

# The Anchor



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### News From Around the Region

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**“By faith all things are fulfilled: Wherefore, whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God which hope cometh of faith maketh an Anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast, always abounding in good works, being led to glorify God.” Ether 5:3b-4**

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### Algonac Branch By: Val Bradley

“And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.” Ezekiel 34:26

Nine of our Algonac women attended the Spring Women’s Retreat at the Port Huron/Sarnia Restoration Branch on May 18. The theme was “Showers of Blessings” and the Port Huron/Sarnia saints (led by Connie DeBell and Barb Teeple) had the tables beautifully decorated to go along with our theme. They also provided great morning

snacks, a wonderful luncheon and yummy afternoon treats, and we were grateful. Morning devotions were prepared and shared by the Sanilac Restoration Branch, led by Kathleen Palmer. It was a wonderful way to start the day! There were three classes throughout the day. Val Bradley (Algonac) taught the first class, which was entitled, “Are You an Umbrella Lady?” She read a related story and shared scriptures and songs pertaining to the theme. Various discussions were held centered on Random Acts of Kindness and ways in which we can be a

blessing to others. Blank notecards were handed out to the women and they were asked to write and send a message of gratitude to someone who has been a blessing in their life. Kathi Havener (Oakwood) taught the second class, which was entitled, "Count Your Blessings." She led a discussion on "Seeing the Big Picture and Recognizing Hidden Blessings." Denise Carter and Val Bradley opened with a skit where Denise was walking with a raincoat and umbrella, and she was getting showered with blocks of misfortune. Through them all, she was able to see the blessings they inspired. Kathi shared her testimony of the auto accident she, Jay, and Julie Fox were in last November when their van spun out on black ice and rolled on the expressway coming back from a trip to Missouri. Why was it a blessing that the van was wrecked? Because if it weren't for the van (purchased 1 day before the trip), they would have been driving a small PT Cruiser and may have all been killed when it flipped...Praise God! Sherry Purcell (Port Huron/Sarnia) taught the last class, which was on fasting. She spoke about why it's important, ways to go about it, and the blessings that can come to us as a result of it. We were fortunate to have Elder Todd Moses (Algonac) as our guest minister and were grateful for the good spirit that he brought. We appreciated the message he shared at the closing Dedication Service, which included Scriptures and several personal testimonies regarding blessings that he and his family have received. A number of women then offered their prayers and testimonies. At the end of the day, the women were all given umbrellas and were encouraged to start their own umbrella ministry. (They each know what this means!) Again, we'd like to thank the Port Huron/Sarnia branch for hosting this retreat. We appreciated the use of their beautiful sanctuary and all the time and effort they put forth on behalf of the women. It was such a blessing to meet once again with our sisters in Christ and

we look forward to seeing them again at the next retreat in October!

(Reported by Wendy Holmes)

On May 24th & 25th Algonac branch held their annual Rummage & Bake Sale. A Huge Thank You to everyone that saved up items & donated to our sale. We couldn't do it without you! We did well as usual. A Big Thank You to Elaine Harm & her neighbor that helped with set up. Connie Burns, Elaine King & Wendy Holmes worked very hard during the weekend but had great fun as well. As always the bake sale brings in a lot of people. There were lots of yummy treats made by the sisters. Many of the same customers from past sales attended again mainly due to our baked goods. We had many needy people come in looking. We arranged it so they were able to fill a grocery bag for \$5.00 with clothing. Thanks to Kelli Williams for her awesome donation of clothing. Everyone left happy! We had visitors from as far away as Ft. Gratiot & Roseville just from seeing our ad in the paper. We also had visitors from other branches which was wonderful! We appreciate the support! We were sad to hear that our local Al-a-Non club has had to close up. We usually donated to them as they were in need. We missed seeing Bonnie & Charley, they were always regulars. We did receive a call for help for a local lady that was alone and had cancer. She was in desperate need of financial assistance and at wits end. We were able to console her and direct her to our Pastor for further assistance. All in all we had a wonderful weekend and we were able to get our presence out into the Algonac community. As usual, if you have any unwanted items during the year, we sure would appreciate if you would save them for our next sale!!

Our Women's and Men's meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The women, led by Val Bradley, are reading and discussing the book, "33

**Women of the Restoration” by Emma Phillips. The men, led by Gary Holmes, are studying the book “Ordinances and Sacraments of the church” (Yale and Brockway). On Friday, May 31, a large number of our saints met at the Golden Hawk Country Club for our annual Men’s and Women’s Department banquet. Nina Powers presented the women with flowers and the men with a devotional booklet. Thanks, Nina, for all you do for us! We always look forward to this gathering and enjoyed delicious food and great fellowship.**

**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> was our annual cleaning & work day at the Lord’s house. We scrubbed, scurried and organized to make everything beautiful while enjoying each other’s company in fellowship.**

**Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> served as our annual picnic at Beebe Park in Richmond. Elder Kurt Fishwild brought a fantastic message while Kelli Williams and some of the Algonac children brought a tribute to fathers. At the conclusion of the service, Elder Ray Moses segued into a surprise celebration for Liz & Todd Moses’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A delightful potluck lunch was shared with anniversary cake and other delicious delicacies. Afterward, Kelli Williams had the traditional piñata and crafts for the children. Congratulations to Todd and Liz ... we wish them many more years of love and happiness!**

**Our Vacation Bible School, directed by Kelli Williams, took place July 15 – 19. This year’s theme was “Son Harvest” and every corner of the church looked like a farm ... there were plants and barnyard animals everywhere! Each day began with a theme-related puppet show. The puppeteers were Kelli Williams and Todd Moses and the puppets included a chicken, pig, horse, cow, boy, and Rainbow (the parrot) who shows up each year. I think the puppet shows are a favorite of the adults, as well as the**

**children! It’s always fun to see what Kelli will come up with next. As always, a lot of time, effort and talent went into the week’s activities. Kelli taught the preschool class and Nina Powers and Val Bradley taught the elementary class. Each day focused on a different Bible story, which featured a particular fruit of the spirit. Monday’s story was about Jesus’ birth (love). Tuesday was the parable of the Lost Sheep (joy). Wednesday’s story was how Jesus teaches us not to worry (peace). Thursday was about the prodigal son (patience) and Friday was the story of the Good Samaritan (kindness). The music classes were taught by Todd and Liz Moses. The children all love to sing and they report that a favorite of the little kids was “I’ve Got the Joy ... Down in my Heart” and the Freeze dance (with scarves). The older kids seem to like the old favorite “Izickazumba.” Tina Yaney taught the crafts class. The older children liked making the chicken puppet (it was noisy!) and the younger kids enjoyed making the pig mask. The snacks, prepared by Nadine Moses and Elaine Harm, were very creative. The kids all seemed to like the daily fresh baked multi grain bread and all the various fruit smoothies. Bethany Moses, Brianna Morrison and Joshua Pirt were in charge of recreation. The kid’s favorite outdoor activities were Frog Tag and the Samaritan Relay. Deana Pirt was a “floater” and helped out with anything and everything that needed doing. A big thanks to everyone who attended and who helped make VBS a rewarding experience.**

**On Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, Nathan LaFrance and Alexis Parker (grandchildren of Wendy & Tim Holmes) were baptized by their grandpa, Priest Tim Holmes. This wonderful ordinance took place at the lovely home of John and Connie DeBell. On Wednesday, July 24, many of the Algonac saints had the privilege of attending a confirmation service at the**

Port Huron/Sarnia branch. Nathan and Alexis were confirmed into Christ's church by Elder Dave Teeple and Elder Jack Tynan. It was a very beautiful, spiritual service and everyone was encouraged to participate. Many special prayers were said on behalf of the new members that God would bless them with specific gifts of the Spirit. We'd like to welcome both of these children into our church family and will keep them in our prayers as they begin their new walk in Christ.

#### Reunion 2013 (reported by Todd Moses)

Wesleyan Woods Campground in Vassar, Michigan was once again our location for the Great Lakes Restoration Branches Family Reunion. Seventy Royl Roden and Elders Doug Smith and Peter Cornish brought wonderful ministry throughout the week for the campers. Both the children and adults had memorable classes each day by dedicated saints that prepared lessons for all to enjoy. Each afternoon contained a plethora of recreation activities to keep everyone involved. The traditional talent show and crazy Olympics rounded the week out on Friday and Saturday. Each evening, we gathered for campfire and songs lead by Bethany Moses and Brianna Morrison, then shared a laugh and snack at the canteen before turning in for the day. A highlight of the week was the Baptism Service on Friday where 4 young saints dedicated their lives in the water to our Heavenly Father: Brian Hardwick, Emma Turner, Cruz Nagy and Ely Cornish. These four were confirmed the following day and had their first communion service on Sunday at the close of the camp.

#### Older Youth Camp (reported by Bethany Moses)

This year at older kid's camp, there were three Algonac kids: Brianna Morrison, Joshua Pirt, and myself, Bethany Moses. Camp took place at the Community of Christ Campground in Sanford, Michigan. There were 18 kids attending, including

our three. Some of the main activities that took place at camp were capture the flag, campfires, Jambalaya, and, of course, classes on the week's theme. This year's theme was the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepard; I shall not want." Jay Havener had a class specifically explaining each verse in that Psalm. Kathi Havener would lead campfires with some help from Brianna and me later on in the week. Also, Fred Brown Jr. came up in the middle of the week and helped with campfires as well. Jambalaya was a combination of four games: Golf, Horse Shoes, Bocce Ball, and Bag-O. In these games we were each paired up with one other person. Whichever pair got the most combined points in all the games won. Finally, Capture the Flag was our annual tradition. It was our favorite game. We split the camp up into two sides and a neutral zone and whoever got the other team's flag first would win. But, we changed it up a bit. We played for two hours in the pitch black dark at about 10pm; that's when the game got interesting. These were some of my favorite parts of camp and I can't wait until next year!

Prayers would be appreciated for Dick and Connie Burns, Marge Holmes, Nina Powers, Tim Holmes, Kelli Williams, Bruce and Barb Krinkie, and Jean John. We are keeping you and your congregations in our prayers, as well.



**The Gift of Hope & Strength...**  
by: Connie Burns

Ladies...we've talked about Breast Cancer before. To some it is for comfort, encouragement, strength, courage, and above all our love for our 'Mother, Sister, Grandmother, and perhaps yourself.

I lost my mother from Breast Cancer, and I pray that someday there will be a cure to spare the future generation. Today as I was sitting in the 'waiting room' for my yearly mammogram, I read a wonder article. I took notes real fast to pass this onto you.

In 2008 Ruth Crane was treated for breast cancer, and she was determined to make the best of a tough situation. Every day she made the choice of, wig or bandanna, with makeup or without, wear earrings or not? Those questions she faced became more and more bearing on her.

Ruth pulled herself out of that way of thinking. She did what 'she' felt like, not what the public would 'think'. She felt beautiful, and rightfully so.

Every time Ruth went in for any type of treatment, she had a handbag full of 'NEW EARRINGS'. As she walked in the waiting room she began to pass them out. She knew how she felt wearing a 'new' pair of earrings, and she wanted to pass that feeling forward. Many got wind of what she was doing, and the earrings began to come her way. Since 2008 Ruth has passed out 2,500 pair of earrings.

Ruth hopes to expand her efforts across the country. If you feel lead to help Ruth out, you may send her 'New Earrings' that are Nickel Free, any style, color, any size, posts or dangles. (They must be Store bought and New)  
Address:

**EARS TO YOU**  
**P.O. BOX 190**  
**HINCKLEY, OH**  
**44233**

**Lets give Ruth a hand across AMERICA. WE CAN DO THIS LADIES!**

**Atlanta Branch** By: Jessica S. Joles Slater

How fast the summer months go by. The NMRB has been delighted to welcome visiting ministers and to have members return after their journey south for the winter. Unfortunately, we have also experienced another death of a branch member. Lillian Benac passed away after a long illness. Following is her obituary:

**Lillian Hope Benac**  
**June 28, 1924 - June 13, 2013**

**Lillian Hope Benac, 88, of Hillman, passed away at Medilodge of Hillman on Thursday, June 13, 2013.**

**Lillian Hope Guy was born in Alpena on June 28, 1924 to the late Amos and Myrtie (Winters) Guy and married Orville Joseph Benac on January 16, 1943. He preceded her in death March 28, 2006.**

**She was a member of Northern Michigan Restoration Branch Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints.**

Surviving are 2 sons, Jack (Leslie) Benac of Laingsburg, Tim (Anita) Benac of Hillman; daughter in law, Linda Benac of Hillman; 9 grandchildren, Shelly, Joe, Shandra, Jory, Jeremy, Sara, Shane, Lisa, Timothy; 16 great-grandchildren, Chelsey, Alanna, Jacob, Kyle, Brandon, Kelsey, Logan, Dakoda, Riley, Jozie, Brody, Frankie, Owen, Oliver, Cassidy and Jewel.

Preceding Lillian in death were a daughter, Candace Kay Benac; a son, Gary Benac; 2 sisters, Edith Bouscher, Elsie Cadieux; and 6 brothers, William, Alvin, Marvin, Vanis, Richard and Donald.

The funeral service was held on Monday at 11 a.m. with Elder Kendall Sumerix officiating.

Interment: Hillman/Rust Twp. Cemetery  
Memorials: Medilodge Nursing Home Activity Department

It is a pleasure to relate the following testimonial regarding faith and technology. For those of you who do not know, there is a Restoration Facebook page that some members belong to. A church member, who has been away from the church for some time, had been searching for a permanent job for over two years and was losing their apartment. This member joined the Facebook group and posted a prayer request. Within two weeks, they are now able to report that they have found a secure career position and have begun the process of buying a home. Their personal life has also stabilized and they seem truly happy. The power of prayer and the ability to communicate with saints far and wide is a blessing. I encourage anyone who is on Facebook to join our group.

As always, we invite anyone who is in the area to come and worship with us. We also ask that you are mindful of the following individuals who are in need of prayer:

Christiane - Undiagnosed severe pain  
Lesley - unspecified  
Cliff Goodfellow – Cancer  
Dixie Goodfellow – Health problems  
Elder Lee Hittle - Severe health problems  
Dolores Howard – Joint pain  
Mark Howard - unspecified  
Matt Howard – Back pain  
Brian Korona – Spot on lung  
Larry Peters – Heart problems  
Bonnie Peters - Legs  
Ila Ross – Fall  
Jim Ross – Eyesight  
Willy Ross – Broken hip and Alzheimer’s  
Community of Christ Church

Thank You and God Bless

**Garden City** By: Kurt & Susan  
Fishwild

**Spring and Summer News from Garden City**

Many thanks to the members who made our church look beautiful for the Easter morning service. The stone was rolled away from the tomb and the flowers were lovely. Morgan Baltzer of Missouri was recently featured in Glyph Notes magazine. Morgan is the granddaughter of Ron and Margaret Baltzer of the Garden City Branch. Morgan completed a Social Studies project about Pakal’s Tomb complete with a moveable sarcophagus “lid”. April 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, Nathan Costello performed in the musical “Grease” at Churchill High School. He and fellow dancers practiced for one and a half months to prepare. Several members of the congregation attended the musical and said that Nathan was fantastic. Sarah Monarch (daughter of Rex and Judy Monarch) graduated Thursday, May 2 from Schoolcraft College’s School of Nursing. Her pinning ceremony was beautiful. They ended with a candle lighting ceremony where all of her classmates stood facing the audience and

recited "The Nurse's Pledge". Sarah has three more classes to take this summer at Madonna University to finish her Bachelors in Biology. Congratulations Sarah!

The Children's Retreat took place May 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> at the Port Huron Branch. Megan and Ethan Fishwild and Paige Carnahan (C.I.T.) from the Garden City Branch attended. The children learned about some of the Old Testament prophets. They also had classes on the Holy Spirit which were taught by Tom Essenmacher, Dave Teeple and Brian Daggett. Thanks to all the staff that made this weekend possible.

Richard and Helen Ziegler celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Their children hosted a lovely celebration for them at the Garden City Branch on May 19<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 service. Congratulations Richard and Helen!

Children and staff gathered from Ontario, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio on July 21<sup>st</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Erie Beach Campgrounds for a wonderful week of camp. Several children and youth from Garden City attended the camp. They learned a lot about the Book of Mormon, had campfires, swam in Lake Erie, ate delicious meals, did woodworking and archery and much more. Many "old" friends were re-united and new friends made. The children are looking forward to their Fall Retreat.

At reunion this summer, the saints heard many testimonies from the visiting ministers during classes and sermons. What a joy it was to witness the baptism and confirmation of four children during reunion! Spending time fellowshiping with the saints during meals, in the canteen, and during free time was wonderful as always.

Many thanks to the guest ministers who have preached at Garden City the past few months: Elder Jay Havener, Elder Todd Yaney, Elder Robert Ruch, Elder Graham Fishwild, Elder Gary Holmes.

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Margaret and Ron Baltzer (health), Ken Carroll (liver cancer), Glen Carnahan (health), Tom Carnahan (neck injury), Margie Dereyshire (stroke recovery), Dianna Flynn (health), George Heidelmeyer (prostate

cancer), Carolyn Kilgore (spiritual guidance), George Polasik (bladder cancer, copd), Helen and Richard Ziegler (health), Diante Wright (eye surgery), Michael McKiddie (physical/spiritual health).

### **Oakwood** By: Kathleen Modders

In June, Oakwood held its annual church service picnic at General Squire Park in Dryden, Michigan. It was a very nice service, with a potluck lunch afterwards. Helene Danicki always does a great job making sure everything goes smoothly as we all walk through the wonderful line of food that everyone prepares. After lunch, we enjoyed a great softball game -- and found out that Ryan Wilson is a superstar ball player!

In July, Sister Betty Lou Newman directed the younger youth camp in Canada, Erie Beach campgrounds. Oakwood's youth that attended were Cruz Nagy, Gastavo, Samantha, and Jamie Servin, Brian Hardwick and Autumn Turner, & Brandi Tomanek, and Heather Mervyn.

In July, Jay and Kathi Havener once again directed the Zion's Youth Camp at Sanford Camp grounds. There were many new faces with both campers and counselors alike. Fred Brown, Sr. was camp pastor. David Pirt, Jacob Havener, Mick Danicki, Joshua Johnson, Kathi Havener, and Kathleen Modders were cabin counselors. Helen Brown and Tracy Stokes cooked our fantastic meals, and Clareen Carroll was our camp nurse. Kathleen, Kathi, and Tracy also helped out with the crafts, while Fred Brown, Sr., Fred Brown, Jr., Kathi, and Jay taught classes as well. Jake, Josh, and Mike did a great job organizing recreation. Kathleen created the camp logs while David Pirt took all the pictures. Our staff wear many hats! Several of our Oakwood youth attended camp: Parker Mervyn, Dustin Michael, Cole Vandenberg, Drew Vandenberg, Nick Brown, Joe Brown, Reese Nagy, Jonathon Modders, Brandon Embree, Chad Embree, Andrew Tomanek, and Raven Franks. Also in attendance from different branches were Bethany Moses, Brianna Morrison, Maddi Carnahan, Paige Carnahan, Joshua Pirt, and John Daniels. We

enjoyed a day at the Sanford Lake County Park where we played volleyball and euchre, swam in the lake and had a game of football in the water. We even had a visit by Joshua Havener who was back in Michigan just for the weekend! What a surprise that was! (Pictures of the camp are posted on Facebook.)

Speaking of Josh Havener, he's engaged! He and Andrea Sovey had a wonderful Tiger's Baseball-themed wedding shower at Oakwood on July 27 given by mother-in-law to be Kathi Havener. Since it was the day after Zion's Youth Camp ended, Kathi said she couldn't have pulled it off without the help of Bonnie Murphy and Julie Fox who decorated, Raven Franks who helped pick up the balloons and cake, Kathleen Modders who made fresh popcorn, and Helen Brown and Tracy Stokes who helped with the food. Hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, peanuts, candy, and Crackerjacks! What more can you ask for? Everyone was dressed in their Tiger apparel and had a great time celebrating with the happy couple. Congratulations Joshua and Andrea on your upcoming November 2 wedding!

Oakwood Restoration Branch will soon be starting a choir. Sister Kim Gilchrist will be the director. First practice is on September 11th at 5 p.m., and all are welcome to join. There are about 12 in the group so far! It will be such a blessing once it has started and we are blessed by the beautiful voices in our branch.

As always, Mick and Shawn Ruch did a wonderful job directing the Great Lakes Restoration Branches Reunion as we lived for a week in Zion. The presence of the Lord was among us. Every person who had a hand in helping did a wonderful job, and it was a great success. Even our youth are stepping up to help out! Bethany Moses and Brianna Morrison did such a wonderful job on the campfires! Good job girls! There were four young people baptized into our church this year at the reunion campgrounds. Three of which were from Oakwood, and one was from Missouri. It was a nice sight to see four eight-year-olds walking into the water. Children really are our future. Cruz Nagy was baptized by his grandfather, Elder Fred Brown, Sr. and confirmed by his grandfather, Elder Fred

Brown, Sr. and his uncle, Elder Fred Brown, Jr. Emma Turner was baptized by her grandfather, Priest Richard Burns and confirmed by Elders Mick Ruch and Jay Havener. Brain Hardwick was baptized by his uncle, Elder Todd Moses and confirmed by his uncles Elders Hod Powers and Todd Moses. Eli Cornish was baptized by his father, Elder Peter Cornish and confirmed by his father, Elder Peter Cornish, and his uncle Elder Doug Smith. We had two wonderful visiting speakers from Missouri this year, Elder Doug Smith and Seventy Royle Roden. (Pictures of the reunion are posted on Facebook.)

Oakwood changed Pastors on July 1. Elder Edward MacDonald is our Pastor for the rest of this year! He is doing a wonderful job. Two of our youth graduated from high school this year: Nick Brown and Raven Franks. I know as they travel into their futures, they will continue to keep our Lord first in their lives to have him guide them through college and jobs, and their journey through life. Congratulations Nick and Raven!

Upcoming birthdays are: 09/01 Dawn Modders, 09/05 Bill Hulse, 09/15 Eloise Boat, 09/16 Bill Holcomb, 09/19 Graham Fishwild, 09/22 Jann Wilson, 09/22 Michelle Turner, 09/23 Helen Smith, 09/26 Shaun Turner, 10/07 Ryan Wilson, 10/08 Helene Danicki, 10/08 Fred Brown, Jr. 10/14 Ruth Ann Hulse, 10/18 Marc Hanna, 10/23 Debbie Millen, 10/25 Shawn Ruch, 10/26 Sara Ruch, 10/27 Teri Hanna, 11/04 Helen McNeil, 11/04 Ryan Hanna, 11/08 Nick Brown, 11/17 Jacob Havener, 11/19 Andrew Tomanek, 11/20 Cole Vandenberg, 11/24 Jared Carl, 12/02 Bob Ruch, 12/04 Ty Millen, 12/06 Drew Vandenberg, 12/08 Parker Mervyn, 12/09 Helen Brown, 12/19 Samantha Pollard, 12/25 Laurie MacDonald, 12/26 Mick Ruch, 12/26 Jonathon Modders, 12/27 Marissa Wilson, and 12/30 Autumn Tomanek.

**Happy Birthday to all of you!!!**

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> is Sweetest Day**  
**Don't forget your honey!!!**



**Brain Hardwick**



**Eli Cornish**

**Otter Lake** By: Susie Daggett

We are all very saddened at the loss of Bob Sutton on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Prayers are appreciated for the family at this time. He will be greatly missed.

John Daniels recently attended the Older Youth Camp. We had quite a few people from our branch attend reunion, either staying on the grounds or driving back and forth.

Our Sister Carol Hoeltdke had spine surgery during reunion. Doug and Brian Daggett were able to leave reunion to go up to the hospital to administer to her.

Congratulations to Allie Deland on her graduation from High School. We are very proud of her.

We have a small but loving branch and we are very blessed to be able to fellowship with the saints there.

We would like to thank all of the guest ministry and their families who have blessed us with their presence over the last few months. We couldn't do it without you.

Thank you,

**Port Huron** By: Cathy Daggett

The Port Huron Sarnia Restoration Branch just celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a branch in the area. The branch had a special service to commemorate the anniversary.



**Emma Turner**



**Cruz Nagy**

**Sister Sharon Smerer brought in yearbooks she has been keeping all of these years with all of the important events of the branch. Sharon has done an exceptional job of capturing all of the activities through the years including pictures. It brought back many memories of the various milestones in the church as well as reminding how the branch has grown. Many thanks to Sister Sharon for these invaluable records she has maintained through the years.**

**The members of the branch attended the annual Sunday church service and picnic at John and Connie Debell's house again this summer. It was great fun with a cookout and swimming in the Debell's pool. Austin Shamblin, Nathan La France and Alexis Parker were all baptized in John and Connie's swimming pool during this special day. Several members of the congregation traveled to Roscommon in northern Michigan in July for the baptism of Lydia DeBell at the family's cabin.**

**We have once again had the pleasure of having our dear sister Marguerite Harper home from her daughter's house in Delaware. Sister Marguerite will be celebrating her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday on August 21<sup>st</sup>. In November another dear sister of ours, Greta Clark, will also be celebrating her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. We feel very blessed to have these wonderful women in our branch.**

**Our Branch hosted the Women's Retreat this spring with, "Showers of Blessings". We were glad to have all the Restoration Branches attend and their guests. We enjoyed the skits,**

**testimonies and group talks that were held. We would like to thank, Val Bradley and Kathi Havener for their leadership and all of their helpers who have put forth such efforts for us women to have these events.**

**We want to thank Connie DeBell and Barbara Teeple and their volunteers for the food and beverages that was provided. Always, good food and fellowship. Until, the next Women's Retreat, have a nice summer and see you in the fall.**

**On Father's Day, June 16th, Scott Bolt was ordained to the office of Deacon by Elders Jack Tynan (Scott's father-in-law) & Jim Bradley. Wishing you God's Blessings Scott!**

**Avery Bolt, daughter of Scott and Amy Bolt and granddaughter of Jack and Barb Tynan graduated from Port Huron Northern High School this summer and will now be attending St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron.**

**We welcomed the newest member of the Port Huron Sarnia Branch on August 14<sup>th</sup>, little Adam Michael Britz, son of Alexandria Britz and grandson of Jason and Carrie Britz and Jack and Barb Tynan.**

Great Lakes Region Restoration Branches  
2013 Fall Women's Retreat  
*"Breathe on me breath of God..."*



***Date:*** Friday, October 4 - Sunday, October 6, 2013

***Time:*** 5:30 p.m. Dinner Friday night to 12 noon Sunday lunch

***Place:*** Wesleyan Woods Campground in Vassar, MI

***Cost:*** Paid by freewill donation

***Bring:*** Scriptures, a tea cup, bedding, snacks to share, a great attitude!

***Contact:*** Val Bradley ***by September 23<sup>rd</sup>***

*If you plan on attending so we can give the camp a food count:*

***Phone:*** 586.752.5965 or 586.202.3351

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## **Regional Activities for the next quarter**

### **Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> - Book of Mormon Weekend**

**Fri. (27<sup>th</sup>)** Preaching service, 7p.m. (Oakwood Branch)

**Sat. (28<sup>th</sup>)** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. w/ pot luck lunch (Oakwood Branch)

Please bring your Book of Mormon.

Classes for adults & children, presentations of recent findings,  
drawing for gift

**Sun. (29<sup>th</sup>)** – Sermons on Book of Mormon in individual  
branches. For more details, contact Barent Eliason or Ed  
MacDonald.

### **Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, Fall Women's Retreat**

**Wesleyan Woods, Vassar MI**

### **Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Service, Pizza Party & Hayride (Sanilac Branch)**

### **Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Children's Retreat @ Port Huron/Sarnia Branch**

for more details contact Betty Lou Newman

### **Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Daylight Savings ends – clocks fall back one hour**

### **From The Editor's Desk:**

Anyone having articles or historical facts (that would be of interest to everyone), etc. please send them to me for future use. Please keep them to one page or less, as space is very limited and expensive. Thank you. Send to:

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