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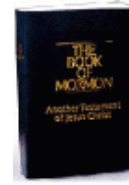
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“By faith all things are fulfilled: Wherefore, whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God which hope cometh of faith maketh an Anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure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

Algonac Branch



By: Val Bradley

“But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation: Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” (I Peter 1:15, 16)

On Saturday, June 2, the wedding of Tammy Smith (a friend of Kelli Williams) and Kevin Wawrzyniak took place at our Algonac

Restoration Branch. The ceremony was officiated by Elder Todd Yaney. The wedding colors were red and black, and Tammy’s family did all the floral arrangements and decorations themselves. Everything was beautiful and they were grateful to Todd and for the use of our church for their ceremony.

On June 17, Priest Tim Holmes gave a wonderful Father’s Day sermon. He showed us photos of him and his Dad, him and his deceased son, and him and his granddaughters. He shared some things that his Dad taught him (love of Jesus Christ, work ethic, & love of music). He also shared things about his son and granddaughters. He discussed the parable of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15. He

mentioned that the story is really more about the father, than the son. The father treated his truant son just as our Father in Heaven treats us. No matter how far we go astray, if we ask His forgiveness, he welcomes us back with open arms! He will never turn His back on us. He said we need more "Prodigal Son fathers". We need to teach our children (& all children) about Jesus Christ ... make sure they know who He is! At the end of the service Kelli did a short presentation. She read about how Father's Day was first established, and read a poem about fathers. Ava Nagy also read a poem entitled "Fathers are Wonderful People." Addie Yaney did a short reading, spelling out the word "Daddy." (D – Daring, A – Always loving, D – Delightful, D – Devoted, and Y – You ... You are the greatest Daddy in the world!) Laurel Yaney read a children's book, "Thank you God, for Daddy." Then the children gave their Dad's an 8x10 photo of themselves in a frame that they decorated, and also presented a gift to all the men ... shoe shine kits that had "God's direction is always Best" on the cover, along with a scripture verse from Psalm 48.

Sunday, June 24, our service and potluck was held at the Beebe Street Memorial Park in Richmond. Elder Todd Yaney preached and the Eliason boys brought the ministry of music. After the service the children all worked on a craft while the pot luck meal was being prepared. The kids were very creative and enjoyed making beautiful trinket boxes. We all enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship together. After lunch, the kids all had fun swinging at a piñata and gathering the treats. Overall, we had a very good turnout, in spite of the cloudy, rainy weather. We were surprised when some special guests

from Lima showed up ... PJ Fought, his three daughters, a couple of their friends, and his Mom, Becky. We were happy to see them and enjoyed our visit with them.

Vacation Bible School took place at our branch on June 25 – 29. The theme was "Splash Canyon ... God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride." As soon as we entered the church, we knew we were in for a great adventure! The church looked like an outdoor wilderness with decorations and props that included tents, waterfalls, canoes, rafts, lanterns, lots of woodland animals, and a camping guide station. Each day began with the children lining up outside the door, saying a prayer, then singing the annual marching song as they entered the sanctuary. Next came the marvelous puppet shows (written by Kelli Williams), with Kelli and Todd Moses as the puppeteers. Each show would center on that day's theme. A couple of new puppets were introduced this year ... otter twins Edee and Eddy, and a frog named Edgar (with a very low voice!) that the kids really seemed to love! Of course Rainbow, the parrot, was there as always. Then the kids would head to their classes. Cory Eliason taught the younger children and Val Bradley and Nina Powers taught the Junior class. The daily Bible stories were about baby Moses (God is with us), the Promised Land (God gives us life), God healing Naaman in the Jordan River (God is faithful), God saving Paul from the Sea (God gives hope), and Jesus' baptism (Jesus is our Savior). Next was music class, taught by Todd and Liz Moses. The kids love to sing and many of the songs they learned were accompanied by various unusual instruments. Next came snack time, headed up by Nadine Moses. She

managed to come up with clever snacks that went along with the daily lessons. Afterwards the craft sessions took place, headed up by Tina Yaney. She was given an example of what craft to do for each day, but she always put her own spin on it and far exceeded the original idea! The children were all very creative and were excited to make something different each day. Ava & David Nagy and Daynna Harm were in charge of Recreation, which was the last activity of the day. There were so many fun games, challenges, races and activities for the kids to take part in. Elaine King and Amber Monroe assisted throughout the week wherever they were needed. VBS wrapped up each day by returning to the sanctuary where they would discuss what they learned that day, hang a poster on the wall, sing "For God So Loved the World," and one of the children would offer a closing prayer. Then they would go up front (one at a time) and pick out a fun gift from a large bin. There were only eight children in attendance this year, but they were so enthusiastic and loved it so much, so it was well worth the effort that was put into it! We are so thankful for Kelli and all who dedicate their time and efforts to this annual event.

On Sunday, July 1, there was a VBS program prior to the preaching service. Kelli Williams did a synopsis on what took place that week during our Vacation Bible School. She began with performing one of the children's favorite puppet shows. The teachers and workers shared special highlights of their week with the children. Then Kelli thanked the teachers and helpers for all their hard work. The children sang one of their favorite songs, "God's On Our Side." Reported by Todd Moses

This year's restoration branches reunion for the Great Lakes Region was held from July 23rd through July 29th at Wesleyan Woods Campground in Vassar, Michigan. The visiting ministry was brought by Elder Doug Smith, from Missouri, and Elder Eric Odida, from Kenya, Africa. The week was filled with cherished experiences of family, love, laughter, learning and spiritual growth. Beginning each day with family morning worship before breakfast started the day off right, with our eyes focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Through the classes, sermons, song services, recreational activities, meals, campfires, and canteen fellowship, the Spirit of God was present. We gloried in the baptism and confirmation of two new sisters in Christ, we expanded our knowledge of the Kingdom and the promises of the Lord, and we rekindled old friendships along with creating new ones. As always, the week was a terrific time to retreat from the hustle and bustle of the world, remind ourselves of the power of Jesus Christ, and rededicate our lives for His purpose.

News & Notes:

We are sorry to report that Marge Holmes took a nasty fall this summer and has been in and out of the hospital numerous times. She is now at Medilodge in Port Huron undergoing rehab therapy. Our hearts go out to our dear sister. Please keep her and brother Gary in your prayers.

Reported by Todd Moses:

As most all are aware, Bethany Moses has been working through a College Internship at Walt Disney World as a performer in character acting since February of this year.

Mom & Dad have traveled to Florida at different times for quick weekends or short stays to visit and keep the family bond energized and alive. This summer, they hooked up the travel trailer and took off to drive across 6 states to spend a week together and celebrate Todd's 50th and Bethany's 20th birthdays ... but not just the family of three, Grandma (Nadine Moses) also came along to see her precious granddaughter in action at the parks. The Lord blessed the family with great weather and safe travels for the entire trip. Everyone had a wonderful time, from visiting all 4 Disney parks, to taking in wonderful shows and dinners at the resorts, and spending family time together to cherish and recall on future days when apart. As typical, plans were made, only to be changed by last minute events - Hollywood Studios closed down with a fire and water main break the evening of plans to attend that park, so a quick substitution to Animal kingdom was made and plans were flipped around. Still, Nadine was able to see Bethany in action at work and the family got to visit BOTH Alice in Wonderland (at Epcot) and Tinker Bell (at Magic Kingdom). The week was nothing less than magical, as only Disney can be. What a blessing from the Lord to have this experience with 3 generations together: building life-time memories for all!



Bethany reports that she is still having a ball at Disney, working and playing! She just moved and would like to share her new address:
8050 Gables Commons Dr.
Apt. #1917
Orlando, FL 32821
Please keep her, her activities, and her future endeavors in your prayers.

Prayers would also be appreciated for Elaine King, Jim Bradley, Nina Powers, Nadine Moses, Kelli Williams, Gary & Marge Holmes, and Bruce and Barb Krinkie. We are keeping you and your congregations in our prayers, as well.

Garden City



By: Kurt & Susan Fishwild

Guest Ministers:

In May our guest minister was Elder Todd Yaney from the Algonac Branch. Todd brought his wife Tina and their three granddaughters. We were glad they were able to stay and share in a potluck lunch with us following the service. On June 3, our branch welcomed Elder David Joyce and his wife from West Virginia. How nice it is to meet Saints from all over the United States. Thank you, Brother David, for your preaching ministry.

Outreach:

The first Sunday of each month, our congregation is collecting cans/dry goods for our church pantry. These items will be given to people who live in the neighborhood of our church and stop by on occasion looking for assistance.

Prayers:

Our Garden City Prayer List is posted monthly on our website which is gardencityrestorationbranch.org. Please pray for those listed.

Janice Wright:

Last September, Janice Wright and her son Bobby, moved from Michigan to Georgia to live with her son Steven. On June 14, 2018, Sister Janice passed away at the age of 79. She was known by her many testimonies and her monthly newsletters that she enjoyed sharing with friends and family. Janice had five children and also many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her favorite quote was “Don’t talk about it, just do it!” Janice attended the Garden City Restoration Branch with her sons David and Bobby for many years and she will be fondly remembered. A funeral service was held in Georgia on June 23, 2018. A memorial service was held on August 4 at the Garden City Restoration Branch at noon with a luncheon following.

High School Graduation:

Congratulations to Megan Fishwild who graduated from General Amherst High School, with honours, on June 27th. Megan received several awards at the ceremony including the “Top Dog” Award (highest average in her grade) and the “Governor General’s Award”. She will be attending the University of Windsor in September majoring in Business and Economics. Megan is the daughter of Kurt and Susan Fishwild. She is the granddaughter of Graham and Brenda Fishwild (Oakwood Branch) and Wayne and Betty Lou Newman (Garden City Branch).

Younger Youth Camp (Submitted by Betty Lou Newman):

Some very excited and eager youth and adults gathered in from California, Michigan, Missouri, and Ontario for Erie Beach Camp 2018. For three campers

and two adults it was a “first”. Our goal was to “stretch and exercise our spiritual muscles”. We sang hymns, we sang scriptures, and we sang campfire songs. We read scriptures, we read “Light from the Dust” and we read “The Church’s Story 1846-1946”. We swam in the calm water, we swam in the white-capped water, and we battled the crashing waves of Lake Erie. We prayed for those back home, we prayed for camp, and we prayed for each other. We ate tamales and tacos, we snacked on haystacks and Krispies, and we devoured our veggies. We sawed lumber, we hammered the pieces together, and we painted our treasure boxes based on Matthew 6:21, “where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”. It was a wonderfully busy week stretching and growing as we lived and worked together.

As the “Boot Camp” program developed, the CITs shared their skills by directing campfires and other daily activities for the younger campers. The skits were a real treat!

Next Step (from the Camp Pastor’s note): “Continue to abide in His love and make a conscious effort every day to live a life that will cause you to be that peculiar person you are called to be.”

Reunion

Reunion 2018 was a wonderful week filled with preaching services, music (choir, bell choir, hymns), fellowship, classes for all age groups, a baptismal service, campfires, fun recreation, and much more. The theme was “Thy Kingdom Come”. We were very blessed by the guest ministry of Elder Doug Smith from Missouri and Elder Eric Odida from Kenya. These men shared many testimonies of the missionary work in various places in Africa and around the world. Eric explained about the Scholarship Program which provides some of the church members in Kenya with the opportunity to extend their education and then be able to provide for their families as they are able to find

good jobs once they finish their education. He thanked the Saints in the U.S. for their generous contributions to this program.

Many new friendships were made and “old” friendships renewed at reunion. We are looking forward to Reunion 2019! Many thanks to all of those who helped in any way to make this reunion happen. A special thank you to Elder Mick Ruch (director) and Elder Eric Eliason (assistant director) for all of their time.

Oakwood



By: Kathleen Modders

We are all happy to congratulate Ryan Wilson , Hannah Mac Donald, and Jerald Shinabarger for being a part of the graduating class of 2018. We honor their accomplishment and wish them luck in the next steps in life towards their future. Go out there and do amazing things.

The Women’s department made an outreach welcome craft to give to those in Nursing homes, those who haven’t been able to get to church for health reasons and those we wanted to see in church again. Bob Modders, Eloise Boat, Shirley MacDonald, Noame Holcomb, Gloria Smith, Brenda Fishwild , Mary Richards, Sandy Kline, Tara Fox, Leo Berard. We hope to put smiles on their faces and to see them at church again.

Annual Mothers Day Luncheon, and Father’s Day Breakfast: The men and

women of Oakwood once again put on a Mother’s day breakfast and a Father’s Day luncheon for everyone in the branch to honor mothers and fathers on their special day. Great food and fellowship were had by all.

Aaron and April Smith came to Michigan for a visit. There was a welcome cookout at Mike and Amanda Ruch’s house.

Aaron Smith was a Guest speaker on July 8th.

Ron & Jenny Baltzer and their kids came to Michigan to visit. We shared good fellowship at the church on Friday, July 13th with them.

Reunion was a truly blessed experience July 23rd through the 29th. Elder Eric Odida and his wife Pam from Kenya, Africa were guest speakers, along with Elder Doug Smith and his wife, Judy from Missouri. What an experience it was to listen to these two Elders of our church speak. It was a pleasure to get to know all of them during the week of reunion. We now have two new members of the Oakwood congregation. Melina Servin’s baptism was on Friday July 27th, performed by Elder Mick Ruch and her confirmation was performed by Elder Mick Ruch and Elder Shaun Turner. Mandy Ross was baptized on Friday July 27th, by Elder Doug Daggett and her confirmation was performed by Elder Doug Daggett and Elder Brian Daggett.

Laurie and Jeff Bruce were married on August 11th at Oakwood. The wedding was performed by Elder Edward MacDonald.

Elder Shaun Turner and wife Michelle are moving to Missouri. Their new address is 629 North Cloverdale, Independence, MO 64056. They presented the church with a handmade

wooden plaque to hang in the church. It says BLESSED, which is what they felt being a part of the Oakwood Branch. We will miss them and wish them luck in Missouri.

Great Lakes Restoration Branches Women's Fall Retreat is at Wesleyan Woods Camp, Vassar, MI on Friday, October 12 at 6:00p.m.thru Sunday October 14. The theme will be "Take Time to Be Holy!" Kathi and Val always make it a great fellowship weekend.

The next military box packing date will be in November, located at Romeo Masonic Temple "Gray's Block Romeo Village Opera House at 231 N Main St, Romeo, Michigan 48065. These will be the Christmas boxes for the overseas members of the military. These are a few suggestions for donations. Let's send some Christmas cheer. All cash donations go towards mailing costs, (about \$16.00 per box) Hard candy, Twizzlers, Candy, Gum, Pumpkin/Sunflower Seeds, Nuts, Trail Mix, Breath Mints, Granola & High Protein Bars, Pre-sweetened Drink Mix, Single To Go, Beef Jerky, Tuna Chicken in foil packs, shower scrounges & washcloths, Shampoo, Conditioner, and Shower Gel, Foot Care products, Shoe innersole, eye drops, toothbrush/paste, dental floss, hand lotion, sunscreen, chap stick, Christmas Cards & Filled Christmas Stockings, Feminine Products, deodorant, shaving cream/gel, and disposable razors, facial cleaners/wash pads, lotion, Q-tips, tissue (small packs), nail clippers, files, nail brushes, baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, & waterless hand sanitizer, crossword puzzles, word search, puzzle books, DVD movies, music Cd's, paperback books, playing cards, AA& AAA Batteries and small hand held electronic games, Nerf Balls, Frisbees, travel size games.

Upcoming Birthdays are:
09/01 Dawn Modders; 09/05 Bill Hulse;
09/11 Lilah Konkle; 09/15 Eloise Boat;
09/19 Graham Fishwild; 09/21 Raven Franks; 09/22 Jann Wilson; 09/22 Michelle Turner; 09/26 Shaun Turner;
10/07 Ryan Wilson; 10/08 Helene Danicki; 10/08 Fred Brown Jr.
; 10/12 Melina Servin; 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; 11/08 Nick Brown; 11/14 Brennen Colley; 11/20 Cole Vandenberg; 11/24 Jared Carl; 12/04 Ty Millen; 12/06 Drew Vandenberg; 12/08 Parker Mervyn; 12/09 Helen Brown; 12/13 Mark Burnard; 12/23 Amanda Ruch; 12/25 Laurie MacDonald; 12/26 Mick Ruch; 12/26 Jonathon Modders; 12/27 Marissa Wilson

Port Huron - Sarnia Branch



By: Sharon Smerer

Happy Warm Summer:

I went to the St. Clair County Library, second floor, which is the children's section. The reason for my visit was one of our young girls, Betty Milette had made the February Highlights Magazine with a drawing of a Mouse + drawing of a Book = Bookmouse. If any one would like to see this article, go to the County Library and ask the Librarian for the February 2018 Highlights magazine. It is on page 26, and her drawings are on the top right. Betty, I believe is a real celebrity. How many 11 year old girls have their drawings in a children's magazine that you know?

Our Branch was invited to the Sanilac Restoration Branch for their Mother-Daughter Program on May 5, 2018. The theme was "Memories of Grandma's Pantry." Thank you to the men who helped in getting the food ready for the ladies. We ate a wonderful meal and had several delicious desserts. We had a little mixer, which included: what you call your Mother, what your Mother cooks the best, She is great at, My Mom always says, etc. Kathleen Palmer asked us these questions and a few ladies answered. We went upstairs to the sanctuary and Kathleen Palmer welcomed all of the Ladies. Denise Rich sang "A Song to Mothers," poems were read by several of the Sanilac Ladies. Kathleen Palmer shared a memory of a "Blue Dish" that she remembers getting for her Mother when Kathleen was a young girl. The story was true, and Kathleen still has the Blue Dish but her Mother had passed away earlier in the year. She still has fond memories of her Mother which she will never forget and the "Blue Dish." Then the Sanilac Ladies did a skit, "Kitchen Chat with a Surprise Guest." The Sanilac Children did a couple of activities: "Mama Don't Allow and with Grandma's Bible." In closing, we all sang, "Onward Christian Mothers" and Kathi Havener gave the benediction. All of the beautiful floral plants and signs and decor was given away to the ladies when their name was called. We had a lovely meal and fellowship with all the ladies present. Thank You Sanilac ladies and men who took part.

In the May 6th Times Herald through to the 12th, McLaren Hospital was celebrating Nurses Week. One of our members, Amy Bolt who is an employee of McLaren Hospital was recognized by patients as part of the Guardian Angels program. We all know there is something special about Amy. She is too modest, but we know better.

Bon Voyage! John and Connie DeBell and Joe and Jennifer Milette and their children, Betty and Lowell and Chris Kercher all went on a four-night Disney Magic Cruise. They left at Port of Miami, went to Key West and then to Nassau and then to Castaway Cay. They all had a wonderful time in the sun and on the different ports. This family loves Disney and the adventure with each other.

The Starlites Dance Junior Team from Michigan competed at the Dance Summit and placed third overall internationally in the contemporary/lyrical division, in addition to placing fifth in pom and sixth in jazz at Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida. Team members are Abby, Allison, and Brianna Slossar and some other young ladies. The Starlites Junior Team was also awarded the Varsity Teamwork Pinnacle Award in a special presentation. The Senior Team was also in Florida for Dance Worlds, a separate event. They placed in the top 20, behind the performances of Adrienne Slossar and the other young ladies. They are daughters of Kirk and Heidi Slossar and granddaughters of Larry and Debbie Scheffler. We are very proud of their achievements and sportsmanship. On Saturday, May 12th, we had a Movie Night at the Church in the Multi-Purpose room, Sherry Purcell and Jane Ann Goodwine were our hostesses. The movie, "Do You Believe," was shown at 4 pm. A movie to make you think and you may need a box of kleenex. After the movie we had nacho, taco bar and salad, make your own desserts, ice cream sundaes and all the trimmings.

On May 12th, the Brown City Devil Bots and Betty Milette won second place with their First Lego Robot League Tournament held at Bloomfield Hills Middle School, Bloomfield Hills, Mi. Spring Bash. Their Robot's name was Jenna R2. Great Job Team from Brown

City, Mi. and Betty Milet! Betty is the daughter of Joe and Jennifer Milet and granddaughter of John and Connie DeBell.

May 13th, Happy Mother's Day!! Carrie Britz's daughters gave out carnations to all the mother's. Sue Fagan sang an Introit and Bruce Reid sang, "I.O.U." words and music by Jimmy Dean and Larry Marks and Elder Brian Daggett gave the message. What a very nice day for everyone.

There was an article in our local newspaper by Sue Fagan on May 15, 2018. The article was about YMCA Water Lessons Saving Lives. Sue taught fourth grade for several years in Port Huron, Mi. and every year her students were taught water safety by the YMCA at no cost to them. Sue now works at the YMCA.

Our ladies and the Community of Christ ladies meet on every third Thursday, to eat and have fellowship. In May we met at the Cracker Barrel, June we met at Ric's on the Rooftop, July we met at the Atrium. **UPCOMING:** August 16th we will be meeting at Marysville's China Lite. Please let Sherry know how many will be coming. Thank you to Sherry and Maggie for making the reservations!

Ron and Millie Giles were doing some cleaning and they found several books that they would like us to check out. If you find some books you like, please take them home with you. Thank You Ron and Millie for thinking of us!

Betty Milet and an 8th grade boy represented Brown City Schools as finalists in the sudden death elimination rounds. She ended in the top 18 for all of the Thumb of Michigan Schools in the competition. Betty is the daughter of Joe and Jennifer Milet and granddaughter of John and Connie DeBell.

Ed and Sharon Smerer attended "The Beauty & The Beast Musical," presented by McMorran Place Theatre. Gillian Bolt had a singing part in the musical. Gillian is the daughter of Scott and Amy Bolt and granddaughter of John and Barbara Tynan.

Our Congregation wants to thank Jim and John DeBell for the new mulch around the church building. We appreciate all those who have cleaned our Church inside and out- side. Good job Saints!! We'd also like to thank Sherry Purcell for donating a rocking chair for our nursery. I'm sure we'll make good use of it!

On June 10th we had a short service to recognize our youth and young adults for their achievements. Jennifer Milet presented each student a card with a gift inside.

Adam Fournier - preschool to Kindergarten
Matt Shamblin - 5th grade to Middle School
Elise DeBell - 5th grade to Middle School
Betty Milet - 6th grade to Junior/Senior High School
Olivia Bolt - Senior High School of Port Huron Northern
Ellie Kercher - Associates Degree, Nursing from SC4 College
Gillian Bolt - Associates Degree, Science, Arts & General Education from SC4 College, transferring to Western Michigan University
Avery Bolt - Bachelor of Arts Degree, Conservation Biology from Lake Superior State
Cameron Britz - Bachelor of Science Degree, Marketing from Western Michigan University
Our congregation is so proud of all of your achievements.

Betty Milette was voted by the students to be Vice President of Brown City Jr. High 7th Grade Class. Yeah Betty!! We're sure you will be a good leader.

Lowell Milette received a green ribbon for a Field Day Activity. Lowell says he likes green ribbons the best. Hurrah for Lowell!!

Andrew Kercher, Assistant Chief Curator of the Dearborn Museum went to the Brown City Elementary and spent the day dropping knowledge on the 3rd-6th grade students. A brief yet entertaining history lesson of the State of Michigan complete with hands on artifacts to fully engage the students. He completed each session with reel dance lessons while he played the fiddle. Betty and Lowell Milette were considered cool kids, because they personally knew the "Monopoly Man" everyone kept spotting walking the halls.

Joe and Jennifer Milette, parents of Betty and Lowell were very proud of the stacks of certificates: honor roll, accelerated readers, gold level presidential academics, etc.... they both work so hard keeping their grades top notch. They've earned all of the recognition but this one makes them the happiest. Voted by Lowell's peers, Lowell received the Coveted Citizenship Award. To his parents this was the most valuable.

Knowing that when he is out in the world he is seen by others as a kind soul with a good heart. Great Job, Lowell and Betty!!

For Father's Day, the church presented all the fathers with an ink pen with, "A Man of God" inscribed on the pen.

Lowell Milette was at North Branch Baseball Tournament and the Brown City team won FIRST place. Three victories under their belts, one more to go! I believe they lost the last game.

Sorry guys, better luck next year. You all did a great job though. Lowell earned the Game Ball, because he was the multi hitter.

John DeBell has a 1916 Metz car that he was showing off at the Fort Gratiot Car Show. John also, showed off a 1942 White half-track Military vehicle and a T-bucket Hot Rod built in 1969. John said, old cars are in his blood. Now, John is helping his grandson, Andrew Kercher, restore his 1958 Packard.

David Teeple has been preaching at Independence, Mo. and Iowa Reunions this year besides at the Pinon Reunion in Arizona.

Betty Milette's favorite hang-out when she attended Brown City Elementary School was the Library. Jennifer and Betty decided to have a Project Day at the Library. So Betty drew on the stairway wall, books and butterflies and a quote by Garrison Keillor which says, "A book is a gift you can open again and again."

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you about Larry R. Scheffler ending his journey with cancer on Saturday, July 7, 2018. We are thinking of Debbie, Heidi (Kirk) Slossar and Holly (Nick) Blais and all of his grandchildren, his sister, Shirley (Sheridan) Hoopengartner, his brother, Randy(Cathy) Scheffler, his sisters-in-law, Connie and (John) DeBell, Michelle (Skip) Miller; and many nieces and nephews. I am sure they all could use prayers, that God would send his comforting spirit to be by their sides.

Avery Bolt is acting in a play as the Professor Aronnax in 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea at the Citadel Stage, directed by Regina Spain. Performances are July 12 – 29. Avery is the daughter of Andrew Scott and Amy Bolt and

granddaughter of John and Barbara Tynan.

2018 Great Lakes Regional Reunion was held at Wesleyan Woods Conference Center and Campground, in Vassar, Mi. The theme was "Thy Kingdom Come," with Elders Eric Odida and wife, Pamela and Doug Smith and wife, Judy. Ed and Sharon Smerer went up on Wednesday and Saturday. We found the classes to be interesting. Wednesday was Elder Eric Odida, showing us pictures of his home in Kenya, Africa and the church and the people. In the afternoon, the class was from Elder Barent Eliason with new information on the discoveries of the time of Mulek. Elder Eric Odida was telling Ed and myself that his grandmother lived to be 111 yrs. young, before she passed. Elder Eric Odida spoke at Wednesday evening service. We spoke to quite a few people and they reported that they liked the prayer and testimony services. They thought that it had been a spiritual week. On Saturday, the morning class was on Kingdom and Zion and Scriptures were given by Elder Doug Smith. It was very informative and thought provoking. We need to be prepared, before Jesus comes back.

Reported by Sherry Purcell and Jane Ann Goodwine:

They both liked Elder Doug Smith's class about the Kingdom and Zion. Very informative. They also liked Elder Eric Odida's sermon Thursday evening. A man who has met many challenges in his life and is devoting his life to God, and helping others and testifying of God's goodness and love. The baptisms at the pond are always very moving. And always the fellowship with the Saints is amazing. Truly our cups were filled.

Our Congregation could use prayers for the saints listed below:

Elder William(Bill) Allison - took a bad fall

Bill's wife, Helen Allison

Cathy Daggett - severe headaches

Deacon Brian Dailey - vision and sugar problems

Elder Don Dailey - back problems

Don's wife, Sandy Dailey - COPD

Connie DeBell - Knee problems

Elder Ron Giles - Strength for his legs

Ron's wife, Millie

Jane Ann Goodwine

Donna Hamilton and her daughters

Priest Robert (Bob) Harris

Bob's wife, Kittie

William (Bill) Hering

Bill's wife, Jane Hering - Broken arm

Judy Searle - Back problems

Judy's daughter, Lisa

Barbara Teeple

Sanilac



By: Kathleen Palmer

Oh sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Psalm 96:1

What a beautiful summer we have had. The crops look good and we pray for a bountiful harvest. The weather has been perfect for the Erie Beach camp and the Great Lakes Reunion plus all other outside events planned for the summer.

Maddy Parker graduated from Peck high school on June 9th, we enjoyed attending her open house. We wish you the best Maddy.

We celebrated Father's Day on June 10th with a program and a pot luck dinner. Denise was in charge of the program and did a great job. The children read poems and sang. There were readings also by

the adults. Gifts were tool boxes that decorated the tables. The tool boxes were filled with tools and candy. We all enjoyed the delicious food and desserts.

Randy, Debbie and Emma DesJardins, Bill and Kathleen Palmer and Gary's fiancé, Rebecca Bradley, drove to Blairsville, Pa. to attend Gary's graduation on June 22nd from Wyotech. He received his degree in automotive and light diesel mechanics. He had the honor of being on the presidents list and outstanding attendance. Gary is now working in Saginaw at Firestone. We are proud of you Gary and wish you the best.

Barent and Barb Eliason traveled to their home in Missouri on June 26th to be with their family. While there they planned and attended their granddaughter, Alex, high school graduation open house. A wonderful time was had by all.

Emma DesJardins and Josh Bradley attended Erie Beach camp for a week. The theme was "Exercise our Spiritual Muscles." They were taught about fasting, prayer, pride, humility, sabbath day 7th day, words of wisdom, peculiar people, charity and stewardship. They had crafts, swimming and campfires. They had a very special time. Thank you to all who make this time possible for our youth.

Jim and Jean McLeod took a 5000-mile car trip to Yellowstone Park, National Glacier Park, where they drove, "The Highway to the Sun." They saw Custer's last stand park and spent a day at a farm show. They were gone for 13 days and had a great time. Jim did say that it was really good to get home.

There were many who spent the week at the Great Lakes Reunion at Wesleyan Camp grounds July 23 thru July 29th. Some came for the day throughout the week. The theme was "Thy Kingdom

Come." Elder Doug Smith and Elder Eric Odida came from Missouri to be the guest speakers for the week. Everyone said it was the best reunion ever. It is so great to hear this said every year. It is like getting a taste of Zion in a week of being fed the gospel and being together. Elder Barent Eliason taught an adult class on the Book of Mormon. Kyle Ross's wife Mandy was baptized and confirmed while at reunion. We are so happy for her and welcome her into the church.

William and Kathleen Palmer ask for continued prayers for their son Michael and for his wife and family. Michael has cancer and is getting chemo treatments.

Also, Mary Lee Cove needs prayers as does Bev Miller and her husband Danny.

It is always so wonderful to have the priesthood who travel to our little church to bring the gospel message. Thank you, Elder Ed McDonald. Also, for our own priesthood who feed us the words of God. Elder Barent Eliason, Elder Jim McLeod, Elder Eldon Preston and Deacon Gary DesJardins. May the Lord continue to bless you as you bring the gospel message to us.

It is always a blessing to have those who share their special talents each Sunday. A special thanks to Barb Eliason and Elder Eldon Preston who play the piano and to those who have the musical specials each Sunday. Barent, thank you for mowing the lawn each week so our church looks great and Janel Preston, who worked so hard to make the flower beds so beautiful.

It takes all of us to make our church a spiritual place to worship together.

We wish each and everyone a wonderful fall.

Regional Activities for the next quarter

September 22 - 23, 2018

Conference of Restoration Elders Kirtland Priesthood Retreat

Theme: Taught from on High (D&C 43)

Registration Fee: \$10

Registration online at <http://www.eldersconference.org/>

For further information contact: Jay Havener 248-909-1701

or ojhavener@gmail.com.

October 12 – 14, 2018

Great Lakes Restoration Branches Fall Women's Retreat

Wesleyan Woods Camp, Vassar, MI

Theme: "Take Time to be Holy"

For further info, contact: Kathi Havener or Val Bradley

November 9 – 11, 2018

Zion's Youth Fall Retreat For grades 6 – 12

Oakwood Restoration Branch

5220 Oakwood Rd Ortonville, MI 48462

(See attached registration form)

November 30 and December 1, 10: a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Rummage/Bake Sale

Algonac Restoration Branch

Contact: Wendy Holmes

Zion's Youth Fall Retreat For grades 6 – 12 November 9 – 11, 2018

Hey guys,

It's time for another fun, spirit-filled older youth retreat! Please come and bring your friends. The theme for the weekend is "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength." We will have great fellowship, awesome classes, and good food! Please plan on gathering at the Oakwood Restoration Branch on Friday, November 9th at 6:30 p.m. Parents please join us for church on Sunday morning.

The cost of the retreat is \$35.

What to bring:

☐ Scriptures ☐ Sleeping bag, pillow, or other bedding as desired ☐ Appropriate clothes and Sunday dress clothes ☐ Appropriate swim suit (plan on wearing a tee-shirt if your suit is questionable) and gym clothes ☐ A great attitude

What to leave behind (or turn into the staff once you get here):

☐ Video games ☐ Cell phones ☐ iPods, iPads

The enclosed registration form must be mailed to Jay and Kathi Havener by October 31st. We need to know how many are attending so that we can make the proper arrangements. Any questions? Call us at 248-909-9702 or email us at kathihavener@gmail.com or ojhavener@gmail.com

See you at the retreat!

Jay and Kathi

Church Address: Oakwood Restoration Branch 5220 Oakwood Rd
Ortonville, MI 48462

Zion's Youth Retreat Oakwood Restoration Branch November 9 – 11, 2018
Registration Form

Camper's Name: _____

Branch: _____

Address:

Phone: _____

Parent or guardian:

Parent address if different from your own:

Emergency contact phone:

Health insurance information:

Health insurance company:

Group insurance number:

_____ (camper's name) has my permission to attend the Zion's Youth Retreat, and the retreat staff has my permission to provide or seek any medical care should it become necessary.

Guardian's Signature:

List any known allergies:

List any medications currently taken:

I will abide by the retreat rules and respect the Retreat Staff's choices and decisions during the weekend. I will exhibit good Christian conduct.

Camper's Signature:
