

GREENSKY HILL TIDINGS- OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Tim McCullough Family	George & Marcie	Rose Greane
Luke Calhoon	Phyllis John	Angie
Russell & Karen	Margo & Kala	Calvin Hill
Rose Kassube	Leslie	Lucy Funk
Lilly Richardson	Bob Alexander	David Agnew
Mildred Speigl	Caroline Kelly	Dan Elzinga
Bowman Family	Tammy Speigl	Janice Smith
William Koontz	Matthew Cross	Steve
Mildred's brother	Clydell	Katie
Elizabeth	Kimberly	Irene
Richard	Mary K.	Joan
Heather	Kaden	Little Nicole
Roxana Tramontini	Chase	Border Patrol

The Military: Phillip Slocum, Joshua Gloria, Courtney Marulli, Nick Colby, Brittany Shute, Les Meyette, and Troy Drebenstedt.
Homeless and oppressed people throughout the world.

LITURGISTS

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
4-Kim Marchewitz	1-Kevin Willis
11-Dan Stout	8-Craig Adams
18-Russ Bolt	15-David Baker
25-Ken Staley	22-Alice Harvey
	29-Ed Jakeway

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
11-Edward Oliver	1-Gregory Koontz
11-Mildred Speigl	9-Jerry Elzinga
16-Clydell Willis	16-Ray Bice
18-Joseph Elzinga Sr.	25-Lynette McCreery
19-Leona Honson	
27-Pat DeGraeve	

ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER

14-Kevin & Clydell Willis

21-Tom & Marcia Sutton

NOVEMBER

3-Emory & Wendy Sloan

7-George & Marcie DeGraeve

7-Mike & Irene Mitchell

18-Dennis & Bonnie Dominic

CAMP MEETING- 2009

Our heartfelt thanks to all who helped make Camp Meeting a success. With the exception of a rainstorm that blew in (literally) on Friday evening, the weather was beautiful all weekend, and no mosquitoes were spotted.

The fish fry on Friday started us off on a good footage. Sam McClellan's message was inspiring, and a quick change of venue to Susan Hall (due to the rain) opened the musical presentation of the "Heart to Heart" Blue Grass Band.

Our thanks to Carole Tally and Pat DeGraeve for their basket making (Carole) and mosaic (Pat) tables on Saturday afternoon. Even Gregory Koontz constructed a basket and a coaster.

Saturday evening a personal testimony by Lynn Groves and Molly Tate opened the services, followed by "Finding Eden"- another great musical performance.

Marshall and Mary Collins led our Sunday morning worship service, followed by our customary potluck lunch.

The Camp Meeting was enjoyed by all, and the musical presentations gave a message of their own. Worshipping in the Tabernacle always brings God's majesty to us in a beautiful setting. Long live Camp Meeting!

Our special thanks go to the Men's club for extending electrical power for the convenience of the campers. Hopefully, next year camping will be a bigger part of our Meeting. Carol and Bonnie

HARVEST DINNER

On Saturday, September 26th many volunteers helped to make the 2009 Harvest Dinner a success. A total of 472 dinners were served (not including workers) and after expenses, the net proceeds will be distributed to worthy students from the Greensky Hill College Scholarship Fund.

It was nice to see so many familiar faces returning to Greensky Hill to assist with and contribute food for the dinner. A special thank you goes to Pat DeGraeve and Judy Johnson who coordinated this enormous and worthwhile project. Their leadership and hard work was greatly appreciated.

Pat and Judy would like to thank all Greensky Hill members and supporters who contributed food and/or working at the Harvest Dinner. It was this wonderful team effort that made the Harvest Dinner a success. Special thanks go to the Antrim Dells for loaning a golf cart to Greensky to accommodate dinner guests from the parking lot to Susan Hall.; and to Chef Greg at The Charlevoix Senior Center for roasting half the turkeys and loaning us roasters for the Dinner.

IMPORTANT TIDBITS

1. Wed.- October 7th – 1-3Pm at Greensky Hill UMC
“ **As the Journey of Life Unfolds**”- invitation to caregivers and those they care for to explore faithful, hope-filled possibilities.
Facilitated by Pastor Tim Wright and Nancy Rohde- Chaplain, Hospice of NW Michigan.
- 2.Sunday-September 27th- Monday, November 23rd-“ **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality**”. Sunday Morning Worship ; Monday evening Study at 7 :00 PM at Greensky Hill. Based on the book “**Emotionally Healthy Spirituality**” by Peter Scazzero.
- 3.Special thanks to Cross Fisheries for donating fish for Friday night’s fish fry at Camp Meeting.

4. There is a tub in Susan Hall for food donations to the Charlevoix Food Pantry, also for our collection for the Women's Resource Center.

5. The time for the Sunday Evening Worship Service will change from 5PM to 3PM on Sunday, December 6th. The 3PM time will remain until Spring for the evening service.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT GREENSKY HILL

Don't look now, but the Christmas season is fast approaching, and we want to inform you of the various "Christmas happening" dates at Greensky Hill.

SUNDAY-NOV. 29th (1st Sunday of Advent) from 3:00PM-5:00PM will be the HANGING OF THE GREENS. During this time we will be decorating the church. At 5:00PM we will have Evening worship led by Judy Johnson. A potluck will follow at 6:00PM. Please come to help decorate and please bring a dish for the potluck.

WEDNESDAY- DEC. 2nd at 6:00PM the Greensky Hill UMW will be having their annual Women's Christmas Gathering at JoAnn Elzinga's home. The women will have their usual wrapped gift exchange(\$5-\$10). Any woman of the church is welcomed.

SUNDAY-DEC. 13th- Our annual Church Christmas Party will begin at 12:30 PM. As usual, we'll start with a delicious potluck dinner (please bring your favorite recipe dish to pass) followed by the Gift Exchange Game. Please bring a wrapped present with a value of \$5-\$10 (homemade gifts are great). The gifts are exchanged several times. For an enjoyable afternoon, don't forget our Church Christmas Party.

THURSDAY-DEC. 24th- Christmas Eve Service will start at 7:30PM. Weather permitting luminaries will be placed along the driveway.(Be sure to bring CLEAN milk jugs to church through the month for luminaries). After the service, there will be a short fellowship with finger foods, cookies, coffee, tea, and punch. Invite family and friends to come.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

THOU SHALT KEEP CHRIST AT THE CENTER OF CHRISTMAS.

Don't allow yourself to be overwhelmed by the commercialism of the season. Resolve to read one of the gospels during December and meditate on what it means that Christ came into the world.

THOU SHALT PREPARE EARLY.

Don't wait until the last minute to get into the Christmas spirit.

THOU SHALT MAKE CHRISTMAS A FAMILY TIME.

Do things together: decorate the tree, play games, bake cookies, shop, write cards, have devotionals, go caroling, attend church together.

THOU SHALT REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE.

Contribute to an organization serving the needs of others throughout the year. Give a Christmas gift to your church.

THOU SHALT GIVE THYSELF WITH EVERY GIFT.

Put some thought into the gifts you purchase. Give a gift that represents you. If possible, make something instead of buying something.

THOU SHALT LEARN TO BE A GOOD RECEIVER.

Many of us have a hard time receiving graciously and gracefully.

THOU SHALT PUT MUSIC INTO CHRISTMAS.

Buy several Christmas CD's and play them often. Attend special programs. Sing carols with loved ones.

THOU SHALT REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN.

Remember Christmas is supposed to be a season of peace, not hypertension.

THOU SHALT REMEMBER TO WORSHIP.

The church is the place you are most likely to be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas.

THOU SHALT RECEIVE CHRIST INTO THY LIFE.

Don't just talk about the Christ of Christmas. Receive Him into your life as Lord and Savior.

DESIDERATA

GO PLACIDLY amid the noise & haste, & remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull & ignorant; they, too, have their story.

Avoid loud & aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and
what ever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep
peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery & broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.
Be careful. Strive to be happy.

Max Ehrmann- American poet and dramatist
(1872-1945)

PRECIOUS GIFT

Today is mine, it belongs to me,
To live the best I can.
To shape, to mold, for eternity
A day that is simply grand.

I mustn't fill it with petty things,
Selfish things, and small.
I must live only for the joy it brings
To give my best my all.

God made it such a beautiful day.
A special day, you see.
He made it bright and shining,
Then, He gave it to me.

You, too, are given a special day,
A day in which to do
Not only what you feel you must
But all that's expected of you.

Every day is a special day,
A day in which to give,
The very best within you
Every day you live.

Gladys Adkins

