

June 2020



Blaine

# VISITOR



The church family offers  
congratulations and  
God's Blessings to our  
2020 high school graduates.

**Maggie Bradford**-homeschool graduate and daughter of Ed and Jenny Bradford and granddaughter of Judy Spohn. Maggie will be attending West Shore Community College.

**Karl Putney**-graduate of Benzie Central and son of Brian and Dodie Putney and grandson of Elaine Putney and Shirley Austin. Karl will be attending Northern Michigan University.

**Mercy Sobkoviak**-homeschool graduate and daughter of Ron and Barb Sobkoviak. Mercy will be attending West Shore Community College.

**Jacob Walrad**-graduate of Frankfort High School and son of Chris and Shelly Walrad. Jacob will be attending Grand Valley State University.

Graduating this year from local high schools with grandparents in our church family are:

Ashton Gillison from Frankfort High School, daughter of Ben and Jamie Gillison and great-granddaughter of Lorraine Gillison.

Jordan Orr from Benzie Central, daughter of Kyle and Kelly Orr and granddaughter of Bruce and Jenny Caylen and John Orr.

We congratulate 3 Eagle Scouts of Boy Scout Troop 10, sponsored by Blaine and graduates of Benzie Central: Tyler Iverson, Logan Jones, and Finn McClaren.

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S DAY!**

**June 21, 2020**

An earthly **DAD**  
who is led by the  
heavenly  
**FATHER**  
is a *priceless  
treasure*



### THANK YOU

Our church is blessed to have many who share their gifts and talents with all of us so that our church can be a mighty witness in this community. Some of these folks include those that have been blessed with the gift of music and share their gift on Sundays in helping to lead our worship services.

Take time to thank the following people for sharing their gift of music with all of us as we worship our God.

**CHOIR:** Deb Larimer, Jenny Caylen, Deb Kessler, Yvonne Hockett, Kathryn Mathieu, Sara Tiller, Mary Lou Noble, Sandy VanHeyningen, Lynette Williams, Dee Lathwell, Shirley Felt, Sonja Reitan, Michelle Herron, Judy Ingleston, Norma Bogard, Nina Margetson, Carolyn Bell, Cathy Bodell, Kim Shadwick, Kim Lathwell, Julie Zych, Donna Brown, Terry VanHeyningen, Skip Noble, Joe Smeltzer, Russ Tiller, Gary Waterson, Bob Bell, Neil Nugent, Michelle Smeltzer, Carolyn Waterson

**PRAISE BAND:** Mary Lee, Jenny Caylen, Yvonne Hockett, Deb Larimer, Mike Brief, Darlene Miank, Carolyn Bell, Carolyn Waterson

**A/V:** Dodie Putney and Sarah Esper

**PRELUDE MUSIC:** Pat Munsell, Jim Bekkering (trumpet), Lynne Bekkering, Lynda Faber (flute and keyboard), Sonja Reitan, Mercy Sobkoviak.

Thank you to these folks for their faithful service in helping our church family glorify God through music in our worship services.



There will be an opportunity for those with a music bend to share their talent of music in place of the anthem in our second 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. The music may be instrumental or vocal. Thank you in advance for those that will volunteer in this way.

**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:**

Jenny Caylen, 882-9004

##### **Congregational Fellowship:**

Maggie Baker, 616-915-2620

##### **Membership & Evangelism:**

*Chairperson needed*

**Missions:** Terry VanHeyningen, 231-275-1070

**Property:** Pete Nugent, 383-3702

**Worship:** Kari MacDonald, 231-871-0079

### MONTHLY FINANCE UPDATE

2020

2020 General Fund Budget: \$ 218,724.00

Monthly General Fund Need: 18,227.00

	Received	Over / Short
January	\$ 18,557.00	330.00
February	23,776.00	5,549.00
March	17,785.00	- 442.00
April	25,898.00	7,671.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 86,016.00</b>	<b>13,108.00</b>

Due to the interruption of our regular deposit and recording schedule, the financial information for May is not available at this time.

Thank you for your continued support of our church and ministries!

## SERVING IN JUNE

### TO BE DETERMINED UPON OPENING OF CHURCH

#### 8:30 a.m. Praise & Worship Service

**Worship Leader -**  
**Greeter -**  
**Usher -**  
**Welcome Center -**

#### 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

**Elders -**  
**Worship Reader -**  
**Diaconate Servers -**  
  
**Diaconate Preparer -**  
**Greeter -**  
**Usher -**  
**Welcome Center -**

## SERMON SCHEDULE JUNE 2020

**June 7:** 1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
2nd Reading: Genesis 1:1- 2:4a  
Title: "Creatures of the Creator"

**June 14:** 1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-15,  
21:1-7  
2nd Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8  
Title: "Team Effort"

**June 21:** 1st Reading: Genesis 21:8-21  
Father's 2nd Reading: Matthew 10:24-39  
Day Title: "Family Trouble"

**June 28:** 1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-14  
2nd Reading: Matthew 10:40-42  
Title: "A Dangerous Faith"

## JUNE

### Birthdays

- 1 Rick Zych, Judy Cridler,  
Sarah Esper,  
Liam MacDonald
- 2 Anna Zych
- 4 Ted Mick
- 6 Marty Waterson, Jacque Erdman
- 7 Dave Hockett
- 8 Jared MacDonald, Sky Hawkins
- 9 Tyler Shadwick
- 10 Marce Keillor, Kaden Hawkins
- 14 Sandy Marek, Jaxson Merrill
- 19 Shirley Felt
- 20 Richard Nye
- 24 Carol Rider
- 28 Sarah Masell
- 29 Martin Smeltzer



### Anniversaries

- 2 Bob and Cathy Bodell
- 3 Ron and Jan Heverly
- 11 Leslie and Mary Lee Putney  
Richard and Kim Shadwick
- 12 Jim and Lynne Bekkering
- 14 Kim and Jo Ellen Lathwell
- 16 Mark and Janet Copher  
Patrick and Mary Spalding
- 19 Bob and Carolyn Bell
- 20 Greg and Marty Waterson  
Richard and Stonna Spalding  
Robert and Norma Bogard
- 22 Jeff and Lorraine Nordbeck  
Walt and Becky Kline
- 27 Jamie and Sabrina Merrill



### July Blaine Visitor Deadline:

**June 24, 2020**

Information can be e-mailed to the  
church office, or  
call Dede at 231-651-0810.



## FELLOWSHIP

Let us love one another, for love comes from God. 1 John 4:7

Happy June-there's sunshine and lilacs and birds singing - all of God's glory. As much as we would like to serve you our special coffee hours right now, we will have to consider ways to stay safe from Covid-19.

Maggie and Bonnie are planning coffee hours within our leaders guidelines. The most important part is having us back in worship and fellowship together and safely.

Maggie and Bonnie



There was a complete redesign of the BACN food pantry experience, so that people were not entering the building. This new process will remain in place until the State of Michigan and the CDC determines it's safe to resume business as usual. BACN is still providing food, but through a drive-thru process where Neighbors pick up pre-packaged food bags in the parking lot.

We have tried to put the word out that BACN is here with food for all who have lost their jobs. If you know of anyone struggling, please share that message. We can help those living in Benzie County and the northern half of Manistee County. Thank you so much for helping us during this uncertain time.

With Gratitude,  
Gerri VanAntwerp, Executive Director  
231-882- 9544

## ARE YOU IN NEED OF A CLOTH FACE MASK?



It is required that people should wear a cloth mask whenever they go out in public (grocery shopping, etc.), and this will last long after the Stay Home order is lifted. In fact, as more people are out & about, the need to wear a mask will be greater. If you need a mask, we will get one to you. Carolyn Bell is coordinating this. You can call or text her at 248-252-1312, e-mail [cbell442@yahoo.com](mailto:cbell442@yahoo.com) to let her know of your need.

If you are able to help sew masks, please contact Carolyn Bell. She has patterns and supplies to replace the elastic ear pieces, if you need them.

Please don't hesitate to let your need be known; that is what we as a Church family are called to do.



## ECHO His Love

“For he will give his angels orders concerning you, to protect you in all ways”

Psalms 91:11

None of us could have predicted a global crisis -the world has been quarantined by COVID-19. Our mission has not changed. If anything, it has only become more urgent! Because of you: Safe harbor remains open and MANNA is feeding more new families. Our Staff can safely prepare for a new normal. Emergent needs are still met

Thank you,  
Robin Paulus, Executive Director  
231-723-6613



## PRAYER REQUEST UPDATES

**Sonja Reitan:** My grandson, Justin Bailey, is home from U of M after a long battle with some serious issues. Between Munson and U of M he has spent most of the last three months in a hospital mostly ICU. Though he is at home there will be a long period of rehab. Of course his whole family wants him to stay safe and as healthy as possible. He is one remarkable young man and we are all glad he is back home. Thank you for your prayers.

**Carolyn Bell:** My son & daughter-in-law, Ben & Alex Norville welcomed my 5th grandchild, Miles Norville, on May 13.

**Pete Nugent:** Thank you for the prayers for my sister Carol's in-laws when they were hospitalized with the coronavirus. Unfortunately her mother-in-law Rose passed away. Her father-in-law Tom is now in hospice care.



To My Church  
Family and Friends:

One of the many birthday cards I received reads: "In life is to love and be loved," so true! Thanks to all who remembered my birthday.

A dear friend once reminded me to be sure to pass important stories in my lifetime to family and others. One that is so important at this time, as we are dealing with the effects of the covid-19 pandemic is as a young child, my parents spoke of the horrible effects of the Spanish Flu during the 1917-1920s. With God's guidance and their resolve, they emerged stronger to love their neighbors and to receive that love in return as scripture says.

Bless you all,  
Lorraine Gillison

**Lois Ministries - Mondays 1:30 PM**  
We meet in our homes June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

We will be praying for our church, our pastor, our children and grandchildren.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another all the more as you see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

August 3rd-6th

6:00 - 8:10 pm

children 3 years-6th grade  
completed



Rocky Railway:  
Jesus' Power Pulls us Through

**Vacation Bible School will be decided on by the middle of June. Keep these date open. The decision will be based on the best advice from our health officials.**

Mark your calendars now for this fun and faith growing week. Watch future newsletters for ways to be involved. Grandparents, invite your grandchildren to come for a week with you and let them enjoy evenings at VBS. It is a way to minister to them and to have fun with them.



Hello From the Church Office!

As we begin to open the church, I plan to continue working from home for awhile. I am available Mon - Thurs, 9 am - 4 pm. Feel free to contact me at 231-651-0810 or email me at [blainechurch@gmail.com](mailto:blainechurch@gmail.com).

Thank you, Dede



“In times of great stress or adversity, it’s always best to keep busy,  
to plow your anger and your energy into something positive.”

– Lee Iacocca

### **Greetings from your Executive Board and Ministry Teams**

THANK YOU to our leadership for working so hard on planning for the reopening of the church to worship! Please continue to pray for them as they travel uncharted territory, keeping the need for people to worship together with the need to keep our church family as safe as possible. We have reviewed hundreds of documents, recommendations, phase plans, insurance plans, CDC plans, toolkits etc. to come up with the plan that works for Blaine Christian Church. Please know that through this process our focus has ALWAYS been the safety of you, our church family.

We wanted to update you all about our plans and preparations for getting ready to open the church again to worship services. At this time, we can meet only in small groups of 10 or less. See property report as to the designated room reserved and procedures when requesting to use it. When we can meet in groups of up to 50, we hope to again hold worship in the church building.

Our first on-line service was planned and sent for 5/31!! We are so excited to see what the worship team has come up with and hope that this will continue even after we can meet again. A link will be emailed to you when it is established. We continue to email or mail the weekly sermons to those who have requested them. If you wish to be added to this list, please contact Pastor Bob or Dede.

Care ministry team and elders have been in contact with you all during the week. If you need anything, please let them know. They will be conducting a short question survey regarding your intent to return when we are able so that we can reconfigure the sanctuary seating to comply with social distancing. We will advise everyone as soon as we get closer to “the plan” being in place on how that will work.

In the meantime, pray, read and study at home with the resources that you have. And remember, God Bless you all!! The leadership is praying for you too!

Jo Ellen Lathwell, Executive Board Chair

As a congregation, we must be well informed regarding the coronavirus.  
Please take some time to read over the enclosed posters on the  
following pages of this newsletter from the  
Centers for Disease Control.  
These are also posted at the entrances of the church.

### From the Desk of the Property Chair

Things are moving fast around the church. The church leadership is developing a plan to open the church and begin services as soon as we are able. I think I see a light at the end of the tunnel. However, I must remind you the church is still closed.

#### **Please do not enter the building except for the following:**

**Cleaning has begun** and you are invited to help, provided you follow the procedures mentioned in the group email. You must first contact Bonnie at 231-499-6788 and be scheduled and assigned a task to complete. Please do not come unless you are scheduled. You will wear a face covering and gloves while working. All cleaning will be completed by June 4th. All carpets and fabric chairs and pews will be professionally cleaned on Friday, June 5th. Please do not enter the church at all from Noon on Friday, June 5th through Monday, June 8th to allow all fabric and carpet to be thoroughly dried.

**Small groups** of 10 or less can now meet. If your small group wants to meet, you must first contact Dede at 231-651-0810 to schedule your meeting. These meetings are to take place in the lower level large adult classroom in order to first maintain social distance and to isolate that area of the church for cleaning purposes. You are asked to use the lower west entrance only. You are asked to stay in that room only and not to enter other areas of the church. Please use only the bathrooms in that area of the church. Face coverings are required. You will be asked to disinfect all areas touched during your stay (bathrooms, chairs tables, doors etc..).

On another note, mowing and garden care is starting up and volunteers are needed.

Please contact Kim Lathwell at 269 569-0024 for training and to be included in the mowing schedule.

Please contact Linda Byers at 248 930-0278 to help with the garden.

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you.*

-Matthew 7:7

### NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

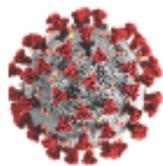
An updated church directory was emailed and mailed to those without email to our church family a few weeks ago. If you have changes to your information that was not made, it is ok. Please contact Dede at 231-651-0810 (call or text) or email her at [blainechurch@gmail.com](mailto:blainechurch@gmail.com) with any changes. Printed copies for everyone will be available by fall when more updates are made and we are hopefully back full time.



A few have asked that emails be included in our church directory. There are individuals who do not want their email addresses shared, but do want to receive email communications from the church. The membership software I use requires all emails or no emails to be included. It will take some time to work around this.

Also, a few commented on the birth order of children and how they printed out of order. I do not have a good answer for that. The names are listed in the software oldest to youngest, yet the names did not print that way. Another issue to work on by fall.

# What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



## Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



## Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



## Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



## Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



## Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



## Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.



# Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



Stay at least 6 feet  
(about 2 arms' length)  
from other people.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a  
tissue, then throw the tissue in the  
trash and wash your hands.



When in public, wear a  
cloth face covering over  
your nose and mouth.



Do not touch your  
eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect  
frequently touched  
objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick,  
except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap  
and water for at least 20 seconds.

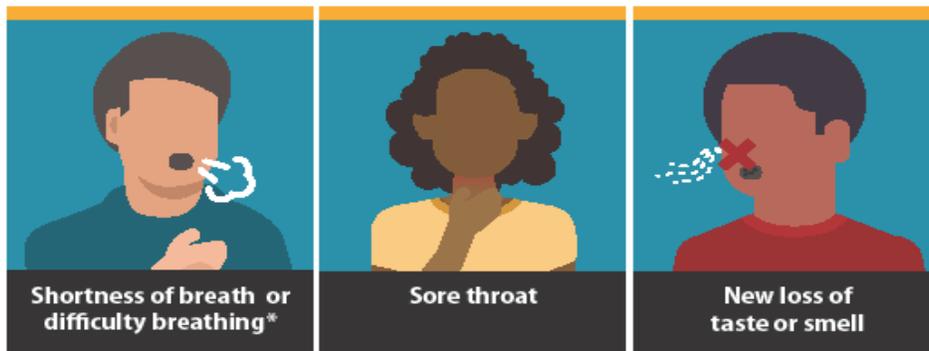


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# Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

**\*Seek medical care immediately if someone has emergency warning signs of COVID-19.**

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



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# What You Can do if You are at Higher Risk of Severe Illness from COVID-19

## Are You at Higher Risk for Severe Illness?



Based on what we know now, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

- People aged 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility

People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:

- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised
  - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications.
- People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease

## Here's What You Can do to Help Protect Yourself



**Stay home if possible.**



**Wash your hands often.**



**Avoid close contact and stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.**



**Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.**



**Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.**



**Cover coughs and sneezes.**

Call your healthcare provider if you are sick.

For more information on steps you can take to protect yourself, see CDC's webpage on [How to Protect Yourself](#)



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# June 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**

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