4 _____/_____</p> <p>11 _____/_____</p> <p>18 _____/_____</p> <p>25 _____/_____</p>

A blank line means this ministry is available.

Use SignUpGenius.com or the clip board in the Fellowship Room to fill a position.

SIGN UP GENIUS.COM



SignUpGenius.com is for Volunteers to sign up for church positions; Altar Flowers, LCD Operator, Worship Assistant, Door Greeters, Soundboard Operator, Liturgist, Ushers, Coffee Host, Nursery, Counting of Offering, Birthday Sunday Cakes, Wednesday Evening Meals, HS Youth Group Leaders (2), MS Youth Group Leaders (2), Kids Club (4) - (2) Lessons, & (2) Activities), potlucks and etc.

Please sign up as you feel called. There will continue to be a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Room for those of you who are not on the internet and are willing to volunteer. Contact Kris Brandt if you have any questions.



JANUARY CALENDAR 2017

1/1	10:00 AM	Worship Service Communion
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time NO Sunday School for all ages
1/3	7:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting
1/4	10:00 AM	Bible Study - Study of Acts
	6 - 6:20 PM	Pulse Worship Service
	6 - 7:30 PM	ALIVE+ (Kids Club/Youth Group)
1/5	6:30-8PM	Praise Band Ministries
1/6	6:30-12AM	Community Craft Night
1/7	9:00-11AM	Girl Scout Troop Meeting
1/8		SCRIP Orders Due
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time
	11:30 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	3:00 PM	Winter Jam
	6:00 PM	Absolute Basics Class
1/9	7:00 PM	Troop #4 Boy Scouts
1/10	10:00 AM	Feeding America Truck @ COS
	5:30-6:30 PM	Kidney Foundation
	7:00 PM	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Missions Meeting
1/11	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	6 - 6:20 PM	Pulse Worship Service
	6 - 7:30 PM	ALIVE+ (Kids Club/Youth Group)
1/12	6:30-8PM	Praise Band Ministries
1/13	11:00 AM	Adult Fellowship
1/14	9AM-12PM	Heartsaver CPR/AED Class
1/15		Birthday & Mission Sunday
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time
	11:30 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	6:00 PM	Absolute Basics Class
1/16	7:00 PM	Troop #4 Boy Scouts
1/17		February Newsletter Deadline
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
1/18	10:00 AM	Bible Study - Study of Acts
	6 - 6:20 PM	Pulse Worship Service
	6 - 7:30 PM	ALIVE+ (Kids Club/Youth Group)
1/19	6:30-8PM	Praise Band Ministries
1/20	6:00 PM	Family Movie Night/Potluck
1/21	8:30-12PM	GR District Leadership Workshop
1/22	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time
	11:30 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	6:00 PM	Absolute Basics Class
1/23	7:00 PM	Troop #4 Boy Scouts
1/24	2-6:30 PM	MI Blood Drive
	7:00 PM	Church Council

1/25	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	6 - 6:20 PM	Pulse Worship Service
	6 - 7:30 PM	ALIVE+ (Kids Club/Youth Group)
1/26	6:30-8PM	Praise Band Ministries
1/28	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
1/29	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time
	11:30 AM	Sunday school for all ages
	6:00 PM	Absolute Basics Class
1/30	7:00 PM	Troop #4 Boy Scouts

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRE-K THROUGH 100 YEARS OLD

A time of learning about faith and God, and having fun with others. Every Sunday @ 11:30 AM, following our Worship Service, there are Sunday school classes for all ages!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

PreK-5th grade meets at 11:30 Sunday mornings in the Children's Classroom to learn about God through the Deep Blue Kids Bible Sunday school materials. Michele Ryder is teaching this awe-inspiring resource that incorporates adventure, exciting stories, science experiments, arts and crafts, animated video storytelling, and active games into a living-faith experience that will help children discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Grades 6-12 meets at 11:30 Sunday mornings in the Youth Room to discuss and look for Biblical instruction in handling current youth issues. Jerre Jean Conran is teaching topics that will include how to deal with parents, how to cope with values and behavior that are similar or different from your own, how teens fit into the between-child-and-adult stages of life, and many other current issues. Using the Scripture as our guide, we will affirm our own normalcy.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - THE WIRED WORD

By ROSS CONRAN IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

We are taking topics and themes more relevant to modern Christian living by discussing a current week's incident in a biblical context each week. This provides a creative and stimulating adult Bible dialogue that tests our application of Christian living.

News is then confronted by Scripture that provides the substance of the lesson along with suggestions on how group members can apply Scripture passages covered that week to their daily lives. Each week is different and open to a variety of opinions, reasons, and logic.