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New Year Begins Any Time

One November we ordered a new automobile, which did not arrive until the new year. As we cleaned out the old car, I muttered, “How did we accumulate so much junk?” We sorted through old maps, dried-up ball-point pens, outdated addresses and loose coins.

We made unwavering resolutions about keeping this new car clean, orderly and functioning properly. Thinking about resolutions, I sensed a connection between a new car and a new year. The first order of business is to clear out the clutter, discard the useless, remove the dust and dirt. Begin fresh!

A new year can begin anytime in our lives. We can sort through old attitudes, clean our minds of envy, toss out the habits of gossip and carrying grudges. We can resolve to keep our promises and curb our anger.

I stood back and surveyed the fresh, shiny car. Yes, a new year could begin anytime or any place. A lot of things from the past need discarding. Things we collect that are of no more value or usefulness need to be trashed. Paul wrote, “But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds” (Col. 3: 8-9).

It is amazing how a brand new car changes your life. None of the old squeaks, rattles and knocks. Cruising down the road in a brand new auto is a delight. So is the journey ahead!



We, too, are at a new beginning, with Pastor Jack Conklin and Pastor Ben Sexton, not to mention the other three churches we are a part of! East and South Boardman UMC, Fife Lake UMC, and Williamsburg UMC are all part of a 4 point charge. We hope to be mingling with activities, and get to know each other!

These families, plus Pastor Nate and Amy, need prayer to help them settle in to their new surroundings, meeting new people and having new schedules!

Please remember to wear your name tag—it helps a lot!

Pastor Jack has been part of the team that has worked to bring a major Christian music event to the Northwest Michigan lakeshore—specifically to Ludington. There is more information available in the July newsletter but you are graciously invited to attend *WATERFRONT WORSHIP*, A FREE Christian concert and worship event at Ludington’s Waterfront Park on Sunday, July 30 from 6-8pm. The concert features 4-time Dove Award winning artist, Paul Baloche (“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”) and the winner of a Christian new song-writer’s competition that was held the first weekend of May, a young man, from Belfast, Northern Ireland, Jonny Wright. Pastor Jack and Pattie will be participating and it would be wonderful to have some folks from our church attend as well. There is no charge for the event (bring your own lawn chairs or blankets) but an offering will be taken to assist “Hands Extended Loving People” (HELP) Ministries of Mason County.

ACTIVITIES

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING AND WORKING AT OUR STRAWBERRY SOCIAL!!

**It was yummy!
See Pages 4-5 for more info!**



Summer Outing and Potluck at Marcy Block's home:
5605 Millbrook, Williamsburg

Tuesday, July 25, 2017
6:30pm Dinner, but come anytime before that if you'd like!



BACK TO SCHOOL????

As soon as school supplies appear for Back to School, start purchasing them. Pencils, crayons (24 count), pens, wide rule spiral notebook paper (70 sheet count), rulers, erasers, BLUNT scissors, glue sticks. They will be going to ACTS again this year. The Blue-Bucket for items will be at front entrance soon. Sunday, August 13th will be last day of collection. Thank you!

JULY'S NOISY OFFERING—Right Tree

Since 2011, *Right Tree* has been helping girls discover their worth, their gifts, their voice and their future by providing positive input and experiences.

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JULY CELEBRATIONS!

1st	Pastor Jack & Pattie Conklin's Anniversary	13th	Panzer Rouse
2nd	Donavan Ochs	16th	Evie Huver
3rd	Larry Everts	20th	Judy & Tom Jenkins' Anniversary
5th	Forrest Barrett	21st	Jean & Ron Ridge's Anniversary
5th	Pete Peters	22nd	Chuck Walter
7th	Sam Starkey	24th	Jael Reinhold
8th	Shirley Lewis	28th	Holly Barrett
13th	Rebecca Hamstra	28th	Sami Aisthorpe
		30th	Denise Graham

**Celebrate!
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July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>*more info in newsletter</i>			Every Wednesday evening: 6-9pm Evening on River Street in Elk Rapids!			1 AA see schedule
2 <u>10:15am</u> Worship Service & Communion	3 AA see schedule	4  Happy 4th of July!	5 3pm All Faith Service @ Samaritas 6-9pm Evening on River Street AA see schedule	6	7	8 4pm Memorial Service for Jim Brinks, dinner to follow in Fellowship Hall AA see schedule
9 <u>10:15am</u> Worship Service Potluck AD COUNCIL	10 AA see schedule	11	12 3pm All Faith Service @ Samaritas 6-9pm Evening on River Street AA see schedule	13	14	15 AA see schedule
16 <u>10:15am</u> Worship Service	17 AA see schedule	18	19 3pm All Faith Service @ Samaritas 6-9pm Evening on River Street AA see schedule	20	21	22 AA see schedule
23 <u>10:15am</u> Worship Service	24 AA see schedule	25 *6:30pm Women's Summer Outing @ Marcy's	26 3pm All Faith Service @ Samaritas 6-9pm Evening on River Street AA see schedule	27	28	29 AA see schedule
30 <u>10:15am</u> Worship Service Brunch	31				AA SCHEDULE Monday, 7:30pm NEW TIME!!! Wed. Women Only, 7pm Saturday, Men Only 10am; Saturday, everyone, 7pm	

Another Successful Strawberry Social!!!

Many thanks to all of you who:

- Who worked the Strawberry Social in any way!
 - Who attended the Strawberry Social and ate!
 - Who attended the Live Auction and bought!
 - Who shopped at the Silent Auction and were the high bidder!
 - Who chatted with those around you—whether you knew them or not!
- It is a very special time for our church family --- and for who those come from the community and afar to join us.



The income for the Social was:

Live Auction \$1,479.00 Silent Auction \$2,389.01 Food \$1,217.11 Total of \$5,085.11

**The businesses below are those that donated to the
Silent Auction, Live Auction and the strawberries!
Please patronize these businesses and tell them THANKS!**

That's a Pizza
Grandview Golf
Swanny's
Twin Birch Golf
Domino's
Lochenheath Golf
G's Restaurant in Kalkaska
Pirate's Cove
Little Caesar's in Kalkaska
Burger King
EZ Mart in Elk Rapids
Red Mesa Grill
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Bak Specialties
Subway in Kalkaska
Ginop Sales
Culver's
Northwoods Soda
Big Boy in Kalkaska
Butterfly House
Osorio's
Classic Power Equipment

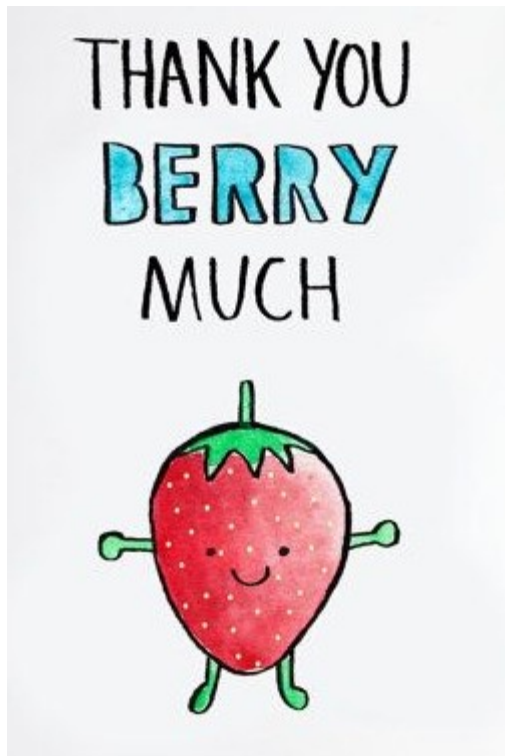
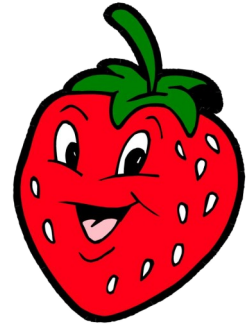
TJ Charlie's in Elk Rapids
McLean's Hardware in Kalkaska
Schelde's
Send Brothers
Great Lakes Equestrian Festival
Advance Auto
Subway—Acme
Renee's Quilt Shop
Arby's in Kalkaska
Barker Creek Nursery
Ace Hardware
Bill Marsh in Kalkaska
N. MI Pet Hospital
The Granary
Horizon Books
Ebel's
Village Market
Music House
Dennos Museum
Sleep Inn
Family Fare in Kalkaska
Elk Rapids Cinema
Meijer's
Kathy Hulbert
Woodland Creek
Bob Evans
Traverse Bay Farm

More Strawberry Social Info!

Thanks to those of our church family who donated items as well.

Cara Aurand
Holly Barrett
Sherry & John Boucher
Beth & Doug Bronkema
Jan Donkers
Buelalee Gumper
Donn & Jerri Hubbell
Rod Kuncaitis

Shirley Lewis
Chelle Lints
Doris Norton
Wanda Provins
Darlene & Dirk Renzema
Wagon Wheel Farm
Jim & Dianna Wright



What do you call a
sad Strawberry?

A blue-
berry!



What do you call strawberries
playing guitar?
A jam session..





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