

**EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1200 Post Drive NE, Belmont MI 49345

SPIRITUS

Winter 2012

**PRAYERS CAN'T BE ANSWERED
UNLESS THEY ARE PRAYED**

Life without purpose is barren indeed –
There can't be a harvest unless you plant seed,
There can't be attainment unless there's a goal,
And man's but a robot unless there's a soul...
If we send no ships out, no ships will come in,
And unless there's a contest, nobody can win...
For games can't be won unless they are played,
And Prayers can't be Answered unless they are prayed...

So whatever is wrong with you life today,
You'll find a solution if you kneel down and pray.
Not just for pleasure, enjoyment and health,
Not just for honors and prestige and wealth...
But Pray for a Purpose to Make Life Worth Living,
And Pray for The Joy of Unselfish Giving,
For Great is Your Gladness and Rich your Reward
When you make your Life's Purpose the choice of the Lord.

From A Special Glow by Helen Steiner Rice

***FOR UP TO THE MINUTE NEWS AND INSPIRATION BE SURE AND FOLLOW
FATHER DAVID'S WEEKLY "ENEWS"***

There you will find The Prayer of the week, Sunday readings and Sunday workers and always an inspiration reading. If you don't get this communication and would like to, send you E-Mail address to the church office by e-mail, snail mail or phone.

Another source of upcoming events – the insert in our weekly service bulletin lists CHS events and also those of other close-by Episcopal Churches that we might be interested in. And don't overlook the Kiosk – our secretary keeps it filled with reports and pictures.

BAPTISM THIS SUNDAY – JANUARY 29

Anastasia Finch will be welcomed into the Household of Faith.

The Baptism will be celebrated during the morning worship service.

Father David and Kim have donated a silver pitcher to be used to pour water into the Baptismal Font for this Baptism and those following.

Every Sunday at 9:00am we gather for adult Sunday School, Reverently referred to as “**Kernels of Truth**”. Presently we are working through a series of DVD teachings from NOOMA starring Rob Bell (a loan from St. Andrews). These are inspiring sessions with plenty of thought provoking ideas.

Every Tuesday at 6:30 Disciples Bible Study. Wes Miller is the coordinator of this study. Currently studying St. Paul’s 1 and 2 letters to Timothy and his letters to Titus and Philemon. For information call Wes at 616-389-4859

February 4 at 9:30 am - All Saints Guild monthly meeting at Marsha Hirt’s – This is our Valentines Day chocolate party. All ladies of the church are members of All Saints Guild (our ECW) and are invited to all meetings.

February 9 and then alternate Thursdays at 11:30 – lunch at Florentines

February 11 – at 5:00 pm. **Chili Cook-Off!** Hot, mild, in-between. Come and taste them all and cast your vote for the best Chili Cook of Holy Spirit Church.

THINK YOUR IS THE BEST – see Marsha Hirt to sign up and be one of the cooks.

February 16 at 7:00 pm. Meeting of the monthly **Book Club.** This group meets the third Thursday of the month. “JOB: A COMEDY OF JUSTICE” by Robert Heinlein will be discussed. The selection for March is “FALLING UPWARD: SPIRITUALITY FOR THE TWO HALVES OF LIFE” by Richard Rohr.

February 18 – Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm a safeguarding God’s Children workshop will be held at Grace Church, Grand Rapids.

March 3 – 9:30am – All Saints Meeting - Linda Huffaker, hostess.

March 22 – 7:00pm.- Book Club discussion and selection of the next book.

April 7 – All Saints Meeting 9:30am – ladies will meet in the Parish Hall to complete plans for Easter Breakfast before the service on Sunday.

CHILDRENS FELLOWSHIP – The first and third Sunday of the month during our regular service children will study upstairs. They will join their parents for the Eucharist. Nursery is available for the younger children.

A SAMPLING OF ALL THAT IS GOING ON AT CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND ALWAYS SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00am.

EUCHARIST ON THURSDAY EVENING AT 6:00

We are starting a week night Eucharist for those who are here on Thursday evenings and especially for those who are not able to attend on Sundays. Please spread the word and invite your friends.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our well attended meeting was held immediately after the Sunday service. All reports were accepted as presented. **Ruth Smith and Todd Stewart** were elected to serve on the Council. **Michael and Marsha Hirt** will be our Convention Delegates.

GUIDING US

The Rev. David Meyers, Vicar

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ADVISORY COUNCIL

Donna Scott (Bishop's Warden)

Susan White (People's Warden)

Todd Stewart Ruth Smith

Don Usher, Jr. Wes Miller

Don Usher - Treasurer

Betty Patterson - Secretary

Wes Miller – Director of Christian Ed.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – noon to 4:00pm

Thursday – noon to 4:00pm

FATHER DAVID'S HOURS

Thursday -4:30pm - ?

Please call the Church office to make an appointment with him

ROAD CLEAN UP CREW **An alert from your chair person, Donna Scott**
Saturday, April 21 – save that date and in the event of inclement weather, the following Saturday. Brrrr but I am sure there will be hot coffee and chocolate waiting for you at church. Looking forward to warmer weather, also, mark your calendar for July 21 and September 29 – clean up days for the rest of the year.

SCHOOL OF HOPE

If you can't read, how can you go on in school? So much depends on knowing the words and what they mean – applies to reading for fun too. Mary, Pat and Susan are doing a great job. They have accepted three new students and there is still a waiting list. The staffs from three other schools that are starting up have come to observe and learn. Thanks also to all the volunteers that help with individual reading.

Talking about "learning to read" A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"

ALL SAINT'S GUILD

At the annual meeting in January the guild approved their budget for 2012, elected new officers and planned meetings for the year. Donna Scott (Sunshine Chair) would like names and address of those you feel might be cheered by a card from the Church. All Saints, started in 1955 by a group of Episcopalian women and still going strong.



WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR -

Allison	Nancy
Ardeth	Michael Little
Brenda Benham	Andrew & Lisa Wickenden
Joan T	Beth
Fred	Blair & Sarah Mihlestein
Jennie	Case VandenBoom
Maddie Tomasco	Ciana
Pat Hall	Bill & Caroline Stewart
Theresa	Chuck & Jan Lehman
Amy B	Mother Margret Neil
Aryka Kamor	Tim Jones
Chuck Aldridge	Please pray for all service men,
Sharon King	Especially D.J Benn, Scott Coulter, Dan Gwilt,
Aileen	Matthew Treadwell & Evan Singleton

FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLES

There is a new Flower Chart on the bulletin board. If you would like to give flowers or the Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special person or event in your life, please sign on this sheet. Bobbi will then pick up your information and put in the bulletin. The cost for flowers is \$15.00 and for a Sanctuary Candle is \$3.00. Please give money, cash or a check made to the Altar Guild to Ruth Smith, Altar Guild chairperson or Helen Little, treasurer

LOAVES AND FISHES PANTRY

This winter our food pantry has been a blessing to many. It all started in our basement and now is a beautifully equipped area on the ground floor. All food items are needed but this month special emphasis is being placed on Cereals, Boxed Meals, Canned Fruit, and as always, Peanut Butter and Jams. Personal Care items are also needed. Records show they distributed 20,567 items last year. Think of the families this has helped.

From your editor – Folks keep sending me cute sayings and jokes and goofs seen in other newsletters and bulletins to include in SPIRITUS. Love them!

Steven (age 3) hugged and kissed his Mom good night. “I love you so much that when you die I’m going to bury you outside my bedroom window.”

And from other newsletters (and please do not start counting my errors)

“The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals”

“Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It is a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.”

“Don’t let worry kill you off – let the Church help.”