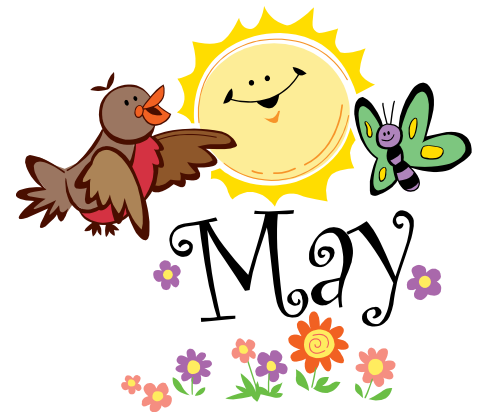


# EXPRESSIONS



## Church in the Hills (USA)

### “Anxious Anticipation”

With the welcome arrival of our snowbirds, our minds again turn toward summer and all of the wonderful Northern Michigan events, activities, and pleasures that accompany it. It is an exciting time of year to be reminded of how blessed we are to experience this incredible locale.

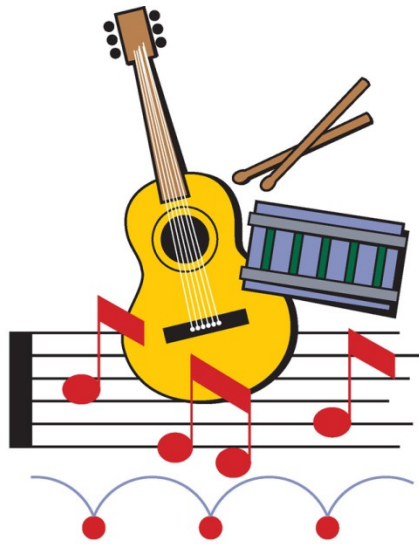
Our seasonal church takes on a new sense of urgency this time of year as well. With the expanded congregation, we add our second worship service (beginning May 29) at 8:30 on Sunday. Vacation Bible School and summertime youth programs really take off with the nice weather and our Sunday School programs have wonderful things planned. The summer concert series, midweek Adult education classes, summertime weddings, the Church in the Hills Rubber Ducky 5k and the continuation of our regularly scheduled programming help round out this sometime frenetic, always enlightening season of our church calendar. There are many places to volunteer, participate, and lend a hand within the community this summer and I hope you will look for that opportunity to which you are called and serve with joy and enthusiasm.

This new pace is exciting but it can also make us move so fast that we start to wonder what we're even doing. Too often I get myself into a rhythm that doesn't allow for much contemplation, let alone time to breathe. I love the challenges that come with new experiences but it is important for us all to step back sometimes and ask, “Why am I doing this? Is this what God wants me to be doing? And am I using my gifts, talents, and inclinations in the right way?”

I hope we all can take some time this summer to find whatever it is we are called to do, say, and act upon. Look for that niche here at Church in the Hills and know how very important you are to the building up of the Body of Christ in this congregation. Find where you can serve with joy, enthusiasm, imagination, and energy and thrive every minute doing it. The Holy Spirit is alive in this community and I rejoice every time I recognize that God-given drive for us to love our neighbors, worship our God, and share the grace of Jesus Christ with all we encounter in so many beautiful and unique ways.

Grace and peace to you all,

Pastor Andrew



## Summer *Concerts*

I am proud to be able to announce our rather eclectic concert season for 2011. Many thanks to members of the choir who provided input and many good suggestions. Please save the date for the following events:

**Tuesday, July 12** 7:30 p.m. the **Cherry Capital Chorus**, back by popular demand for the third summer.

**Thursday, August 18.** 7:30 p.m. **Steve Stargardt, piano and Bill Sears, sax** - "**A History of Jazz.**" Steve and Bill are Traverse City residents. Steve played a jazz concert for us a few years ago featuring Claudia Schmidt, vocalist; and Bill and his wife Laurie, also a wind

instrument player, appear frequently in our area. I'm sure you will enjoy an evening of fine jazz music with some commentary.

**Sunday, August 28 at 3:00 p.m.** - **The Ionia Community Band, Andrew MacFarland, director.** This may seem an odd choice except that my husband and I raised our children and worked professionally in Ionia (MI) for many years. Andrew was our children's jazz band instructor and his high school jazz bands received #1 ratings in state festivals for years. In retirement, Andrew has conducted this community band made up of some former students and other adults who have dusted off once-played instruments to enjoy playing under his lively direction. The band appeared in the Alden Days parade and graced the Alden tennis court park with a concert afterwards for two summers; you may have seen them there. This program will feature, "Music from the Stage" for the 1st half, and "Things We Thought You'd Like" after intermission. All the money we pay the band for performing goes to student scholarships.

**Ticket** prices remain the same, \$10.00/adults, and \$5.00 students. Our financial commitment to the musicians for the 3 events totals \$1,700. We welcome contributions of \$50.00+ (which would include 2 adult tickets) from anyone willing to help underwrite. While we cannot guarantee reserved seats, we will be happy to give you name recognition on the programs and our undying gratitude for keeping these concerts going. Please mark these dates on your calendars, bring friends and relatives, and look forward to some wonderful music "in the hills" this summer.

Dorothy Clore, Music Director

## **May Greeters**

May 1—Karl and Kathy Dingman

May 8—Bud and Irma Hierlihy

May 15—Fred and Martha Harris

May 22—Truman and Linda Bicum

May 29—

Greeters should be at the church at 10:00 a.m. If you cannot be at the Service of worship on the Sunday you are to be the greeter, please call Cindy Overby 533-6001.

## **May Ushers**

May 1—Deb Braden

May 8—Sharon Frey

May 15—Olga Cairns

May 22—Olga Cairns

May 29—Bob Drudge

## **May Liturgist**

May 1—Martha Harris

May 8—Susie Clovis

May 15—Jean Berry

May 22—Ralph Berry

May 29-8:30—Jerry Walsworth

10:30—Carol McLeod

If you cannot be at the service of Worship on the Sunday you are to be the liturgist, please call Maureen Stenback (544-6522)



Nancy Edleman	5-1
Christine Henson Sparks	5-4
Valerie Sadd	5-4
Maureen Stenback	5-4
Betty Van Antwerp	5-6
Sue Blugerman	5-10
Sharon Grinwis	5-10
Ardith Peters	5-11
Darrell Christie	5-12
Richard Milock	5-15
Doris Ferris	5-18
Rev Andrew Pomerville	5-19
Ron VanMersbergen	5-22
Beverly Dickinson	5-23
Marian Racey	5-24
Rev Roy Lambert	5-25
Tom Juntune	5-27
Joe Barnes	5-29
Doris DeLange	5-31

## **MEADOWBROOK SPRING TEA**

This year we will have our first Spring Tea at Meadowbrook on May 18. We will need volunteers for set up, clean up and serve. Every year we bring in cookies for the residents and they really appreciate our home baked goods. Mark the date on your Calendar and sign up if you can help.

## BOARD OF DEACONS

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Please  
**WELCOME HOME**  
Our Snowbirds

On Sunday May 22 we will have our Welcome Home Snowbirds luncheon after Worship service. Please sign up and bring a dish to pass as we enjoy the company of all our snowbirds who have returned for the summer.

*Happy  
Anniversary!*



Richard and Diana Milick	May- 6
Jeff and Deb Braden	May-8
Marv and Berneil Olson	May-13

**The May Antrim County Community meal** will be at the Bellaire Senior Center at 5:30 p.m. on May 29. Please sign up to help if you can.



**Church  
Photo  
Directory**

We are going to do another church photo directory in June. Edena Williams, has arranged for Life Touch to be here on June 7-8-9, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The photographer will be here from 2:00 p.m. each day until 8:30 p.m.. We will need a reception person each day. Please sign up to help if you are able. More information to come .

## SPRING SPRUCE UP"

MAY 7, 2011



On Saturday, May 7, from 9-12 A.M. we will have our annual "spruce-up" of the church grounds. We will clean up the flower beds, trim shrubs (if necessary) and straighten up the storage

sheds. Everyone is welcome. Bring gloves and tools.

Coffee and donuts will be served. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kitchen bulletin board. If you have questions call Elder Schaefer at 377-7848.



## HELPING HANDS

### Reaching Out . . . Helping Others

On Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 until 1:00 there will be a "Spring Clothing Giveaway/Exchange" for families in Antrim County. There is a need for clean, gently used spring and summer clothes - especially shoes, shorts, lightweight sweaters, jackets and pants for children and adults. Anyone

wishing to donate can bring the articles to Church beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> and they will be taken to the Forest Home Township building to be given away or exchanged on the 14. We are also in need of help with the set up and distribution. If you would be willing to assist please contact Mary Ann Waara at 350-0067. Set up will be Friday May 13 from 10:00 until 1:00.



This memorial day we will be starting our 8:30 summer second service. On May 29, plan to attend at 8:30 or 10:30 as we roll toward a beautiful summer.



## CONTINUING EDUCATION

Cindy will be gone on Thurs, May 19 and Fri, May 20 to the Heartland Regional

Administrative Personnel Conference in Louisville Kentucky. The office will be closed.

***Prayer Request***  
***May 2011***

**Presbytery of Mackinac**  
**Yearbook of Prayer 2010-2011**  
**May 15, 2011**

Norm and Barb Wilks  
Family of Dorothy DeSpelder  
Family of Dick Schorfhaar  
Chris Nightingale  
Dale Walsworth  
Michael Lynch  
Donna Lesperance  
Cathy Cramer  
Doreen Stover  
Ed Blugerman  
Norma Christenson  
Tracie Lord  
Jason Wohlert  
Barry Schorfhaar  
Betty Van Antwerp  
Gordon Grinwis  
Tina Lynn Plaisance  
Jean McClelland  
Margie Miedema  
Michelle Lewis  
Eileen Hefferman  
Ron and Cindy Vassiloff  
Promise Garchow  
Michael, Leah, Molly

Bea Blunt  
Sarah Gaynor  
Ernil Jones  
Henry Brown  
Ann Nagel  
Jen Miller  
Adele Steele  
Muriel Twigg  
Drew McNeill  
Dawn Lukins  
Kayla Stover  
Melissa Foley  
Vi McAdam  
Margie Law  
Sue Williams  
Paul Williams  
Peg O'Dean  
Michelle Bell

If you have any prayer request, joys, or concerns which you would like shared with the congregation, please write them in the prayer book in the narthex or pass them along to the church office at 533-6001 or e-mail to [churchinthehills@charterinternet.com](mailto:churchinthehills@charterinternet.com)

**EAST JORDAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We are a small congregation located in East Jordan on the end of the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. Our local economy is based on both tourism and industry.

**OUR JOYS:** One of our strengths is excellent leadership in the person of our pastor Rev. Jennifer Saad. We support the Crossroads Resale Shop and Care and Share Food Pantry with both time and money. We also help with "Saturday Cafe", a free meal and fellowship offered every Saturday. We work closely with four other churches in our community on this as well as summer vacation Bible school. In seeking new and innovative ways of 'doing' Christian education, we've begun a monthly program called "Joseph's Journey" which combines Bible study, theater, music and food. Both adults and children are enjoying this and we hope to use it as a way of reaching out to children in our town. We have sent members on several mission trips and plan to go further this spring to Guatemala.

**OUR CONCERNS:** While we are proud of the help we are able to give people in need in our community, it often feels like we are just 'stopping the bleeding', so we continue to seek ways of effecting real change. We ask for prayer that in working, praying and studying together we might truly follow Jesus.



**Heartfelt thanks from the Schorfhaar family to the family at Church in the Hills.**

Christians, especially those in a local church family, bend with each other in times of pain and sorrow. The scriptures tell us to laugh and weep together. But it's through the tears that we see each other more clearly. We understand better what is inside our brothers and sisters. The love, compassion, kinsmanship are more visible through blurry eyes. It's then we see with our hearts and spirits.

Thank you for all your Love and prayful support over the last three years. You've been such a great comfort to Dick, myself, and our family. There is nothing as soothing, other than God's love, as the healing balm of Christian love.

I bought a card once just because it touched me. As it turns out it became a sympathy card to myself. On the front is a picture of an old gentleman sitting alone on a park bench and the caption beneath reads----

**"Please, Lord, teach us to laugh again; but God, don't ever let us forget that we cried"**

*Bill Wilson*

Love in Christ, Sue Schorfhaar

**MISSION HIGHLITES**

1. Tom Juntune reported that our mission committee is on track financially with all designated giving.
2. Pastor Andrew discussed the need for reaching out to the Mancelona Area with our activities.
3. Women's Resource Center in Traverse City has asked for financial assistance as

well as the Moms and Tots Center in Ellsworth. It was decided that we would continue to support the Moms and Tots Center with The Baby Bottle Boomerang.

4. The March **Community Dinner** was very Successful. Approximately 85 People (including volunteers) were there
5. **Recycling** is going well.
6. **Coffee Sales** have been down a little because the coffee has not been out. Sarah just ordered a tea sampler and will have a different flavor of tea to sample each week. The coffee sales are still covering the cost of our Fellowship Coffee.
7. Don Hoyt discussed the **Mexico Mission Trip**. He said it was great! There were 7 doctors that treated 1500 patients in 2 ½ days. He is researching how Church in the Hills can help the Special Needs School in Piedros Niegros.
8. **Don, Kathy and Rachell will present information about their trip during the Snowbird Luncheon on May 22.**
9. Our spring Clothing Drive will be held in May. The Giveaway/Exchange is planned for Saturday, May 14 at the Forest Home Township Hall
10. Mary Ann and Andrew applied for a missionary to work with Andrew in September.
11. The Antrim County High Tea for Breast Cancer Prevention has requested financial assistance this year because of funding cuts. Our Mission Committee has decided to send a \$300 check to them as soon as possible. We will also contribute our proceeds from the 5K Rubber Ducky Race to them.



## Vacation Bible School

### Praying in Color

Vacation Bible School Arts Camp

Church in the Hills

June 27 – July 1

9:30 am until noon daily

Children welcome ages 4 years thru 5<sup>th</sup>  
grade

The above information will go on our posters for this summer's **Vacation Bible School Arts Camp**. Terri Blanch has been very busy planning a wonderful week for the children. Bible stories, music, dance, art and games will be used to enrich the children's relationship with God. Our theme is "Praying in Color" and we will encourage the children to expand both the times and the ways that they reach out to God. All of us want communication and conversation with God. During this week the children will pray to God, not only with quiet words, but also with song, movement, and colorful art. The Bible stories we tell will describe the

people of God turning to Him for help, guidance and comfort. The week's activities will allow the children to "pray without ceasing" in new and meaningful ways. It will be a week full of joy. I encourage any in our congregation who have grandchildren ages 4 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade to sign them up.

I also encourage you to join us as volunteers. Adult helpers keep the program running smoothly. The children love having adults who take the time to hold their hands, praise their projects and encourage their efforts. We will have signup sheets out for both volunteers and children in mid May. If you have questions please see me, Dee Lynch, Rachell Pomerville or Terri Blanch. I hope you will join us.

Thank you.

Cynthia Tschudy

Elder for Christian Education

Don't let Mothers Day pass you by without



thanking all the moms in your life for all the love understanding and beautiful memories they have blessed you with . I still have my wonderful mom and I plan to let her know just how much she means to me.

Mothers Day is Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

# MEMORIAL GARDEN



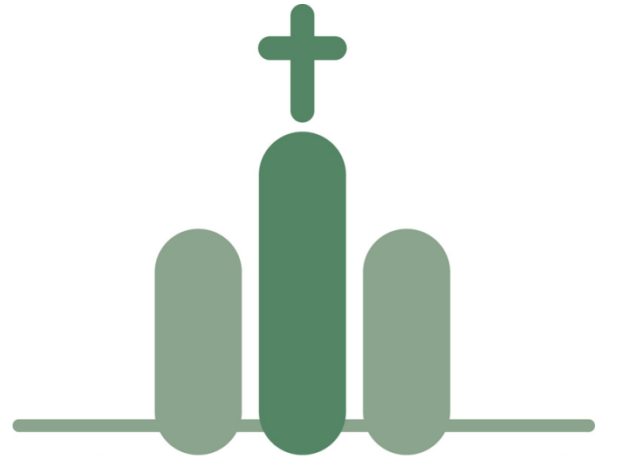
We have been trying to put together some plans for the memorial garden. We now have some funds set aside to start moving forward with this as soon as a plan can be presented. Elder Jean Rowe and Deacon Lew Lesperance can try to answer any questions or concerns you may have . We will keep you informed of any new information as it becomes available.



**ANTRIM COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE**  
Church in the Hills has picked the Detroit Tigers as our team name this

year. The Relay will start at 3:00 pm on Friday June 24 and end at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday June 25. In the back of the church you can buy Luminaries for \$10, Yard signs for \$20 and Track Signs for \$100. Please help us to raise our goal of \$2,000 . If you would just like to give a donation please

make your check out to ACS. See Dee Williams for more information.



# FACILITIES UPDATE

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Although lots of ideas regarding the use of the building space are being floated around, only the two most urgent facilities needs are being addressed immediately. They are the Sunday School area (now that the nursery school is no longer using it) and increased seating during the summer. Please email any ideas you have (no matter how far-fetched) to [juntune@torchlake.com](mailto:juntune@torchlake.com). The more ideas we have to work with, the better the long-term result will be.

Thanks so much. Sarah J.

**Chocolate and Tea:** From May 8 (Mother's Day) – June 18 (Father's Day) all chocolate will be 2/\$5 (or the normal 1/\$3), and the organic green tea will continue to be \$2.75.

We have a tea sampler pack and will be each week for the next couple of months. Let us know which flavors you'd like us to order for sale.



## WOMENS BOOK CLUB

**Book Group** meets in the conference room of the Bellaire Library on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM. The upcoming books are:

May: The Tiger's Wife by Tea Obrecht.

June: A Thread of Grace by Mary Doria Russell

July: The Brightest Day, the Darkest Night by Brendan Graham.

All are welcome to come, even if you haven't read the book.



### Israel Presentation

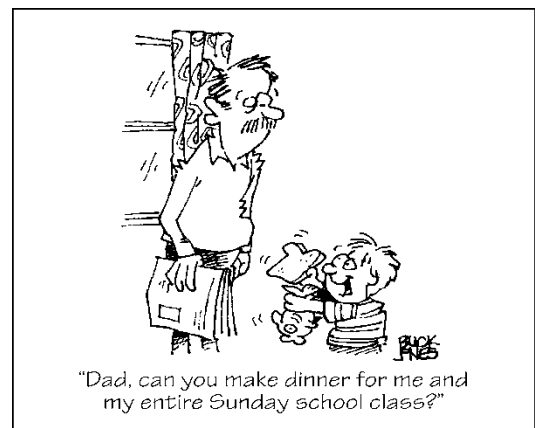
Tom and Sarah Juntune will be repeating their

presentation on the mission trip to Israel on May 15 at the Helena Township Library. If

you missed the first one at church, please come that Sunday at 3:00 PM.



The women in the Synod of the Covenant will have their summer gathering in Findlay, Ohio, June 24-26. The theme is "Blessed are they,..." There are various workshops to choose from, including an in-depth preparation for this year's Bible Study on the Beatitudes, as well as workshops on many areas of interest to Christian women. Full information is available in the literature rack, and the early registration deadline is May 31. A couple of women are already planning to go, but it would be great to have a larger group.



# MAY 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 10:30 Worship Service	2	3 9:00 a.m. Sermon Preview	4 3:00 p.m Youth Group 3:30 p.m. Choir	5 9:00 a.m. Men's Rap 3:15 Youth Group	6 Pastor Sabbath	7 <b>9:00-12:00</b> <b>Spring Clean up</b>
8 10:30 Worship Service <b>Mother's Day</b>	9	10 9:00 a.m. Sermon Preview 7:00 p.m. Mission Meeting	11 9:00 am Session 3:00 p.m. Youth Group 3:30 p.m. Choir	12. 9:00 a.m. Men's Rap 3:15 Youth Group	13 Pastor Sabbath <b>10-1 set up for Clothing Exchange</b>	14 <b>10-1 Clothing Giveaway Exchange Forest Home Township</b>
15 10:30 Worship Service <b>3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Israel Presentation Helena Library</b>	16	17 9:00 a.m. Sermon Preview	18 3:00 p.m. Youth Group 3:30 p.m. Choir <b>Meadowbrook Spring Tea</b>	19 9:00 a.m. Men's Rap 3:15 Youth Group	20 Pastor Sabbath	21
22 10:30 Worship Service <b>Snowbird Luncheon</b>	23	24 9:00 a.m. Sermon Preview 1:00 Book Group	25 3:00 p.m. Youth Group 3:30 p.m. Choir	26 9:00 a.m. Men's Rap 3:15 Youth Group	27 Pastor Sabbath	28
29 8:30 and 10:30 Worship Service <b>5:30 Community Meal</b>	30. Memorial Day	31 9:00 a.m. Sermon Preview	<b>The Snowbird Luncheon on Sunday the 22 will include a Report on the Mexico Mission Trip</b>			

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