



Blaine *Visitor*

NOVEMBER 2021

PASTOR'S PEN

FROM WHERE I SIT

We're back! And BOY did we ever miss our Church Family! We worshipped in several different churches when we were gone, in many different states. There were big city churches, with hundreds and hundreds of people. And little rural churches, with just a handful of us. And they were all great! Truly! We sensed the Presence of the Lord in each and every one! But as Dorothy says in the Wizard of Oz, "There is No Place Like Home"!

Our church is truly special. Deb and I feel so blessed to be a part of this family. It feels wonderful to be back home. But we felt all of you with us while we were gone as well. Your prayers and well-wishes, your cards, and gifts, and all of your support during Sabbatical filled our hearts beyond imagining. We simply cannot thank you enough for this gift of spiritual and emotional renewal, and all of your love in the midst of it! And thank you to all of the people that stepped up to serve during our absence. So many people went above and beyond, especially the Worship Leaders and Guest Speakers! In particular, we'd like to lift up Pastor David and Sue Spalding. Our gratitude for their ministry at "such a time as this" is far greater than words could ever express! Thank you to all of you Brothers and Sisters in Christ here at Blaine Christian Church!

This is a Special Church indeed. We have been blessed, with each other and for each other, and for the world around us. So, I am really excited to see what the Lord will bring our way in the days and years ahead, as we work in the Vineyard side-by-side!

Blessings,
Pastor Bob

Church Events

Sun - Choir 6 pm

Mon - Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm

Tues - Boy Scout Troop 10, 7 pm

- Nov 4 - Kitchen RSVD, 1pm
- Nov 4 - Fellowship Hall RSVD, 6pm
- Nov 5 - Pie Day, 8 am White Owl
- Nov 6 - OCC Packing Party, 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- Nov 7 - Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov 10 - Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am
- Nov 10 - Worship Meeting, 9 am
- Nov 11 - Lunch with Friends, Noon
- Nov 11 - Veterans Day Dinner, 6 pm Fellowship Hall
- Nov 13 - Women's Retreat, 8:45 am
- Nov 15-22 - OCC Collection Week, downstairs classroom
- Nov 20 - Church Thanksgiving Potluck, 6:30 pm
- Nov 24 - Blaine Visitor Deadline
- Nov 25 - Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov 28 - Advent Begins

"INVITATIONS TO SURRENDER"

Saturday, November 13, 2021

We welcome Shannon Popkin for a morning of inspiration for women on the topic "Invitations to Surrender". He's got the whole world in his hands, but what about my little world? Does God see? Does He care? Is He for me? Come be filled with wonder by the God who leans low and involves himself in our lives, then invites us to surrender to Him.



The morning will begin at 8:45am and conclude at 1:00pm. Cost is \$10 and will include lunch. Sign up coming soon in the fellowship hall. Call a friend and invite them to come with you for the morning. Shannon comes from the Grandville area and her bio says, "Do you want to live like God's Word is true?" This is Shannon's passion, and she loves sharing this journey with other women."

ANNUAL HEAVENLY APPLE PIE DAY

Friday, November 5th
Blaine Township Hall, 8:00 am



Pie Orders need to be picked up at:
Blaine Township Hall Noon - 2:00 pm
on Friday, November 5, 2021.

Pay for your pies when you pick them up with
either cash or check payable to
Blaine CWF.

**Thank you everyone that has helped with
this special day! We could not do this
without all of the wonderful people who
volunteer their time and talents.**

College Kids Addresses

The church works hard to keep in touch with our away college kids throughout the year and let them know we are thinking of them and praying for them. If you have a young adult away at college and have not contacted the church office, please send their email address and their mailing address to the church office.

VETERANS DAY DINNER

November 11, 2021 6:00 pm

Boy Scout Troop 10 invites all Military Veterans and their spouse to this special dinner. Please RSVP by November 8th on the posted sheet in fellowship hall or by calling the church office, 352-9148.



Financial Update

2021 General Fund Budget: \$218,724.00
Monthly Essential: 18,227.00

	Received	+/- Monthly
January	18,548.00	+ 321.00
February	22,158.00	+ 3,931.00
March	26,153.00	+ 7,926.00
April	19,659.50	+ 1,432.50
May	23,224.00	+ 4,997.00
June	25,465.00	+ 7,238.00
July	14,360.10	- 3,866.90
August	19,661.00	+1,434.00
September	16,141.00	- 2,086.00
October*	14,158.00	- 4,069.00
Total	\$ 182,648.60	\$ 18,605.60

*4 of 5 weeks recorded

Serving This Month

Praise & Worship Service 8:30 am

Worship Leader: Sonja Reitan

Greeter: *volunteer needed*

Usher: Maggie Baker

Welcome Center: Cathy Bodell

Traditional/Blended Service 11:00 am

Elders: Deb Larimer, Steve VanDePerre

Worship Reader: Sonja Reitan

Diaconate Servers: Patrick Kenny, Bob Bell,
Greg & Kim Borgeson

Diaconate Preparer: Rick Zych

Greeter: Jannette Ervin

Usher: Maggie Baker

Welcome Center: Cathy Bodell

Sign up sheets are posted in fellowship hall.

Benzie Sr. Resources Christmas Gift Bags

Blaine Christian Church will join with other churches in the county to help Benzie Senior Resources fill Christmas Gift Bags for our local homebound senior citizens. This year, we can help by giving breakfast/cereal bars, hand lotion, and paper towels between now and Sunday, December 5th. Donations can be placed in the designated gray basket in the office hallway.

If you are planning to attend the church's Thanksgiving Potluck, bring items with you to donate. If you have any questions, please call or text Bonnie Putney, 231-499-6788.

Thank You



THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Saturday, November 20, 2021
6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall



**Our Congregational Fellowship
Committee is hosting this all church
potluck!**

On the Menu and Provided:

- ◆ Roasted Turkey
- ◆ Mashed Potatoes
- ◆ Gravy
- ◆ Beverages & Place Settings

You Bring:

- ◆ Your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert
- ◆ Your family, friends, neighbors

**Come in praise to thank God for all
His seasonal blessings!**



**Remember to turn your clocks
back one hour this weekend.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CHOIR NEWS**

The choir began working on music for a Christmas Cantata in October. If you would like to join them for this special ministry, feel invited to do so and speak with Carolyn Waterson. Rehearsals are on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:15. The cantata will be December 19th.

- **MID-WEEK STUDIES**

Men's Monday Night Bible Study
6:30 pm, studying Matthew. See Rob Janusch or Bruce Caylen with questions.

- The fall Women's Bible study "Elijah: Faith and Fire" concluded at the end of October. 21 women participated in the study. Thank you to Sue Spalding and Carolyn Waterson for providing leadership for this study. A new study will begin in January. Watch the December newsletter for details.
- If you are interested in additional opportunities for study-speak with Jenny

- **KIDS KARE HELP**

We are offering Kids Kare for our children through 1st grade during the worship service. This is not Sunday School, but a less structured time of story and craft that will follow the children's moment or anthem in worship for those whose parents feel they are not quite ready to be in worship the whole time.

- If you are a high school youth or an adult who would like to help with this ministry, speak with Jenny Caylen (CE chair) or Carolyn Waterson (CE staff) for more information or to volunteer. It is a great way to get to know some of our younger children.

- **BIBLE SUNDAY**

On Sunday, October 3rd the church presented children's Bibles to following 3rd graders: Avagaiyl Collins, Brielle Gillison, Luke Gillison, Kaden Hawkins, Joey Miller, and Berlin Zych. Be in prayer for these children as they continue their faith journey and learning from God's Word.



SERMON SCHEDULE

Nov 7: 1st Reading: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
2nd Reading: Mark 12:38-44
Title: "The Widow's Might"

Nov 14: 1st Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25
2nd Reading: Mark 13:1-13
Title: "What Are You Waiting For?"

Nov 21: 1st Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8
2nd Reading: John 18:28-38a
Title: "Is He Your King, or Not?"

Nov 28: 1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
2nd Reading: Luke 21:25-36
Title: "What Time Is It?"

ADVENT

Begins
November 28



“Wait Upon the Lord”

As we wait for the arrival of Jesus on Christmas, we prepare ourselves to meet Him. Advent Devotional books will be ready to pick up in the fellowship hall on November 14th.

If you see a devotional for someone not attending Sunday school or worship at this time, please take them their devotional and have a visit. There will be Advent calendars and activity devotionals for families with younger children.

Worship Schedule & Special Dates for Advent / Christmas

November 28 - Advent Begins

Worship at 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am

December 5 & 12

Worship at 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am

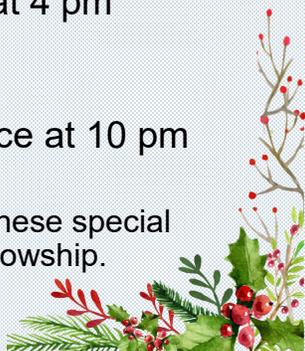
December 19

One Worship Service at 10 am
Cantata Sunday
Christmas Program at 4 pm

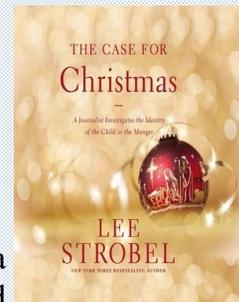
December 24

Christmas Eve Service at 10 pm

Mark your calendar for these special times of worship and fellowship.



ADVENT STUDY



On Sunday, November 21 a four week Advent study called “The Case for Christmas” by Lee Strobel will begin during the Sunday School time. This study will invite you to look beyond the familiar traditions of the season, challenge you to examine the evidence for yourself, and consider why Christmas really matters. The study is for both the youth (grades 7 and above) and adults and the leader will be Gary Waterson. Plan to join this study as you prepare your heart for Christmas

“The Chosen” DVDs donated to our church library.

If you haven’t heard of this yet, these DVD's are the first 2 seasons of a 7 season TV show about Jesus called “The Chosen”. It includes a bonus, the Pilot Christmas episode, called “The Shepherd”. The Chosen has become the largest crowd funded effort ever in history, done totally by public support.

The creators are writing this series from the viewpoint of people who met and knew Jesus while He was on earth - shepherds, disciples, people who were healed, etc.

We hope and pray you’ll borrow these DVD’s and watch together as a family. You will see Jesus come to life in a fresh, new way.

We suggest that, when you watch, turn on the closed captioning. Sometimes Greek and Hebrew words are spoken so this will make it much easier to understand.

All our love, Bob & Cathy Bodell

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December

Blaine Visitor Deadline

November 24, 2021

Please email or drop off information you would like included to the church office, blainechurch@gmail.com.



November

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kate Jenkins
- 2 Loy Putney
- 4 Dick Spalding
- 5 Lauren Nordbeck
- 6 Ryan Maat
- 7 Patty Gibson
- 9 Ian VanDePerre
- 10 Frederick Putney, Jessica Hawkins
- 11 Russ Tiller, Michelle Foster
- 13 Adam Putney
- 18 Caryn Gehrke, Ray Tanner
- 20 Jim Gillison, Judy Ingleston,
Sonja Reitan, Shirley Mortenson
- 22 Archer Munsell
- 23 Sharon Trense, Avagaiyl Collins
- 24 Tom Bradford
- 26 Tom Brown
- 28 Gary Lathwell, Jessi Putney,
Audreanna Collins
- 29 Peter Nugent
- 30 Carolyn Roper, Cheryl Kemperman

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Ted and Jan Mick
- 13 John and Linda Byers
- 20 Russ and Sara Tiller
- 26 Charles and Sharon Trense
- 30 Ralph and Kate Jenkin

Please contact the church office if your birthday or anniversary was missed, (231) 352-9148 or blainechurch@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Lois Ministries** is on hiatus. We have prayed for our church, pastor, our children, our grandchildren, and great grandchildren for about 12 years-every Monday. Just now we are experiencing sickness, moving south for the winter so we are taking a little break. We will reconvene the first Monday in May-May 2. Call Bonnie Putney at 231-499-6788 for more information.
- **Coffee Hour Fellowships**
The hostess will be able to serve a treat of her choice. Coffee, tea, and apple juice are all provided by Congregational Fellowship committee as well as paper products -juice cups, plates, napkins, and plastic silverware.
- The fall schedule has started with coffee at 9:30 and 12 noon after each worship service. If you would like to serve, please sign up on the fellowship board. If you have any questions, you may contact Nina Margetson at 248-396-1647 or Bonnie Putney at 231-499-6788.
- **Men's Prayer and Breakfast** is the Second Wednesday November 10, 2021, 8:30 AM. They will meet at the Elbereta Light House Café. Pay for your own breakfast please and enjoy fellowship and prayer. Contact Skip Noble 231- 352-7035 for more information.
- **Lunch with Friends Potluck**, November 11, 2021 at Noon. Hosted by Skip and Mary Lou at their home, 1044 Watervale Rd, Arcadia. Devotion, prayer, and potluck. We finish with our "Lunch with Friends" card ministry. We send cards to our church shut in friends as well as those who are ill or need a thinking of you card. Skip and Mary Lou's phone number is 352-7035. Men and women are welcomed to join us.
- **Care Coordinator**, Stonna Spalding will be reaching out to members after hospital stays, new births and extended illnesses. The committee checks to see if you would enjoy a hot meal and then schedules meals to be delivered. If you would like to help with this ministry, or know of someone that could use some care, please contact Stonna



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shop for Shoebox Gifts

As you shop for gifts to fill your Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoeboxes, check out the OCC signs throughout the Traverse City Hobby Lobby store to find quality gifts. Hobby Lobby is a convenient place to pick up gifts as well as the pre-printed Operation Christmas Child plastic shoeboxes, if you need any. These colorful, sturdy boxes are a gift in themselves for children to store cherished items.

No matter where you shop, every shoebox you pack is an opportunity to reach a child with the Good News of Jesus Christ and make an eternal impact in their lives. As boys and girls come to know and follow Him, whole families and communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel and new churches are started. Prayerfully consider partnering with Hobby Lobby and bless children in need around the world with Good News and great joy!

Reminder: Make sure to return your filled shoebox to the church, preferably by November 5th. National Collection Week is November 15 - 22, 2021. On Sunday, November 14 the Shoe Boxes will be "Blessed" in church by Pastor Bob.





- **BACN Sundays November 7 & 14**
Donations needed are canned goods, dry goods, house cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items. All items can be put in the gray baskets in the office hallway. Thank you Linda Byers for delivering our donations to Benzie Area Christian Neighbors.
- **BACN Builds** We have raised \$3.1 million dollars for our new facility! This allows us to go out to formal bid and break ground this year. We are deeply grateful to those who have already made financial commitments to this project, and now invite everyone to help us cross the finish line in raising the final \$400,000. The current building will remain open for services during construction.
- Thank you for being the smiling face of BACN at stores and for flexing your muscles carrying and transporting over 4,700 pounds (over 150 banana boxes) of food to fill the storeroom at BACN. Many hands and hearts made light work and is so appreciated.
4 partner stores ~ over 40 volunteers ~ more than 4,700 pounds of food

Michelle Northrup, BACN



Received in congregations on Nov. 14 & 21, 2021

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. Throughout our history, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning to educate students and form leaders to make a difference in the world. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Your gift to the helps support the education of thousands of students at our fifteen colleges and universities as well as our seven seminaries and divinity houses. Visit www.disciplesmissionfund.org for more information.

This year the Festival will be online bidding only. Our location is at the museum and outdoors in the pavilion. You may view in person using the appropriate distancing measures with mask. Or, you may wish to view items online. Visit benziehabitat.org and on Facebook at Benzie Habitat for more information about this event and how to bid!

www.benziehabitat.org/fundraising



FESTIVAL of TREES
at the **BENZIE AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM & OUTDOOR PAVILION**
6941 Traverse Ave. • Benzonia

A Silent Auction of Decorated Trees, Wreaths & Table Decorations

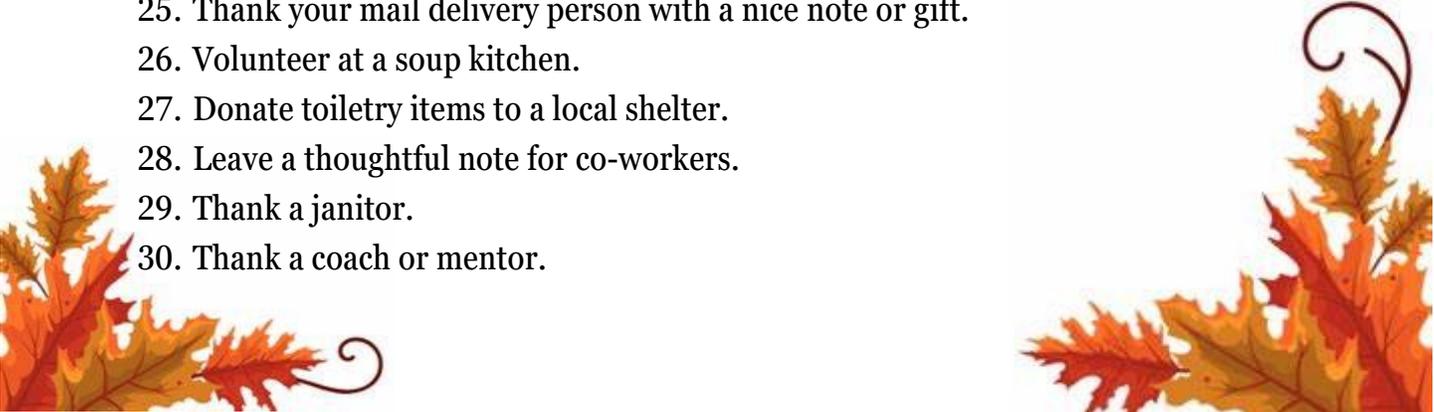
Friday, November 26th
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 27th
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 28th
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



30 days of gratitude

1. Post a thoughtful message to someone on social media about how much friendship means.
 2. Send a thoughtful text to your spouse / significant other.
 3. Send a thoughtful text to a family member that you don't see very often.
 4. Do something special for your child.
 5. Send a thoughtful text to your parents.
 6. Pay for the person behind you in the drive-thru.
 7. Compliment the cashier at the grocery store.
 8. Compliment and thank the drive-thru cashier.
 9. Go for a walk and be intentional about smiling and saying hello to those you pass.
 10. Leave your waitress/waiter a huge tip and a handwritten note of thanks.
 11. Thank a Veteran for their service.
 12. Thank an active-duty person that you know.
 13. Offer to help an elderly or sick friend or neighbor with yard work.
 14. On trash day, bring in your neighbors' trash bins.
 15. Text your pastor to them how much you appreciate them.
 16. Volunteer to do an unpleasant task for someone.
 17. Buy lunch for a co-worker.
 18. Ask a friend to see if they need help with anything.
 19. Compliment a random person today.
 20. Go for a walk and pick up any trash that you see.
 21. Look for an opportunity to be kind to a stranger.
 22. Send a thoughtful and encouraging email to your child's teacher.
 23. Find a police officer and tell them how much you appreciate them.
 24. Deliver a meal or snacks to your local first responders.
 25. Thank your mail delivery person with a nice note or gift.
 26. Volunteer at a soup kitchen.
 27. Donate toiletry items to a local shelter.
 28. Leave a thoughtful note for co-workers.
 29. Thank a janitor.
 30. Thank a coach or mentor.
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November 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
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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



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