

Expressions

CHURCH IN THE HILLS (USA)



To the Church in the Hills family,

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now."

Philippians 1:3-5

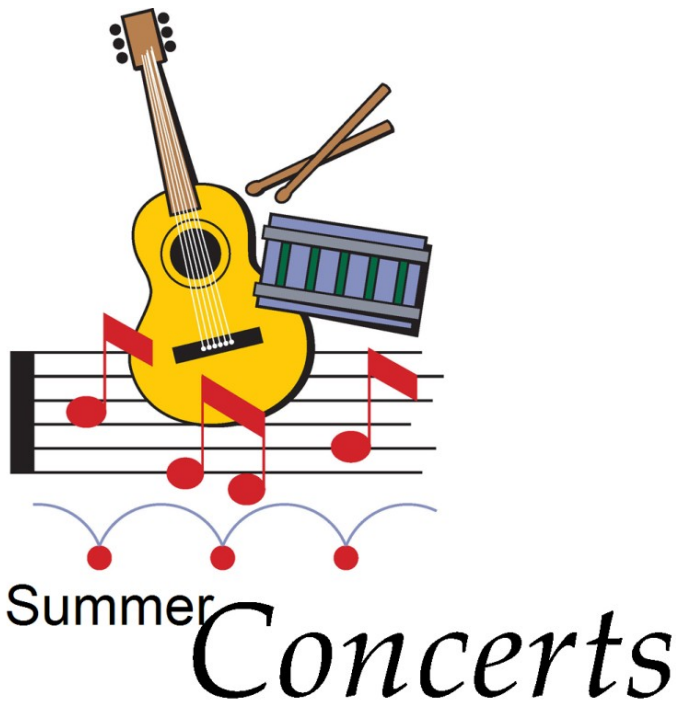
It is with a bittersweet heart that my family and I wish to inform you that I have accepted a call to service as pastor of another congregation. After many prayers, family discussions, and sincere listening to God's voice, we have agreed that this call is sincere and is not only the correct path for me, but also for Rachell and our children.

During the past four years Church in the Hills has been more than just a home. You have been our family, our teachers, our companions in ministry, and the truest of friends. Rachell and I do not take this decision lightly and it is only because of God's calling that we feel confident leaving this wonderful community of faith. Our journey as pastor and congregation has far exceeded all expectations I had for parish ministry and we are infinitely changed for the better because of your love, compassion, and grace.

June 12, will be my last Sunday as your pastor, yet it will not be the last day of our friendship. What we have established here in Bellaire will continue to spawn waves of hope that proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the world in ways we might never fully understand. Over the next few weeks, the session of Church in the Hills will work closely with the Presbytery of Mackinac to ensure a successful transition. Be assured that the congregation has never been stronger and will continue to follow God's leading into the future as you further hear the Holy Spirit's call for Church in the Hills.

I am honored to say I was a small part of the revitalization and spiritual growth of this community and I will forever hold these cherished memories close to my spirit. The privilege of serving as your pastor has never been taken lightly and I am forever blessed by your love, support, and confidence. We will forever remember you in our prayers with thanksgiving, joy, and hope.

Peace be with you,
Rev. Andrew Pomerville



If you already marked your calendar for our concerts at Church in the Hills, you'll need to make one correction. **The Ionia Community Band will appear on SUNDAY AUGUST 14TH** (not the 28th as previously announced) **at 3:00 p.m.** In addition: we will feature the **Cherry Capital Chorus on Tuesday, July 12th** and the **Stargardt/Sears jazz duo on Thursday August. 18th.** These concerts are at **7:30 p.m.** A reminder that ticket prices remain the same as previous years. \$10.00/adults and \$5.00 students. We welcome contributions of \$50.00 (which include 2 adult tickets) from anyone to help underwrite our financial commitment to the musicians of \$1,700.00 for the season.

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From the Choir "Loft":

We rejoice in the increase in choir participation which now numbers 30+ if everyone shows up (a rare occurrence but occasionally a miracle happens). This means we could possibly be lacking in enough choir robes (but we are not purchasing more since usually someone is absent and we can robe everyone present) and we have ordered more music folders. This is not a plea for more money, just statistics to be proud of. However, the full presence of our choir may give you the impression that we have enough singers. Oh, not so. In a former job I used to hope for enough choristers to fill the communion rail. CITH has no such rail and thus there is no benchmark (or rail-marks) for what constitutes a "full choir." Rest assured that should you feel like giving choir a try, we have plenty of space for you and we welcome your presence and your voice, regardless of quality, volume, range, etc.

The choir practices from 3:30-5:00 pm on Wednesdays and sings at the summer service. However we welcome additional musical offerings to our worship. Should you be inclined to dust off that old horn, violin, kazoo, whatever, we will help you make a "joyful noise unto the Lord" in a way that is fun and meaningful to all during the worship service. Also, if you have friends and family members visiting this summer who are musical, do not hesitate to ask me how to include them in the service. We take walk-ons, last minute wandering minstrels, anyone who wants to join in. Our music ministry at CITH is fluid and we welcome all participants.

Dorothy Clore, Music Director

JUNE GREETERS

June 5—Rick and Kathy Munger
June 12—Ron and Bonnie Kershner
June 19—Edena Williams
June 26—Bruce and Beverly Dickinson
Greeters should be at the church at 10:00 am. If you cannot be at the Service of worship on the Sunday you are to be the greeters, please call Cindy Overby at 533-6001

JUNE HEAD USHERS

June 5—Bob Drudge
June 12—Sharon Frey
June 19—Edena Williams
June 26—Deb Braden

JUNE LITURGIST

June 5—Sarah Juntune
June 12—Tom Juntune
June 19—Marvin Olson
June 26—Nancy Edleman
If you cannot be at the service of Worship on the Sunday you are to be the liturgist, please call Maureen Stenback at 544-6522

**PRESBYTERY OF MACKINAC
YEARBOOK OF PRAYER 2010-2011
JUNE 5, 2011**

**TROUT CREEK UNITED FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We would like to share our story with the other churches in Mackinac Presbytery. Our church is a small church with eleven members and various friends. We reorganized our church after it was closed for a short time. We have six members on

the Session, with our Moderator Dawn Treado Green from Iron River. Our speaker has been Gary Nelson from Caspian. He has been taking classes online to become a Certified Lay Pastor, and with the help of our Session, along with Mackinac Presbytery, it will become a reality. He has been working hard with several delays or detours along the way, but he has continued with his studies. He will meet with the Committee on Ministry before the February Presbytery meeting. If all goes well, he will be commissioned at the February meeting.

At the present time, we have communion when we have a Session Meeting. This means that among other things, our church will have communion monthly.

We would like to ask for continued prayers for our small church. We would like to thank everyone who has helped this process in any way.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
There will be a **Special Congregational Meeting immediately after worship on June 12, 2011**. The purpose of the meeting is to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Rev. Pomerville. This action is required by the Presbytery. The meeting will be moderated by Rev. Mary McClure of the Committee on Ministry.

THERE WILL BE A NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 1, AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE CHURCH.



PRAYING IN COLOR

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 5th 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, or Terri Blanch. I hope you will join us.

Thank you.

Cynthia Tschudy

Elder for Christian Education



I started as Office Administrator only a couple months after Pastor Andrew came here to Church in the Hills. I feel a deep sense of loss when I think of him leaving. I would love to have him stay but I feel that Pastor has a calling to all the young souls that he will bring to Peoples Church in East Lansing. I know I will be sad but I look forward to what God has in mind for us here at Church in the Hills. Since God has called Andrew away I feel He has someone very special picked out for this church.

As we pray for the nominating committee to be guided in the direction God is calling

let us wish Pastor Andrew, Rachell, Denali and Bryce a fond farewell. We love you guys.

Pastor Andrew Pomerville, I will never forget your hearty laughs, caring ways and especially your guidance in the last 4 years. I wish you nothing but peace and happiness as you go forward in your journey with Christ.

God Bless you and yours,
Cindy Overby



The session has met and they have decided that we will go back to the **10:00 a.m.** Sunday Worship service starting on **July 3**. Please mark your calendar.

Roma in Europe

Burkhard Paetzold, the PC(USA) regional liaison for Central and Eastern Europe, was the local coordinator for the PW Global Exchange in 2008 (the only man in the group!). Among his many tasks is extensive work with the Roma, and he recently highlighted some of the projects and prayer needs:

- Raise awareness that the Romani (pejorative name "gypsies") are both highly

segregated and at the bottom of every socio-economic indicator. They are not "migrant workers" in Europe; they've been there (and have been excluded) for over 500 years. Hitler tried to exterminate them, and the post-war Eastern European policy was to force them into settlements with little chance for employment, education, or even decent housing – resulting in a forced welfare dependency not of their own choosing.

- PW's Basket Project helps local Roma women not only use their traditional skills to generate income but also bolsters their business skills. (Some of these products are available at CitH.)
- The church's Self-Development of People program has been joined by other faith-based organizations in supporting subsistence farming.
- The Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship is helping with leadership training among the Roma. It is still difficult, however, for Roma graduates to be accepted by the non-Roma church leadership.
- As a result of the Global Exchange, clean water projects for Roma communities are underway in

Carpath Ukraine, an area with a strong Reformed heritage.

- Education for both Roma and non-Roma remains the highest priority.

Ian Hancock, a scholar at the University of Texas and a Roma himself, was keynoter last year at a European Union conference, where he gave this advice to other Roma:

Roma:

“Seeing ourselves as victims, though, is a loser’s game; we must use our own skills to change our situation, and if we don’t have those skills then we must get them.”

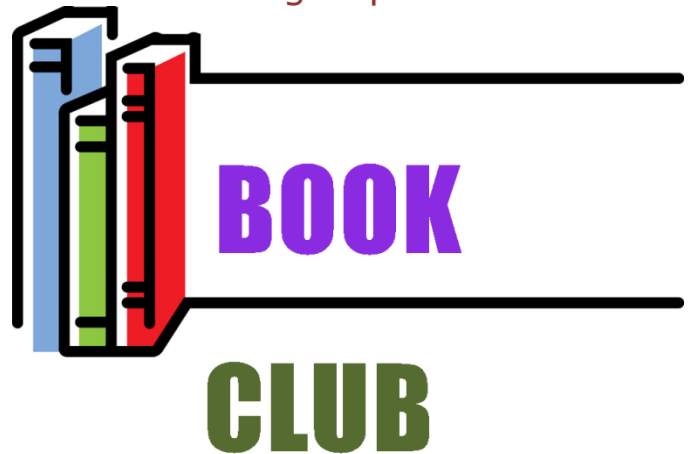
Please pray for all the efforts to stand beside these children of God as they use their own skills to change their situation.

Building/Facility Update and Meeting

The Building/Facility committee will meet June 19th after service. The only agenda item is the Sunday School area, and information will be emailed in advance to any interested people for whom I have email addresses. The meeting should not take more than a half hour. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Contact juntune@torchlake.com to get on the email list. (Sarah Juntune)

Women’s Summer Gathering

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 sessions 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. A couple of women are already planning to go, but it would be great to have a larger group.



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

June 28: A Thread of Grace by Mary Doria Russell

July 26: Love Wins by Rob Bell.
All are welcome to come, even if you haven’t read the book.

Please check the kitchen counter by the window for anything that belongs to you. All these items have been left behind in the kitchen. Things not claimed by June 12, will be donated to charity

The Antrim County Community Meal will be at the Bellaire Senior Center at 5:30 p.m. on June 26, 2011. Please sign up to help if you can. Everyone is invited.

Ladies Summer



Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study on the Beatitudes will be on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested please come and join us in the undercroft.



BIRTHDAY'S IN JUNE

Rick Hannan	6-3
Dorothy Schaefer	6-5
Joel Lemmer	6-8
Max Schwandt	6-8
Bryce Pomerville	6-11
Jack Glyshaw	6-13
Denali Pomerville	6-14
Dee Owens	6-15
Greg Stover	6-15
Jean Berry	6-16
Chris Bostater	6-19
Carol Lewellen	6-19
Brenda McLellan	6-21
Cindy Overby	6-22
Robert Drudge	6-23
Bob Stinson	6-23
Grant Rowe	6-24
Don Hoyt	6-30
Edena Williams	6-30

DEACONS

Class of 2011

Carol Gregory	533-8138
Edena Williams	533-8598
Don Hoyt	989-614-0798

Class of 2012

Martha Harris	533-6105
Lewis Lesperance	322-2893
Millie Serrine	544-8047

Class of 2013

Garnett Anderson	322-6007
Jeff Braden	544-1685



PRAYER REQUEST May 29, 2011

The Family of Dale Walsworth

Cathy Peterson	Ruth Milford
Mary Ann Estes	Dawn Lukins
Dave Van Huysen	Tracie Lord
Norm and Barb Wilks	Bea Blunt
Sarah Gaynor	Michael Lynch
Chris Nightingale	Ermil Jones
Donna Lesperance	Jen Miller
Jason Wohlert	Ann Nagel
Gordon Grinwis	Kayla Stover
Ron and Cindy Vassiloff	Melissa Foley
Eileen Hefferman	Peg O'Dean
Tina Lynn Plaisance	Michelle Bell
Jean McClelland	Sue Williams
Michelle Lewis	Margie Law
Margie Miedema	Muriel Twigg
Betty Van Antwerp	Mike Bergman
Michael, Leah, Molly	Bob Petrie
Michael Bergman	Paul Williams

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

churchinthehills@charterinternet.com

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR THE POMERVILLES

There will be a salad and dessert potluck for the Pomervilles after the service on June 12. If you have any questions, contact Carol Gregory (533-8138)

ANNIVERSARIES

June

Rich and Anna Hannan	6-12
Rev. Duane and Doris Ferris	6-12
Ron and Cynthia Tschudy	6-12
Gordon and Sharon Grinwis	6-14
Richard and Connie Garcia	6-16
Tom and Garnett Anderson	6-18
Max and Ann Schwandt	6-20
Philip and Gloria Weiss	6-23
Bruce and Beverly Dickinson	6-25
Ermil and Beverly Baker Jones	6-25
Bob and Jean McClelland	6-27
Thomas and Jane Craigie	6-28
Merv and Millie Sirrinc	6-28



Since Pastor Andrew is leaving **We have decided to put off the new directory** until things are more settled in the church. Our plans are to wait until we have a new pastor to go forward with this project.

Just Stay

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside.

“Your son is here, “she said to the old man.

She had to repeat the words several times before the patient’s eyes opened.

Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man’s limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement.

The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night the young marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man’s hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile.

He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital- the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients.

Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the

nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited.

Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her.

“Who was that man?” he asked.

The nurse was startled, “He was your father,” she answered.

“No, he wasn’t” the Marine replied. “I never saw him before in my life.”

“Then why didn’t you say something when I took you to Him?”

“I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn’t here.

When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed.”

I came here tonight to find a Mr. William Grey. His son was killed in Iraq today, and I was sent to inform him. What was this gentleman’s name?

The nurse with tears in her eyes answered, Mr. William Grey.

Save the Dates

Monday, June 6

Antrim County Breast Cancer Golf Outing

At the Legend Shanty Creek

For more information call Jean VanEtten
231-331-6808

Monday, June 13

Antrim County Breast Cancer High Tea
For more information call Bev Dickinson
At 231-533-8248

Friday, June 17

8:00 p.m Schuss Village –Ivan’s Restaurant
“PIANOMEN”

Chris Ludwa from Bay View is bringing a
collegiate group to perform a program
called “Pianomen” the music is a tribute to

Billy Joel and Elton John

Tickets are \$20.00

\$5.00 of every ticket goes to our Youth
Program the Bellaire Youth Initiative

See Dee Lynch

Pastor Andrew

Pastor Corey Lecureux

Sunday June 26th

Christian Education Children’s Program

First ever Hand Bell Choir at CITH.

Please plan to attend. The children need
your support. Bring change for the Noisy
Change offering.

June 27 thru July 1

Vacation Bible School

“Praying in Color”

9:30 -12 Mon-Fri

Volunteer signup sheets will be in the new
display rack by the kitchen

Saturday , July 9

Antrim County Dinner with Dominic Fortuna

Shanty Creek For more information call

Susie Davies (231-377-4505)



**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 or give her a call at 533-8598.

**Happy Fathers Day,
God Bless All you
Dads out there.**

JUNE 2011

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 3:30 p.m. Choir	2 9:00 am Men's Rap 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	3	4
5 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	6 Breast Cancer Golf Outing The Legend	7 10:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 p.m. Mission Meeting	8 9:00 a.m. Session 3:30 p.m. Choir	9 9:00 am Men's Rap 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	10	11
12 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Farewell Potluck for the Pomervilles	13 Antrim County Breast Cancer High Tea (sold out)	14	15 3:30 p.m. Choir	16 9:00 am Men's Rap 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	17 "Pianomen" Ivan's Restaurant 8:00 pm Tickets \$20.00	18
19 10:30 a.m. Worship Service FATHER'S DAY 11:30 Building Meeting	20	21	22 3:30 p.m. Choir	23 9:00 am Men's Rap 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	24 3:00 pm Relay for Life	25 Relay for Life
26 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Children's Program 5:30 Community Meal	27 9:30 a.m. VBS	28 9:30 a.m. VBS 1:00 p.m. Book Group Bellaire Library	29 9:30 a.m. VBS 3:30 p.m. Choir	30 9:30 a.m. VBS	1 9:30 a.m. VBS	

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Children's Program: 10:30 a.m. Sunday

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (12-1 Lunch)

Secretary Cindy Overby

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Class of 2011

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Ted Whittlesey	Finance	377-9304
Mary Ann Waara	Mission	533-9340

Class of 2013

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Maureen Stenback	Worship	544-6522
Sarah Juntune	Facilities	533-9403
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