

Blaine *Visitor*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY
2022

Spring Mission Project 2022

In recent years, Blaine Church has offered a mission trip to the Florida Keys every other year to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. January 2022 would have been the next time we would have gone. Due to the ongoing concern with COVID, this year's trip was not planned. So instead of going somewhere out of state, we are planning a mission project close to home.

Crystal Conference Center – This spring, we will do a project at Crystal Conference Center which everyone can be involved in. This gives us an opportunity to help our own church camp. The project will include replacing the roof on the Beeches Cabin. We will need to strip the old shingles off the roof, put new drip edge on, tar paper it down and re-shingle it. We will need people who can tear off and lay new shingles but also those that can work on the ground to pick up shingles and throw them in the dumpster, cut starters or do general assistance, as well as others who would be willing to prepare a lunch for everyone. The project will start on Saturday, April 23 and continue Monday, April 25 - Wednesday, April 27. We will meet at camp each day at 8:30 a.m. and work until 5 p.m. The great part about this project being local is that you don't have to be available for the entire time to participate! Although we want some folks who can help every day, if you are only available for one or two or three of the days, you can still sign up.

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Church Events

Mondays 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study
Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays
Women's Bible Study , 9:30
Troop 10, 7 pm

- Feb 6 & 20 - BACN Collection Sundays
- Feb 10 - Elders, 6 pm
- Feb 12 - Date Night, 6 pm
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb 24 - Newsletter Deadline

- March 2 - Board Packet Deadline

- March 9 - Congregational Board Mtg, 7 pm

Spring Mission Project 2022

Sign Up - Please pray about how you might be involved in this mission project. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church on the bulletin board for volunteers to sign up to either help on the roof project or to prepare a meal. If you are not able to help in one of the ways already mentioned, please consider committing time in prayer, before and during the project, or consider donating to help cover some of the cost of the meals for the volunteers. Checks can be made out to Blaine Christian Church with "Mission Project 2022" in the memo line and turned into the church office.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Wayne Faber.

Who is ready for Camp Crystal 2022?



Registrations for Elementary, Middle, High School, Family, and Day Camp are all live NOW! If you have been to camp before, you know the drill - invite your friends, neighbors, anyone who you think would enjoy a truly unforgettable week of summer camp in northern Michigan! Registration is ALL online this year, so if you have any questions, please reach out! The deadline to register to avoid a late fee is April 30th & the deadline to register for any specific camp is 16 days before the first day of camp.

<https://www.crystalconferencecenter.org/camps-and-retreats/>

Star for the Year

On the first Sunday of 2022 and in celebration of Epiphany, folks were able to pick up a star during worship with a word on it that was their word to ponder on and realize how God is calling them to live the word out in their life in 2022. There are still some stars available in the basket outside the entrance to the sanctuary. If you have not picked one up, reach in and take a star (don't sort through—just take one) then take it home and post it in a place where you will see it each day. It will be good to hear how God uses these words in people's lives this year.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The 7 week women's Bible study called "The Gospel of Mark: The Jesus we are Aching for" by Lisa Harper began in January. Over 20 women are in the study and looking at the following: "Throughout his account, Mark unveils a Jesus of unparalleled power and authority but also a Jesus of humility and love. And while this Jesus invites each of us into a greater story through His teachings, He demands we come as active participants. We must acknowledge Him, seek salvation in Him, and follow Him wherever He leads."

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Monday night men's Bible study continues at 6:30 each week. This group is studying the book of Luke. All men are invited to participate. Questions may be addressed to Rob Janusch or Bruce Caylen.

SERVING IN 2022



How are you willing to serve in our church during 2022? Below are some needed areas and also a space for you to list your idea of how you might serve. Please complete and place in offering tray on Sunday or take a moment and email the office with your choices.

- _____ Worship Leader/Reader
- _____ Greeter
- _____ Usher
- _____ Mission Projects
- _____ Fellowship Host
- _____ VBS
- _____ Children's Moment
- _____ Visit Shut-ins
- _____ Music ministry
- _____ Lead a class/study
- _____ Grounds Upkeep
- _____ Kids Kare
- _____ Other _____

Name _____

On Sunday, January 23rd, Pastor David preached and reminded us that as the church, we are “the body of Christ” and are called to use our gifts/talents to serve in our church and community. With this reminder you will see a survey below about ways you can volunteer to be involved in being the church this year at Blaine. (this was also in the bulletin last Sunday and will be again this Sunday). Please look through the options listed (or choose the blank for your own option) and check one or two areas, sign with your name and turn in on Sunday morning or send a quick email to the office and your name will be passed on to the committee in charge of that area of ministry. Filling this out allows the church to function as “the body of Christ” in this place and time and to reach out to our community and world with the love of Jesus. Thank you for the service you will provide.

A young girl was asked,
“Whose preaching brought you to Christ?”
“It wasn't anybody's preaching;
it was Aunt Mary's practicing.”
She replied.



Serving This Month

Praise & Worship Service 8:30 am

Worship Leader: Geri VanAntwerp

Greeter: Mike Antwerp

Usher: Charlotte Putney

Welcome Center: Cathy Bodell

Traditional/Blended Service 11:00 am

Elders: Wayne & Lynda Faber

Worship Reader: Rhonda Nye

Diaconate Servers: Patrick Kenny, Bob Bell,
2 volunteers needed during the month

Diaconate Preparer: Rick Zych

Greeter: Ken Nye

Usher: Bonnie Putney

Welcome Center: Cathy Bodell

Sign up sheets are posted in fellowship hall.

Staff & Committee Chairs

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SERMON SCHEDULE



Feb 6 1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
2nd Reading: Luke 5:1-11
Title: "Called"

Feb 13 1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10
2nd Reading: Luke 6:17-25
Title: "Blessings and Woes"

Feb 20 1st Reading: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
2nd Reading: Luke 6:27-38
Title: "Love Who?"

Feb 27 1st Reading: Exodus 34:29-35
2nd Reading: Luke 9:28-36
Title: "Does It Show"

THANK YOU'S

- Thank you for the phone calls and cards that you sent while I was in Frankenmuth. I am now closer to home at The Maples in Frankfort. Dave Siuda
210 Maple Ave, Frankfort, MI 49635
- Just a grateful note of thanks for the cards and remembrances I received from so many of you. How nice it is to be remembered! My times with you food fold at Blaine are high on my list of blessings. You were always so gracious and responsive. I looked forward to being with you. We continue to be blessed by the ministry of your congregation and Pastor bob, for which and whom we give thanks daily. Thank you again and God Bless!
Rev. Bill Nelson

March Blaine Visitor Deadline

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Please email or drop off information you would like included to the church office.

Do you have a birthday or anniversary this month and were not included?

Please contact the church office so we can update your information. Thank you.

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FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jo Ellen Lathwell
- 3 Dave Puccio
- 4 Elizabeth Putney
- 5 Donna Brown, Jenny Larimer,
Bob Bodell
- 7 Loraine LaGuire, Dayne Gillison
- 9 Kim Shadwick
- 11 Lorraine Nordbeck
- 12 Rick Kemperman
- 17 Lyle Cook
- 18 Rhonda Nye, Hayen Bowman
- 20 Piper Putney
- 22 Mike Zych, Jonnine Rumney
- 23 Bonnie Putney, Michael Waterson,
Rachael Waterson
- 26 Katelyn Nordbeck, Carolyn Waterson
- 27 Ken Herron
- 28 Pat Swartz-Detman
- 29 Charley Trense

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Jared & Kari MacDonald
- 9 Marc & Shea Munsell
- 10 Gentry & Cassidy Mobley

Sunday School

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 am

The Nursery and Beginner classes are looking at the life of Jesus. The Elementary class also is looking at stories of Jesus' early life and His ministry. The Youth is continuing their fall study and look forward to a discipleship class in March with Pastor Bob and Deb Kessler—that will help them look at being a follower of Jesus and possible baptism.

Adults have two options:

- ♦ "You Are Never Alone" by Max Lucado—Max walks us through John's Gospel and explores Christ's miracles and how He's still at work in our lives today! You'll discover you're stronger than you think because with Jesus in our lives, we are never truly alone. Leader is Gary Waterson
- ♦ "Ezekiel" study with Cynthia Briske and Shelli Merrill as leaders.

Plan to have your family participate in a class. It is good to gather and share with each other as we learn together from God's Word.

Fudge for College Kids

This Valentine's Day the church is sending fudge to our college kids as a reminder that we are thinking of them. Please make sure the church has your college kid's address by February 8th so fudge can be mailed to them.

Also, if you would like to make a pan of fudge to help with this project, speak with Carolyn Waterson.



February 20-27, 2022

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Week of Compassion the relief, refuge, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (DOC). Your gifts to WoC bring hope out of despair, find blessings amid devastation, and help transform loss into new life. Your contributions bring tangible relief amid changes the course of lives.'

An historic tornado outbreak caused damage in multiple states, with the greatest impact in Western Kentucky. Several Disciples congregations have been directly affected. Week of Compassion is coordinating with the Region, congregations, and ecumenical partners to provide relief.

First Christian Church of Mayfield suffered severe damage. Many families connected with Disciples churches are among the thousands who sustained damage to their homes. Week of Compassion is in touch with leaders in Mayfield, Bowling Green, and other communities across the affected area. As needs emerge, we are prepared to aid and support the responses of our congregations and partners and will share more info as we receive it.

If you know of Disciples affected by these storms, or Disciples churches responding in their local community, please let us know. In the meantime, many are asking how to offer support. Remember that the best way to help immediately following a disaster is to "Stay, Pray, and Give." Stay Home, Pray fiercely for those affected, and give what you can to Week of Compassion.

Week of Compassion's Vision

A world where God's People transform suffering into hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Prayer and Breakfast** is the Second Wednesday of the month at 8:30 AM They meet at the Elberta Light House Café. All men are invited. Contact Skip Noble 231- 352-7035 for more information.
- **Lunch with Friends** ~ Mary Lou and Skip Noble host this luncheon every month on the 2nd Thursday. This includes devotion, prayer, potluck and "Lunch with Friends" card ministry are enjoyed **The February lunch has been canceled.**
- **Card & Game Night is coming back!** The group meets at 5:45 to play cards, or Dominos for about 1 ½ hour. Bring your own water bottle or drink. If treats are shared remember no sticky ones. Next game is March 18th contact Bob Bell, your host.
- **Cancellations:** Please check bulletins, bulletins boards, website calendar, our Facebook page, or call the host if we have questionable weather or any last- minute cancelations.
- **Lois Ministries** is grandmother's praying for grandchildren, great-grandchildren, church family and pastor. We are temporarily on a winter break. We will meet again, May 2nd.
- **Volunteers found!** Linda and Bob Yeager have volunteered to work in the library. Thank you.
- **Volunteering** - If you would like to work with any of the committees to help with planning or work on a special project such as the SPRING Mission Project, or BACN food drives, or 4th of July parade, please let the functioning committee chair know or the staff person. We welcome your enthusiasm.

DATE NIGHT ♥ February 12, 2022 ♥ 6:00 pm

All couples are invited to attend! The night will begin with a short ice breaker time, a video presentation by Jay and Laura Laffoon to encourage you in your relationship, followed by an Italian dinner and dessert at tables for two.

This has been a wonderful ministry for couples in our church and the hope is that many will choose to participate again this year. Cost is \$20/couple and will include a "date" book by the Laffoons to take home.

There will be childcare for those who need it. Sign up in the fellowship hall by February 8th and indicate your need for childcare.



January 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).

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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



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*And over all
these virtues
put on love,
which binds
them all
together in
perfect unity. . .*

Colossians 3:12-14