

# Circuit Rider

Saybrook United Methodist Church

*“People trying to live like Jesus”*

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<sup>14</sup> For this world is not our home; we are looking forward to our everlasting home in heaven. Hebrews 13:14-16

In case you were unaware of it, I have been having some problems with some of my “stuff” lately. It began with my cell phone. I remember the days when I didn’t need a cell phone. If I was away from the my home or the office I was away from the home or the office. Of course, there were those years when I worked for Little Caesars and I did have a Beeper, and I pretty much could be beeped just about anywhere in the metro Detroit area, but I still had to get to a phone in order to speak to someone... and if I missed a beep they couldn’t leave a message, and it also wasn’t for me to call out on.... And to tell you the truth, it felt good to finally turn the beeper in. And then for 10 - 12 years I had no beeper, no cell phone. None in my pre seminary years. None in my seminary years. None in my first 5 of so years ministry. If you wanted to talk to me, and I wasn’t home you left a message on the machine (I didn’t even have a secretary or a wife back then). And then I got married.... And we got Katie a cell phone, which I would borrow from time to time when I would travel to places like the conference office in North Canton. And to be honest, I don’t even remember when I got my own first cell phone, with my very own cell number, but now I have that, and on that phone I have my list of contacts— for two churches, the district, the conference, family, friends, business needs, and who knows what else. I have my calendar... which I check daily, a few times daily. I remember the days when Cokesbury gave all the Pastors a little black pocket sized calendar that I kept everything in, and I told everyone that if I were to lose it I would just stay in bed until January 1st because I wouldn’t know where I was suppose to be. Now my phone calendar links to my computer and my tablet, but, because I carry my phone everywhere, I look at it the most. On my phone I carry my bible, my email, my google connection. I can text, and yes, I can even make phone calls. But a few weeks ago my phone quit charging, and so we (Katie) got me a new one, and it has never worked quiet right.

All by itself it would disconnect from the “network” and so when I went to make a call it told me I could only make an emergency call.... And your calls to me would not go through. Katie spent much time... on the phone, trying to get it fixed (as you can tell, Katie is my expert here...) but to no avail..... So we had to send it back...and now I have HER phone....which doesn't work like mine, and it doesn't seem to connect the same as mine.....

Story 2... a little shorter.... My car.... The heater on the driver's side does not work. On the passengers side it works great, but I don't drive there and I rarely have passengers, and if you haven't noticed, it has been a little bit cold lately..... And in the past few weeks it seems as though I have been making a number of longer than usual drives, like to Akron to take some things to Joshua.... And to Solon for the Chrystalis training, and trust me, for these trips my feet ended up freezing.... Well, we were just about to have it repaired until our mechanic ended up in the hospital..... so we had to take it some place else, where it still is, and so for my last training event I ended up taking.... You guessed it, Katie's car. I also used her car today, Sunday, to get to both churches (although it was nice having heat)..... But yesterday as I arrived at my training event, the one thought that was going through my mind, traveling far from home.... And as I met with my team and shared the events of the past few days was “this is not my phone, this is not my car, I made it, but.....”

And then the scripture that I opened with came to mind....this is Not my phone, this is not my car..... this world, is not my home..... in verse 5 the writer of Hebrews says it this way *be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, “I will never, never fail you nor forsake you.”*

This is not my home, but while I am here the psalmist so wonderfully reminds us that in all things that *This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.*  
*Psalms 118:24*

Peace,  
Jeff

**THE 2022 LIASONS BETWEEN THE EMPLOYEES AND STAFF PARISH RELATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Rev.Jeff Stoll—Laura Lorelli  
Katie Stoll & Family— Barb Laughlin  
Betty Cochran—Brenda McNaughton  
Bill Nagle—Bob Josson  
Cindy Lemke, Emery Colvin, Jim Fuller—Pat Nemeth  
Nick Leavitt—Julie Eckart





# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**1** Penny Vaughn  
**4** Judith Verdi  
**4** Khloe Stout  
**4** Emma Stoneman  
**7** Maddie Loudermilk  
**7** Paige Fox  
**7** Robert Weimer  
**8** Susan Miller  
**12** **Donald & Mary Clugh**  
**13** Jim Keesler

**20** Linda Gray  
**20** Mia Loveland  
**20** Kyle Richmond  
**20** Jacob Palmer  
**21** Hayden Beals  
**24** Ellen Benedict  
**27** Mary Lewis  
**28** Landon Pimental  
**28** Abby Parks



### Every One of Your Birthdays

Every one of your birthdays  
is a gift to the rest of us  
who have had the pleasure  
of having you in our lives  
for another year.

Every one of your birthdays  
brings joyful memories  
of your bright smile  
and your love of life.

Every one of your birthdays  
reminds us of your sensitivity  
and service to others,  
and other delights  
too numerous to name  
that we are gifted with  
just by knowing you.

Happy Birthday  
to one in a million.  
May you, and we  
enjoy many more.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

### Loving Pair

It takes two special people,  
To make a loving pair.  
There's a joy just being around you,  
A feeling we love to share.  
We send anniversary wishes to you,  
For years of joy and pleasure.  
May each year keep getting better,  
With memories to treasure.

*By Joanna and Karl Fuchs*



“I know the plans I have in mind for  
you, declares the Lord; they are plans  
for peace, not disaster, to give you a  
future filled with hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

*As a local United Methodist Congregation we promise to honor God with:*



### On Going Prayer Concerns

Our Churches, Our Shut Ins, Our Military, Our Churches  
Our College Students, Our Pastor & Family, Missionaries, Dee Ann Rich,  
Ethan & Ashley Batschelet, Ed & Linda Gray, Richard Clugh,  
Don & Mary Clugh Family, River, Betty Hansen, Richard & Grace Arnold,  
Jim & Phyllis Wright, Dean Moore, Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel,  
Kurt Brindley, Eva DeCamillo, Roy Stiltner II, Linda Johnson,  
Sarrah Brown, Mary Lewis, Stoneman Family, Lou Buck, Jackie McKee, Jim  
McKee, Keith Youngberg, Louise Ebetino, Ruth Falcione, Becky Reese,  
Karen Klimek, Barb Swiger, Karen May, Kelly Forren, Tom & Donna Orr,  
Monna O'Connor, Justin Nelson, Rick Arnold, Lisa Buck,  
Virgil & Carol Hammonds, Debbie Eckart, Gary & Debbie Munson,  
Jeff & Sue Nelson, Ron McIvaine, Charlene Hopkins, Mike Greenwood,  
Marilyn Wenner, Paul Gynn, Kathy Feiler, Ken Elliot, Dixie & Larry Leggett,  
Christy, Cheryl McLaren, Kathy Kash,  
Peggy & Steve Pekarski, Billy Hudson, Janice, Bob M, Jim  
The Family of Dick Benjamin



### Marilyn Lundquist passed away December 1st, 2021 in Florida

If you would like to send a card Her son Ken's  
address is 25477 Grove Court, Flat Rock MI 48134

### *Our Gifts*

**Stewardship Update**  
**For the General Budget**  
01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

<b>Offerings &amp; Income</b>	<b>\$156,797.11</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>- \$187,267.37</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>-\$30,470.26</b>

The \$30,470.26 was taken from the  
Sexton-Sanborn Fund to balance out the  
budget for 2021

Thank you!

### *Our Service*

#### **Worship Service on Sunday's**

Begin at 8:15am & 10:45am  
Worship Service is also on UTube. If  
you would like a link via email please  
let us know. Or you can go to our  
Facebook page and pull it up that way.

**Worship On Wednesday's** at 6:00pm  
Taize & Communion on the Rail are on  
Wednesday's from 9:00am—5:00pm

If things change, we will be calling you  
to let you know. *Be Safe & Blessings*

## *and Our Witness*

By *Betty Cochran*

### **February 14th is Valentines Day.**

I took a look into the origin of Valentines day and it's not good, so I'm going to concentrate on today's meaning of Valentine's Day.

### **Love**

Of course we all in one way shape or form have experienced Love.

It's always nice to receive flowers, cards, hugs and kisses, and to remind our loved ones what a joy they are having them in our lives, but.....

The Greatest Love of course was and still is, the Love of our Father in Heaven!

He created us, stood by us through good times and bad. Sent his only son Jesus to be the sacrificial lamb, slaughtered, scorned and ridiculed on the stake to save us from our sins so we can live forever.

You can't receive more love from anyone or anything.

This Valentine's Day just take a few minutes of your time to tell the Lord how much you love him!

He loved us yesterday and today, his love never falter's.

***Praise him always....***

### **Interesting Tid Bits**

Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the entire bible?

Psalm 117, before Psalm 118 is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

Psalm 119, after Psalm 118 is the longest chapter in the Bible?

The Bible has 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after Psalm 118?

If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118, you get a total of 1188 chapter.

Psalm 118 verse 8 is the middle verse of the entire bible?

Should the central verse then not have an important message?

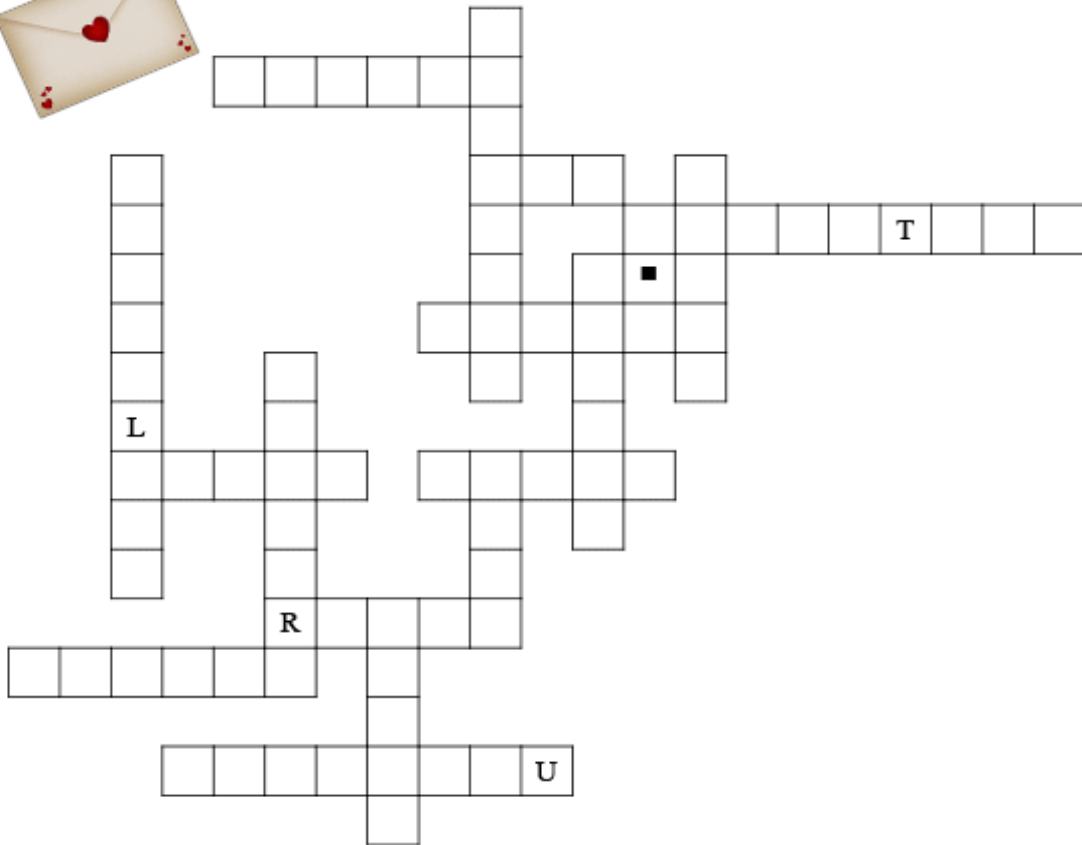
*“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.”*

Psalm 118:8

For God so lo**V**ed the world  
th**A**t he gave his  
on**L**y  
begott**E**n  
So**N**,  
tha**T** whoever  
bel**I**eves  
i**N** him should not perish  
but hav**E** everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

## VALENTINE'S DAY



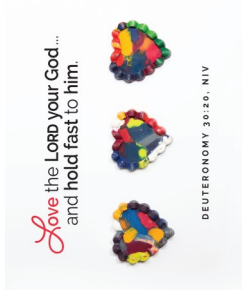

HEARTS  
RED  
CANDY  
FEBRUARY  
ARROW  
SWEET

BE MINE  
I LOVE YOU  
VALENTINE  
HUGS  
FLOWERS

CHOCOLATE  
WHITE  
KISSES  
ROSES  
FRIEND



# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:0pm Trustee Meeting	2 9-5 Taize & Open Communion & 6:00pm WOW	3	4	5 8:30am Men's Group 9:00am Membership Packing Valentine Boxes
6 Worship Service 8:15am & 10:45am	7 10:00 Mission Meeting	8 6:00 Education Meeting	9 9-5 Taize & Open Communion & 6:00pm WOW	10	11	12
13 <b>Boy Scout Sunday</b> Worship Service 8:15am & 10:45am	14 	15 6:00pm AD Council/ Finance Meeting	16 9-5 Taize & Open Communion & 6:00pm WOW	17	18	19 8:30am Men's Group
20 <b>Rev. Tom Orr</b> Worship Service 8:15am & 10:45am	21	22	23 9-5 Taize & Communion & 6:00pm WOW	24	25	26
27 Worship Service 8:15am & 10:45am	28		AA Meet on Sun. & Tues. At 7:00pm	Scouts Mon. & Wed. At 7:00	Girl Scouts 2nd & 4th. Tues. at 4:30	Grange 2nd Wed. at 5:30



## **VALENTINE'S DAY BOXES**

The Membership Committee will be packing Valentine's Day Boxes on  
**Saturday, February 5th at 9:00 AM.**

We are looking for donations of individually wrapped cookies, candies or other  
treats to include in our Valentine's Day Boxes for our  
Military and College students.

We are also excepting donations for postage.

If you have a son, grandson, daughter or granddaughter in college or the military  
please email their name and address to Pam by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please drop off donations of goodies in the kitchen before February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions contact Amy or Cheryl

*Thank you!*



Valentine's  
Day