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*We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith,  
and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



One of the biggest complaints we have heard in recent years about Hollywood is that they have no new stories to tell. We are being fed a steady diet of sequels, sequels to sequels, spin-offs, prequels, remakes, reboots, retellings, and all sorts of other recycled entertainment. Instead of being given good stories and good art, we are given formulaic drivel designed to maximize profits. It isn't as though good stories wouldn't make a profit, but that profit is all that matters. And, that the studios are afraid to take risks on good stories in case they don't make a profit.

There is another reason we aren't being given good stories and it has to do with worldview. There are several things that are key to a good story. Among them is that there must be someone we are rooting for, some sort of conflict, and some kind of satisfying resolution. Quite often that resolution involves self-sacrifice or redemption. These concepts make perfect sense within the Christian worldview, but in a secular, post-Christian worldview, they feel out of place.

Our current cultural worldview doesn't believe in redemption or restoration of any kind. Cancel culture rules the day. If you have ever sinned, you must be punished and sacrificed to the rage mob, and you can never be restored or forgiven. What constitutes a sin is ever-changing, and often those sins are ones committed long before they were considered a sin. Self-sacrifice has been replaced with self-righteousness and selfishness. Instead of giving up anything of myself for the good of others around me, I expect everyone else to give up everything to be exactly who I want them to be. I can even demand that they deny reality and call me by a gender that doesn't exist.

In a culture like this, what kind of stories are we likely to get? There are no pleasing story arcs where a totally self-absorbed person bends everyone to their will and in the end gets everything they want. That kind of person is traditionally the villain, and they are who we wish to see lose. Is it any wonder, then, why there aren't any new, compelling stories being told? The current worldview doesn't allow for it. There might be stories, but they aren't compelling and people aren't enjoying them. Consider that as Netflix has increased its woke programming it has seen its number of subscribers rapidly decrease to the point where they are posting multi-billion dollar losses.

Within the Christian worldview, we have the concepts of sin, repentance, redemption, and restoration. We have reconciliation, where broken relationships are repaired. We have self-sacrifice, shown in all its glory by Christ on the cross. So when stories are told from within a Christian framework, they make sense, they are compelling, and there is always hope there. Even when a movie doesn't end the way we had hoped, within the Christian worldview, the story would work because we could hope for a good outcome. No one is ever outside of the realm of restoration.

When we look at the most popular movies of the last twenty years or so, they have all been superhero, fantasy, or science fiction movies. Think Marvel Cinematic Universe, Lord of the Rings, and



# July 2022

## at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Worship Service 10:00am CH: Brenda & Ginny	27	28	29 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	30 Morning Prayer 8:00am	1	2
3 Worship Service 10:00am  Coffee Hour The Dielmans	 HAPPY 4th of JULY	5	6 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's  Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office	7 Morning Prayer 8:00am	8	9
10 Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Williams	11	12 July Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	13 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's  Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office	14 Morning Prayer 8:00am	15	16
17 Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Greenwells	18	19	20 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's  Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office	21 Morning Prayer 8:00am	22	23
24 Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bays	25	26	27 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's  Men's Bible Study 10:30am Fr. Mike's Office	28 Morning Prayer 8:00am  Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm @ TBA	29	30
31 Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am CH The Stumps	1	<b>Joyous News August Issue Deadline</b>	3 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	4 Morning Prayer 8:00am	5	6



## WALLY'S GALLERY –

In September 1620 the Mayflower set sail for America loaded with those seeking freedom from England's religious oppression. The original charter of the Pilgrims gave them the right to settle in northern Virginia. Storms, however, forced the ship further north eventually anchoring at the tip of Cape Cod. While there, they drafted and signed a new governing document as they were no longer under their original charter. This document



called the Mayflower Compact, not only established “just an equal Laws... “but also stated their reason for coming; “for the Glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith...”

The Pilgrims believed that their liberties came from God; that political power came from the people; and that rulers and governments derived their power only from God. (One Nation Under God) As a result of these fundamental truths the Mayflower Compact would later be called; “the foundation stone of American liberty”. (America's Christian History: The Untold Story)

More than one hundred years later this new nation would declare its independence from England. In the Declaration of Independence the ideals of freedom's true source would again be stated; that our foundational rights are endowed by our Creator and not by governments. At the signing “John Hancock said: Let us humbly commit our righteous cause to the great Lord of the Universe...Let us joyfully leave our concerns in the hands of Him who raises up and puts down the empires and kingdoms of the earth as He pleases.” (Wall of Misconception)

A little more than a decade later the US Constitution came into being and is the world's longest surviving written charter of government. It has been argued that contrary to the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution does not reflect the same Christian influence. In fact, at the time of its ratification “a number of Christian organization refused to support the newly formed political document because a specific reference to God was purposely omitted.”

In answer, “James Madison wrote in the National Gazette, January 19, 1792, “Every word of {the Constitution} decides a question between power and liberty...Because of mankind's inherent political depravity the three great functions of government - executive, legislative, and judicial - were punctiliously distinguished.” (Wall of Misconception) This truth about mankind comes directly from numerous verses in the Bible. Two such references are: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9) and “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.” (Psalm 51:5) In regard to the specific objection that God is not mentioned, the Constitution ends with these words: “In the year of our LORD, 1787.” Notice that Lord is in all capital letters!

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Star Wars. By most popular, I mean most watched and made the most money. Just within the MCU, every movie that starred Robert Downey Jr. (who played Iron Man) made at least one billion dollars. The other thing about the MCU is that the stories were all formulaic rehashes of each other. They literally are plug and play x is the hero, y is the villain, and z is the same ending as all the other MCU movies.

This is because the stories are being written by people who don't hold the Christian worldview (for the most part), but who are taking the formula that works from within that worldview to make movies. They can't tell their own stories because their worldview doesn't make sense, and they can't ultimately make new stories because they don't understand the Christian worldview that they are borrowing from. So they tell the same story over and over. These same filmmakers then try to shoehorn wokism into they stories they tell with varying degrees of success. What we have seen is that the movies that have the least woke messaging among these ultra-successful movies have done the best; while the ones that have the highest amount, such as Captain Marvel, do the worst.

I find this to be a fascinating topic, and it is one that we will be discussing more during our summer book study Sunday mornings, beginning July 10th. If you are interested in being a part of the discussion, let me or Tracey know so that we can get you a copy of the book Hollywood Heroes by Frank and Zach Turek. I hope I have piqued your interest and look forward to seeing you there.

~ Fr. Mike

## Drift down the Jordan River

1 ½ hour trip

Rafting or Tubing

Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> after church

Rafting or tubing on the Jordan River is an unforgettable experience for all ages. Nestled in the Jordan Valley, this wilderness river offers fantastic scenery, lots of wildlife and pristine, crystal clear water.

Sign-up in Blanz Hall  
Rafting \$20.50



## Our Annual Tour DeNewLife

Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
right after church

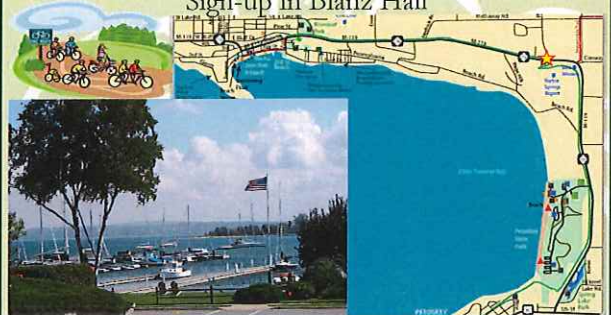
From New Life (Petoskey)  
to downtown Harbor Springs  
and back (10 miles each way)  
or meet the group at the ★Pleasantview/M119 trail head  
at 12:35pm for a shorter (8 miles total) ride.

Break in Harbor Springs:

Picnic in the park next to the Marina.

Bring a packed lunch or cash to purchase lunch  
at Gurney's <http://gurneysbottleshop.com>  
For more information contact: Wes Ostrander

Sign-up in Blanz Hall





In 1831 a French social philosopher named Alexis de Tocqueville came to America to observe the new nation and her institutions. This is interesting because in 1789 the French had their own revolution. Contrary to ours, the French throughout Christianity, closing all churches and converting them to poor houses. Notre Dame cathedral was renamed the "Temple of Reason." "The French Revolution replaced the God of Revelation with the Goddess of Reason with disastrous results...that blood ran in the streets." (America's Christian History)

How did Tocqueville see America? He published "Democracy in America" in 1835 and 1840. It has been described as the most comprehensive analysis of America ever written. Taking only several lines he wrote, "The sects that exist in the United States are innumerable. They all differ in respect to worship which is due to the Creator, but they all agree in respect to the duties which are due from man to man. Each sect adores the Deity in its own peculiar manner, but all sects preach the same moral law in the name of God...Moreover, all sects of the United States are comprised within the great unity of Christianity, and Christian morality is everywhere the same." (America's Christian History)

About one hundred years later, in 1982, one of this country's more liberal publications, Newsweek Magazine did a cover story discussing the Bible's impact on America..."For centuries {the Bible} has exerted an unrivaled influence on American culture, politics and social life. Now historians are discovering that the Bible, perhaps more than the Constitution, is our founding document: the source of the powerful myth of the United States as a special sacred nation, a people called by God to establish a model society; a beacon to the world." (One Nation Under God)

Some 40 years after the Newsweek cover story, it seems we have forgotten the Source of the blessings of our foundation. Today Christian truths are at times considered hate speech and derided in academia and the main stream media. Individuals can lose their employment for voicing biblical truths but that are contrary to the prevailing culture. The French replaced the God of the Bible with the Goddess of Reason and paid dearly for their arrogance. Thomas Jefferson expressed his fear should we do the same with words that are engraved on the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D. C.: "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that theses liberties are of the Gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever." (America's God and Country)

I hope that as we watch the fireworks this 4th of July celebrating our independence and the liberties we are blessed to enjoy, we will at the same time remember the Source of our blessings.

~ Wally's Gallery

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** – meeting at noon on the first Thursday of the month. Location to be announced. Bring your own lunch. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship!!

## **MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** – meets each Wednesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at J.W. Filmore's.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesdays at 10:30am at the Davis Home

**MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** – meeting is Thursday, July 28th at location to be announced. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30p.m., dinner 6:30 – 7:30p.m. and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Bring your beverage of choice. I hope you will join us.



# July 2022 Service Calendar

If you are unable to fulfill your service duties on the dates listed, please try to rearrange and find your own replacement.

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31	August 7
ALTAR GUILD	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Karen Dielman
SOUND/ MUSIC	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Dan W./ Randy F./ Taylor DuBois	Don L./ Dan W./ The Bowmans	Randy F./ Don L./ The Flynns	Dan W./ Randy F./ The Bowmans	Don L./ Dan W./ Taylor DuBois	Don L./ Dan W./ Sally Stump
LECTOR	Erika Dielman	Dan Wandrie	Dylan Williams	Mary Jane Zako	Karen Dielman	Gretchen Lucky
LAY MINISTER	Mary Jane Zako	Howard Bates	Erika Dielman	Karen Dielman	Mickey Bridge	Wally Stansbury
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie	Darlene Wandrie
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The Dielmans	The Williams	The Greenwells	The Bates	The Stumps	The Wandries



Thursday  
Morning Prayer  
8:00am in  
Fr. Mike's Office



## ALTAR GUILD

July ..... Liz Ostrander  
Aug ..... Karen Dielman  
Sept ..... Karen Dielman



## Birthdays

Joshua Bridge 7/2  
Ferd Dielman 7/9  
Gil Stump 7/20  
Xavier Cavagnaro 7/25

## July



George & Carol  
Bowman  
July 3rd

KC & Louise  
McAlpin  
July 16th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Wally & Betty  
Stansbury  
July 8th



Bill & Linda  
Knapp  
July 9th

Gil & Sally  
Stump  
July 20th

May the Lord richly bless you on your special day and all year!  
Please let us know if we have missed your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary  
so that we may celebrate with you and remember you in prayer.



# Congregation — We Need You!

To volunteer to serve, please contact the Team Leaders listed below.

- Altar Guild: Karen Dielman ..... 231/347-3532
- Altar Flowers: Karen Dielman ..... 231/347-3532
- Music/Sound: Ferd Dielman ..... 231/347-3532
- Ushers:
- Greeters: Carol Bowman ..... 231/459-4566
- Lectors: Tracey Jepsen ..... 231/347-3448
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Bridge ..... 231/330-0689
- Acolytes: Mike Bridge ..... 231/330-0689
- Children's Sunday School: Darlene Wandrie .. 231/347-5871
- Youth Sunday School: Don Lucky ..... 231/622-2058  
(middle & high school)
- Adult Sunday School: Mike Bridge ..... 231/330-0689
- Nursery: Bonnie Bridge ..... 231/445-1810
- Fellowship/Hospitality: Liz Ostrander ..... 231/348-2802
- Prayer Chain: Ron Davis ..... 517/617-5015
- Women's Ministry: Study Leader
- Men's Ministry: Mike Bridge ..... 231/330-0689
- Inreach: Gretchen Lucky ... 231/622-2057
- Outreach: Lacy Bates ..... 231/373-7997
- Evangelism:
- Missions:
- Building and Grounds: Don Greenwell ..... 231/347-1808
- Art and Architecture: Susan Davis ..... 231/881-3106
- Church Historian: Liz Ostrander ..... 231/348-2802
- Communications: Bonnie Bridge ..... 231/445-1810  
(newspaper articles, etc.)
- Student Visitor's Liaison:
- Treasurer: Wes Ostrander ..... 231/330-4930
- Assistant Treasurer: Susan Davis ..... 231/881-3106
- Assistant Treasurer: Sally Stump ..... 231/881-2818
- Stewardship: Dan Wandrie ..... 231/347-5871

## New Life Anglican Church

### 2022 Vestry

- Sr. Warden ... Howard Bates
- Jr. Warden ... Dan Wandrie
- Treasurer ..... Wes Ostrander
- ..... Susan Davis
- ..... Erika Dielman
- ..... Toni DuBois
- ..... Don Lucky

### Our Joyous News Needs You!

Please consider submitting an article or item of interest for the next issue of the Joyous News.

Submission deadline  
is August 2nd.



### SAVE YOUR

### OLESON'S RECEIPTS

We appreciate grocery receipts from Oleson's Food Stores. You may leave your receipts in the coffee hour donation basket, in the Outreach shopping cart or on Tracey's desk.

## PRAYER CHAIN



To activate the chain call:  
Ron Davis at 517.617.5015 or  
e-mail at rsdavismgr@gmail.com

### To Help Keep You Informed

You may contact Tracey Jepsen our Administrative Assistant at 231.347.3448 for copies of Vestry Approved: Financial Statements and Vestry Meeting Minutes.

### Treasurer's Report ~ June 30, 2022

	June			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	17,619.15	12,667.00	4,952.15	78,159.03	76,002.00	2,157.03
Other	174.84	1,188.00	(1,013.16)	13,958.16	7,924.00	6,034.16
Income	17,793.99	13,855.00	3,938.99	92,117.19	83,926.00	8,191.19
General Exp	(14,844.34)	(14,423.00)	(421.34)	(99,749.91)	(87,025.00)	(12,724.91)
Difference	2,949.65	(568.00)	3,517.65	(7,632.72)	(3,099.00)	(4,533.72)
Assets				\$631,208.39		
		Jan. 1, 2022	Donations	Expenses	Difference	Apr. 30, 2022
211 Fund		\$177,247.64	-	\$38,987.25	(\$38,987.25)	\$130,814.89
211 Fund In/Out Reach		\$30,500	-	\$7,638.35	(\$7,638.35)	\$22,861.65



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*We were therefore  
buried with Him  
through baptism into  
death in order that,  
just as Christ was  
raised from the dead  
through the glory of  
the Father, we too  
may live a new life.*

*Romans 6:4*



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## JOYOUS NEWS

July 2022

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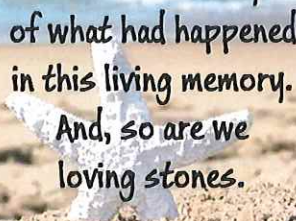
### "Living Stones"

In ancient times  
stones were erected  
in place  
as a reminder  
of an occasion itself  
and what it represented.



Stones held memory,  
they commemorated,  
and told a story  
of what had happened  
in this living memory.

And, so are we  
loving stones.



a memory,  
and a story  
put in place  
by God.

BES



P.S. I learned about "Living Stones" in Wally's trip through the Holy Land where every Sunday morning class is a learning experience. BES