



Blaine

# VISITOR



The Fall and Advent seasons are upon us. We are grateful for the ability to have worshiped in person since June 14th. We began to once again study the Bible as a family through Sunday

School and Bible Studies in the past two weeks. This has begun to fill the need to worship together again.

Your executive board has been monitoring the activities we do here to be sure they comply with the Covid plan that was put in place last June for our safety. We are trying to grow into returning to a new normal and are blessed to be able to do so much in 3 short months!

As Pastor Bob said a few weeks ago beginning service, we pray for guidance and patience as we “stumble” into whatever God has planned for us.

We would like to ask that before implementing any activity, you think how that activity can be done safely and within the guidelines set out. We ask that you send the request to the executive board for review. There may be things that “we have always done” that we will not be able to do for a little while.

So, with these thoughts in mind, please focus on our grateful hearts that we have the privilege of worshipping and studying the word together. Normal will come. Patience and prayer for our Pastor, staff, and leaders are appreciated.

May God’s blessing be with you and yours today and always, Your Executive Board:

Pastor Bob Larimer    Jo Ellen Lathwell  
Donna Brown        Bob Yeager        Dodie Putney

### Important Upcoming Events:

- **Sundays - Worship Services at 8:30 & 11:00 am**  
**Sunday School at 9:45 am**
- **Mondays**  
**Lois Ministries, 1:30 pm**  
**Men’s Bible Study, 7 pm**
- **Tuesdays - Women’s Bible Study continues, 9:30 am or 7 pm**  
**Troop 10, 7 pm**
- **Thursday - Daniel Lecture Series continues, 7 pm in the sanctuary**
- **Oct 8 - Elders, 6:30 pm**
- **Oct 24 - Blaine Visitor Deadline**
- **Oct 28 - Worship Meeting**



## PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



October is the official month for “Pastor Appreciation” with Sunday, October 11th being the official Sunday for this appreciation. Take time this month to let Pastor Bob and Deb know how much they are loved and appreciated for the care and leadership they share with us year round. A note, a card, a hug, etc.....all say “thanks for being you and faithfully serving us”. This has not been an easy year for our church and Pastor Bob and Deb have done much to keep us on track, encouraged and cared for. Let’s do the same for them in special ways this month.

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2020



As Disciples, we celebrate communion each time we gather to worship. That is not true for all denominations, but the first Sunday of October, Christians around the world celebrate this great gift of love and remembrance from God. Plan to worship this day and think about all those you are celebrating the Lord’s Supper with us this day.

## 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.

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
May	25,116.00	6,889.00
June	18,940.00	713.00
July	19,298.00	1,071.00
August	18,261.00	34.00
September*	21,708.00	3,481.00
	\$ 189,339.00	25,296.00

\*Amount recorded as of Sept 20, 2020.

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

**SERVING IN**

**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  
OCTOBER 2020**

- Oct 4:** 1st Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14  
2nd Reading: Matthew 21:33-46  
Title: "Grateful"  
World Communion Sunday
- Oct 11:** 1st Reading: Philippians 4:1-9  
2nd Reading: Matthew 22:1-14  
Title: "An Offer You Can't Refuse!"
- Oct 18:** 1st Reading: Exodus 33:12-23  
2nd Reading: Matthew 22:15-22  
Title: "Who Do You Worship?"
- Oct 25:** 1st Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
2nd Reading: Matthew 22:34-46  
Title: "It's Simple, Right?"

**OCTOBER**

**Birthdays**



- 1 Bryce Gilroy, Bob Yeager, Nena Verburg
- 3 Don Franklin, Brian Merrill
- 4 Howard Ingleston
- 6 Maggie Bradford
- 8 Cathy Bodell
- 9 Terry VanHeyningen
- 10 Emmerson Mobley
- 17 Rob Janusch
- 18 Dee Lathwell
- 21 Ed Bradford
- 22 Alda Cook
- 25 Pat Munsell, Skip Noble
- 26 Gentry Mobley
- 30 Sarah Bradford, Kate Bradford

**Anniversaries**



- 4 Rick and Julie Zych
- 8 Doug and Sara Kirk
- 15 Rick and Cheryl Kemperman  
Joel and Leah Bowman  
Phil and Nena Verburg
- 20 Dale Detman and Pat Swartz-Detman
- 21 Ken and Rhonda Nye  
Marcus and Angela Kmieck

**UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY**



An updated, printed copy of the Church Directory will be available to pick up in October at the church.

**November Blaine Visitor Deadline:  
October 24, 2020**

Information can be e-mailed or dropped off at the church office.

## COFFEE HOURS ARE STILL POSTPONED



As much as we would love to serve you coffee hours, masks and social distancing are required, which make it difficult to have a cup of coffee or for the kids to have a treat. The church needs to follow guidelines to stay safe from COVID-19. The most important goal is having us back in worship and fellowship together safely.

Maggie and Bonnie,  
CF Committee Chair and Staff

## STAY CONNECTED



We have a YouTube Channel where we post Sunday's sermons.

**Here is the link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqGkzIFfuC35FIrlv4Z2mnw/>

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. You can also access the weekly announcements and print versions of Sunday's sermons. The announcements are found by clicking on the Communications tab and then clicking Weekly Bulletin. For audio and print sermons, click on the Sermons tab.

## BIBLE SUNDAY



On Sunday, October 18th we will be presenting our new third graders with their own Bibles during each worship service. If you have a third grader in your home-make sure the church has this information and plan to be present this Sunday for the Bible presentation. Also be in prayer for these children as they grow in their understanding of God's Word for their lives.

## COLLEGE KIDS

Our college kids have left for classes. We ask you to pray for these young adults as they navigate a very different school year. Parents, you are asked to let the church office know your young adult's email and mailing address for communications from the church. Thanks for your help in keeping us all connected.

## 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 October 5, 12, 19, 26.

*"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*  
Matthew 11: 28-30

## HEAVENLY APPLE PIE DAY

Thank you to all who volunteered to roll pie dough this year!

Due to unforeseen supply issues,

**WE WILL NOT**

be doing Pie Day this year.



We look forward to continuing this tradition in 2021! Thank you,  
Julie Zych, Pie Day Chair

When everything seems to be  
changing, we can rely on  
**GOD'S CONSTANCY.**

Hebrews 13:8

## LOOKING AHEAD

Women are encouraged to mark November 14th on their calendars for a retreat day with speaker Lee Neinhuis. This day will begin at 8:45 and conclude at 1:00pm. Her theme for this day is "Treasured" based on Isaiah 43:4-5. Lee has been engaging people through the Word for close to two decades. People often describe her as passionate, engaging and sincere, but it is her firm belief that God's word still transforms lives that is most contagious.

Final details for the day will be in the November newsletter, but save the date now for a great growing time and call a friend to come with you. There will be a sign up sheet in fellowship hall later in the month and it will include a spot to indicate your box lunch option for the day. Masks and safe distancing will be practiced. Cost for the morning will be \$10.00.



## Special Music

Again in the month of September we were blessed by those who shared their gift of music with the church family to help lead us in worship. We give thanks to Doug and Jacque Erdman, Deb Kessler, Jim and Lynne Bekkering, Mercy and Dahlia Sobkoviak for serving in this way.

## PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS

Please wear your nametag on Sunday mornings. It is easier to recognize each other while wearing face masks. Contact the church office if you need a nametag.



## FALL STUDIES

In addition to Sunday School on Sunday mornings, our church offers the following studies during the week:

### 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.

### Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 9:30 am or 7:00 pm

"Take Courage" by Jennifer Rothschild on the book of Haggai. "Find courage in the GOD who says-'I am with you'."

### Thursday Evening Study

A lecture series/study on the first half of the book of Daniel by the Rev. Dr. Anthony George (on DVD) 7:00-8:45 pm in the sanctuary.

**All studies will follow the church policy of face masks and social distancing for safety of all involved.**



Sunday School classes have begun again for the fall quarter. It is good to be together again and see people excited about learning about their faith from God's word. If you are not participating in a class, why not plan to come at 9:45 and try a class for the month of October and bring someone with you. Masks are being worn and safe distancing practiced so all may participate in classes. Sunday School is a great way to learn and build friendships. There are classes for ages 2years-adult. The combined class of youth and adults will continue on "The Parables of Jesus-what they teach us".





## BACN FALL FOOD DRIVE Thursday, Oct 15 or Friday, Oct 16

This food drive is slightly different from past food drives.

- **Focus Items:** This fall the focus is breakfast foods. We will accept all types of food, but hope to focus on a few items for easy packing and sorting.
- **Stand Inside or Outside:** There will be no shopping lists. A poster stand will have the focus items and the aisles in the store where they can be found. Your job is to greet, answer questions and encourage shoppers to participate by either purchasing an item or donating at the cash register.
- **Banana Boxes:** Packing the donated items in banana boxes will stay the same.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Bonnie Putney's cell: 231-499-6788.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

### National Collection Week November 16 - 23

Blaine Christian Church is a Regional Curbside Drop-off Location

What does that mean?

We are making adjustments to simplify the process to focus on four objectives:

- ◆ Collect
- ◆ Count
- ◆ Cartonize
- ◆ Deliver Shoebox Gifts

Drop-off Prep Day will have Virtual Training in mid-October.

To volunteer, please email Bonnie Putney at [bonnieputney@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieputney@gmail.com)

Thank you!



### Please Note:

No printed materials will be inserted for this offering in 2020.

You may give in our regular Sunday offering at church or give online at: [www.reconciliationministry.org](http://www.reconciliationministry.org)



**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

# October 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



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**(Disciples of Christ)**  
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