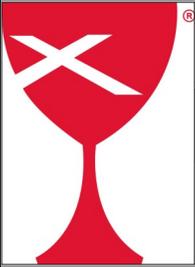


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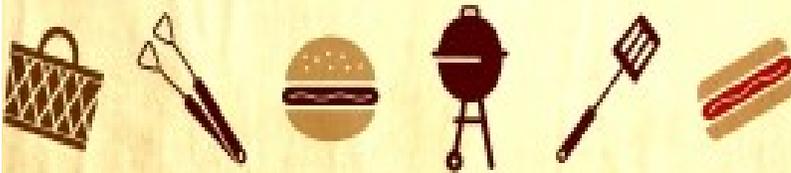
## Blaine Christian Church

# FAMILY Picnic

AUGUST 1, 2020 6:00 PM

Finch Park in Arcadia

BRING A DISH TO PASS | TABLE SERVICE PROVIDED



### Important Upcoming Events:

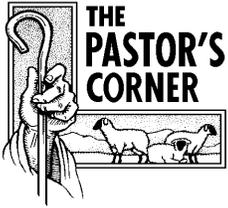
- **Sundays - Worship Services at 8:30 & 10:00 am**
- **Mondays**
  - Lois Ministries, 1:30 pm
  - Men's Bible Study, 7 pm
- **Tuesdays - Troop 10, 7 pm**
  
- **Aug 1 - Family Potluck Picnic, 6 pm**
- **Aug 3 - Christian Ed Meeting, 7 pm**
- **Aug 13 - Elders, 6:30 pm**
- **Aug 10 - Church Directory deadline**
- **Aug 15 - Basement RSVD, 10 am**
- **Aug 24 - Blaine Visitor Deadline**
- **Aug 28 - Dan Straubel Memorial Golf Outing, Noon**
  
- **Sept 2 - Board Packet Deadline**
- **Sept 9 - Quarterly Congregational Board Meeting, 7 pm**

### SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

 **8:30 am & 10:00 am**

Each service is a combination of Praise & Worship. Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

During the summer months there will not be regular Sunday School and children will remain with their parents in worship. There are activity packets for them that goes with the children's message. You will continue to receive online resources for use with your children at home.



**FROM WHERE I SIT**  
AUGUST 2020

A few years ago, Deb and I did some hiking in several National Parks. And we saw some truly amazing sights! But there was one cliff in particular that really looked like the face of a man. It wasn't, of course. That wouldn't be logical. The wind and the rain had obviously carved it over time. But from a certain angle, and in certain light conditions, it looked as if that cliff was intentionally designed. Later, as we were driving back to Michigan, we went through South Dakota and saw a cliff face there as well. It looked just like the faces of four U.S. Presidents! When you see Mt. Rushmore, though, you simply cannot conclude it came from the wind and the rain. Obviously, there was indeed a designer?

There is a famous Mathematician named William Dembski. He has what he calls, an "Explanatory Filter". "When trying to explain natural phenomenon," he says. "There are three possibilities; Chance, Natural Forces, and Design. If something is "irregular, erratic, unspecified, we conclude it's from a random event, or Chance." If something is "regular, repeatable, predictable, we conclude Natural Forces." But if something is "unpredictable—and yet highly specified, we simply must conclude Design."

The four Presidents on Mt. Rushmore are certainly irregular, and yet highly specific, right, therefore Design! Ripples in the sand on the beach, however, clearly say wind and waves, natural sources! And if you were to see the words "Bob loves Deb", clearly that would demonstrate intelligent design! Just kidding! But seriously, when you take an honest assessment of our world for yourself—when you notice the intricacies of the human body, or how everything is interconnected in the world, would you conclude that it came about by Chance, Natural Forces, or Design? Have you read Psalm 8 lately?

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:**

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

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Over / Short</u>
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
May	25,116.00	+ 6,889.00
June	18,940.00	+ 713.00
July*	14,995.00	- 3,232.00
	\$ 145,067.00	+ 17,478.00

\*As of July 19, 2020

**TO BE DETERMINED UPON  
FURTHER OPENING OF CHURCH**

**SERVING IN JULY**

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

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

**10:00 a.m. Traditional Service**

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

**SERMON SCHEDULE  
August 2020**

**Aug 2:** 1st Reading: Genesis 32:22-31  
2nd Reading: Matthew 14:13-21  
Title: "Miracles"

**Aug 9:** 1st Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
2nd Reading: Matthew 14:22-33  
Title: "Stepping Out in Faith"

**Aug 16:** 1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
2nd Reading: Matthew 15:21-28  
Title: "Faith, Hope, and Love"

**Aug 23:** 1st Reading: Romans 12:1-8  
2nd Reading: Matthew 16:13-20  
Title: "Who Do You Say I Am?"

**Aug 30:** 1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-15  
2nd Reading: Matthew 16:21-28  
Title: "Marching Orders"

**AUGUST**

**Birthdays**



1 Phil Verburg  
2 Bonnie Williams  
3 Barbara Bauer-Smith  
4 Dale Detman  
7 Frank Putney, Brantley Zych  
10 Karl Putney, Julie Zych  
11 Jamie Merrill  
13 Willie Bradford  
15 Jonathan Wertheimer, Elin Jager,  
Jan Mick  
16 Max Kessler  
18 Mary Lee Putney, Linda Nugent  
19 Steve VanDePerre  
20 Laurie Puccio  
22 Richard Shadwick  
25 Brielan Andersen

**Anniversaries**



4 Martin and Caryn Gehrke  
6 Howard and Judy Ingleston  
13 Gary and Carolyn Waterson  
15 Ray and Rebecca Tanner  
19 Ed and Jennifer Bradford  
20 Don and Ellice Franklin  
Bob and Linda Yeager  
22 Kenneth and Katherine Waterson  
23 Matt and Shannon Gillison  
24 Ron and Dianne Gillison

**September Blaine Visitor Deadline:  
August 24, 2020**  
Information can be e-mailed or dropped  
off at the church office.



“ When I open my home (church),  
when I connect with others by  
extending hospitality, I live into the  
generosity of God’s design”

As much as we would love to serve  
you our special coffee hours right now, The  
church will have to consider ways to stay safe  
from Covid-19. Maggie and Bonnie are planning  
coffee hours within our leader’s guidelines. The  
most important part is having us back in worship  
and fellowship together safely.

Maggie and Bonnie,  
CF Committee Chair and Staff

### Some Graduate Thank You's

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for all the cards and A & W gift card  
and the books, but most importantly all the  
support over the year. It is truly appreciated.  
Sincerely – Karl Putney

Blaine Christian Church,  
Thank you for your kind gift. Your thoughtful-  
ness is encouraging, and it will help me in  
achieving my goals.  
Sincerely - Tyler Iverson

P.S. Thank you for your commitment, sacrifice,  
and support for Troop 10. You have a hand in  
changing many young men’s lives.

### Lois Ministries - Mondays, 1:30 pm

We are praying in or own homes. We will be  
praying for our church, our pastor, our children  
and grandchildren. We will pray at 1:30 pm on  
August 3, 10, 17, 24, and August 31.

*...The Lord your god is with you, he is mighty to  
save. He will take great delight in you,  
he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice  
over you with singing. “  
Zephaniah 3:17*

### STAY CONNECTED

We have a new YouTube Channel  
for the Blaine Tech Team to post  
Sunday’s sermons.



**Here is the link:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCqGkzIFfuC35FIrlv4Z2mnw/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqGkzIFfuC35FIrlv4Z2mnw/)

### Sunday Morning Worship:

The goal is to post the video from the first  
service before 10am. This will let those who are  
watching at home to worship "together" along  
with the second service. Please check the page  
around 10am on Sunday. Pastor Bob will  
continue to email the link to the video recording  
of the service AFTER the second service.

You can subscribe to the page and get notifica-  
tions by email when new videos are added.

--Follow the link to the channel page....

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCqGkzIFfuC35FIrlv4Z2mnw/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqGkzIFfuC35FIrlv4Z2mnw/)

--Subscribe to the channel

(Click the red subscribe button)

--Sign up for notifications

(Click on the bell next to the subscribe button,  
select "All")

The YouTube Channel is also accessible  
through our website, [blainechristianchurch.org](http://blainechristianchurch.org).  
On our homepage, click on the YouTube icon  
and it will take you directly to our channel.

### CALL SOMEONE EACH DAY



With in person worship happening,  
there are those who cannot come  
because of health issues and others  
that choose to do online worship. In helping to  
keep the church family connected, you are  
encouraged to call someone each day and say  
“Hi, how are you?”. You might even choose  
someone you don’t know very well, and in this  
way get to know them better. Especially think  
of those that live alone and it would be helpful to  
hear your voice to brighten their day.

VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL  
2020  
Blaine Christian Church



**“KNOWING JESUS...as Friend,  
Healer, Leader, Savior”**

**This year our VBS at Blaine will be a  
virtual experience for the children.**

On our website, [blainechristianchurch.org](http://blainechristianchurch.org) is a 4 day VBS plan for you to share in your home. It is for families with pre-school and elementary children in the church. You will also receive an email with more details on how to make this a fun and learning experience at your home.

If there are children that your children have been spending time with during this time of social distancing-share the information and invite them to come and do the activities with you and your family.

What a joy it will be when we can gather together again next summer for our VBS time! The adults that help make this happen will miss the children and the church will be praying for your family as you take the time to explore the Bible together, sing songs, and participate in fun activities in your home and come to “know Jesus better”. fun activities in your home and come to “know Jesus better”.

Special  
Music

During the summer months, there has been special music in both services as we gather as a church family to worship.

Thank you to the following folks who shared their gift of music with us in July to glorify God-- Mercy Sobkoviak, Carolyn Bell, McKenna Crossman and Judy Ingleston. There are still some open dates in mid to late August for special music. If this is a way you would like to serve in our church, please contact Carolyn Waterson.

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR  
NAMETAGS**

Please wear your nametag on Sunday mornings. It is easier to recognize each other while wearing face masks.

If you need a nametag, contact the church office, 352-9148 or [blainechurch@gmail.com](mailto:blainechurch@gmail.com).



**CLEARANCE REGISTRY**

It is that time of year when you are asked to renew your clearance registry information for the next year. The church asks any adult who works with children and youth to have this clearance done each year. This is a way we help assure parents of the safety of their children when they are a part of a ministry at Blaine. The forms are on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. So if you are a Sunday school teacher, youth leader, Kid's Kare helper, nursery person or do occasional childcare for church events, or transport children, or are a Kids Hope mentor, please plan to participate in the clearance registry this year. Thanks for your help with this important part of being a caring church. Please turn in by end of August.



This summer, we have welcomed Mary Connor, Paula Basey, Mary Pulido and Chuck and Sally Wolverton into membership of our church family. It is good to have them come and join with us as we strive to share God's love with the world and make Jesus known to those around us.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES



It is time for the Blaine Church Directory to be updated and printed. If any of your information has changed since this spring, please call or email the church office by August 10, 2020.

### REMINDER

There are child size face masks available on table in the entry at church for those who need them.



Our church has been a partner with Betsie Valley school for 14 years in the Kids Hope mentoring ministry. Over the years many adults from our church have taken the time to spend an hour a week with a child and be a friend and help with school work. This ministry has changed many lives. This year will probably be a different year for mentoring and Kids Hope has put out some options for mentors and schools. I will be contacting the school in early August to see what our options are from their perspective and then planning will take place. Please be prayer for our schools as they make important decision about the future of education for the children of our community. Thank you all for your support of this important ministry outreach.  
Carolyn Waterson

### LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL

Planning is starting for fall studies and ministries. If you have an idea for a study or ministry that you think our church should offer, please make that idea known to a staff person or committee chair. It is great when we can offer new programs that help people grow in their understanding of God and what His word has to say about living like Jesus and serving others. Committees are looking at how to provide the following ministries safely in the fall; Fall Bible studies: Details in the next newsletter- would begin the 2nd week of September.

#### Sunday School

Sunday School for ages 2 years-adult would begin on September 13th at 9:45am. These classes are wonderful for growing in your faith and understanding of God's word. Details about classes in the September newsletter.

#### Men's Bible Study - Mondays, 7:00 pm

This Bible Study is for men of all ages and everyone is welcomed. If you have questions, please contact Rob Janusch, 231-383-3979. The group currently meets in the church basement classroom.

### PRAYER CHAIN & E-PRAYER

When you have a need for an intercessory prayer or other prayer requests, please contact Pastor Bob 651-9472 or Bonnie Putney at 499-6788. We will start the prayer chain; and we have backup if the prayer chain cannot be started by Bonnie.



Blaine Christian Church has an E-Prayer, sent out each week after Sunday's prayer requests. If you would like to receive the e-prayer; please e-mail [bonnieputney@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieputney@gmail.com) and you will be added to the prayer chain.





BACN'S Summer Match Challenge, generously provided by the John L. Mulvaney Foundation. Between June 1 and August 31, the Foundation will match dollar for dollar every donation given up to \$50,000. This drive traditionally provides 20% of our annual operating fund.

**BACN Accepting Clothing Donations Again!**

BACN will be accepting clothing donations on Saturday's only this summer season clothing, footwear, accessories (purses, jewelry, scarfs), and towels and bedding are looked-for to help our Neighbors in need. Safe handling guidelines: bring clean items packed in plastic grocery or trash bags. We appreciate your generosity. Donation Hours; Saturdays 8am – noon

BACN has been fortunate through the years to have a cadre of dedicated volunteers. We are in need of 4 volunteers each Saturday from 8:45 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. Health Department guidelines for COVID-19 safety are firmly in place. Volunteers could work regularly or come as a group for a one-time activity. We'd love to host members of your faith community. Adding Saturday collections is new for us, and we are grateful for all who might join us in keeping the clothing center stocked and providing for our families.

Warmly, Gerri VanAntwerp, Executive Director, 231-882-9544

**Boxes for Operation Christmas Child**



Preparations for Operation Christmas Child will be coming in September and October 2020. I was notified that we will not need to sanitize while packing our boxes. Precautions and required procedures will be handled later. Watch for announcements and posters. Get ready to help with t-shirt jump ropes!



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

Donations accepted on an ongoing basis at these community organizations.

Volunteers are always welcome! Applications available at the church.



**ECHO His Love**

**Echo His Love Store**  
1505 Benzie Hwy,  
Benzonia, MI, 231-3834088  
**Open:**  
Mon-Fri, 10am - 6pm; Sat,  
10am - 4pm

# August 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](http://www.blainechristianchurch.org)**  
**email: [blainechurch@gmail.com](mailto:blainechurch@gmail.com)**

## **SUNDAY MORNING** **SCHEDULE**

8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
Combined Services of Praise & Worship



**Blaine Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**  
**7018 Putney Road**  
**Arcadia, MI 49613**

