



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | MAY 2022

PASTOR'S PEN

From Where I Sit

We are absolutely Blessed! In many ways, but especially with Pastor David and Sue Spalding! David officially joined our Ministry Team on March 15th after unanimous Congregational Board approval. He is currently working on his Master of Divinity Degree at Western Theological Seminary and served an Internship at Blaine last year. David stepped up to cover Sabbatical Leave during 2021, and prior to all this, was a High School Principal in Quincy, Michigan. He and Sue have recently built a house here in Northern Michigan. They volunteer in the community, substitute teach in the local schools, and contribute so much to our Church Family! David also referees for sporting events throughout the State. And all this, while continuing his Seminary work! David and Sue are truly amazing, and both have a true Servant's Heart. Please welcome them with open arms! And please, keep them constantly before the Lord in your prayers!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Bob

Church Events

- May 1 - Christian Ed Meeting, 5 pm
 - May 2 - Lois Ministries begins, 1:30 pm
 - May 5 - National Day of Prayer
 - May 7 - Mother/Daughter Tea 7 pm
 - May 8 - Mother's Day
 - May 12 - Lunch with Friends Noon
 - May 19 - Annual Senior Dinner
 - May 20 - Church RSVD 4pm Wedding Rehearsal
 - May 21 - Church RSVD All Day for Wedding
 - May 22 - Teacher Recognition
 - May 24 - June Blaine Visitor Deadline
 - May 29 - Summer Worship Schedule Begins
- ⇒ **June 5 - One Service , 10 am Pentecost, Graduate & Music Celebration Sunday**

National Day of Prayer

May 5, 2022

Lord, we exalt You. We are filled with awe and wonder as our praise joins the heavenly hosts saying, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.”

You have established Your throne in heaven and the foundations of the earth. You alone are the Creator; the earth is Yours and all it contains is for Your glory. You created and established all of us as Your image bearers. May our lips and lives continually praise You, reflecting and magnifying You in all our words and ways. You are the author of our days, You have established Your plans and purpose for us.

We respond to your glory and authority in obedience to Your Word and will. You have established prayer that we, Your children, can communicate with our Heavenly Father directing, strengthening, and discipling us in Your everlasting love. We join heaven’s activities as we lift up our prayers And pour out our praise, repentance, thanks, intercession and supplication.

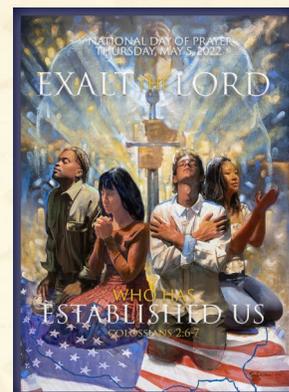
Lord, You have established America through the hearts of our founding fathers and the documents they penned declaring our dependence on Your sovereignty and supremacy. We overflow with gratitude having been firmly rooted and built up in our faith in You.

Let our reputation be of our faith in Christ alone, our love for all people, and fruitful lives bearing the attitude, affections, and actions of Your Spirit, Who dwells and works within us and through us. We pray for America: the Church, Family, Education, Military, Workplace, Government, Arts, Entertainment and Media. United in Your love, we exalt the Lord who has established us.

In Jesus Name we always pray, Amen!

Kathy Branzell - President, National Day of Prayer Task Force

Visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org for more information and resources.



Gentle Reminder

If you think it’s really no big deal whether or not you wear your name tag when you’re at church, here’s a comment from someone who recently became part of our Blaine church family:

“I really want to get to know more people and, when they wear their name tags, it’s so much easier. Wish more people would wear them every week.”

Maybe looking at it from their perspective is a good reminder for all of us to grab that name tag!

If you don’t have one or need a name tag replaced, please contact Cathy Bodell who is on the Membership/Evangelism Team, 231/871-1553, bbandcb@att.net. Thanks!

Financial Update

2022 General Fund Budget: \$253,727.00

Monthly Essential: 21,144.00

	Received	+/- Monthly
January	\$ 21,821.47	+ 677.47
February	15,481.00	- 6,563.00
March	16,299.00	- 4,845.00
April	24,044.00	+ 2,900.00

Total \$ 77645.47 - 7,830.53

Blaine's 2022 Mission Project

The Beeches Roof Crystal Conference Center

We praise God for providing safety and cooperating weather thus far. Thank you to all who prayed for these! It has been a blessing to work side by side, sharing fellowship and laughter, while serving our church camp in this way.

A big thank you to the 30 plus individuals who:

- Helped secure materials
- Coordinated efforts
- Loaned equipment
- Volunteered on the ground and/or on the roof
- Supplied snacks
- Supplied, prepared and/or served lunch

This summer, hopefully, some of you will have the opportunity to see the finished project when you visit or attend camp.

Water Bottles

The church is collecting water bottles for the July 4th Beulah parade. If you would like to donate to this outreach ministry, bring the cases of 16.9 oz bottles to the church and place under the coat rack in the office area entryway. You may also make a monetary donation to the church for water.

Many volunteers are needed to pass the water out on the 4th, so save the date now on your calendar and sign up in June to walk the parade. We meet at 1:00 pm for a 1:30 parade.

We will begin labeling the water bottles in June. More information to follow on this activity.



Serving This Month

Praise & Worship Service 8:30 am

Worship Leader: Sue Spalding
Greeter: Maggie Baker
Usher: *volunteer needed*
Welcome Center: Cathy Bodell

Traditional Service 11:00 am

Elders: Mary Lee Olney, Tom Brown
Worship Reader: Shannon Gillison
Diaconate Servers: Patrick Kenny, Bob Bell,
Greg & Kim Borgeson
Diaconate Preparer: Rick Zych
Greeter: Maggie Baker
Usher: *volunteer needed*
Welcome Center: Cathy Bodell

To volunteer, sign-up in fellowship hall.

June Blaine Visitor

Deadline is May 24, 2022

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

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SERMON SCHEDULE



May 1 1st Reading: Acts 9:1-20
2nd Reading: John 21:1-19
Title: "Follow Me"

May 8 1st Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
Mother's Day 2nd Reading: John 10:22-30
Title: "Who Are You?"

May 15 1st Reading: Acts 11:1-18
2nd Reading: John 13:31-35
Title: "Family Values"

May 22 1st Reading: Acts 16:9-15
2nd Reading: John 14:23-29
Title: "Teaching Moments"

May 29 1st Reading: Acts 16:16-34
2nd Reading: John 17:20-26
Title: "Believe"

Mother's Daughter Dessert Tea

Saturday, May 7
7:00 pm



Wear your favorite hat and heels.
Invite your littlest daughter, your Mom and Grandma.
There will be a short program along with our tea and dessert.

Please reserve your seat by signing the sheet on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Call Bonnie 231.499.6788 for more information.

32nd Annual Senior Dinner May 19, 2022

4:00 pm **Guests Arrive***
4:30 pm **Dinner Served**
5:45 pm **Entertainment by Bestie Bay Minstrels**

Blaine Seniors will greet, host, serve and assist our guests.
Please sign the reservation sheet posted in fellowship hall by May 16th. Be inviting Seniors at Blaine - share rides!

*Guests from the Maples, Paul Oliver Long Term Care and The Orchard House will join us for dinner!

Questions? Please call Bonnie Putney, 231-499-6788.

**MOTHER'S
DAY**
Sunday, May 8th

Please bring your daughters and grandmas to worship on Mother's Day. Enjoy the service and join us for a special coffee fellowship with treats prepared by the Men's Bible Study Group.

As we work to help those in the community, in our country and the world, pray for those less fortunate, those who are homeless, those who are hungry and those people who unselfishly give of themselves to serve others. You are amazing.



It's Time To Register for Summer Camp 2022!

All registrations are online with payment by credit card.
<https://www.crystalconferencecenter.org/>

Elementary Camp June 20-24 – Register by Noon June 3
Day Camp July 6-9 – Register by Noon June 18
Middle School Camp July 10-16 – Register by Noon June 24
High School Camp July 10-16 – Register by Noon June 24
Family of God Camp July 17-23 – Register by Noon July 1
Disciples Women's Retreat August 20-22 – Register by August 5
Disciples Men's Retreat September 16-18 – Register by September 2

OTHER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Scholarships
Available

Volunteer Counseling
Opportunities

Work Weekends:
Memorial Day Weekend &
end of September.



Vacation Bible School August 8-11 6:00-8:10 pm

Mark your calendars now and make this an important part of the summer planning for your family. The theme this year is "MONUMENTAL - Celebrating God's Greatness". The week will include music, games, Bible stories, hands on activities and a snack for ages 3 years-6th grade completed.

There will be a need for many volunteers as we do ministry for our children and the children of the community. Watch for a sign up to help that will be coming. Grandparents, invite your grandchildren for a week of fun with you and then include VBS in the evenings for them. More information coming!

Picnic Date Night June 17, 2022 6:00 pm

Last June we did a "picnic date night" and couples said "do it again"! Couples are invited to come and gather in the sanctuary for a relationship encouragement presentation by Jay and Laura Laffoon (via video) and then they will be given a boxed picnic supper for two and sent off to find a spot to enjoy this meal together.

Cost of the evening will be announced later. If you need help with childcare for this evening, please let the church know and it will be provided. It is our hope that many couples will take this opportunity to spend an evening together and focus on their marriage. Mark your calendars now and watch for more details and sign up deadline.



May

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Michelle Herron
- 3 Mary Lathwell
- 6 Winnie Cook
- 7 A.J. Elliott
- 9 Traci Kelly, Amara Larimer
- 10 Brian Putney, Avery Kelly
- 12 Lynette Williams
- 14 Norma Bogard
- 15 Sandy Magnan
- 18 Tom Masell, Bob Bogard
- 19 Logan Foster
- 20 Bruce Caylen
- 22 Kim Lathwell
- 23 Ashley Nye
- 25 Julie Elliott, Lenny Merrill, Clara Merrill, Doug Kirk
- 27 Matt Gillison, Larry Lathwell
- 29 Michelle Smeltzer
- 30 Dave Siuda
- 31 Linda Byers

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Tal & Theresa Fuller
- 6 Lyle & Winnie Cook
- 21 Lennie & Shelli Merrill
Mike & Meagan Zych
Carl & Mary Barnum
- 24 Doug & Jacque Erdman
- 28 Rick & Janet Maat

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.
(231) 352-9148 or blainechurch@gmail.com

Sunday School

Our last Sunday of Sunday School for the spring will be Sunday, May 22nd. Sunday school will again in September. We want to thank and celebrate our Sunday School teachers and study leaders for the past year. They will be recognized in worship on the 22nd. These dedicated folks have sent much time preparing lessons, leading lessons, praying for their classes, and modeling Jesus. We give God thanks for each of them: Jenny Caylen and Julie Zych (Nursery class), Shannon Gillison (Beginners), Kim Shadwick (Elementary class), Donna Brown (Youth) Gary Waterson (Adult), Cynthia Briske and Shelli Merrill (Adult), Dodie Putney, Sarah Esper, Jeff and Brenda Jordan (AV help), Pastor Bob (Youth discipleship class), mid-week studies: Rob Janusch and Bruce Caylen (Men's group), Sue Spalding and Carolyn Waterson (Women's group).

Many lives have been touched by your dedication, love and willingness to serve in our church this past year. Thank you!

For the summer months we will continue to have activities for the children to do in worship on the theme of the children's moment and offer a Kids' Kare program with lessons for our little ones through grade 2 completed.

Special Music

Beginning in June there will be an opportunity for those with a music bend to share their talent for special music in place of the anthem in the 10am worship 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 and share their gift in this way.

Needed...



If you have a 2022 high school graduate, we would like their name and plans for next year to include in our June newsletter. Please email this information to Carolyn Waterson at [watersoncg@gmail.com](mailto:watsoncg@gmail.com). We will be recognizing these young people on Sunday, June 5th as we gather for One Combined Worship service at 10:00am



Our summer worship schedule begins on Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 29 and continues through Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 4.

WORSHIP SERVICES

at

8:30 & 10:00 AM

Coffee Fellowship follows each service.

Men's Monday Bible Study

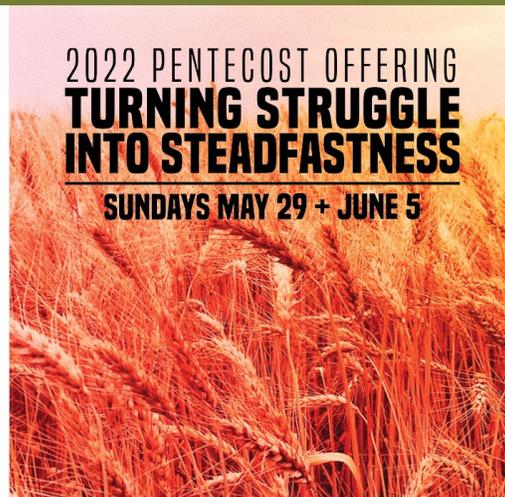
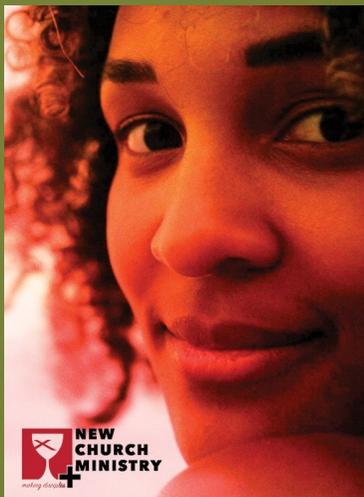
Men of all ages are invited to join this study on Monday evenings, 6:30 pm at the church. The group is currently studying the Book of Luke. Bring your Bible and join the group. Please contact Rob Janusch or Bruce Caylen with any questions. The study group meets in the newly renovated area of the basement on the east side of the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK YOU'S

- ◆ Thank you to all who worked and gave to make our Lent/Easter season at Blaine special. There were banner makers, bread and soup makers, worship and music helpers, egg hunt helpers, flower givers and those that prayed and attended worship. Because of all these folks we remembered the last week of Jesus' earthly life, His sacrifice, and celebrated the resurrections with great joy on Easter morning. Alleluia Jesus is Risen!! Remember to continue to share the good news of this each day.
- ◆ **Coffee Fellowship** - Our signup sheet is on the fellowship table. If you would like to furnish but would like some help in the kitchen; bring some cookies, donuts, fruits, or veggies....Please sign up and bring your treats, we'll find someone to co-host with you. Questions? contact Dodie Putney, chair 882-4067 or Bonnie Putney, staff 231-499-6788. Remember CF provides all coffee and tea supplies plus cups, napkins, and small dessert plates. Thanks for the wonderful coffee hours we've had.
- ◆ **BACN collection** of canned goods, dry foods, personal hygiene and household cleaning supplies is on the 1st and 3rd Sundays – May 1st and May 15th.
- ◆ Lois Ministries are grandmother's praying for our grandchildren, great grandchildren, church family and pastors. We will meet, May 2, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 1:30 PM in the small sanctuary. Questions? Call Bonnie Putney 231-499-6788
- ◆ Lunch with Friends will meet Thursday May 12, 2022. Skip and Mary Lou will host us at their home-1044 Watervale Rd, Arcadia. Our table service and place setting are provided. Please bring a dish to pass. After lunch we will have our LWF card ministry. Please call Mary Lou if you have any questions. 231-352-7035.
- ◆ Northwest Michigan HEALTH SERVICES Inc. New Location Opening in June! 148 W Parkdale, Manistee. NMHSI MANISTEE HEALTH CENTER 231.398.2258 See the information letter and notecard on mission board in the educational hallway
- Blaine Church will not be collecting Family Fare receipts anymore. Thanks to everyone that donated the receipts.

PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering helps support new church leaders and their faith communities through general and regional ministries. Please give generously. <https://disciplemissionfund.org>



May 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 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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