

# The Anchor



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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

“For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.” (Isaiah 30:15)

We hope you enjoyed the celebration of our Savior’s birth and all the festivities of Christmas and are now enjoying the beauty, peace and serenity of this white, frosty winter. The downtime gives us a chance to rest, relax and contemplate all the blessings of the season.

### A Note From Our Pastor:

We continue to focus our efforts on building up the spirituality of the branch through quality worship services and blest fellowship. We are really a family – all for one and one for all. We share our sorrows and our pain and rejoice together in the blessings bestowed by our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. May this year bring even greater blessings as we strive to serve Him to the best of our abilities. – Elder Gary Holmes

Kelli Williams and the children blessed us with a wonderful Thanksgiving program

on Sunday, November 17. During the first part of the program Bethany Moses, Dayna Harm, Brianna Morrison and Ava & David Nagy told us all about the history of the holiday. How it came into being, who took part in it, etc. During the second half of the program the children (Laurel & Adeline Yaney, Bryer, Briggs & Ames Eliason, Dayna Harm and Alyssa & Miles Marcangelo) concentrated on giving thanks through poems, prayers and songs. They also shared what they were thankful for. The congregation was then invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to express their thankfulness. A big thanks to Kelli Williams, Todd Moses, Amy Nagy and of course, all the youth who participated. We are so thankful for all of you!

On Friday, December 13, we met at the Red Ox in Utica for our annual church family Christmas celebration. All of the women brought a gift to exchange and had fun seeing what each one received. We presented our women's leader, Nina Powers, with a special gift in appreciation for all she does for us throughout the year. Sister Nina gave all the ladies a pretty potted flower and she gave the men an inspirational booklet entitled "The Spirit Within." There was a good turnout and we enjoyed a festive evening of good food and great fellowship.

(Reported by Elaine King)

Our annual Christmas Bazaar/Bake Sale took place on December 14 & 15. The church looked festive and the ladies outdid themselves and really came through with a plethora of baked goods and treats! Grannie's Attic was full of treasures the women had donated. We're especially grateful to Elaine Harm, Tina Yaney and family for their donation to the sale. They always make a special craft each year as a family project and donate part of it to the church. This year they made a "family of snowmen" on posts to be placed in the ground to bring smiles all winter long! They were created from

recycled materials from the "Habitat for Humanity "Re-store," the local scrap yard and their own personal stashes and were a big hit! The weather was cold and frosty outside, but inside it was warm and delightful! There was Christmas music playing, hot cocoa to sip, and treats to sample. The sale went well and we appreciated the support from the other branches. We were especially pleased to see Sharon and Ed Smerer (Port Huron) arrive with list in hand to take baked goodies back to others in their branch who couldn't make it out in the inclement weather. It was great seeing them and other familiar faces, along with meeting new people and neighbors, as well. As always, it was a wonderful way to start the season ... everyone pulling together, sharing our faith and fellowship. It also helps to make our presence known and to reach out to the community around us. Thank you to Connie Burns and Val Bradley who were able to help out at the sale, to all the other women who contributed, to all those who shopped, and especially to Wendy Holmes and Elaine King for organizing and implementing this great event. Hope to see you all next year ... same time, same place!

Our annual Christmas/New Year's candlelight service was held on Wednesday, December 18. (We are very thankful for the new, battery operated candles that were purchased. It's a much safer way to celebrate!) Elder Gary Holmes was in charge of the service, and he was assisted by Elder Todd Moses. The service began with Gary playing the guitar and singing, "What Child Is This." He then read the Biblical account of the birth of Christ and in between, the congregation sang various Christmas hymns that went along with the text. At the end of the service, each one of us lit our candles and Gary left us with the following challenge for the new year:

## News and Notes

**Don't wait until tomorrow;  
Do all you can today,  
For yesterday has vanished  
And tomorrow is far away.  
Just look to the Lord for guidance,  
For peace, for love – then pray  
Because now is the accepted time  
Do all you can today.  
Just put aside all worry  
And help someone in need –  
The poor or those disabled –  
Just perform some special deed.  
Forgive, as you've been forgiven,  
Help those who went astray  
Because now is the accepted time;  
Do all you can today!**

There was a wonderful spirit of joy, peace and unity among us and it was a beautiful way to celebrate and honor Christ, our King.

(Reported by Todd Moses)

The youth of Algonac presented the True Meaning of Christmas to the congregation on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kelli Williams organized the program with the help of Todd Moses. The youth and adult helpers came together on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> to rehearse, complete crafts, have lunch and exchange gifts of love and gratitude. For the program, Kelli played the role of the mother for all the youth and had a visit from dear Saint Nicholas. He reminded the mother to teach her children the true meaning of Christmas: not the gifts one receives, but to focus on the birth of Christ, finding reminders of this birth within our decorations and traditions and to worship the King that even Santa serves. The youth did a fabulous job with their performance of the story and the songs, which they sang. It was a blessed reminder for all of the importance of Christ's birth and His gift to all mankind!

- Bethany Moses had a fun-filled evening with her dad & choir teacher, Todd Moses at their annual Dakota Choirs Fashion Show on November 5, 2013. They each took their place on the runway, modeling the latest fashions from various stores. The evening was full of fashion, food, shopping and good times.
- Over the Thanksgiving weekend, Bethany kept quite busy performing with music activities. On Thanksgiving Day, she marched with the Dakota Cougars Marching Band in the American Thanksgiving Day Parade downtown Detroit. The weather was cold and snowy, but the band kept playing holiday favorites for the 4-mile parade route. Then she found herself singing at the Detroit Opera House with the Varsity Women of Dakota for the Nutcracker Ballet on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The women were the voices for the Waltz of the Snowflakes along with providing Christmas music in the lobby before the show and at intermission.
- On December 15, 2013, Bethany performed at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church with the Dakota Varsity Choirs under the direction of her dad, Todd Moses. The choir provided voices for the pre-show caroling and then sang with the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings Holiday Brass. The evening was filled with fantastic music in a glorious setting that allowed the sounds to ring through the air and spread the Christmas spirit.
- Bethany Moses finished out the fall semester of her 10<sup>th</sup> grade year with strong grades. Once again,

she was on the honor roll and currently holds a 3.87 GPA. Then on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> she participated in both the MSVMA (vocal) and MSBOA (instrumental) solo & ensemble festivals. At the vocal S&E, she earned an EXCELLENT rating and a blue medal for her participation in the Dakota Women's Varsity Chamber Singers. Also, she earned a SUPERIOR rating and a gold medal for her solo performance: receiving 29 out of 30 points and the highest score for her school. At the instrumental S&E she earned a Division ONE rating and blue medal for her participation in a brass quintet. Overall, it was a very successful weekend. All three events will now go on to the state level later in the semester. Wow ... congratulations Bethany. We are so proud of you!

- Congratulations to Kevin Powers on his engagement to Analyn Tampioc of Manila, Philippines. He had the opportunity to make a trip to the Philippines to see her during the Christmas holidays. We are very happy for him and wish him many good things to come!
- Eric and Cory Eliason & family had a chance to spend the Christmas holidays in Missouri with their respective families. They had many good experiences and blessings while there.
- Sister Elaine Harm is "wintering" in Florida once again. She is missed and we are keeping her in our thoughts and prayers.
- Tim and Wendy have been vacationing in Florida for the past few weeks. We're glad they are having fun, but we are all a little envious! ☺

Prayers would be appreciated for Dick and Connie Burns, Gary Holmes (knee surgery), 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.

Atlanta Branch By: Jessica S. Joles Slater

The NMRB update is rather short this time. Our little church has been closed a lot this winter due to weather.

In November we bid farewell to the LaLone's as they returned to Florida for the winter. In December, we held our Christmas service a week after Christmas, as weather prevented it from occurring on time. The service was well attended and as usual the congregation provided the service. As is custom, those present will participate with a song, poem, etc. It is a spiritual event and next year we welcome you to attend.

We ask for prayers for our Pastor, Harry Hyde who is undergoing hip replacement surgery on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

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  
 Dillon Chapman - Cancer  
 Tonya Couture - Addiction  
 Cliff Goodfellow - Cancer  
 Dixie Goodfellow - Health problems  
 Elder Lee Hittle - Severe health problems  
 Vera Hoffman - Ulcer  
 Dolores Howard - Joint pain  
 Mark Howard - unspecified  
 Matt Howard - Back pain  
 Gary Joles - Cancer  
 Rachel Peel - MS  
 Janelle Peters - Spots on kidney  
 Kaitlyn Peters - Pregnancy  
 Larry Peters - unspecified

Mabel Peters - unspecified  
Jim Ross – Eyesight  
Willy Ross – Broken hip and Alzheimer’s

helping with the children's retreats and camps.

Thank You and God Bless

## **April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**



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

Greetings to all of the saints from the saints at Garden City. This has been a very cold, snowy winter so far and we are definitely looking forward to warmer days ahead.

In December, volunteers from the Garden City Branch visited the Four Seasons Nursing Home to distribute 160 gift boxes and 66 handmade fleece blankets to seniors there. Many thanks to Karen Rintz for organizing this activity. Karen has now started another outreach project called "Homeless Under Covers" and we are collecting hats, scarves, jackets, gloves, hoodies etc. to take to the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries. Some saints are also knitting hats to donate.

On December 29<sup>th</sup>, Nathan Costello was confirmed by Elders Rex Monarch and Carl McKiddie. Nathan was baptized in November. Nathan has been active

Dollie Bowman is a caretaker for two babies which she brought forth for a blessing on January 12. They were blessed by Elders Carl McKiddie and Rex Monarch.

Friday nights, some of the saints at Garden City have been meeting for a Book of Mormon class at the church.

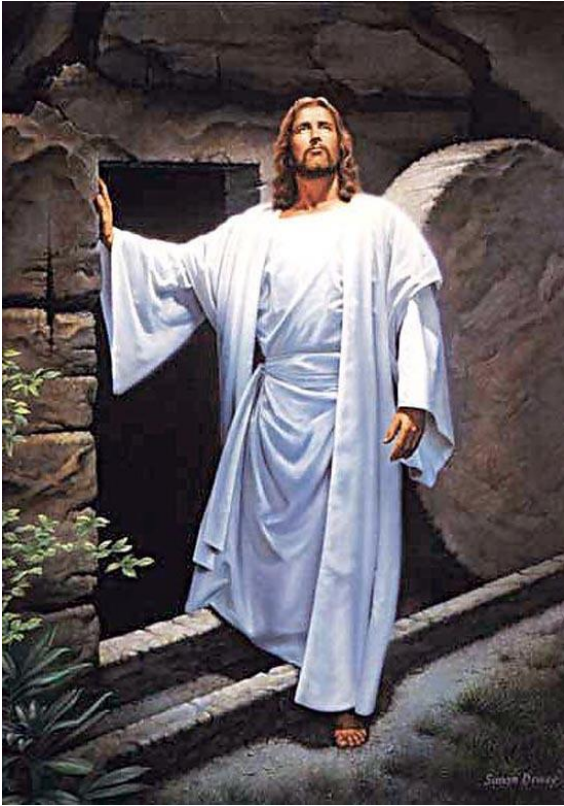
Congratulations to Jeff and Sue Stoker on the birth of their granddaughter Helayna Claire. Helayna was born on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Children's Retreat was held at Garden City on February 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Several children and C.I.T's from Garden City attended. During the weekend the children and youth studied the Book of Mormon and a number of parables. Before the 11:00 service, they shared some parables and songs they had practiced. During the service, the children and youth provided the ministry of music. A delicious potluck lunch was provided after the service. Thanks to all those who helped in any way with the retreat (classes, cooking, preparing potluck food, driving children to the retreat and back home etc.).

Many thanks to the guest ministers who have preached at Garden City the past few months: Elder Jay Havener and Elder Tom Essenmacher.



## **April 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday**



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

Oakwood Happenings - In December, we were blessed with three special events at church. Todd Moses shared his ministry as guest speaker one Sunday. He brought all the youth – young and old – up the stairs and had them sit on the floor as he read a Christmas story to them. The next week, the Children's Christmas program was directed by Kathi Havener. The children put on a wonderful program for everyone. Then the next week, Steve Ruch did a special Christmas sermon and also read the Story of Christ's birth to everyone. It truly was a wonderful month of services. To close the end of the year, the church members came together to have a New Year's Eve safe night party. Everyone pitched in to take down the Christmas decorations and then played games and ate pizza the rest of the night. It was a lot of fun. Elder Mick Ruch is serving as pastor until June. The theme while he is Pastor is, "The Spirit of God

Like a Fire is Burning." Please keep him and his service to God in your prayers. On February 15, 10 saints from the Oakwood and Garden City branches met in Romeo to help a local group make boxes for soldiers. People donated money, cards, candy, socks, makeup, etc., to make sure our soldiers know they are not forgotten! Oakwood participants included Julie Fox (who organized the event), Kathi Havener, Deana Smith, Bonnie Murphy, Julie's friend Mary, Michele Turner, and Kim Gilchrist. There are three other packing events throughout the year, and we plan on being there! Anyone in need of our DVD outreach program or know anyone who is in need of our DVD's, please let Dennis Smith know (248-628-1491). We are always glad to add names to the mailing list. We have almost 200 people in the outreach program, and it's still growing. Dennis is doing a wonderful job and is adding to it daily! Please keep him and Mike Danicki in your prayers. We pray that Dennis can continue to add names of those wishing to use our DVD ministry, and we pray that Mike can continue to produce the DVDs and mail them out. It's a big job, and the two of them are a blessing to all of us. The new year started off with... you guessed it...SNOW, SNOW, and even more SNOW! This has definitely been a winter to remember with the power outages, the snow storms, and the bad road conditions. For upcoming events in February, Jay and Kathi Havener are in charge of the Zion's Youth Retreat at Oakwood. With all the snow we have, they are going to take advantage of that and go sledding like they did last year. I'm sure all the kids will enjoy every minute! We are also planning a regional women's retreat this year on April 26th at the Algonac Branch. It will be a one-day retreat, and we pray that we have great attendance! May is going to be a busy month...On May 3rd; Julie Fox will once again head up the "Walk for Wishes" activity at the Detroit Zoo with the Make a Wish Foundation. This will be Oakwood's

third year in a row to participate in this worthy cause of raising money to grant terminally ill children a wish of their choice. This is a sponsored walk, and we need donations to make the walk successful. Any amount is appreciated! You can send your donation to either Julie Fox or Kathi Havener. Also, the Oakwood women are planning to attend the regional women's banquet extravaganza in Sanilac. This year's theme is Little House on the Prairie, and it will be an amazing event...it always is! Oakwood is having a fundraiser rummage sale to raise funds for the Youths Cedar Point trip. Anyone is welcome to donate, and we invite you to come and shop to help the kids raise money for their trip! The rummage sale is scheduled for Thursday- Saturday, June 19-21. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Upcoming Oakwood Birthdays: 03/04 Jamie Moore, 03/06 Brandon Embree, 03/10 Heather Mervyn, 03/14 Chet Slagor, 03/15 Bryan Hardwick, 03/18 Cody Ruch, 03/25 Derrick Embree, 03/28 Beth Everhart, 03/29 Jamie Modders, 03/29 Cheryl Slagor, 04/01 Michael Ruch, 04/03 Gloria Smith, 04/08 Don Everhart, 04/08 Emma Turner, 04/09 Christina Mervyn, 04/11 Renae Tomanek, 04/14 Dennis Smith, 04/15 David Mueller, 04/18 Chris Vandenberg, 04/20 Chris Nagy, 04/24 Jackson Nagy, 04/24 Doris Thrift, 04/26 Rebecca MacDonald, 05/06 Jay Havener, 05/08 Harold Edwards, 05/12 Mary Richards, 05/13 Noame Holcomb, 05/15 John Stokes, 05/17 Sydney LaRowe, 05/18 Tracey LaRowe, 05/22 Mike Danicki, 05/27 Eric Slagor

**Otter Lake** By: Susie Daggett

This has been a hard winter so far! We've been closed a few times for weather and lack of priesthood. Hoping the weather lets up and we can consistently enjoy our services and fellowship. Congratulations to Terry Broughman on his engagement! Also congratulations

and thanks to God for Don Deland's employment. We are very happy for both of these blessings.

Over the holidays, Doug Daggett worked 270+ hours in 16 days because of the bad ice storm. He was worn out! He was able to work with a crew from Kentucky and they were able to keep a good attitude and stay safe.

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've enjoyed the ministry of Ed MacDonald, Brian Daggett, Graham Fishwild, Jay Havener, Bob Ruch, Gary Holmes, Dale Day, Fred Brown Sr., Bob Harris, Chet Slagor, Rex Monarch, Mark Ouderkirk, and Fred Brown Jr. I'm sorry if I've forgotten any of you.

We couldn't do it without you.

Thank you.

**Port Huron** By: Sharon Smerer

At the end of September two couples went on a Fall Get-away to Mackinaw City, MI. They ate lunch at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth, Mi., then on to the Firemen's Memorial at Roscommon, Mi. Departed northward to Mackinaw City, Mi. We stayed at the Clarion Beachfront Hotel. We had dinner with John and Connie DeBell, Andrew Kercher, their grandson and Ed and Sharon Smerer at Darrow's Restaurant. Yum!

We had a Continental breakfast at the Hotel before we had a Tour of Fort Mackinaw. In which Andrew Kercher had a very big part in lighting the Canon and telling the History of the Fort. Thank you Andrew for your excellent knowledge of Fort Mackinaw.

We had lunch at an Italian Restaurant. Then on towards home. Thank you to Connie DeBell for her planning of the 2-day event. Great Fun, Company and Fall Colors !!

A few of our Church ladies Connie DeBell, Jane Goodwine, Sherry Purcell and Sharon Smerer attended the Women's Retreat the first weekend of October at the Wesleyan Woods Campground in Vassar, Mi. The Theme was "Breathe on me Breath of God." One of the exercises was to draw a picture of something you felt God in. Sharon Smerer drew a tree, then it was passed to another table and that person would add color and birds, house and grass. A finished picture. Then we were given another exercise to put Scriptures to "Just Us - All Alone" to topics:

1. Prayer and Fasting
2. Scripture - Study
3. Fellowship with the Saints
4. Service to Others

Some of the ladies from other Branches, spoke on different topics, such as: resurrection and eternity - a very uplifting and spiritual weekend. Our thanks to Val Bradley and Kathi Havener for all their hard work. Great job, Ladies!!

Betty Milett, was Brown City's Lower Elementary Student of the Week. She is the daughter of Joseph and Jennifer Milett, and sister to Lowell and granddaughter of John and Connie DeBell. "Keep up the great work, Betty!"

Nathan LaFrance has been playing Football and now is playing Basketball this Fall and Winter. Keep hitting the hoops Nathan!

Port Huron Northern Band members and Northgate Ford had a "Driven to Give Event."

A donation of \$20 by Lincoln/Northgate Ford to PHN Band for every person who tests drives a Lincoln on Oct. 12, 2013. We would like to thank everyone who supported our Church Youth who are Band members.

Our Branch hosted the Children's Fall Retreat. Nine of our Children participated. Our Branch was able to purchase 10 water filters for the Philippines. A big Thank You to All.

Our Branch had election of officers for 2014. Thank you to all who have accepted old and new positions. It is always good to work together for God. Our Branch Presider is Elder David Teeple.

We have a Book Club that was started by Sherry Purcell and meets on Tuesday nights. The book, "Just Like Jesus," by Max Lucado has been very good and a good learning tool, on how we should be like Jesus. Hopefully, we can put what we have learned to good use.

Our Branch is enrolled into Kroger, Meijer's and Bob Evans to get Community Rewards Programs. These stores and restaurant will donate to our Branch a certain percentage of your purchases.

Adam Michael William Fournier, son of Alexandria Britz and Zackary Fournier was blessed on December 3, 2013 by great grandfather Elder John Tynan and assisted by Elder David Teeple. Grandparents are Jason and Carrie Britz and great-grandparents, John and Barbara Tynan.

Our Branch sponsored a single mother and her three children this Christmas for the Salvation Army, "Giving Tree." We provided gifts and their pre-planned Christmas Dinner. We also, donated personal items, clothes, gloves, socks and gift cards to three women and their families from Foster Care.

In the Vision #70, December 2013 has an article and pictures about our Churches 25th Anniversary.



Eight of our Youth: Lydia, Owen, and Elise DeBell; Betty and Lowell Milett; Austin, Will and Matthew Shamblin took part in a Bell Ringing service for our Church this Christmas. Sounded real beautiful, Kids! Thanks goes to Eldon and Janel Preston for their patience and Sunday School Director Jennifer Milett and also the children.

Owen DeBell is a Cub Scout with Pack 216 and on Jan. 14, 2014 went to the Morton Elementary School in Marysville, Mi. for the Pinewood Derby. Owen didn't win the race but was proud to have received a Most Futuristic Car Award. Owen is the son of James and Marnie DeBell and grandson of John and Connie DeBell. Good job Owen!

Gillian Bolt, a student at Port Huron Northern High School, winds and percussion ensemble played Jan. 17, 2014, at the State Conference at the DeVos Performance Hall in Grand Rapids, Mi. The band played classic to more contemporary music. I heard they sounded very well. Gillian is the daughter of Scott and Amy Bolt and granddaughter of John and Barbara Tynan.

Held at Rochester High School on January 25, 2014, was the MSBOA District XVI Solo and Ensemble Festival, we had three Youth from our Branch: Evan Kercher who his brass quintet ensemble received a 2nd. Division rating and he also earned a 1st. Division rating on his solo. Evan is son of Christine Kercher and grandson of John and Connie DeBell. Good Job Evan!! Gillian Bolt also competed; she received a 2nd division for her piano and a 1st division with her flute. Olivia Bolt will go February 1, 2014 to compete. Gillian and Olivia Bolt are daughters of Scott and Amy Bolt and granddaughters of John and Barbara Tynan . We as a Church Family are very proud of our Youth.

We would like prayers on behalf of Bob Harris as he is taking Radiation

treatments on his spine. Also, for his wife, Kitti to have the strength and faith to endure.

In the month of January our congregation experienced two times of broken pipes and flooding.

When is Spring!!

Our prayers go out to All the Branches.

[Sanilac](#) By: Janine Essenmacher for vacationing Kathleen Palmer

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1.

Each month of this quarter has had a season of celebration.

In November, we celebrated Thanksgiving with thoughts of all the blessings we have living in the land of promise. We are thankful for our forefathers as well as for all the saints that have gone before us. There have been many sacrifices on our behalf that allow us to live in freedom & to worship in Christ's church. We gathered together for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Harvest Home Dinner. We had a wonderful meal but even better fellowship. We then celebrated with our families with Barb & Barent heading for Missouri to be with theirs.

In December, we decorated the church to prepare for the season of celebrating our Savior's birth. After all our hard work we enjoyed a potluck. Kathleen Palmer organized our Christmas Program with everyone given an opportunity to participate. Thank you, Kathleen for your devotion to our small branch. We enjoyed yet another potluck following the Christmas program. We may be few in

number but when we work together we can put a feast on the table. In appreciation of our pastor & his wife we presented them with a clock which plays the hymns. On December 15<sup>th</sup> Priest Tom Essenmacher was ordained to the office of Elder by Elders Barent Eliason & Gary Holmes. We are thankful to all the priesthood & members who have mentored Tom in his calling. Barent Eliason was in charge of our Candlelight Service. We each read a part of the Christmas story as it is told in the Book of Mormon. Barent made it especially interesting with additional information he shared from all his years of study. We celebrated Christmas with our families with Barb & Barent again leaving for Missouri to be with theirs. They started out the trip on a blistery snowy day taking venison there & returning with books for the Youth Retreat in February. We thank the Lord for Barent & Barb's safe journey. Our youth, Gary & Maddy participated in their school Christmas concert while Emma & Sydney participated in their school Christmas program. Sharing our talents is a blessing to others.

In January, we celebrated the beginning of a New Year. We looked back to 2013 realizing we have had many trials yet

more blessings as a small branch. We have so many people with talents they are willing to share. Our Wednesday night Prayer & Testimony service does not lack for sharing, often delaying Barent's bedtime. We hear baby noises from Brendon & soft whispers from little Emma, Avery & Sydney which means our branch is sprouting. We hear the occasional whistle of a hearing aide or words of wisdom from our elderly which means our branch has roots. We have priesthood who teach & preach the word with love for each member. In Sunday School we are studying The Endowment by Earl Curry which is preparing us for the things to come. In the New Year we will continue to strive to be of one heart & one mind carrying Zion in our hearts until it is a reality.

We want to thank all of the visiting priesthood who travel to share their ministry with us. Our branch is enriched each time you come.

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

**Women's Retreat April 26<sup>th</sup> @ Algonac Branch**

**Mother/Daughter Banquet May 17<sup>th</sup> @ Sanilac Branch**

### **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.

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# *Great Lakes Regional Restoration Branches 2014 Spring Women's Retreat*



*"But my word shall  
not fail, neither will  
my promises, for the  
foundation of the  
Lord standeth sure."*

D & C 140:5B

*"The Promise Keeper"*

**When:** Saturday, April 26, 2014

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Where:** Algonac, MI

**Cost:** Free will offering to cover lunch

**Bring:** Your scriptures and a friend!

**Contact:** Val Bradley by **April 15** if you plan on attending  
so we can get a lunch count