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Autumn brings to the soul relief,
as hot Summer days, slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts
to restore, repair and mend.

Unlike the Autumn trees,
that shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts
to adhere, embrace and cleave.

Just as with the Autumn winds,
there comes a new refreshing rain
God sent the season for fraying hearts
to increase, grow and gain.

The Autumn sun is slow to climb,
and dips much earlier into the night
God sent the season for sleepy hearts
to rise, shine and awake in His light.

God gave to us the Autumn season,
so we could have a respite and rest
for it is the season for our beset souls
to see how much we are blessed!

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### ***Psalm 16:9***

*King James Version*

*"Therefore my heart is glad,  
and my glory rejoiceth:  
my flesh also shall rest  
in hope."*

Deborah Ann Belka

## *Combined Services*

We will be having combined services on September 4 & 11. Services will begin at 10:00 a.m.

## *Men's Golf League*

The Men's Golf League ends on September 1.

## *Fall Kick Off*

Join us after the combined service on Sunday, September 11, for our annual Fall Kick Off. Once again we will have bounce houses for the kids and a cornhole tournament for the big kids. And you won't want to miss out on taking a family picture at our photo booth. Food will be provided by the church.

## *Choir of Praise*

Practice begins soon! All former members and any new members (high school age and older) are welcome. The first practice will be Tuesday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m. We will be singing for the combined 10:00 a.m. fall kickoff service on September 11.

## *Youth Groups*

Youth groups begin on Sunday, September 11. Crossroads (Middle School) is from 5:00-6:30 p.m. One Way (High School) is from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

## *The Garden*

We will be off until October.

## *S.A.L.T.*

We are going to a piano concert at Maranatha Conference Center on Saturday, September 3. We will leave at 4:00 p.m. from church and will eat at Bob Evans on the way. On Monday, September 12, we will be having a pizza party in the Activity Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. We begin our Bible study on Monday, September 19. We meet in the Activity Center at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to join the Bible study.

## *Men's Retreat*

The men's retreat will be at Camp Michawana from September 15-18.

## *Women's Retreat*

The women's retreat is at Grace Adventures from September 23-25.

## *Adult Mission Trip*

An adult mission trip to Guatemala with Paradise Bound Ministries is being planned for March 5-12, 2023. Contact the office (837-8949) or Heather Mekkes if you are interested.

## *Party of Parties*

The Girls of Grace from Grace Lutheran Church in Coopersville is planning the Party of Parties fundraiser for Saturday, October 22, 2022. Are you a home-based business representative or you have a friend or relative who is one (example: Pampered Chef, Avon, Norwex, etc.) OR do you make craft items to sell? If you might like to set up a table at our event contact Joni Hoyer at 837-1442 or [jonilou@fflinchrist.org](mailto:jonilou@fflinchrist.org) as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

## *Women's Work Bee*

The women's work bee starts up again on Friday, September 9. We get together from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We meet the second Friday of the month in the Activity Center. Come and go as your schedule permits to sew, knit, and crochet for missions.

## *Alzheimer's Programs*

The Coopersville Area District Library (333 Ottawa St.) and the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter are hosting a free three-part educational series on Alzheimer's and dementia. Check the flyer in the church lobby for class topics and dates and how to register.

## *Job Opening*

Young Life has positions available in Coopersville Middle & High School. For more information check out: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/15BXX\\_uC1IUdFONo19gT-XxmabCL6CKnr/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15BXX_uC1IUdFONo19gT-XxmabCL6CKnr/view). Contact Karen Dyk at 616-915-8758 with any questions.

## *Coopersville Blood Drives*

Coopersville Blood Drives are at Coopersville United Methodist Church, 105 68th Ave. N, Coopersville, MI!

- 4th Tuesdays every month - 1:30-7:00 p.m..

- 2nd Friday of even months - 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m..

**Next drives:** September 27, October 14, October 25, November 22, December 9, and December 27. We need YOU! and bring a buddy to donate with you.

## *Meal Ministry*

If you would be willing to provide a meal to someone in need, we are putting together a list of names. Contact the church office at 616-837-8949.

**Sunburst** by Susan May Warren is the second book in the Sky King Ranch series. Fans of the first book called Sunrise will certainly want to read Sunburst which is set in Nigeria, a land of intrigue, adventure, and danger. The Kingston's are the main characters, specifically three brothers and the story revolves around their faith, family, and fierceness. This author will keep you on the edge of your seat with the nonstop action-packed suspense she has written on every page!

**Edge of Dust** by Colleen Coble launches us into a brand-new series from Colleen and it set in the U.P. of Michigan, once again in Rock Harbor. The main character is Annie Pederson but you will run into some old friends from other Rock Harbor novels in this new exciting series. A review wrote "Colleen Coble has delivered another masterfully written story. The suspense keeps the reader guessing, flipping pages to get just one more answer. The characters keep you imbedded in the story, with a great mix of romance and realistic problems to deal with. Mix it together and you have a book that is impossible to put down until you reach the end. And what a way to end!"

**Crossfire** by Lynette Eason is the second book in the Extreme Measures book. FBI special agent Julianna Jameson is a top-notch negotiator who has never lost a hostage. Surely, she can manage to take care of her much younger sister, Dottie, who showed up unannounced to live with Julianna while she finished her senior year of high school. A former sniper with the 75th Ranger Regiment, Clay Fox left the army after a tragic incident that he can't get past. Now he's working as a high school resource officer until he can figure out what to do with the rest of his life. Their paths cross when Julianna is called in to negotiate a courtroom hostage situation involving Clay's sister. Impressed and a bit intimidated by the calm, capable woman with the dark hair and blue eyes, Clay invites her to speak at his school. Dottie's school. But as the anniversary of a school shooting from Julianna's past approaches, it becomes clear that her perfect record is about to be tested and that Dottie is at risk. If Julianna and Clay can't figure out who's behind the attacks, more innocent people will die--and Dottie is next in line.

# Birthday Celebrations

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- 1 Henry Cheadle, Kristyn Hart, Charlotte Kunnen**
  - 2 Homer Hill**
  - 3 Landen Bakker**
  - 4 Kyle Piper, Barb Vander Jagt**
  - 7 Liam Courson, Joe Palma**
  - 6 Lydia McEachen**
  - 8 Beth Baron**
  - 9 Liam Budai, Audry Schippers**
  - 11 Susan Brooks, Jordan Quist, Derk Van Antwerpen, Alvina VanDoorn, Sam Wurm**
  - 12 Paul Bialas, Jerry Boerman**
  - 13 Hailey Cushway, Christopher Smoes**
  - 14 Ruth Hendricks**
  - 15 Alexander Hart, Turk Hershberger**
  - 16 Lily Keller**
  - 17 Zach Bennink, Maggie Van Dop, Kathy Walt, Bayleigh Wustman**
  - 18 Rob Lemmen, Carter Mekkes**
  - 19 Doug Casler, Rory Ribnicky**
  - 21 Tonya Wilson**
  - 22 Becky Poel, Randy VanDenBrink**
  - 23 Steve Smith**
  - 24 Angie Wurm**
  - 25 Bob Boom, Ryan Bos, Bev Van Dop, Cal Visser**
  - 26 Fred Kosten**
  - 27 Bruce Raterink**
  - 28 Brian Metten**
  - 29 Connie Hartman**
  - 30 Meghan Hershberger, Tracey Kooistra**

## Nursery

The current nursery schedule is posted by the women's bathroom in the lower level of church. This is updated regularly to accommodate changes due to illness and vacations.

## Little Tykes

The current Little Tykes schedule is posted by the women's bathroom in the lower level of church. This is updated regularly to accommodate changes due to illness and vacations.

## 9:00 a.m. Greeters

September 4  
Combined Service     Jan Jordan

September 11  
Combined Service     Charlie & Bonnie Vander Kolk

September 18     Jon & Shelly Visser

September 25     Wes & Bonnie Busman

## Coffee Fellowship

September 4     Lynda Johnson, Marcia Draft, Mary Bialas

September 11     Fall Kick Off

September 18     Heather Smoes, Kalene Sietsema, Evonne Erhorn, Carolyn Cushway

September 25     Ron & Carol Riemersma, Julie Palma, Karen Lemmen, Christie Hill

# Calendar of Events

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## September 2022

| Sunday                                                                                                     | Monday                                  | Tuesday                                                                     | Wednesday                      | Thursday           | Friday                                | Saturday                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                                                                                            |                                         |                                                                             |                                | 1                  | 2                                     | 3<br>4:00 pm S.A.L.T. Event |
|                                                                                                            |                                         |                                                                             |                                | 6:00 pm Men's Golf |                                       |                             |
| 4<br>10:00 am Combined Worship                                                                             | 5<br><i>Office Closed</i>               | 6<br>6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer<br><br>7:30 pm Consistory Meeting        | 7                              | 8                  | 9<br>9:00 am-2:00 pm Women's Work Bee | 10                          |
| 11<br>10:00 am Combined Worship<br>11:30 am Fall Kick Off<br><br>5-6:30 pm Crossroads<br>7-8:30 pm One Way | 12<br>11:30 am S.A.L.T. Pizza Party     | 13<br>6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer<br><br>7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice | 14<br><br>6:30 pm The Vineyard | 15                 | 16<br><br>Men's Retreat               | 17                          |
| 18<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:45 am Worship<br><br>5-6:30 pm Crossroads<br>7-8:30 pm One Way                 | 19<br><br>10:00 am S.A.L.T. Bible Study | 20<br>6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer<br><br>7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice | 21<br><br>6:30 pm The Vineyard | 22                 | 23<br><br>Women's Retreat             | 24                          |
| 25<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:45 am Worship<br><br>5-6:30 pm Crossroads<br>7-8:30 pm One Way                 | 26<br><br>10:00 am S.A.L.T. Bible Study | 27<br>6:00-7:00 am Rooted in Prayer<br><br>7:00 pm Choir of Praise Practice | 28<br><br>6:30 pm The Vineyard | 29                 | 30                                    |                             |

**Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

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