

Thoughts from Tom—

Gearing Up for Another U.P. Summer!

“So much to do and so short a time!” I hear words like these spoken often during the brief but beautiful summers we enjoy here in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. While every day affords us the same 24 hours, how we use them are up to us. The Roman philosopher Seneca said “It is not that we have a short time to live, but that we waste a lot of it.”

Even in the busyness of the season, we all need to know when to slow down. Joe Stowell, president of Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids wrote the following on the importance of taking time to refresh your heart and spirit.

“The old Porgy and Bess tune that declares, ‘*Summertime, and the livin’ is easy*’ no doubt was written when life was so much different than what it is now. If you’re like most people, you are hoping that summer will be a time to kick back and relax a little, but maybe you’re afraid that it will end up like most other summers with lots to do and flying past far too quickly.

“But while we may bemoan the fast pace of summer with all of its chores, the packing and unpacking for vacations, and repeated trips to Little League games, it would be good to stop and think about “easy living.” So, let’s get some perspective from God’s Word about the importance of rest.

“It can’t go unnoticed that God Himself rested after six days of assembling the universe. Knowing that time to kick back was important for the people He created, God instituted the Sabbath so that we would get the point that no one can work without a break along the way.

“Tanks that run on ‘weary’ all the time soon lack the stamina to do well spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and relationally. Even Jesus, with more sermons to preach, more people to heal, and more tasks to accomplish for His Father, often went apart to rest a while.

“I am not sure why it is that some of us feel guilty or unfulfilled if we are not busy all the time. It’s important to realize that not everything needs to be done—at least not done *right now*. It may be more important to sit back with a tall glass of iced tea and contemplate the beauty of nature and the greatness of our God who is as faithful to us as the dependability of the seasons. As the hymn says, in ‘summer and winter, springtime and harvest . . . join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.’

“So carve out a little easy livin’ time this week and refresh your heart and spirit with blessedness instead of business. And don’t worry; the chores will still be there. They aren’t going anywhere!”



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PROMISE

is coming to FCOC!

Monday, June 25th at 7:00 p.m.

PROMISE is a High School Music Camp and Tour hosted by Great Lakes Christian College. Their programs in the past have been wonderful, and we are so happy to have them joining us again this year! **Chloe Chamberlain, Breanna Vert, and Jaelynn Vert will be participating!**

Housing is needed for 29 students (housed in pairs) **and staff Monday night**, with breakfast and a sack lunch provided by the host family. They need to be back at church by 8:30 am Tuesday.

Please sign up in the lobby if you can house members of Promise and designate how many students or staff you can house.



VBS is coming and there is a lot to do!

Join us and find out how YOU can be part of this ministry and outreach to children in our church and in the community!

Please sign up at the table by the front door to help with—activities, snacks, crafts, teaching, check-in, as a helper, team leader, or music!

Announcements

Graduation Open Houses:

Jaelynn Vert: June 2nd, 1-5:00 pm at First Church of Christ

Graduates:

High School: Torye Anderson, Alyssa Burton, James Burton, Logan Gunckel, Dustin Mangone, Katherine Peasley, Rebekka Ranta, Jaelynn Vert

College: Josh Goldschmidt, Becca Miller, Rachael Robenault



Sign Up For Summer Camp!

First Church of Christ sponsors Wilderness Christian Camp, which is a Bible-based camp for 2nd grade through high school. The age-appropriate weeks begin in June and run into August.

Camp Schedule

First Chance, Grades 2-3 - June 17-19

Bike/Hike trip - June 17-22

Jr. High, Grades 6-8 - June 24-30

Intermediate, Grades 3-5 - July 8-13

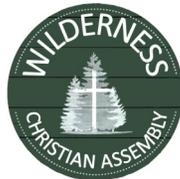
High School, Grades 9-12 - July 15-20

Tag-A-Long, Ages 7-18 - July 22-27

Girls Only - July 29-31

Family Camp - August 23-26

Harvest Party - October 6



See the camp display in the lobby for camp information, registration forms, prices, and carpooling for rides. Contact Alex or Steph Vert or the office for any questions, and go to www.wildernesschristianassembly.org FCOC Mission Funds support this camp!

Mission of the Quarter Care Net Pregnancy Center

We are collecting diapers, wet wipes, shampoos, etc.
Please place your donation at the Mission Table in the lobby

Giving Information

May	Giving
6	\$3,095.33
13	\$4,278.80
20	\$3,414.25
27	\$3,267.06
Average	\$3,513.86

Prayer Concerns (Please call the church office with updates)



Our country and those serving in the military, those adjusting after service
 Elaine Carriere—In MediLodge (formerly Tendercare)
 Kevin Farrar—Breathing issues due to RA, RA flare-ups
 His House Ministries
 Kenn Filkins—Serious health issues
 Hannah Grace Monroe—Continued prayers for her feedings and health
 Jeannine Kelly (Therese Boucha's mother) - Parkinson's Disease
 Gary Matheny (Dave's brother) - Hoping for a lung transplant soon
 Mona Staggs (LaCrosse) - Breast cancer, now in lymph nodes
 Trudy Ranta (Pam Postma) - Melanoma has advanced
 Ron Atkins (Pam Postma's brother) - Praise that there is no lung cancer! Has liver/pancreatic cancer—to Mayo for treatment options
 Josh Cochran (Hachigian) - Health issues
 Therese Boucha—Diagnosed with kidney cancer, chemo has begun
 Mike Willett's brother-in-law—Health concerns
 Bonnie Dale—Surgery successful, still having difficulty walking
 Carol Miller—Back surgery successful, but found stage 4 lung cancer
 Evelyn Henry—Health issues
 Tom Lane (Phyllis Miller's brother) - Recovering from car accident
 Nancy LaCrosse—Continued recovery from surgeries
 Malvenia Cryderman (Marion Roger's mother) - Home for rehab, Alzheimer's, prayers for Marion's sister, who is caring for her
 Gail (Marion Roger's cousin) - Mini stroke, testing, needs surgery
 Glen Butler (Tanya Hoolsema's grandfather) - Fell and broke jaw and vertebra. Improving slowly, but can't hear or breathe on his own, irregular heartbeat
 Linda Gades (Nancy Earl-Wojo's sister) - Metastasized cancer, confusion
 Gail Dotski (Nancy Earl-Wojo's niece)—Paralyzed digestive system, weight loss
 Lance (Ann Abbott) - Serious health issues
 Susan Alexander—Serious health issues, going to Mayo
 Sons and families of Brian & Evelyn Henry—Prayers they will know God, and make better life choices

Cancer Concerns

Judy Jorgensen Joske 5/11
 Linda Gades 2/16

Joan Heffner (Judy Vert)
 Therese Boucha 4/18

Alex McCready 1/17