May 2019

Blaine VISITOR

MOTHER / DAUGHTER BRUNCH & PROGRAM

All Women & Girls Are Welcome!

Saturday, May 11, 2019
9:30 - 11:45 am

Ladies - bring your purse
Children - bring a favorite toy

RSVP by Sunday, May 5, 2019 by signing up at church or calling (231) 352-9148.

Happy Mothers Day!

I can't imagine a greater love than the love a mother has for her children, the love that I have for my children. No wonder they look first to me for comfort when they are hurt. Father, your infinite loving, kindness is far beyond the finite love I can give to my children. Your comfort reaches all the way to the depths of my soul, reviving my spirit. Whenever I feel that I am giving more than I am receiving in life, I will remember the everlasting love you lavish on me. You are my Father, God. Yet you love me as tenderly as a mother.

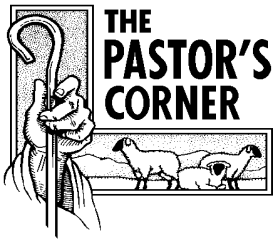
As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you. *Isaiah 66:13*

Important Upcoming Events:

- **Sundays - Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 am**
  Choir, 6 pm
- **Mondays - Lois Ministries, 1:30 pm**
  Boy Scout Troop 10, 7 pm
  Men's Bible Study, 7 pm
- **Wednesdays - Adult Classroom in use, 5 - 7 pm**

- **May 2 - National Day of Prayer**
- **May 2 - Elders, 6 pm**
- **May 3 - Art of Parenting, 6 pm**
- **May 4 - MI DOC Regional Assembly**
- **May 5 - Troop 10 Fundraiser at First Congregational Church, Benzonia**
- **May 7 - IPM, 3-5 pm Fellowship Hall**
- **May 7 - Dine Out for BACN**
- **May 9 - Lunch with Friends, Noon**
- **May 10 - Fellowship Hall RSVD, 4-8 pm**
- **May 11 - Mother/Daughter Brunch & Program, 9:30 am**
- **May 13 - Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am**
- **May 16 - Annual Senior Dinner, 4 pm**
- **May 18 - Secret Sister Reveal, 11 am**
- **May 19 - Teacher Recognition**
- **May 21 - IPM, 3-5 pm Fellowship Hall**
- **May 22 - Potluckers, 6:30 pm**
- **May 26 - Summer Worship Schedule begins, 8:30 & 10:00 am**
- **May 27 - Memorial Day**

- **June 2 - One Combined Worship Service at 10 am**
- **June 4 - Brown Bag Bible Study begins**



FROM WHERE I SIT
MAY 2019

"I WANNA BE GOD!" I don't think most of us say it. And probably, only a few actually think it. But that desire is at the root of so many issues! Think about it. Kim Jong-un of North Korea wants to be God. Maybe he even thinks he is? Saddam Hussein, Joseph Stalin, Adolph Hitler, Vladimir Lenin, all wanted to be God. Vladimir Putin still does! Caesar, Gaddafi, Castro! I think you see where I'm going. Unfortunately, so do a lot of leaders here in the United States. And a lot of business people. And a lot of celebrities, and sports stars, and religious leaders, and on and on! So did Adam and Eve, by-the-way. They wanted to be in charge, make their own rules. And the result was, they were expelled from God's Presence. So did Satan, and a third of the Angels, with a similar result! So did David, at one point in his life. The list is almost endless!

"Control Issues" are at the heart of most relationship problems, according to the experts. I would say "control", or the "perceived loss of control", are at the heart of ALL human problems! But think about all the spiritual issues, the spiritual separations, that have the very same cause! "I want to be God!" "I want to be my own boss, the center of my world!" "I want to make my own rules!" "I think!" "I feel!" "I!" "I!" "I!"

Do you think God gave us the Law so that we would realize we are not God? Or sent us the Prophets to call us back to that truth, when we got off track? Or came Himself, when we messed-up all that? Do you think that's why God called Abraham and his descendants, and had Paul reach out to the Gentiles? Do you think we need constant reminders that we are not God? Maybe we should all ask, "How, in my life, am I forgetting that truth? When, and in what ways am I ignoring it? What should I do to change that? It's heavy, I know! But also, critical to consider! May God Bless you as you do!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Bob

Need a phone number to volunteer, join, or help a working committee?

STAFF:

Office Manager, Dede Nugent 352-9148

Congregational Fellowship, Missions, Property Bonnie Putney 352-4940

Christian Education, Membership & Evangelism Carolyn Waterson 882-9802

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Christian Education:
Shannon Gillison 231-383-0007

Congregational Fellowship:
Dodie Putney 882-4067

Membership & Evangelism:
Chairperson is needed.

Missions: Jan Heverly 231-649-4884

Property: Kim Lathwell 882-1398

Worship: Kari MacDonald, 231-871-0079

MONTHLY FINANCE UPDATE

2019 General Fund Budget: $217,044.00
Monthly General Fund Need: 18,087.00

	Received	Over / Short
January	$ 10,962.24	- 7,124.76
February	26,742.00	+ 8,655.00
March	17,259.00	- 828.00
April*	16,667.17	- 1,419.83
Total		**- 717.59**

* 3 of 4 Sundays recorded

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Begins Memorial Day Weekend

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019

WORSHIP SERVICES at

8:30 am & 10:00 am

SERVING IN MAY

8:30 a.m. Praise & Worship Service

Worship Leader - Steve VanDePerre
Greeter - Bob Bell
Usher - Sarah Esper
Welcome Center -

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Elders - Judy Spohn, Steve VanDePerre
Worship Reader - Rob Janusch
Diaconate Servers - Mary Lou & Skip Noble, Julie Zych, Terry VanHeyningen,
Diaconate Preparer - Linda Yeager
Greeter - John Byers
Usher - Linda Byers
Welcome Center -

June Blaine Visitor Deadline:
May 24, 2019
Information can be e-mailed or dropped off at the church office.

SERMON SCHEDULE
MAY 2019

May 5: 1st Reading: Acts 9:1-20
2nd Reading: John 21:1-19
Title: "The Breakfast"

May 12: *Mother's Day*
1st Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
2nd Reading: John 10:22-30
Title: "Who Are You?"

May 19: 1st Reading: Acts 11:1-18
2nd Reading: John 13:31-35
Title: "Family Values"

May 26: *Summer Worship Hours*
1st Reading: Acts 16:9-15
2nd Reading: John 14:23-29
Title: "Teaching Moments"

MAY

Birthdays

1 Michelle Herron
3 Mary Lathwell
4 Dick Gibson
6 Winnie Cook
7 A.J. Elliott
8 Linda Yeager
9 Traci Kelly, Amara Larimer
10 Brian Putney, Avery Kelly
12 Lynette Williams
14 Norma Bogard
15 Sandy Magnan
18 Tom Masell, Robert Bogard
19 Logan Foster
20 Bruce Caylen
22 Kim Lathwell
23 Ashley Nye
25 Julie Elliott, Lenny Merrill, Doug Kirk, Clara Merrill
26 Donna Stowell
27 Matt Gillison, Larry Lathwell,
29 Michelle Smeltzer
30 Lorraine Gillison, Dave Siuda
31 Linda Byers

Anniversaries

3 Tal and Theresa Fuller
6 Lyle and Winnie Cook
17 Dick and Patty Gibson
21 Lennie and Shelli Merrill
Mike and Meagan Zych
Carl and Mary Barnum
24 Doug and Jacque Erdman
28 Rick and Janet Maat

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MAY
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
HOSTS

	9:30 AM	NOON
5/5	Mary & Carl Barnum	Hazel Evans
5/12	Mother's Day	Men's Bible Study
5/19	*Available*	Smeltzer's
5/26	*Available*	*Available*

If you would like to host a coffee, please sign up on the Fellowship Hall board. Dodie Putney, Maggie Baker, Bonnie Putney are there to help if you have never hosted before, just remember to ask. The paper supplies and the coffee supplies are furnished by the Congregational Fellowship Committee and Women's Ministries.

April 27 – The Progressive dinner was great!

We worked out being Backwards and enjoyed hot fudge pudding or apple pie first!! There was a great time of fellowship and traveling to Skip and Mary Lou Noble's, and Charlotte Putney's homes. Noble's served beef stroganoff and then we enjoyed salads served by Charlotte and Judy Spohn. Then we went back to the church and Jan Mick served our appetizers. Thanks to all the hostesses who served us so well.

SHEPHERD MINISTRY

One of Blaine's many blessings is their Shepherd Ministry Committee. Their purpose is to visit the "Home bound" and share communion with Them. It has expanded to visiting and calling them, so they feel loved and cared for. The Shepherd Ministry will work with the Elders to help each other in congregational care. If you would like to help the Shepherd Ministries in any way, please call Mary Lou Noble at 352-7035.

Boy Scout Troop 10 Fundraiser
Sunday, May 5th 12:30 - 4 PM
First Congregational Church of Benzonia, UCC

Sponsored by First Congregational Church of Benzonia UCC and the Cherry Hut; A Northern Michigan Tradition since 1922.

Join us for a Silent Auction & Cherry Hut pie and ice cream!

Proceeds will benefit Boy Scout Troop 10 in their journey to Alaska, July 2019.

Auction items include: 5 hour Charter Fishing Trip, Ebel's Gift Basket with $100 Gift Card, Crystal Mountain Waterpark Pass, Honor Onekama Building Supply Gift Card and dozens of other items!

Disciples Regional Assembly
May 4th at Blaine 9-5pm

May 4, 2019 Blaine will host the MI Region (Disciples of Christ) Regional Assembly. Disciple churches and board of the MI Region will be invited to Blaine to conduct their Regional Assembly. This meeting is the Michigan Region's annual meeting. The committee members and church representatives will be invited from all the DOC churches in MI. As a congregant of Blaine, you are welcome to come and observe. Registration is $25.00, lunch included. Terry Van Heyningen and Bonnie Putney are the Blaine hospitality teams. Blaine will be providing coffee breaks and a meal. If you would like to help, please see Terry or Bonnie or call Dede in the office 231-352-9148.

SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 15, 2019

The congregation is invited to attend the Vow Renewal Ceremony of Bob and Cathy Bodell. More information will be in the June Blaine Visitor.

SUMMER KIDS KARE

During the summer months there will not be regular Sunday School, but a more structured Kid's Kare program for our little ones following the children's message. This time will include a story, an activity and singing all under the leadership of an adult or senior high age youth.

COMING IN JUNE

Women of the church are encouraged to "save the date" of June 7th from 6-8:30pm as a fun and inspirational time of food, stretching exercise (that anyone can do) and devotion based on Hebrews 12:1, running our race. The resource person will be Michelle Foster from our church. More details soon, but mark your calendar now and invite a friend to come with you.

SUMMER STUDIES

If there is an interest for studies to be offered for the summer months, please contact Shannon Gillison (CE chair), or Carolyn Waterson (staff).

WATERBOTTLE MINISTRY & JULY 4TH PARADE

Needed: A chair or co-chairs for this ministry. This person (or persons) would need to organize getting the bottles labeled, loaded and stored in the cooler the Sunday before the parade, find a driver and then return leftover bottles of water and supplies to the church after the parade. We will begin collecting the bottles of water in June so watch for sales on 16oz bottles of water now. This has been a wonderful outreach and service ministry for our church. Please consider how you might help with it. Questions about this ministry, speak with Carolyn Waterson (staff), or Sarah Esper, (a past chair of the event).

"There is no great movement of God that has ever occurred that does not begin with the extraordinary prayer of God's people."

Dr. Ronnie Floyd
President, National Day of Prayer

Blaine Christian Church will be open, as always, for those that would like to stop in and pray during the day for our nation.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Beginning in mid-June there will be an opportunity for those with a music bend to share their talent for special music in place of the anthem in the 10am worship service. If you would like to share your talent in this way and help lead our church family in worship, please contact Carolyn Waterson for open dates or see the signup sheet in the choir room. The music may be instrumental or vocal. Thank you in advance for those that will volunteer in this way.

NEW CHOIR ROBES

Thanks to donations, money from the memorial fund and the hard work of Donna Brown, Dee Lathwell and Carolyn Bell our choir wore their new robes on Easter Sunday. It is good to have enough robes for everyone (and even some extras for new folks). The old robes served us well for over 20 years.

Fellowship Groups: Each month the following fellowship groups meet. Each group is different in character; but includes a devotion/prayer, fellowship and more. Important information for you is that you are invited to any group or groups you would like to attend. Just call the leader for more information. Groups that meet regularly

GROUP FELLOWSHIP IN MAY

Lois Ministries - Mondays, 1:30 pm, Small Sanctuary

Lois Ministries is a prayer ministry for mothers and grandmothers to come together and intercede for family, especially for grandchildren. They also pray for our Blaine Church Family. Meetings are in the small sanctuary every Monday afternoon. Please call Shirley Felt 231-864-4420 for more information. We'll meet May 6, 13, 20, and 27th.

I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and I am persuaded, now lives in you also. (2 Timothy 1:5)

Men's Prayer & Breakfast - Second Monday, May 13, 8:30 am

Men meet at the A & W in Frankfort for prayer, fellowship, and breakfast. Please pay for your own meal. For more information, call Skip Noble 352-7035.

Lunch with Friends - Second Thursday, May 9, Noon

Mary Lou and Skip Noble host this monthly potluck luncheon at their home. Their address is 1044 Watervale Rd, Arcadia, MI. Men and women are welcomed. Please come with a dish to share for lunch; to fellowship; and our special card ministry. Special friends are those shut in, hospitalized, far away, or need a "special thinking of you" card from "Lunch with Friends". If you have questions, please call Mary Lou at 231-352-7035.

Potluckers - May 22, 6:30 pm

The Potluckers group will be meeting at the home of Kim and Jo Lathwell's on Joyfield Road. This group is for anyone who enjoys a potluck meal(bring a side dish to share), time of devotion and good fellowship.

Teapot Ministry - most Fridays

Teapot Ministry is a visit (preferably 2 visitors) with our shut-ins. We have a short visit, some tea and end with devotion. If you would like to visit someone special or you have time to visit someone, please contact Bonnie Putney at 231.499.6788. This is an extension of our Care Ministry.

2019 SECRET SISTER REVEAL - SATURDAY, MAY 18th
11:00 am in fellowship hall ⁎ light brunch provided

As a final gift to our Sisters we will be purchasing an item to be donated to the Women's Resource Center. Please wrap your gift and put your Secret Sister's name on it.

Suggested items:
Personal Care Products
(Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste)
Baby Items (Diapers sizes 4,5 and 6) & Wipes
Towels & Washcloths
Blankets (twin)

BACN SUNDAY
May 19 & June 16

The collection basket will remain in the Education/ Office hallway. Items that BACN needs are canned goods, dry goods (pancake mixes, puddings), cereal, paper towels, and toilet paper.

DINE OUT FOR BACN

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

~ Platte River Inn, Honor
~ Roadhouse Mexican Bar & Grill
Benzonia

A percentage of your dinner bill at these locations is donated to Benzie Area Christian Neighbors.

A Happy Note!
For Habitat for Humanity of Benzie County

The partner family is getting ready to start painting in the most recent Habitat house. The house is all but completed. We will be waiting for the House Blessing date. We will hopefully be getting started on the next one in the next two months. Please pray for it to be filled, there are several possible partner families going through qualification procedures as I write this.

Thanks,
Steve VanDePerre for Habitat for Humanity of Benzie County.

UpCycled Art & Crafts Exhibit & Auction
June 14 & 15
at Grow Benzie
Calling all Artists and Craftsfolk!

Do you love to reimagine, reuse and repurpose salvaged items? Turn trash into treasure? Peruse Pinterest? Support a GREAT cause?

Your work will be exhibited during the event and sold at a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit Benzie Habitat.

Registration deadline is May 15 is available through our website benziehabitat.org call the office at 231-352-0399

Habitat for Humanity of Benzie County

Collections for Benzie Academy students are the first Sunday of the month: May 5 & June 2. We collect hygiene items as well as single - serve food products.

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Donations accepted on an ongoing basis at these community organizations. Volunteers are always welcome! Applications available at the church.

Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN
2804 Benzie Hwy
Benzonia, MI, 231-882-9544
Open: Mon-Thur, 10am - 2pm
1st & 3rd Wed, 4pm - 6pm

Habitat for Humanity Restore
13998 Honor Hwy
Honor, MI 231-325-7750
Open:
Wed-Sat, 10am - 5:30pm

The LoveINC Store
1505 Benzie Hwy,
Benzonia, MI, 231-882-9640
Open:
Mon-Fri, 10am - 6pm; Sat, 10am - 4pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our last Sunday of Sunday School for the spring will be Sunday, May 19th. During the summer there will be a more structured Kids Kare program following the children's message in worship for children up through grade 2 completed.

The church family will take time on the 19th to recognize our Sunday School teachers for the past year during both worship services. These dedicated folks have sPent much time preparing lessons, leading lessons, praying for their classes and modeling Jesus. We give God thanks for each of them:

Jenny Caylen and Julie Zych (Nursery class), Shannon Gillison (Beginners), Kim Shadwick (Primary), Carolyn Waterson (Middlers) Gary Waterson (Youth), Sarah Esper, Cynthia Briske, Shelli Merrill (Adults).

Many lives have been touched by your dedication, love and willingness to serve in our church this past year. Thank you!

ART OF PARENTING

"The Art of Parenting" has been meeting on Fridays from 6-8pm at the church for 8 weeks with 7 families participating. The church has provided the supper meal and childcare for this group thanks to the organization by Nina Margetson. Shannon Gillison (CE chair) has coordinated the study time. Thank you to everyone who helped with this ministry to these families. The church is asked to continue to pray for these parents and all parents as they raise their children in our faith.

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Spring Cleaning at the Church April 22-May 2

May 4th we would like a shiny church and beautiful gardens as we host the Disciples of Christ MI Region Church. Please come and help. Suggested dates for church cleaning are April 22-May 2 for two weeks; any time of day- check to see building use schedules. Suggested areas that need some cleaning are walls, and wood work; and chairs and tables in fellowship hall. A list has been posted. See the posted notes in each of the areas to be cleaned, when you have cleaned an area please note where you have cleaned, date and initial. Thank You.

2019 GRADUATES

If you have a 2019 high school graduate, we would like their name and plans for next year to include in our June newsletter. Please call or email the church office with this information. There will also be a place to hang announcements toward mid-month at the church.

We will be recognizing these young people at a combined worship service on Sunday, June 2nd at 10:00 as we have a special morning to celebrate their graduations, and our music ministry.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

AUGUST 5 - 8th

6:00 - 8:10 pm

Mark your calendars now for this fun, faith filled week!

Coming in June will be a sign up to volunteer to help with this ministry. Let your friends and family know about these dates and invited them to participate.

Share the Laughter
Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of joy, you must have somebody to divide it with…Laughter is best when shared with another person, for when it is shared it has an amazing way of uniting us.
By Mark Twain

Brown Bag Bible Study with Sharon Trense
4 Fridays in June:
June 7, 14, 21, 28th

10:30 AM Bible Study, and Discussion
11:45 AM Brown Bag Lunch and Fellowship

The study: Ten Qualities that Move you from a Believer to a Disciple by Dennie Rouse

Information is up on the fellowship board. We will begin sign ups the first of May and close them Sunday, May 19, 2019.

31st ANNUAL SENIOR DINNER

MAY 16, 2019

4:00 pm Guests Arrive

4:30 pm Dinner Served

5:55 pm Entertainment by Betsie Bay Minstrels (Harmonica Hobos)

Our guests from the Maples, Paul Oliver Long Term Care and The Orchard House will join us for dinner!

Blaine Seniors will greet, host, serve and assist our guests.

Please sign the reservation sheet in fellowship hall by May 9th!

You may also call the church office, 352-9148 or Bonnie Putney, 352-4940.

May Blaine Visitor

Our Mission

Our purpose at the Blaine Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to live and share the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Together, we seek to learn, teach, hear, minister, support, grow and worship as a community of faith. As Christ's disciples, we accept the call to reach out with God's love to those outside the church. Thus, as part of the Church Universal, we intend to serve both the physical and spiritual needs of our immediate community and the world. To this end we commit ourselves to witness and serve in the fellowship and traditions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Rev. Robert D. Larimer, Pastor
(231) 352-9148
www.blainechristianchurch.org
email: blainechurch@gmail.com

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Praise & Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Coffee & Fellowship following services.

Blaine Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
7018 Putney Road
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