

THE LORD'S DAY, AUGUST 23, 2020
This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice in it!

WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE
"PROOF THAT YOU'RE WISE"

THIS MORNING'S TEXT
James 3:13-18 (Pew Bible: Page 1883)

*See any usher if you need a song sheet or hearing device.
Both are available on request.*

**No evening worship services during the summer months.
Evening Services will resume on Sunday, September 20**

MEMBER MINISTRY
HALL MONITORS
TODAY: Brian DeMann and Kyle Katje;
NEXT WEEK: Todd Helder and J.D. Mohr

Senior High Youth Group is looking for **someone to be in charge of games** each week. This is a great chance to get know our Youth! We meet four Sundays a month at 6:00 p.m. If you feel God is calling you in this direction, please contact Kelly Jager at 269-303-2171.

Quilters: We will be starting up again on Saturday, September 5, at 9:00 a.m., in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us no matter your skill level and remember to bring your completed quilt square.

Homemade Cookie Dough for sale! East Martin Christian School is selling Peanut Butter and Snicker (similar to Snickerdoodle) cookie dough for \$10/32 oz. tub. ***We have some here at MRC and will have it at the welcome center following the morning service.*** See Joan Doezema for all the details.

MRC "Good Reads" Book Club will begin meeting again on Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 p.m., in the Friendship Area. Our book is "*What We Were Promised*" by Lucy Tan. Also please remember to bring a book suggestion or two for the remaining four meetings of this season, and please invite a friend to join! It would be wonderful to grow our group a bit. If you'd like to bring treats or have any questions, contact Renee Lyon or Shelley Heijerman.

ATTN: Praise Team - It's time to write the **September/October** schedules. Please let me know of any conflicts. If you would like to join praise team either as a singer or with an instrument, please call me (217-269-9246) or email cdevries@hardings.com. Thank you!

Thank you to Sara DeHaan for her willingness to be our **new Nursery Coordinator**. She is looking for volunteers to add to the schedule starting September 20. Please contact her at 269-680-1737, find her at church or email her at mrcwomensministry.com.

Parents/Kids: Big D.O.G's (4-year olds – 5th grade) begins on Wednesday, September 9, 6:00-7:30 p.m., in the Friendship Area. Can't wait to see all of you!

Nora Mingerink continues to have health needs that take Jake and Molly to Ann Arbor with some frequency, and therefore the deacons have set up a **fund to help the Mingerink family** with some of their travel, lodging, eating, and miscellaneous expenses. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please earmark your offering accordingly.

The Consistory met and decided to move ahead with the Fall Program. This includes Sunday School, Youth Groups, and everything else such as Bible Studies, Book Club, Quilting and Knitting, Volleyball, Basketball, etc. We realize that there are risks, but we truly believe that the church needs to move forward on these things. We want everyone to use common sense and take precautions and this means that we encourage masks (ultimately a family decision), hand sanitizing, distancing as much as possible, and instead of sitting around a table in the classrooms, having the chairs be pushed back to the walls and students spread out. We suspect that attendance may initially be light, and while this is not a good thing overall, it may help us to socially distance better during this time of transition.

Senior Chair Exercise meets twice per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. This is open to men and women. Please come and join us! Please note: We are taking the first week in September off.

A **money apron** will be given to Pam Heijerman who will marry Ben Moored on September 18. To be included, please leave your gift in the Church Office by next Sunday, August 30.

Installation of new carpeting continues. Thank you for your patience as we work to complete this project.

Thank you to my church family for your prayers, cards and food during Sharon's illness and passing. Thank you also to Pastor Mark for his visits. All of your love and concern is very much appreciated.
~Ron DeMann

Martin Resource is in need of the following items for August: Ketchup, mustard, mayo/salad dressing, dressing (French, etc.) pickles, olives and BBQ Sauce. If you would like to donate any of these items, please leave them in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

The Faith Mission Offering for the third quarter will benefit **New Creations Prison Ministries** which is dedicated to the spiritual needs of inmates in Michigan prisons.

If you would like to help Christian Neighbors by donating food, there is a drop off food donation box behind their building on the West side (282 – 12th Street, Plainwell). You may call them at 269-685-4166, ext. 101 with any questions. If you know of someone in need of help with utilities, rent or prescriptions they can call Kim at 269-685-4166, ext. 102.

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**Life of the Congregation
August 23, 2020**

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

10:35 AM Coffee/conversation in the Narthex Area.

TUESDAY

9:00 AM Senior Chair Exercise in the Gym.

WEDNESDAY

4:00 PM MRC Prays in the Consistory Room.

7:15 PM Fifth Sunday Worship Team: Musicians.

7:30 PM Fifth Sunday Worship Team: Vocalists.

THURSDAY

9:00 AM Senior Chair Exercise in the Gym.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- *** **Margie Hines** continues to battle buildup of fluids, but is stable. Pray for strength and peace.
- *** **Nora Mingerink** has resumed chemo treatments. Please pray for healing for Nora but also for strength for Jake and Molly.
- *** Continue to pray for **Judy Nieuwenhuis** in her battle against cancer. Pray that God uses her treatments and His mighty power to heal.
- *** Continue to pray for **Emily Veld** and ongoing vision issues.
- *** Pray for **Ron Westendorp** as he struggles with both heart and lung issues.
- *** **Ruth Wiley** is recovering at home from an infection that put her into septic shock. Pray for renewed strength and complete healing.
- *** Pray for rain.
- *** Pray for **MRC moms** expecting babies.
- *** Pray for the men and women who give of themselves everyday as they serve in our armed forces, as law enforcement officers, EMT personnel, firefighters, and healthcare workers.
- *** Pray for those with ongoing health concerns: **Blaine Anderson** (Jim and Barb Keyzer's nephew); **Shannon Bergsma** (Frank & Margaret Schram and Jan & Ron Westendorp's niece); **Shirley** (sister-in-law to Seymour and Pat DeHaan); **Tom Damber** (Michelle DeMann's father); **Dennis Helmholt** (Jerry and Sally Pols's brother-in-law); **Rikkie Leann-DePuy** (granddaughter of Richard DePuty); **Lisa Hazard** (Earl and Jan Helder's daughter); and **Kimmi McCliman** (Mike and Chris Grosser's cousin).

REASONS FOR PRAISE

- *** **Praise God** for our church family and the encouragement that we receive from one another.

Sunday Evening - August 23, 2020

No PM Service during the summer months.