



AUGUST NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays
AA- 7:00 PM

Tuesdays
Grief Group- 4:30 PM

Wednesdays
Women's Fellowship-
12:00 PM, second
Wednesday of the month

Mercy on the Move- 2nd &
4th Wednesday of the
month

Thursdays
Worship Team Practice -
7:00 PM

Sundays
Worship Service -
10:00 AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 26th was a wonderful day at our church. Pastor Donna baptized 11 people, and we welcomed 12 new church members. Several people who became members have been attending and participating in our church regularly and you may know some of them!

Mercy on the Move continues to prepare hot meals for individuals experiencing homelessness in the Muskegon area. Volunteers gather at 3pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays to prepare the meals and package them up. Drivers meet at 4:30 to pick the meals up for delivery. We are especially grateful that many of our takeout supplies have been donated by the company where Mark McCaleb works. This contribution has been a meaningful blessing and has significantly reduced our costs. Our next delivery date is August 12. If you are interested in participating, we warmly invite you to stop by and learn more.

The Missions Team is asking for donations for the elementary schools as it is that time of year again! We are asking for #2 lead pencils, tissues, Clorox wipes, and wide-ruled loose-leaf paper. There is a box in the narthex for drop off and we will continue to collect until Labor Day weekend. Thank you in advance- our church is very generous when it comes to helping our schools and community.

You may have noticed that the fishpond and wooden fence have been removed. Unfortunately, the pond presented a safety concern after several children were observed inside the fenced area. The information below describes how a child can drown in as little as 2 inches of water:

- The child slips into shallow water face-down.
- The nose and mouth fill with water quickly.
- The child instinctively holds their breath but soon inhales water.
- Lack of oxygen causes unconsciousness within minutes.
- If not rescued promptly, brain damage or death follows.

Even a small amount of aspirated water can trigger laryngospasm- a reflex that closes the airway- leading to suffocation without visible signs like coughing or choking.

We had hoped to save the fence posts with church member names painted on them. Most of them had rotted at the bottom and were falling apart, unfortunately, making them unsalvageable.

GET INVOLVED

HOSPITALITY TEAM: We still need volunteers for greeting and fellowship time. If you are unable to bring baked goods, others will supply them if you help serve and make the coffee. If you are unable to work your assigned day, please make sure to find someone to take your place! Please consider helping!

	Fellowship	Greeters	Nursery
August 9	Feldt, Olovson families	Chappells, Feldt	"NEED VOLUNTEER"
August 16	Barb Viehl	Adams, Nessen	"NEED VOLUNTEER"
August 23	Olivson, Cooper families	Barb Veihl, "NEED VOLUNTEER"	"NEED VOLUNTEER"
August 30	"NEED VOLUNTEERS"	"NEED VOLUNTEERS"	"NEED VOLUNTEER"

PLEASE NOTE: If you are greeting on Sunday morning, you will be the first person that a newcomer will see. Please be sure to introduce yourself, let them know where the bathroom and fellowship is, and invite them to come downstairs after the church service. ALSO: we have welcome bags for our visitors! The bag has our church brochure, a pen, some chocolate and a bottle of water. Be sure to present a "Welcome Bag" to visitors.

If you would like to host fellowship time, but are unsure of the routine, please ask someone who has signed up if you can "learn from them". ALSO - if you only want to serve or only want to bake, we can accommodate you! Just let someone on the sign up sheet know you would like to help!!! It's fun to be hostess/host- you get to know everyone!!!

We can always use more volunteers! Team up with a few friends and sign up to help! If you're not sure what needs to be done, ask someone who regularly prepares for fellowship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 12- Mercy on the Move

August 26- Mercy on the Move

Coming soon.....

We will be using this section for Member Spotlight and/or Kid of the Month! We hope it will be a meaningful way to get to know those in our church! In time some of you may be contacted and we will ask you some questions and put your answers and picture on the monthly newsletter! We are hoping to have it published by next month.