



“SoJourn in this land, and I will be with you, and bless you!” (Gen. 26:3)

The World Mission Offering

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

You and I follow Jesus because God used someone to share the Good News. We have continued and grown as followers of Jesus because God has used others to celebrate with us in victory, encourage us in defeat and call us forward in faith.

You can help to make the same things happen in the lives of people half a world away! That’s why I am writing to ask you both to pray for and to give to the 2009 World Mission Offering.

Our congregation uses the World Mission Offering to support more than 2,500 short- and long-term missionaries annually, bringing US and Puerto Rico churches together with partners in 75 countries in cutting-edge ministries that tell the good news of Jesus Christ while meeting human needs.

Our giving to the World Mission Offering helps people:

Come to Christ.
Grow in Christ.
Change their world with Christ.

This year International Ministries invites us to look at global mission in these terms:

Be Surprised by Walking in Different Shoes.

“In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus...he gave up his place with God and made himself nothing. He was born as a man and because like a servant.” Philippians 2:5-7 New Century Version

I believe God is able and wants to use us to provide more support to global missions this year than last year. Our 2009 goal is \$3,000. Please join me in embracing this challenge. We will be receiving the World Mission Offering.

Robert Washburn, Chair
Outreach Ministries Team



SENDING PRAYERS TO OUR FAMILY OF **FAITH**

Please remain in prayer for these people who are or have recently been under doctor's care: Patty Babian, Ray Sharp, Collin Trask, Kelly Kestel, Vicki Schettling, Sandra Paran.

Please also keep in your prayers our homebound friends: Alice Adams, Enid Holliday, Norma Moore, Ray Sharp, Evelyn Morrell, Phil Lett, Frances Bramblett, Patty Babian, Margaret Edgington.

Long-time church member Jerry Swaim passed away last month. Her funeral was held at our church. We keep the Swaim family in our prayers.

Rev. William Sutterlin passed away earlier this month. He was Minister of Education of First Baptist Church Birmingham, MI from 1959-1974. Cards to his wife Ruth can be sent to: Ruth Sutterlin, c/o Philip Sutterlin, 3237 Via Arriba Dr., Saratoga, CA 95070.

Having taken a new position in Salem, MA, Jude Nixon has a new email address. It is: jnixon@salemstate.edu



Happy October Birthdays!

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| October 1 | Nickolas Darin
Katie Woodford |
| October 7 | Virginia Gardner |
| October 8 | Micky Bly |
| October 9 | Carol Ege |
| October 10 | Steven Drake |
| October 11 | David DeWolfe
Charles Morse |
| October 13 | Sherrie Cantrell |
| October 15 | Alice Adams
Anne Arnegard
Scott Moore |
| October 21 | Jennifer Nixon |
| October 24 | Barbara Diederich
Sylvia McCandlish |
| October 28 | Shirley McEwen |
| October 29 | Virginia Brisendine
Jeffrey Kaczmarek |

2009 Officers: Moderator: Joan Trusty Moore; Vice Moderator: Dave Brault; Financial Secretary: Glenn Craig; Treasurer: Carol Olsen; Recording Clerk: Harriet Stewart; Membership Clerk: Kathy Charbeneau
 2009 Ministry Team Chairs: Jerri Poet (Deacons); Jodi Bly (Educational); Larry Phillips (Human Resources); Carol McWilliam (Physical Resources); Myra Trask (Stewardship); Robert Washburn (Outreach)

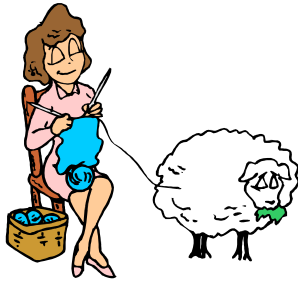
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Prayer Shawl Knitters

will meet Tuesday, October 13 and October

27, 12:30 - 3:00. Anyone who would like to bring knitting, crocheting, or quilting and join us is welcome. We have received a donation of many different yarns! So come together for a wonderful opportunity of ministry and friendship!



A Look at the Financials

As of August 31, 2009

Pledged Income Actual	\$123,973
Pledged Income Budget	\$130,370
Pledged Variance	(\$ 6,397)



Please continue to keep current with your pledges.

CROP WALK IS COMING!

Save **October 4th** for the annual CROP Walk. For 27 years this community has responded in the fight against poverty by raising funds through this walk. Please be a part of it. Using the Millennium Development Goals set by the United Nations, Church World Service and the CROP Walk, are tackling some of the most crucial issues facing our planet and its people. Funds raised support programs in many areas of the world concentrating on Hunger and Poverty, Education, Health, Environment and Water, Partnerships in Development such as Micro Business loans. In addition to relief around the world 25 percent of what is raised will stay here at the local level to support Friendship House, Pontiac Lighthouse, The Baldwin Center, South Oakland Shelter, Grace Center of Hope (formerly Pontiac Rescue Mission), and Cass Community Social Services. Please don't think your contribution and ability to raise funds is not needed. In today's economic climate we may have less than before but we have so much more than many. See Leona or Robert for more information.



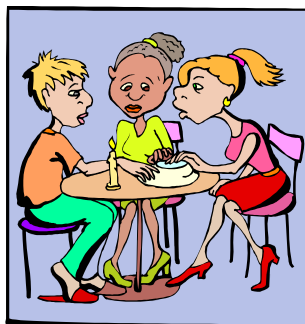
Budget Planning Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29 at 7PM.

Attention Teachers & Group Leaders:

There are a lot of arts & crafts and learning supplies in the spare, upstairs Pastoral office for your use. Take a moment and check it out!



Note: Please keep Jennifer Nixon in your prayers as she departs on October 2 for Vietnam where she will be part of a medical team offering clinical work and lectures to the people of Danang and Hue. They will return on October 19.



Youth Event Scheduled for Early October

Pastor Babian will be offering a youth event on Friday, October 2, from 6:30 to 8:30PM. We will have light meal and sharing and planning time. Geared for Middle Schoolers through High Schoolers.



October Communion Offering Designated to The World Mission Offering

This annual ABC Offering goes to support international missionaries throughout the world. They work to encourage peace, offer aid, teach, and much more. Please prayerfully consider your gift.

Sept. 20 Congregation Meeting Results

The Congregation passed the motion: To "Allow the Organ Committee to contract Holden Organ Co. for the purpose of restoring, reinstalling, tuning and regulating the Choir organ as outlined in Holden's June 2009 quotation. The \$29,000 cost will be funded from cash on-hand in the Organ Restoration Fund. Also, the group agreed to extend the suspension of the Celebrations Ministry Team, with the Deacon and Outreach Ministry Teams taking over the duties. Copies of the meeting materials are available in the Welcome Center.

October 11 Potluck

At the potluck dinner following worship on October 11, a short DVD will be shown about the Five Wishes program, and there will be discussion about the program and the forms to be filled out. Then you will take the form with you to complete and return by the end of October. Please attend the dinner and learn about the program. Then you may consider whether or not you wish to participate.

We will have a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 25.

Sunday Morning Adult Learning Opportunities.

We are offering two adult classes this fall. Phyllis Bourgois will continue her excellent class. They will be meeting in the Bramblett Room. And Pastor Babian will offer a new "Fellowship Hall Study Group" beginning today. This group will be reading and discussing "Down by the Riverside: A Brief History of Baptist Faith" by Everett Goodwin. Our adult Learning Community classes each Sunday start at 11:45 am. Also, our terrific Music Director Jack E. Ellis invites all persons to join our Chancel Choir!

Campus Foundation at MSU Closes Down

The American Baptist Student Foundation at Michigan State University, faced with declining support and having exhausted its financial resources, will not resume its campus ministry program this fall. All operations will cease by the end of December 2009, closing the book on 50 years of ministering to and with students on the MSU campus.

A letter sent to supporting churches acknowledges "faithful and kind" undergirding from the ABC of Michigan, local congregations, and individuals over the years, but says that "support has continued to drop over the last few years," such that "we cannot in good faith open this year knowing that we do not have commitments to fund the ministry so it can be effective and dynamic."

The letter also asks for "continued prayer support as we close down the ministry, turn over files for historical preservation, and notify our supporters." University Baptist Church and Peoples Church in East Lansing both engage in student ministry outreach at MSU and are commended as worthy of support from the ABC-MI family.

Led by many outstanding campus ministers over half a century, including Jim Didier, Roger Palms, Jack Bailey, Vivan Martindale, John Piipo, Bill Wolfe, Patti Kenney, Sharon McAuley, and Jeff and Katie Rector, ABSF at MSU has served well and faithfully, touched countless students, and sent many of them into ministry vocations. (abc-mi.org/ELink)



Learning the Bible

Bible Study with Pastor Babian has begun again. They are studying the Gospel of John. These small groups meet Tuesdays at 10AM and Thursdays at 7PM. Please call the church office for more details.

From the Friendship House Newsletter: FBCB Efforts Really Pay Off!

“100 Backpacks Loaded with School Supplies Distributed, 150 Families Turned Away!

Once word hit the streets that Friendship House was giving away backpacks, the community turned out in full force. A line snaked around the corner with families seeking free back-to-school supplies. The 100 backpacks we had went relatively quickly, and we had to turn away about 150 families. Any extra supplies minus a backpack also went quickly. It is clear that next year, we need to put together at least 150 more backpacks. We are grateful to all of our American Baptist Churches who collected supplies on our behalf. *Special thanks goes to First Baptist Church of Birmingham which delivered 50 backpacks plus miscellaneous supplies, and the Henry Ford Village Protestant Women’s Guild which donated 50 bags of assembled school supply kits.”*

Blood Drive Needs Help

October 2nd or 3rd- St. John’s Armenian Church is having a Red Cross Blood Drive during their annual Bazaar/Festival, the first weekend of October. It will be held on either (Friday or Saturday). The Red Cross needs a minimum of 30 committed donors in order for the church to hold this drive. St. John’s would give each person, who successfully donates a pint of blood, a ticket for a free dinner at their festival. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



ABC-MI Annual Meeting

“Renewable Energy...that which sustains us”
“But now, O God, strengthen my hands.”
(Neh. 6:9)

- When: October 18 & 19, Register by October 1, 2009
- Where: Covenant Baptist Church, West Bloomfield, Michigan
- Special Guests: Rev. Dr. Trinette V. McCray & Curville Concert (Children’s) Choir
- Focus: MINISTRY

We will need delegate representation at this meeting. Registration and information packages are available in the Welcome Center.

Attention Out-of-State SoJournal

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*The Global Gifts
and Craft Shop
is open for business!*

Discipleship Opportunities



This year Pastor Babian is offering an opportunity for those interested in further exploring the life of faith our *Journey in Faith and Values* experience. This is a series of events that allow us to learn together by visiting significant religious and cultural institutions and to discuss our impressions of the experience. There will also be the opportunity to learn more about our Christian faith and life and mission of the church. The program would be provided over the next several months beginning this fall. Please tell Pastor Babian of your interest to participate.

- **The Race Relations & Diversity Taskforce** invites the public to its October 22 program at 8AM titled: "Recognizing Privilege: Confronting Racism in the 21st Century" Free and Open to the Public.
- **First Baptist Church Birmingham and Birmingham Unitarian Church** are working together with MOSES to help educate the community about transit issues in Metro Detroit. All are invited to attend the October 24 meeting from 2 to 4PM here at our church. For more information, please see Leona Frost.

Come & Celebrate 80 Years of Compassionate Ministry at Friendship House at First Baptist Church of Detroit on Friday, October 16, 2009; 5:30 Buffet Dinner* Followed by the Courville Choir Concert, Inspirational Program, Words of Challenge from Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray, Cost: \$15/person, Covenant Baptist Church, 5800 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48322, Please RSVP by October 1, Make checks payable to American Baptist Churches of Michigan and mail to 4578 S. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823, *Buffet Dinner will be available until 6:30 p.m. to allow time for people to get to Covenant.



- **South Side Playground Project Still on Track** Plans are still in place for the construction of a new playground on the south side of our Educational building, however, a few City requirements and a contractor's vacation has put the project behind.

Dear FBCB Friends,

I am teaching beginning band this year at Siersma Elementary, in the Warren Consolidated Schools . I have many children who would like to start band- but, with the economy as it is, their families can't manage the cost of rental instruments. I am looking for used instruments that I can loan out to get the kids playing. If you have a beginner instrument sitting around un-played, and you are willing to donate it, I would be glad to get it into the hands of an eager 5th grader. Thanks for your help!!!



- Judy Phillips

- **"Friends of Judson" Campaign Provides Books to Seminarians** Judson Press is celebrating its 185th year of Christian publishing by launching the "Friends of Judson" campaign that seeks to raise \$185,000 for an ongoing program to give a Baptist personal resource library to graduating American Baptist seminarians. Further details are given in at "friendsofjudson.org".

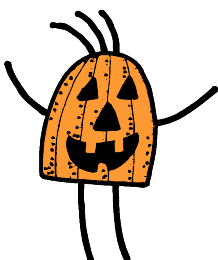


Come celebrate the 14th season of
B'Jazz Vespers on Sunday, October 18, 2009.
6 to 8 PM

Join us for a very special evening with
The Sheila Landis Jazz Ensemble featuring
Rick Matle, guitar; Duncan McWilliam, key-
board; Gayelynn McKinney, drums; Guest
Soloist Russ Miller.

Remember to...

Sign up for the October 11 Potluck
on the sheet next to the office!



Party!

The church will host a 'Halloween'
themed party at 5PM on Sunday,
October 25. Costumes are encour-
aged! We will have treats and play
games. All are invited!



Daily Prayers For This Month

Each morning when you get up, take a brief moment to say the prayer written below. See if, by the end of the week, having made this time for God's word, somehow, your life has changed for the better, your outlook has become brighter, your spirit, stronger. These prayers are taken from the "Seasons of the Spirit" lectionary materials.

October 4, 2009

Who are the ones you would have us bring into the circle, O God? Who are the ones you would have us speak for—not because it is polite, but because it is just? May we speak and act for all people as you have spoken and acted for us. Amen.

October 11, 2009

We celebrate your love and presence, O God. May we trust that love and respond to your presence when your call cuts against our expectations or plans. Open us, then, to your compassion that seeks not what is easy but what is nest. Amen.

October 18, 2009

So many times, O God, we come to you asking what we want, and you do not turn from us. Help us also to ask what you seek of us. As we do, may we remember the life and community we find in Jesus. Guide us to serve you through serving others. Amen.

October 25, 2009

We bless you, Holy One, for we know we may cry out to you. We cry out to you, Christ among us, for we trust you to hear. We trust in you, Blessed Spirit, for providing the power to do good, the grace to heal, and the call to follow on the way. Amen.

Upcoming Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 AM

October 4, 2009
“Enfolding Love” ~ Mark 10:2-16

October 11, 2009
“What Must I Do?” ~ Mark 10:17-31

October 18, 2009
“Great Service” ~ Mark 10:35-45

October 25, 2009
“Take Heart” ~ Mark 10:46-52

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