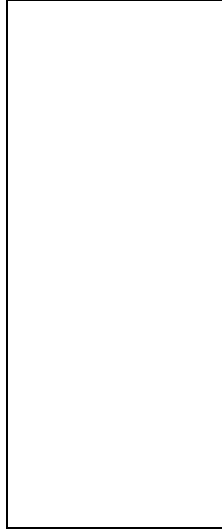


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**SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2011 — 10:30 AM**

**GLORY SERVICE**

**REV. JOY A. BAUMGARTNER**

**“OOPS! MY BAD!”**

**EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 3:17-26**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18:9-14**

**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2011 — 10:30 AM**

**REV. JOY A. BAUMGARTNER**

**“ABIDE WITH ME”**

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-17**

**EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6**

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 10, 2011

Ten-thirty O'clock

Liturgist.....Catherine Hawkins  
Greeters.....Michael Bushnell and Katie Jackson  
Altar Guild.....Bunny McComb

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God by a member of the church.

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 17, 2011

Ten-thirty O'clock

Liturgist.....Dorothy Rice  
Greeters.....Dr. Philip Brown and Darwin Dudley  
Social Hour Hosts.....Plymouth Choir  
Altar Guild.....Jackie Stebbins

The flowers at the altar are provided by the Rose Standish Circle.

## All Women Are Invited to a Special Salad Luncheon



Tuesday, July 19

12:00 Noon

Call the church office  
at 484-9495  
to make your reservation

Cost: \$5

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR PLYMOUTH CHURCH FAMILY

### HOLT SENIOR CARE & REHAB CENTER, ROOM D7, 5091 WILLOUGHBY RD, HOLT

Ruth Fransisco

### BURCHAM HILLS

Erdine Phillips

Catherine Stow

Tom Tabler

### TIMBER RIDGE SENIOR ASSISTANT LIVING

Marshall Ruhno

### HOME

Gary Beatty (roommate of Charles Gabler)	Barbara O'Neal (Lisa Bolton-Hunt's aunt)
Jeanne Bolton	Marlene Patterson
(Lisa Bolton-Hunt's step-mother)	Allen Ropp (Clayton Ropp's brother)
Maritza Christle (Melynda Christle's aunt)	Charles Schroeder
Mark Christle (Melynda Christle's cousin)	Royal Snyder (Clayton Ropp's cousin)
Helen Draper	Eleanor Thede (friend of Marilyn Hastings)
Lucy Finkel	Gary Thomas
Bunny Gruhn (Marcia Anderson's sister)	Heather Weldon
Marilyn Hastings	(granddaughter of Marilyn Hastings)
Dawn Moore	

### SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN AFGHANISTAN

Kenneth Smith, U.S. Air Force (cousin of Bonnie Rose)

### OTHER MILITARY SERVICE

John Chain, Jr. (nephew of David Chain) Coast Guard  
David Granger, Fort Campbell, KY—WELCOME HOME  
Adam Hedlund (grandson of David & Margaret Hedlund) U.S. Air Force, Langley, VA  
Jeffrey Rose-Fellows, U.S. Navy, Pensacola, FL (grandson of Bonnie Rose)  
Ray Underwood (nephew of glen & Marcia Anderson) WELCOME HOME

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AUGUST 1—15

*Birthdays*

- 8/1 Lillian Grinwis
- 8/2 Laura Miller
- 8/2 Shawn Sparks
- 8/5 Sue Jonas
- 8/6 Natalie Colson
- 8/7 Fred Miller
- 8/10 Taelor Henrys
- 8/10 Elias Williams
- 8/11 Scott Chappelle
- 8/11 Mary Beth Graebert
- 8/11 Katie Jackson
- 8/11 Karan Rai
- 8/11 Karen Stebbins
- 8/12 Sue Baldwin
- 8/12 Lindsay Hunt
- 8/12 Chris Jonas
- 8/13 Robert Homan
- 8/14 Cassandra Dalton

*Birthday Celebration*



*Happy Birthday to Dale Granger who will be 95 on July 18, 2011.*

*There will be a celebration during the coffee hour on July 17, 2011.*



REV. JOY BAUMGARTNER

**PASTOR'S PASSAGE**

We celebrate! We gather with family and friends and ooh and aah at the fireworks display. We're free! We're able to work, play, worship, and travel. We can eat, drink and be merry without a care in the world. And yet, as Christian people, it is never quite that simple. This Jesus who lives within us will not let us live that simple life. No. He demands something. Oh, we read the scripture and we want to think of it as a gentle invitation, but really, he wants something. He expects something of his followers. And as those who make a Covenant with God and one another, we are bound by that Covenant. We promised God.

As we begin the process of preparing for the search for a new Senior Minister, I've been thinking a lot about the Church Covenant. During my time in Arizona, I met with many clergy friends who talked about the issues of serving Jesus' Church in the world today and one friend, as we discussed

the ever-present issue of church constitutions and by-laws said, "If you have to drag out the by-laws every time there's an issue, you've got bigger problems than that issue." Of course, we discussed the necessity of updating by-laws, but it was the opinion of the group gathered that by-laws should cover an over-all picture of the way we operate, and then each Board, Committee, Task Force or whatever our churches call the gathered people in various areas of ministry set up guidelines and procedures for operating that fits that particular group in that particular time in history. I have to say, I think they have something.

The conference in Arizona was by-far one of the best I've ever experienced in terms of hospitality, collegiality and information. Important decisions were made as we discussed a Strategic Plan for reorganizing the NACCC and of course, there were those who panicked at the thought of any change. But the realization that the hard-working small group of paid leaders in our national office could not possibly meet the needs of almost 500

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*There are openings in July and August for flowers to be placed at the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please call Marcia Olds at 336-0439 or the church office at 484-9495*

**THE CHURCH STAFF**

- Rev. Joy A. Baumgartner, Interim Minister
- Rev. David Bandfield, Associate Minister
- John Dale Smith, Dir. of Music/Comm./Events
- Lisa Bolton-Hunt, Assistant Minister
- Dr. Penny Draper, Ass't Director of Music
- Margaret Wallin, Assistant Minister
- Tina M. Thompson, Financial Secretary
- Betty Briggs, Director of Rel. Ed.
- Ronald L. Silky, Sexton
- Joan Chandler, Administrative Assistant
- James J. Triantaflos, Ass't. Sexton

## PASTOR'S PASSAGE

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churches around the country had to be addressed. So that left us with a decision: all churches either have to commit themselves to support the association in a way that would allow us to call at least 3-4 more full-time pastors to become pastors to the churches, or we have to structure ourselves in such a way that would allow us to become the Congregationalists of 2011 and beyond and begin to assist one another and give of our time and expertise in areas of ministry when needed. The body of Christ gathered there voted to support the Strategic Plan and work has already begun to put together the flesh and bones of the plan that will be introduced next year in Minnesota. It was an exciting adventure!

Deb Hawkins, Helen Elliott and I attended various workshops that were informative and helpful and breaking bread together, times of fellowship and celebration and worship were energizing. We came home filled with a renewed energy and hope to pass that on to all of you as we introduce ideas and excitement into both new and old programs and classes.

As we move forward, the sharing of ideas and visions for the future will continue to become more and more important. When a Pastor considers a move to a new congregation, a question that is probably the first item on the agenda is this: "Is this a congregation that is seeking new and covenantal ways to serve Jesus in the world today?" Let's continue to consider this question together and also.....BE THE CHURCH

My Love and Blessings

Joy

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011  
7:00 PM  
PARLOR

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2011

9:30 AM Living the Questions  
9:45 AM Youth Group Discussion  
10:30 AM Worship—Glory Service  
10:30 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Potluck Luncheon  
11:45 AM Jr. and Sr. High PF

### MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011

9:00 AM Ingham County Health Dept.  
7:00 PM Board of Trustees  
7:00 PM Lansing Storytellers

### TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011

9:00 AM Ingham County Health Dept.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011

10:00 AM Clothes Closet  
12:30 PM No Day But Today (NA)  
1:00 PM Alzheimer Support Group  
7:00 PM Mary Brewster Circle

### FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2011

6:45 PM Movie Night

### SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2011

9:30 AM Living the Questions  
9:45 AM Youth Group Discussion  
10:30 AM Worship  
10:30 AM Sunday School  
11:45 AM Board of Deacons  
11:45 AM Board of Music  
11:45 AM Board of Religious Ed  
7:00 PM Lansing Concert Band

### MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011

8:00 AM Lifeline Screening

### TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011

12:00 PM Women's Fellowship  
12:00 PM Low Vision Support  
7:00 PM Church Council

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011

8:00 AM Men's Morning Manna  
10:00 AM Alzheimer Male  
Caregivers Support Group  
12:30 PM No Day But Today (NA)  
6:00 PM Girlfriends

### SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2011

10:30 AM Positive Vision Comm.



## Girlfriends

Wednesday, July 20 — 6:00 PM

At Vinaigrettes  
940 Elmwood Rd., Lansing 48917

Please call the Church office at 484-9495  
to make your reservation.

## THE CHURCH IN THE SUMMER



### Remember Your Pledges

Many people perhaps don't realize that the ministry of the Church not only continues during the summer months, but actually is even more active in terms of planning for the fall and winter. In order

provide worship and service and do that planning, however, we depend on our members and friends to continue their support. As vacation and guests take up our days, we often forget to send our pledge or gift to the Church. Please check to assure that your promise of faithfulness is fulfilled.



## Putt for a Purpose – No Experience Required!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 11, 2011! You will not want to miss this fun event to celebrate and support the ministries of Christian Services and the Church Network. The event will be held at Hawk Hollow on the Little Hawk Putting Course with two playing options: 9 Holes and dinner from 5:00 to 7:30 PM or dinner and 18 holes from 6:00 to 9:00 PM). Cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for ages 13-18, \$15 for ages 7 to 12 (family pricing available.)



**Sunday, July 10, 2011**  
**Following Worship**

**Please bring a dish to pass.**

Sponsored by the Board of Deacons

Don't forget your loose change for the offering plate on Sundays. This loose change is for the Sunday School Missions outreach.



## SAVE YOUR ITEMS FOR THE GARAGE SALE

Start going through your closets, attics and garages and save your gently used items for the Nearly New Garage Sale to be held on Friday and Saturday, October 21st and 22nd.

There is a room available for your special treasures. You may bring your jewelry now to the church office.

*Plymouth Summer Concert on the Lawn*

## Lansing Concert Band

**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2011—7:00 PM**



The **Lansing Concert Band** is a community band with a rich history spanning over 50 years in the mid-Michigan area. Today the all volunteer, seventy-five piece, adult concert band is a first-class performing ensemble, appearing in many concerts, festivals and civic functions throughout the year.

The Lansing Concert Band is directed by Dr. Gary Sullivan.

**BRING YOUR CHAIRS OR BLANKETS  
AND ENJOY SOME EXCITING MUSIC**



**FRIDAY, JULY 15, 6:45 PM**

**JOIN US FOR PIZZA AND A MOVIE**

## Megamind

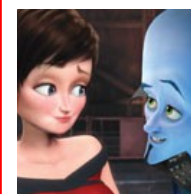
Villainy is a way of life, but if a villain doesn't have a hero to



battle, can he still expect the same sense of satisfaction from his evil deeds? When Megamind (Will Ferrell) finally defeats his long-time nemesis Metro Man (Brad Pitt), he ecstatically goes about laying ruin to Metro City, reveling in the fact that he can now have anything he wants. Surprisingly, Megamind's glee quickly turns to dissatisfaction as he realizes that the battle was half the fun and everything comes too easy now. Thus begins a



plot to turn the nerdy Hal (Jonah Hill) into Tighthen, a new hero for Megamind to battle. What Megamind doesn't count on is that Tighthen may not turn out to be as good as he's meant to be. Nor does he anti-



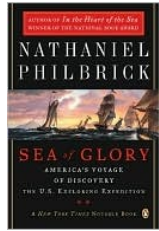
ciate falling in love with his old val's girl Roxanne Ritchi (Tina Fey). In the end, Megamind finds he must rethink his assumptions about good, bad, and what makes him happy. --Tami Horiuchi



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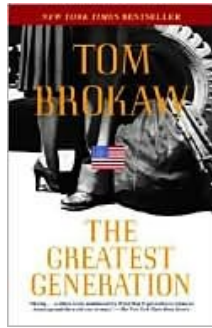
## FROM YOUR LIBRARY COMMITTEE...

Your Library has many books on many topics. Here are a few addressing the conquest of the seas, stories of the building of modern America and for the younger set, the first reading of the Declaration of Independence.



**"Sea of Glory" by Nathaniel Philbrick** is the saga of the discovery of a new southern continent, the charting of dozens of newly discovered islands across the Pacific and more - all accomplished by a crew of hundreds on no less than six sailing vessels. Lieutenant Charles Wilkes commanded this undertaking though not without trials and tribulations. Philbrick now reconstructs the darker saga that the official reports never told. You will sail to "palm-fringed beaches in the South Pacific to the waters off Antarctica to the stunning Pacific Northwest coastline." This is a first rate sea story!

In **Tom Brokaw's "The Greatest Generation"**, you will meet the American "heroes and heroines who came of age during the Great Depression and the Second World War." Many of us grew up during this time and will remember the values, courage, and love of family and country that has been instilled in all of us. Many of the photographs in this book may be familiar and remind you of a time that was fraught with tears but also much love. This book has been a very popular read with our congregation.



**"Ring for Liberty" by Virginia Parsons** tells us of how important one person can be to history. Jonathan McNair's grandfather had been ringing the Liberty Bell for over twenty years, and this day was an historical event. Jonathan was asked to tell grandfather when he saw the Colonel begin to read the Declaration of Independence so he could ring the bell for Liberty on this special occasion. This is a short read, but with our country enjoying our independence for another year, anyone who reads **"Ring for Liberty"** will be reminded just how fortunate we all are.

# SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ COOKING FOR JESUS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 8-12, 2011



**Monday Through Thursday  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

**Friday  
11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Please call the church office  
if you can help.

**WATCH CHURCH LIFE FOR MORE INFORMATION**



The Board of Trustees is in need of a Recording Secretary. Board meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library

Please call Joan in the Church office at 484-9495 if you can provide this very necessary service.

# From the Board of Benevolences **OPPORTUNITY AND NEEDS**

## UNDIES SUNDAYS — JULY AND AUGUST



Please bring NEW t-shirts, underwear and socks for children on Sundays during July and August. These will be distributed through the social workers at school.



Hannah's House is in need of a part-time housemother. This position requires a dedicated Christian woman with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. She must be able to take charge with strength and compassion. She should be mission minded and realize that the job is first of all a ministry. She'll work every other week from 3pm on Monday until 6pm on Wednesday. She would be required to spend the night on Monday and Tuesday. Her duties would include preparing a meal for the residents one evening, doing light cleaning as needed and leading daily devotions with the residents. Please contact Stephanie K. Johnson at 482-5856 or hannahhouse-lansing@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed at the Maplewood Shelter. They are looking for a MORNING CHECKOUT ASSISTANT, 7:15-9:30am. This position is for a female volunteer who can multi-task and likes working with people. An EVENING CHILD-CARE ASSISTANT is needed from 7-8pm. She will provide support for the shelter staff with activities, lessons and child management. A background check is required. For more info call 485-0145 or email volunteers@lcrim.org.

Loaves and Fishes Ministries run Emergency Overnight Shelters and Transitional Housing Services. Please keep this valuable ministry in your prayers as they are facing increasing demand with the state's unemployment benefit cuts.



## BACKPACKS

A new backpack is the most expensive item that a family has trouble providing for their children. We will be collecting backpacks and school supplies for families in need. Please bring your backpacks and school supplies to the church during the month of July.

The 2011 Lansing Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held on Sunday, September 18 at M.S.U.'s Auditorium Field. Register a team, join a team or sponsor a team. For more info call 999-3336 or email [www.alz.org/mglc](http://www.alz.org/mglc).



The Lansing Area Aids Network Walk will be held Sunday, September 25. See Chuck Gabler for more info.

## **BI-WEEKLY CLOTHING CLOSET**

**JULY 13 — JULY 27**

Plymouth's Clothing Closet located on the lower level will be open Wednesdays, July 13 and 27 from 10 AM until 1 PM for anyone needing gently used clothing. Please come help yourself. Someone will be there to assist you.

You may bring clothing to be given to the Clothes Closet on Sundays or during regular church office hours—8 a.m.—5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. **There is a need of clothing for children and men.**