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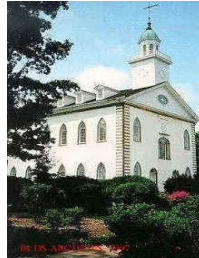
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“By faith all things are fulfilled: Wherefore, whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God which hope cometh of faith maketh an Anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure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

In Memoriam:

Elder JD Cargill
Algonac Restoration Branch



Born June 6th 1920
Heavenly Homecoming Aug. 3rd 2015

Priest (Willit) Bill Holcomb
Oakwood Restoration Branch



Born Sept. 16th 1930
Heavenly Homecoming July 15th 2015

Algonac Branch



By: Val Bradley

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust." (Psalm 91:1, 2) In these times of turmoil and uncertainty, we are so grateful to be able to put our trust in the Lord. He truly is our refuge and our fortress!

On Sat., May 9 we met together at the church for a fun Family Night, hosted by Dick and Connie Burns. The table centerpieces and decorations were perfect for the Kentucky Derby theme! The attendees dressed for the occasion and it was fun to see the ladies (& the men!) in such stylish hats! The snacks and appetizers included wing dings, Swedish meatballs, nacho salad, and a wide array of other yummy treats! Connie gave a very thorough and interesting presentation about the history of the Kentucky Derby. Gary Holmes played his guitar and sang "My Old Kentucky Home" which was a nice touch. They came up with some really fun and unique games including a horse race, of course! I think the adults enjoyed watching it as much as the kids enjoyed playing it. Prizes and trophies were awarded to the winners. It was a very entertaining evening of fun and fellowship. A big thanks to Dick and Connie! We know how

much time and effort they put into this event and it was much appreciated by all of us!

On May 10, Mother's Day, we enjoyed a wonderful sermon by Elder Todd Moses and a beautiful solo by Bethany. Todd talked about the origin of Mother's Day in America and examples of becoming a woman of God, as stated in Proverbs 31. Afterwards Kelli Williams shared a few words and the children handed out carnations to all the ladies. Also, our pastor's wife, Marge Holmes, gave each of the women a pen and devotional entitled, "Women of God ... Joy in the Journey."

On May 16, a large number of our women were able to attend Sanilac's Mother and Daughter Banquet again this year. The theme was "Anchors Aweigh" and it was great seeing all the nautical decorations and props. They were fantastic! The ship and dock were especially cool. The buffet luncheon was delicious, as always. Such a variety of good food and yummy desserts. Kudos to the men! The program was so enjoyable. Just the right mix of seriousness, fun and laughter portrayed in each song, poem, skit and presentation. It's always so good to see all the ladies and children work together so well using their creative talents. We loved the little canvas bags with treats we each got to take home, in addition to all the nautical-themed gifts that were given out at the end of the program. It was great that Barb was able to be there after her extensive surgery and wonderful spending time with all of our sisters in worship and fellowship. A big thanks to the Sanilac ladies for all the time, effort and preparation they put into this annual event! May God bless each one of you and the ministry you bring to others.

On June 14 our Algonac service and picnic was held at Bebee Street Park in Richmond. Our pastor, Elder Gary Holmes, brought a great sermon and the Moses Trio (Todd, Liz & Bethany) brought the music ministry. Kelli Williams did a presentation afterwards in honor of all the fathers and handed out crosses to each of the men. After a delicious pot luck meal there were games/crafts for the children, and great fellowship for all!

Our Vacation Bible School was held in our branch June 15 - 19, under the direction of Kelli Williams. This year's theme was "Camp Discovery ... Jesus at Work Through Us." The church looked wonderful decorated with everything you would see on a campground, including tents, campsites and various woodland animals. Each day began with the children marching into the sanctuary for a puppet show (by puppeteers Kelli William and Todd Moses) relating to each day's topic. Day One's lesson (from I Samuel) was about David and how God gives us courage. On Day Two we learned about Deborah (from the book of Judges) and wisdom. Day Three's story (from Daniel) was about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and how God delivers us. Day Four was about Blind Bartimaeus (from Mark) and the gift of faith and healing. On the last day we learned about Saul/Paul & Ananias (from Acts) and how much God loves each one of us. Cory Eliason taught the younger children. Nina Powers and Val Bradley taught the junior class. Todd & Liz Moses taught music to both classes and Bethany Moses was in charge of recreation. Tina Yaney led the craft classes and as usual, came up with some clever projects for the kids. Elaine Harm, Nadine Moses and Angie Elkins were in charge of snacks

... always a favorite part of everyone's day! In addition, Marge Holmes and Maggie Barnes (Lisa Marcangelo's Mom) helped out wherever needed. At the close of each day, everyone would return to the sanctuary for a short review of that day's lesson, a song, and a prayer. A big thanks to Kelli, Todd, and all the staff who helped to make this year's VBS a good experience for the children.

(Reported by Wendy Holmes)

Rummage Sale June 26th & 27th

We know how we all accumulate "stuff." It just seems like a good idea to go through our things and thin down our possessions. We like to get to know our community as well. A church rummage sale is a great way to do both. So we had a few ladies give of their time to help set up for our sale on Thursday. A big shout out of thanks to Elaine King, Connie Burns, and a friend's brother, Tom that helped with the big heavy stuff. The weather cooperated this year and it was a gorgeous weekend!

There were donations galore in the fellowship hall donated by the saints. We had a myriad of items for "Grandma's Attic" which are items that you might find in your own grandmas attic, neat decorations or old glass items, china cups etc. That section is always quite popular. We also had a delectable assortment of homemade baked goods. Everything from bread, rolls, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, whoopee pies and several other items that were all delicious! We were set up and ready for customers by 10 a.m. both Friday and Saturday. On Friday Marilyn, Connie and I hosted our sale. Saturday I had the assistance of Elaine, Connie, Kim Gilchrist and Alexis Parker. We started with a prayer that we would be a blessing to those we came in contact with. Both mornings started a

little slow but the few customers we did have, all had good conversations with us. Several were repeat customers that enjoy our sales, especially our baked goods. One man in particular always checks to see if we have any whoopee pies and we were able to accommodate him! Alexis helped us out and also ran a Kool-Aid Stand and did quite well. We decided on Saturday that we would donate any leftover items like clothing & housewares to the Free Store run by Karen Rintz of the Garden City Branch. So overall we had quite a successful sale with a nice crowd in the afternoons. We were able to donate about 20 bags of clothing to Garden City's Free Store and several boxes of household items. Thank you so much to all who donated, whether it was your time, clothing items, knick knacks, or making homemade baked goods for us! We appreciate each and every one. Looking forward to our next sale which will be for the holidays - sometime in November or December. Hope to see you there!

Thanks so much to Wendy and her crew for organizing and overseeing this worthwhile project every year!

On July 1 we met at the Golden Hawk Golf Club for our Spring Banquet. We had a good turnout, good food, and great fellowship. Our Women's Leader, Nina Powers, presented all of the women with pretty and colorful butterfly votive candle holders. She gave the men inspirational booklets. We sang Happy Birthday to Marge Holmes and shared cake in her honor. We always enjoy these times of fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

(Reported by Wendy Holmes)

On Friday, July 3rd, Algonac held their annual Pickerel Tournament and had awesome fireworks over the

St Clair River. If you haven't seen them, they are worth the ride out here! We noticed when we were not present; the church lot became a party area littered with debris. So a few years ago we started arriving early in the evening and sell the parking spots for \$5 and we have just continued, adding a few things each year. This year was no exception! It was beautiful weather for the Pickerel Tournament. Connie & Dick Burns, Kim Gilchrist, Tim & Wendy Holmes, Marilyn Canham & Elaine King all arrived about 5pm to set up. Tim and Dick put up signs and yellow caution tape while Wendy, Elaine, Marilyn, Kim and Connie set up a little table outside for our baked goods and water. Alexis Parker came with her Grandma Char and helped us by selling glow bracelets and we also sold quite a bit of our rice krispy treats and no bakes to people just passing by walking or riding their bikes to the festival. One man in particular wanted to donate money but didn't want a thing. So we accepted his donation and in return donated a water to him and his friend. We had several return customers that said they would rather park at our church and donate than anywhere else. It didn't take long and we had our whole lot filled with cars and then we filled the grassy area as well. Once our lot was FULL, we all walked down to the river and watched an awesome fireworks show!! We had a lot of fun and enjoyed the evening. Think about stopping by next summer ... we'll be there!

(As shared by Bethany Moses)

The week of July 5 - 10 five of our teens (Bethany Moses, Joshua Pirt, Rachel Pirt, Brianna Morrison & her boyfriend Brenton) attended the Older Youth Camp near Alpena. Deana Pirt was part of the staff and also transported our kids to camp.

Thanks, Deana! All enjoyed the special guest ministry that was brought by Elder Brian Mundy from Missouri. They also enjoyed Fred Brown Jr.'s "Go Ye and Teach" slide presentation. During the week they split up the guys from the girls and had separate sessions where they discussed their concerns and were encouraged to pray about career choices and their future spouses. Bethany also really enjoyed a fun day on Mackinac Island where they took a carriage tour, shopped, and had fudge and ice cream. What's not to like? She related to me that the most spiritual part of the week for her was during a campfire, which ended with prayers and testimonies. She was able to share something that was on her heart and she really felt the Lord's Spirit was present. A big thanks to Michele and Shaun Turner, Elders Brian Mundy, Fred Brown Sr. and Jr., Kathleen Modders, Lynette Daniels, Deana Pirt, Tracy Stokes and Helen Brown (cooks), CIT John Daniels, and all those who mentor and help shape the lives of our teens!

(Reported by Todd Moses)

July 27th through August 2nd was our week of Zionics living at this year's family reunion. Algonac had 20 members staying for the entire week and others stopping in for a day or two here and there. Our families stayed busy throughout the week serving on the reunion committee and filling various areas of the reunion staff. The guest ministry was wonderful and the Lord's Spirit was present throughout the week. On Friday, our own Rachel Pirt was baptized by Elder Fred Brown Jr. and then confirmed on Saturday by Elders Todd Moses and Fred Brown Sr.

News and Notes:

Bethany Moses competed at the Michigan Ovation Awards for Best Performance by an Actress on May 16th-17th at the Warton Center Auditorium at Michigan State University. The two-day competition was both exhilarating and exhausting. The final evening show was the climax of the competition at which all students performed newly learned opening and closing numbers along with a medley containing the student's song from their nominated role. The top 3 male and female finalists were announced within the evening for the first time and Bethany was selected. These finalists had to perform a different prepared song as the judges determined the final rankings. Bethany took 2nd place within the girls and was the only non-senior of all 6 finalists. Great job!

Tiffany Cordell graduated from Michigan School for the Deaf on June 4th. She is the daughter of Holly Cordell and granddaughter of Ray and Nadine Moses. She was involved in Mid-Michigan's "Best & Brightest." She was Valedictorian and Treasurer of her class and her GPA was 3.96. Wow! She received 4 scholarships. On August 24 she is planning to attend South Macomb College to study accounting. Congratulations Tiffany! We are very proud of your determination and your accomplishments and wish you the very best of futures!

Steve Williams Mom, Georgia, passed away on May 26 and her funeral service took place on June 7 at the Bower-Rose Funeral Home in Marine City. It was officiated by Elder Hod Powers and afterwards, family and friends gathered at her daughter Cora's restaurant "Hook, Line and Sinker" to share a meal and to honor

Georgia. Please continue to keep Steve and Kelli in your prayers.

Bethany Moses went off to CMU for a high school drum major camp from July 12th-18th. The week was filled with many drills and challenging experiences. By the end of the week, the 140+ drum majors performed a field routine for their families along with the color guard students. At the close of camp, awards were given for many areas within the camp week and finishing with best top 3 drum majors overall. Bethany was quite surprised when her name was announced as the top drum major for the 2015 camp, receiving a certificate and plaque for her to remember the week. Praise the Lord for all the skills she has been blessed with!

Congratulations to Kevin and Analyn Powers, who celebrated their 1st anniversary on July 19! We are so happy that Analyn is a part of our congregation and we wish them many more happy years together!

On August 3 the “patriarch” of our Algonac branch, Elder JD Cargill, passed away. His “homecoming” service was held on August 10 at the Harold W. Vick Funeral Home in Mt. Clemens. The service was officiated by Elders Fred Brown, Jr. (Eulogy) and Fred Brown, Sr. (Message of Hope). We heard musical selections on the bagpipes and duets by Todd and Liz Moses. At the close of the service daughters Bonnie Tracy and Cheryl Cargill, and grandson, Evan Allen shared touching remembrances and stories of their Dad and grandfather. A number of others in the group also paid tribute to JD and shared how he had touched their lives. Following, a cemetery service took

place in Marlette. Later that afternoon we met with family and friends at Sycamore Hills Golf Club to share a meal and further reminisce and honor JD. He was truly a man of God, full of great integrity, patience, kindness and humor. He was such a vital part of our congregation and our lives for so very many years. He, along with his wife, Mary, will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by all of us.

Prayer Requests:

Prayers would be appreciated for the family of JD Cargill, Todd Yaney's Dad, Cliff, Tim Holmes, Elaine Harm, Elaine King, Kelli and Steve Williams, Dick & Connie Burns sister-in-law, Patricia Burns (recovering from surgery) and Patricia & Bill Burns (sale of their farm, due to health reasons), Ray Moses, Nina Powers, Jerry and Cathy Ward (parents of Liz Moses), Kim Gilchrist, Bruce and Barb Krinkie. We are keeping you and your congregations in our prayers, as well.

Holly Cordell Graduated



June 4th 2015. Michigan school for the Deaf in Flint MI

Congratulations Holly, from all of the Algonac Saints!!!

Garden City



By: Kurt & Susan Fishwild

Reunion was a wonderful week full of informative classes, spirit-filled family worship services, lots of fellowship, fun recreation, campfires and much more. Many thanks to Mick Ruch and all of the reunion committee members who worked so hard to make this Reunion possible. Thanks also to the visiting ministry (High Priest Marlin Guin and Seventy Richard Neill) who shared their ministry in so many ways (adult classes, young adult classes, preaching, testimonies etc.).

Many thanks to Fred Brown Sr. who was our guest minister in May. We always appreciate hearing Brother Fred's messages. On July 26th, Priest Jim Schultz was our guest speaker. His wife Caryl sang the Introit and the Ministry of Music. Brother Jim and his wife attend the South Chrysler Restoration Branch in Independence, Missouri. After the service, we enjoyed fellowship with a summer potluck of hotdogs, hamburgers and lots of delicious side dishes. Many thanks to those guest ministers who give of their time to share with our congregation.

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Margaret Baltzer, Janice Wright, Helen and Richard Ziegler, Carolyn Kilgore, and Katie Smith.

We are happy to have Elder Keith Dabbs and his family attending the Garden City Branch once again after

a number of years living in other states. Welcome Back!

Robert William Philp, Garden City Branch's Newest Baptized Member:
(by Elder Jeff Stoker)

Rob entered into the waters of baptism at the Stoker Family reunion, held in Washington Courthouse, Ohio on Saturday, July 18th, 2015. He was baptized by Elder Jeff Stoker. Rob has been attending the Garden City Branch since early in the year. Rob has been dating Audra Ely, whose 4 nieces were baptized in the same creek last year at the family reunion. Rob will be confirmed on August 9th at the Garden City branch by Elder Jeff Stoker and Elder Rex Monarch.

Outreach at Garden City (Karen Rintz) The Garden City branch hosted free stores for the Homeless Angels on July 11th and August 15th. The saints brought in items to donate and also hygiene products were made available. The Homeless Angels also brought their things (clothes, houseware, non-perishable food items and shoes) and together the items were organized. A hotdog lunch was provided (hotdog, chips, water bottle or juice box) to all those who attended the free store.

In August, we will be teaming up with the Homeless Angels to collect school supplies for Mimi's Mission. Mimi's Mission is a community outreach program that helps school-aged children and their families. They help with food, school clothes/uniforms, 25 dollar gift certificates for school shoes and pre-packed back packs filled with school supplies. During the month of August, the Garden City branch plans to host a school supply drive to help them provide the kids with their back to school needs.

Erie Beach Kids Camp 2015 (by Betty Lou Newman)

On Sunday night, we were off to a wonderful start with Elder Carl McKiddie's class on faith. He then shared testimony after testimony with us. The days passed with a new principle and guest minister for each day. On Friday, Brother Dave Teeple put it all together with an unexpected class as directed by the Holy Spirit. We finished the week with a stronger bond of Christian love and unity. There were the usual challenging activities such as wood working (saws and hammers!), object hunting using the Holy Scriptures, balloon tossing (yes – 4 foot ones) from blanket to blanket, and learning new campfire songs.

Each day was packed with activities from the early morning pastoral prayer to the end of day campfire on the beach. Thank you to all the adults that helped make camp a success. A special thanks to the four leaders who drove from Missouri – High Priest Paul Gage, Priest Eric Schoff, Julia Schoff (Levengood), and our own Joel Saylor.

Campers: Are you following the suggestion of how to keep your camp experience happening? Study. Pray. Fast. Read your pamphlet from class.

“Skits for Campfire”

We are trying to gather up as many skits as possible for our “skit class” at Kids Camp next year (and retreats also). If you can remember some of the ones from your camp days, please write them down and mail them to Megan Fishwild 5812 5th Conc. N. R.R. #4 Amherstburg, Ontario N9V 2Y9 Canada. Or you may email them to kurt2sue@xplornet.com.

Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Please note that the Windsor (Essex County) group continues to meet one

Sunday a month in Windsor, Ontario. The services are generally held the first Sunday of the month. Services are held at 6:00 p.m. The church facility that is used is approximately 20 minutes from the Ambassador Bridge. This small group is always looking for guest ministers. Please contact Elder Kurt Fishwild (519) 978-3621 if you are available to provide preaching ministry.

Oakwood



By: Kathleen Modders

On May 30, 2015, we are excited to announce Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Amanda Ruch.



They have moved into an apartment. Their new address is 5152 S Morrish Rd #49, Swartz Creek, Michigan 48473. Amanda Leader was born on 12/23/1982. Her phone number is 517-214-2046. Michael was born on 4/1/1981. His phone number is 248-884-4322.

In June, Oakwood held an annual Squire Park Service with a Potluck lunch to follow.

Also in June, the women put on a Father's Day Breakfast to honor the men in the church.

Father to member Brian Zajac, John Zajac, passed away June 26, 2015. Church was cancelled on Wednesday night for his visitation. Please pray for Brian Zajac and his family to get through this time of need.

Priest (Willit) Bill Holcomb passed away on July 15, 2015. Please pray for Noame Holcomb in her time of need.

In July, Michelle and Priest Shaun Turner, our Regional Youth Directors, organized the regional Zion's Older Youth Camp on 07/05-07/10 in Hawks, MI and it was a great success! The theme of the camp was 'Set Apart'. We had 23 campers attend the camp and 10 adults served as staff during the week. Elder Fred Brown Jr. and Elder Brian Mundy taught classes on why and how this church was set up in these latter days and what our purpose is as a people and Michelle Turner and Elder Fred Brown Sr. taught the separate boy and girl classes. Helen Brown and Tracy Stokes were the cooks for the week. John Daniels was our CIT (Counselor in training). Kathleen Modders with assistance by Deana Pirt, they did the crafts and picture taking and the Log book. Elder Fred Brown Sr. was the Pastor for the week and Lynnette Daniels was the camp nurse. The week was a flurry of activities; each day was packed with classes, recreation, food, and fun. The Bethel Youth Camp staff provided us with an opportunity to take the youth on a day's excursion to Mackinac Island. It was a great experience and

provided a much needed distraction for the kids mid-week. A nice carriage ride tour around the island and shopping at all the little shops around the town. Overall, the entire camp was blessed with the Lord pouring out his spirit to each of the youth. It was a great spiritual week thanks to the youth, their parents, and the church as a whole for this opportunity to be in Zion for a week. Oakwood youth that attended were Jonathon Modders, Brandon and Chad Embree who brought a friend, Logan Evans, Jackson and Reese Nagy who brought a friend Sonia Kinal, Parker and Heather Mervyn, Cole and Drew Vandenberg, Joe Brown, and Lillian Konkle. Attendance from all other branches were: Gary DesJardins, John Daniels, Madyson Parker, Paige Carnihan, Rachel and Joshua Pirt, Bethany Moses, Brianna Morison, and Celeste Parmenter.

Also in July 07/19-07/25 Younger Youth Retreat in Erie Beach was held by Betty Lou Newman. Oakwood's younger youth that attended were Emma Turner and Cruz Nagy.

At the end of July as we all know, Reunion was here! Oakwood's very own Elder Mick Ruch was the camp director. Everything from the classes to the Canteen was a success! Reunion is truly the closest we can come to a week of Zion! And it is always a wonderful sight to see beautiful new members getting baptized in the waters at the reunion grounds. Congratulations to Lyndsey Daniels from the Otter Lake branch, Rachel Pirt from the Algonac Branch, and Joshua from the Sanilac Branch! It is a blessing to all who attend.

Kathi Havener and Val Bradley, the regional women leaders, are planning a Regional Women's retreat for the

first weekend in October at Wesleyan Woods. Friday, October 2nd through Sunday October 4th. The theme is This Little Light of Mine.

Elder Edward MacDonald and Candy are going to be Great-Grandparents, Jamie Moore is the Grandmother, her son and girlfriend are having a baby boy. Congratulations to all.

Cole Vandenberg and Rebecca MacDonald both graduated this year. Congratulations to them and good luck with the next step in their lives. Cole will be attending Oakland University and is planning on doing something in the business field.

In August Kathleen and Priest Mike Modders, with help from Shaun Turner and Julie Fox, took the youth to Cedar Point on a charter bus! Oakwood attendees were Chad and Brandon Embree with friend Logan Evans, Emma Turner, Reese Nagy, Autumn Turner, Jonathon Modders with cousin Marissa Sutton, Cole and Drew Vandenberg, and Joe Brown. Attendance from all other branches were: Brianna Morrison, Gary Des Jardins, Maddy and Paige Parker, Maddy and Paige Carnahan, and Alexis and Celeste Permenter. Friday the youth gathered at Oakwood and had dinner and watched a couple of movies, Saturday bright and early they were shuttled to Oakland Mall where they were picked up by the Trinity Charter Bus and spent the entire day riding roller coasters! They arrived back at the church after 1 o'clock in the morning, then they managed to wake up and clean the church and they all were part of doing the 9:45 early morning worship for the Oakwood members.

Upcoming birthdays are: 09/01 Dawn Modders, 09/05 Bill Hulse, 09/15

Eloise Boat, 09/19 Graham Fishwild, 09/22 Jann Wilson, 09/22 Michelle Turner, 09/26 Shaun Turner, 10/02 Taylor LaRowe, 10/07 Ryan Wilson, 10/08 Helene Danicki, 10/08 Fred Brown Jr., 10/13 Alec LaRowe, 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 Ryan Hanna, 11/08 Nick Brown, 11/13 Bob LaRowe, 11/14 Brennen Colley, 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, 12/23 Amanda Leader, 12/25 Laurie MacDonald, 12/26 Mick Ruch, 12/26 Jonathon Modders, 12/27 Marissa Wilson

Otter Lake



By: Susie Daggett

Lindsey Daniels was baptized by her grandfather Priest Bill Sutton at reunion. She was confirmed by Elders Doug & Brian Daggett. We welcome Lindsey into the church and are happy she chose to follow God. Clare Grant, daughter of Krystal and Rick Grant had extensive surgery to correct her hip.

Please pray for her to recover fully and the pain to go away.

Lynnette Daniels was nurse for the Older Youth camp and also Reunion. Our region is blessed to have a willing servant that is also so sweet. Thanks Lynnette! John Daniels attended the Older Youth camp as a CIT

(counselor in training). Thank you John for helping out! We are going to have a family night, August 29 at 5:30. It will be a potluck and we will have music, fellowship and an auction to raise money. We want to thank Bonnie Sutton for continuing to offer her home as a place to worship.

Port Huron Branch



By: Sharon Smerer

Summer Greetings from Port Huron Restoration Branch.

We pray that everyone is enjoying their summer vacations and getting some sun, tans but not getting burned.

Told to me by Sherry Purcell:

Saturday, May 16, 2015, Sherry Purcell and cousin, Diana Torrey attended the annual Mother - Daughter Luncheon at the Sanilac Branch. "Anchors Aweigh" and everything nautical was the theme. The cousins enjoyed the cute canvas gift bags, the yummy luncheon, the fun and laughter of the skits and singing, the fellowship of the ladies present, and the great gifts everyone got to take home. Thanks to all the women who do such a terrific job each year to make the banquet so memorable. It was great to see Barbara Eliason, back in her congregation after surgery,

Our Mother's received a flower and baby's breath for Mother's Day.

We received a letter from the Campers and Staff of the Children's Retreat.

We had a pot luck lunch and the Staff and Campers were our cooks and servers. We contributed money to their project and goal of purchasing land for our fellow Saints in the Philippines. The Saints in the Philippines were able to purchase the land. This will allow them to have a place to construct a building to worship. This endeavor has united us in missionary bonds, reaching across the Sea to assist those who are rich in Christian zeal, but less fortunate in material circumstances.

On June 21 we recognized our youth for school related accomplishments. Betty Milett was an all "A's" student throughout the school year at Brown City Elementary and received an ice cream certificate.

Ellie Kercher has graduated from Washtenaw Community College with a Nursing Degree.



Ellie Kercher

We are very proud of their achievements.

We also celebrated our Father's with a package of two cookies. Which were very yummy, as I was told by some of

the men for Father's Day. A Poem, "What Makes a Dad" was read by Elder Ed Smerer.

Port Huron Northern Art students created and planted 2,500 ceramic flowers in the courtyard of the school at 1799 Krafft Road, Port Huron. The installation is called,

"A Sea of Blue and Gold."

The flowers represent 18,753

Northern graduates dating back to 1965. The stem of each of the hand-crafted blossoms bears eight or nine paper leaves, and each leaf carries a message from a member of the class of 2015.

Our very own Gillian Bolt, daughter of Scott and Amy Bolt and granddaughter of John and Barbara Tynan, was one of the Art students who helped with this school project.

We had a baby blessing at the home of Gretta Clark of her great-great grandson, Henry David Fagan whose parents are Tyler and Jackie Fagan. Grandparents are Terry and Sue Fagan, great grandparents are Clyde and Sharon Warner and Donald and Lorraine Fagan. Henry David Fagan was blessed by Elders David Teeple and Clyde Warner on July 17, 2015. We have found out that Henry wasn't born in Poland but was born in Gorlitz, Germany, but lived in Poland. He with his parents have moved now to Puerto Rico. God's Blessings!

We had a short business meeting for the approval of a priesthood call, the congregation voted to accept the priesthood call of Priest John DeBell to Elder. The Ordination service was held on August 2 with Elders David Teeple and Ron Giles presiding. Our prayers are for Brother John DeBell, his wife, Connie and their family. We are sure Brother John will do the

Lord's will and do a good service to our priesthood.

The 2015 Great Lakes Regional Reunion, which was held at the Wesleyan Woods Conference Center and Campground, Vassar, Mi., was a spiritual week. The Theme: "Zion Is No Closer, Or Further Away, Than The Spiritual Condition Of My People." Guest Ministry was Seventy Richard Neill, and High Priest Marlyn Guinn.

They both took turns every other day to have the sermons. Seventy Richard Neill taught during the afternoon classes the young adults and some morning classes to the older adults on slothfulness and High Priest Marlyn Guinn taught the afternoon classes to the older adults on Jesus' Gospel. On one afternoon, we saw a movie, "The Testament" made by the L. D. S.

Church. A very powerful movie and a testament that Christ lives today!!

This movie touched a lot of the Saints who viewed. Hope you will get to see the movie some day soon. Elder Barent Eliason also taught on the hieroglyphs that are in and on the Kirtland Temple and the Basic Book of Mormon Geography. The testimonies from the Saints were uplifting as was the testimonies from the guest ministers. Our prayers go with everyone as they travel to their next reunion, to their homes and back to their congregations.

We hope you can find within yourself an opportunity to share your testimony and also what you learned at Reunion.

Thank You to all the Reunion Committee people and to all who made this year a Spiritual event. Thank you to the Wesleyan Woods Conference Center and Campground for the use of the grounds and for the meals.

Sanilac



By: Kathleen Palmer

PRAISE YE THE lord, blessed is the man who feareth the lord, and delighteth greatly in His commandments....Psalms 112

Here it is newsletter time again and starting in May, we have a lot going on.

We have been enjoying the Bell Choir. We are learning how to play under the direction of Kerri Daniels. It is so wonderful for the children and adults to learn and we can praise the Lord thru playing hymns with the bells. Thank you Kerri!

Our annual Mother/Daughter Banquet was held on May 16th. The theme was "Anchors Aweigh." We had a great program and a delicious meal, all pertaining to the theme. There was a serious time and time for laughter in the program. Everyone received a gift or two. Thank you to everyone who came and all the help in decorating and putting on the program. Thank you Deana Pirt, who came all the way from Canada to help and bring gifts to give away. We look forward to next year's Mother /Daughter "Loving Hands Garden." The date will be announced later.

Rebecca Bradley graduated from Sandusky High School on May 17th. She is going to college this fall to pursue a career in nursing. We are very proud of you Becca and wish you

God's blessings as you prepare for your future.

Paige Parker also graduated from Peck High School on May 17th. She also is going to college to pursue a career in criminal justice. We are proud of Paige and may God bless you as you prepare for your future.

Emma Des Jardins had the privilege of competing in the Pitch, Hit and Run regional level for Peck. We are proud of you Emma.

June 14th, was a special day. We celebrated Father's Day with a special program by the children and adults. Thanks Dora for being in charge. We also honored our two graduates, Rebecca Bradley and Paige Parker. Elder Wayne Bartrow brought us an inspiring message. We all went downstairs after the service, and enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner. Gifts were handed out to fathers and sons and our graduates. We had wonderful fellowship together.

It was so very special on June 28th, to see two elders, two priests and two deacons present for the church service. The Lord truly blesses our little congregation.

July was a very busy month for the youth and regional camp weeks and for all those who helped at the camps. Gary Des Jardins and Maddy Parker attended the Zions youth camp at Bethel campgrounds July 5-12th. They reported having a great fellowship and spiritual experiences at camp. Brian, Gary, Emma, Rebecca, Josh and Sarah and Emma (Barent and Barb's grandchildren) all attended Erie Beach camp July 19-25. The children learned a lot and had a wonderful experience. Gary and Rebecca were CITs at the Erie camp.

We want to thank all the dedicated people, under the Lord's guidance, who make these camps possible for our youth.

The Michigan Regional Reunion at Wesleyan campgrounds was held July 28th-Aug3rd. Nineteen from our branch stayed all week and eleven were part time. All enjoyed this spiritual time and fellowship together. There was a wonderful talent show and Grace Johnson played the piano and Gary Des Jardins played his trumpet for a beautiful sounding duet. Sydney Parker and Emma Des Jardins sang with their class and did a great job. Brian sang a solo, way to go Brian. All the talent was great. It is so special that those talents were shared for all to hear. All reports were, it was a very special week of fellowship and being fed the gospel of Christ. The Lord pours out His blessings when we follow His commandments and stay on that straight and narrow path.

Josh Bradley was baptized and confirmed on July 31st at the campgrounds. So very special for Josh

and everyone present. We pray for strength and the Lord's blessings as you grow and learn of His ways.

We are so thankful that our sister Barb Eliason is healing from back surgery and was able to go to reunion a couple times. She is back at church and we are so thankful.

We always are so thankful for our own priesthood and for those who travel to our little church to give us the Lord's message and inspiration. Elder Jay Havener(Kathi), Brian Daggett(Cathy) Bob Harris, and Gary Holmes(Marge).

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Book of Mormon Day Sept. 26th at Oakwood. Also on Oct. 11th for the Regional Hayride and Pizza Party here at Sanilac.

May the Lord continue to guide and bless all of us.

Reunion Baptisms

Congratulations to Lindsey Daniels from the Otter Lake branch, Rachel Pirt from the Algonac Branch, and Joshua Bradley from the Sanilac Branch!



Lindsey Daniels



Rachel Pirt



Josh Bradley

Regional Activities for the next quarter

(Please mark your calendar for these dates!!!)

- **August 30th – 5th Sunday services at 6:00 P.M. @ The Algonac Restoration Branch**
- **September 26th - Book of Mormon Day 9:00 am-4:00pm @ Oakwood Restoration Branch For more info contact Elder Barent Eliason at 1-810-648-9846**
- **October 2nd- 4th GLRB Fall Women’s Retreat @ Wesleyan Woods Campground, Vassar, MI**
- **October 11th – Regional Hayride and Pizza Party @ the Sanilac Restoration Branch**

From The Editor’s Desk:

Anyone having new email addresses, phone numbers, 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:

Jim Bradley

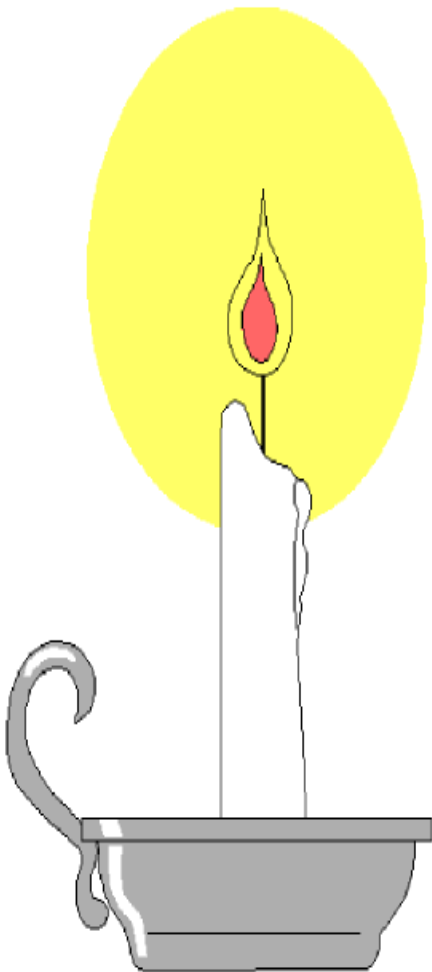
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2015 Great Lakes Restoration Branches Fall Regional Women's Retreat



*This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine...*

DATE: October 2 - 4, 2015

PLACE: Wesleyan Woods Camp, Vassar, MI

TIME: Friday 6 p.m. to Sunday 11 a.m.

COST: Free will offering

BRING: Scriptures, bedding, warm clothes, toiletries, snacks to share, a great attitude, a testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ, and a desire to have great fun and fellowship!

CONTACT: Val Bradley, Algonac Congregation

2015 Great Lakes Restoration Branches
Fall Regional Women's Retreat
October 2 - 4, 2015



Please send registration **by Sunday, September 20, 2015**, to:

Val Bradley
69250 Campground Rd.
Romeo, MI 48065
Email: victoriangalval@aol.com
Phone: (586)202-3351

****There will be no dinner served Friday night. Please bring some snacks to share as we fellowship together.**

Name _____

Congregation _____

Dietary restrictions _____

I will attend all weekend _____ I will attend Saturday only _____

(The cost for the weekend is \$70 or \$30 for just Saturday. We will take a free will offering to offset the cost)