

# The Anchor



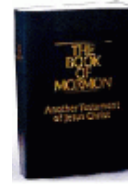
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## News From Around the Region

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

### Algonac Branch



By: Val Bradley

“Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.” (1 John 4:7)

Reported by Eric Eliason

On September 22 -23, Elders Eric Eliason and Hod Powers (along with Eric’s Dad, Barent) attended

the Kirtland Priesthood Retreat together. The theme was “Taught from on High,” taken from D&C 43. They started the retreat with a communion service. Eric thought that was a good idea and said it really set the right tone for the whole weekend. They enjoyed the classes, taught by Elders David Joyce (WV branch) and Jay Havener. A message was given to the retreat group and also to the Kirtland Branch through Seventy Richard Neil. For those interested in reading the messages, they were printed in the most recent issue of “Tidings of Zion.” Eric said the attendance was very good, and he really felt the Lord’s Spirit throughout the weekend.

Ten of our Algonac ladies (Connie Burns, Nina Powers, Kelli Williams, Melissa Miller, Wendy Holmes, Elaine King, Val Bradley, Denise Carter, Elaine Harm, Nadine Moses) attended the Regional Fall Women's Retreat held at the Wesleyan Woods Campgrounds in Vassar on October 12 – 14. This year's theme was "Take Time to be Holy." The morning devotions, music, classes, crafts, entertainment, and priesthood ministry were all outstanding! A big thank you to Connie Burns (mixer), Sherry Purcell, Jane Ann Goodwine, Sherri & Grace Johnson (Devotions), Denise Rich (Praise Gathering), Tracy Carlson, Shawn Ruch, Kim Gilchrist, Cathy Daggett (teachers), Leslie Garn, Kathleen Modders (crafts), Kathi & Val, and Elder Jay Havener for their time, talents, and ministry. We had a great turnout (55 women!) with many new faces, and we all came together as one as we shared in song, worship, prayer, testimony, and fellowship. We know the Lord was with us the entire weekend, as we drew closer to Him and to each other, and learned what it truly means to "take time to be holy."



On Sunday afternoon, September 9, many in our congregation attended the baptismal service for

Laurel Yaney (daughter of Joel and Nicole, granddaughter of Todd and Tina), held at the Port Huron/Sarnia Restoration Branch. The invocation and benediction were given by Priest Kevin Powers. The Charge to the Candidate was brought by Elder Gary Holmes and the Charge to the Congregation was brought by Elder Eric Eliason. The congregation sang several hymns, and Liz Moses brought the special music ministry. Laurel was baptized by her grandpa, Elder Todd Yaney. She was confirmed by Elder Todd Moses, assisted by Elder Todd Yaney. It was a beautiful service. We were reminded that this is just the beginning. We are all a part of the same family and we are to work together and help to guide and support Laurel. We welcome her into our Algonac church family. She is precious to us and we will keep her and her family in our prayers.

The Children's Thanksgiving Program, directed by Cory Eliason, took place on November 18. Nina Powers offered the opening prayer. Scene 1 on the rostrum was of Lehi and his family crossing the sea to America.



A reading was done by Ava Nagy (daughter of Ishmael); Scripture by David Nagy (Lehi); poem by Dayna Harm (Sariah); and reading by Laurel Yaney (daughter

of Ishmael). The older kids sang, "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God," then readings were given by Bryer Eliason (Sam) and Briggs Eliason (Nephi). The Eliason brothers (Briggs, Bryer and Ames) sang "Lehi Crossed the Mighty Ocean." Scene 2 was of the pilgrims and Indians in America.



The pilgrims were portrayed by Nicole Yaney, Vivian Yaney and Christopher McCullar. The Indians were portrayed by Adeline Yaney and Ames Eliason. Val Bradley did a reading. Bethany Moses sang, "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Vivian & Addie Yaney, Christopher McCullar & Ames Eliason sang "Praise Him" and the Eliason brothers sang "Oh, I Love America." Readings on thankfulness were done by all the children. The congregation sang several hymns during the program and the closing prayer was offered by Kelli Williams. The children handed out a "Blessing Mix" to all the members of the congregation. It was a bag of treats, and each item represented something to do with the pilgrims, and a reminder of the many things we are thankful for. A big thank you to Cory, Eric (in charge of props!), the children, who did a marvelous job, and to all in our branch who supported this program!

#### Reported by Elaine King

Our Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale took place in our branch on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1. Wendy Homes, Elaine King, and Marilyn Canham got to the church early on Friday, placed the signs in a number of prominent places in town, and then began set-up. They were a little nervous at first as the baked goods counter was empty. However, before the sale began, our lovely Algonac ladies came through big time! Thanks to Connie Burns, Tina Yaney, Elaine Harm, and Nina Powers, the counter was overflowing with yummy home-baked goodies to sell. A big thank you to them, and to Todd Yaney, for making us a collapsible wooden clothes rack. It holds a lot of clothes and can be stored for repeated use each year! We had an abundance of repeat customers as well as new. We especially enjoyed seeing a number of ladies from the various restoration branches and appreciated their support! We also appreciated the members who shared info regarding our sale on social media, which added to our success. Day 2 was another exceptional day. We had "bag of clothes day" where we sold clothes for either \$2 or \$4, depending on the size of the bag. It was a big success. Throughout the sale Christmas music was playing and conversations were flowing. The most important part of the sale is reaching out to those in need. One of the ladies (a repeat customer) was shopping and all of a sudden, her sugar level went way down. We gave her some juice and had her sit down for a while. Towards closing time, 3 ladies came in. They'd been friends since

childhood and had got together that weekend to shop in Algonac and have dinner together later. Wendy and Elaine were the only ones left running the sale. They overheard the customers chatting and all of a sudden, they were included in the conversation. Everyone spoke about their past and current life situations, and found out they had much in common. (Medical conditions and loss of children.) Since then they've all become friends on Facebook and will be meeting each other soon for dinner. You never know what God has in store when you open your hearts up to other hurting souls. This sale was very successful financially, but as always, the most important aspect was the ministry and community outreach. Thanks again to all who assisted and supported us in this endeavor. We couldn't have done it without you!

Our Children's Christmas Program was held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 16. It was directed by Kelli Williams. She welcomed us, and then Briggs Eliason did an introit on the keyboards. The play was entitled, "The Legend of the Candy Cane." Ava Nagy was the narrator. On one side of the rostrum there was a Candy Store. David Nagy played the store owner, and Laurel Yaney was the customer. On the other side of the rostrum was the nativity scene.



The children who took part in that

were Daynna Harm, Briggs, Bryer, and Ames Eliason, Addy and Vivian Yaney, and Christopher McCullar. As the legend of the candy cane was told by the shop owner, the story of the nativity unfolded on the other side. According to the legend, the white on the candy cane represents our pure, sinless Savior. The red represents the blood Jesus shed for us. The hard surface represents the solid rock (foundation of the church). When you hold the candy cane one way, it represents the staff of the Good Shepherd. When you turn it the other way, it forms a "J" to represent the name of Jesus. During the program Ames Eliason sang, "Away in the Manger" and "The First Noel" was sung by Ames and Briggs Eliason. The congregation sang "Joy to the World" and "The Child of Galilee." After the play ended, the Children's Bell Choir (David & Ava Nagy, Daynna Harm, Laurel Yaney, Briggs & Bryer Eliason), directed by Todd and Liz Moses, performed "Away in the Manger," "Angels we have Heard on High," and the annual favorite, "Come on Ring Those Bells."



The children gave their parents special paintings they created for them. They handed out candy canes to everyone in the congregation. A big thanks to Kelli, Todd & Liz, the children, and



all those who supported this wonderful program.

Our annual Candlelight Service was held in our branch on Wednesday, January 9. As always, it was an opportunity to review the wonderful celebration of the Christ child and contemplate what the new year might bring. Our pastor, Elder Gary Holmes, was in charge of the service. He gave the welcome and the call to worship, which was taken from Isaiah 9. The congregation sang a hymn, and Elder Todd Moses gave the invocation. Gary played his guitar and sang, "What Child is This?" and the congregation sang another hymn. Gary did a reading, "Twelve Days of Christmas." The twelve days begin on Christmas day and end on Jan. 6, which is the first day of Epiphany (also known as Three Kings' Day). It means the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles as represented by the Magi. He spoke about the gifts they brought Jesus, and the significance behind them. Todd Moses sang a beautiful song, "All Year Long." We then all lit our candles, and Gary stated that the coming year is filled with much uncertainty and turmoil. World-wide unrest is greater than any other time in history. This nation seems headed in the wrong direction. The challenges we face are great, but the promises are greater. He told us not to give up, as we have the "hope of the world" in Jesus Christ. He asked us to think about what our hope for the future is, and how will we meet the future? With our candles lit, he invited us to share our answers, either in a statement or prayer. The congregation sang a

final hymn, and the benediction was brought by Elder Eric Eliason.

#### Update from Bethany Moses

For those of you who haven't heard, I am now attending Brigham Young University in Utah. It is wonderful! I definitely miss Disney, but luckily, I'll be headed back to Florida for some more fun this summer. I auditioned and made it into one of the top choirs. I'm also in a band class as first chair French Horn, and I'm taking some dance classes. I just finished my application and live audition for the Music Education program, so now I have an interview and then we just wait to hear what happens! I have lots of homework, but am making my way through. I'll be coming home for about 2 weeks in April, so will look forward to seeing you then! Love and miss you all! God bless.

#### News & Notes:

Congratulations to Dick & Connie Burns on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! On August 31, they had a lovely celebration at Filippa's restaurant in Shelby Township, given to them by their daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Shaun Turner. It was a special occasion filled with delicious food, much laughter, and warm memories.

Gary Holmes surprised Marge with a special celebration after church on Sunday, Sept. 2, their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He picked her up from the nursing facility that day and brought her to church. After the service we all shared a good meal together in our fellowship hall. There were cards and gifts for them, and Nina

Powers brought a yummy cake. Gary serenaded her with a couple of sweet love songs, and told her how much she meant to him. It was so good to see Marge back at church again, and we were happy to be able to celebrate this special occasion with them. May God bless them both with improved health, healing, strength, and many more years together!

Jim Bradley went into the hospital in October, and was discharged to Wellbridge of Romeo for rehab for a month. He returned home on December 1, and had in-home nursing care for 4 weeks. We are happy to say he is doing well now and back to church again. We are so grateful for the blessing/healing he received and want to thank all of you for your love, prayers and support during that time. God bless you. Jim and Val

As most of you know by now, our dear brother Priest Kevin Powers had a stroke on December 1. After spending quite a bit of time at two different hospitals, he is now at Shelby Rehab Center for rehab/physical therapy. Although he has had some blessings, he is still not able to walk, due to lingering paralysis in the left side of his body. His wife, Analyn, and his entire family are taking very good care of him. In spite of all he's been through, he remains positive and is working very hard at his therapy. The whole family would welcome visitors for Kevin, as it helps to keep his spirits up. Our thoughts and earnest prayers continue to be with Kevin and his family.

The priesthood home visiting ministry has started up again.

Elders Todd Moses and Eric Eliason are dedicated to visiting each of our members' this season. Let's all pray for them, and support their ministry as we welcome them into our homes!

Proving there's nothing sweeter than the little ones we have in our congregations, on Feb. 9 Adeline Yaney (age 6) got to play a dancing sugar cube in Dakota High School's production of Beauty and the Beast. Addie's vocal teacher, Hannah (also pictured), who was a cast member, spoke up when the call went out for a few extra performers.



After a number of rehearsals and dry-runs, going out on the big stage during Be Our Guest was a thrilling experience. As a young and aspiring musician, being able to see the backstage workings of a show of that size and complexity was a real-life adventure. Although she said it was dazzling because of the moving and flashing lights, the most exciting part was seeing her family in the audience, especially her sisters, Laurel and Vivian, as they all share their love for singing and dancing.

Our sister Elaine Harm is at her happy place in Florida for the winter enjoying some sunshine and R&R. We miss her, but wish her well and are keeping her in our prayers.

Prayers would be appreciated for Kevin & Analyn Powers, Elaine King, Bethany Moses, Nina and Hod Powers, Kelli Williams, Nadine Moses, Tina Yaney (surgery), family of Jean John, Gary & Marge Holmes, and Bruce and Barb Krinkie. We are keeping you and your congregations in our prayers, as well.

### **Garden City**



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**By: Kurt & Susan Fishwild**

#### **Guest Ministers**

In September our guest minister was Elder Fred Brown Sr. from the Oakwood Branch. Fred also brought his wife Helen and their son Russ Copus with him. We always appreciate your ministry, Brother Fred. Elder Jay Havener from Oakwood was our guest minister in November. Thanks Jay, for your preached word and your musical talent as you help uplift us while singing the hymns during the service.

#### **Outreach**

The first Sunday of each month, our congregation continues to collect cans/dry goods for our church pantry. These items are given to people who live in the neighborhood of our church and stop by looking for assistance. This also provides an opportunity

for us to pray with and/or pray for these people in need.

#### **Prayers**

Our Garden City Prayer List is posted monthly on our website which is [gardencityrestorationbranch.org](http://gardencityrestorationbranch.org). Please pray for those listed.

#### **Helen Ziegler**

Sister Helen Ziegler attended the Garden City Restoration Branch with her husband Richard for many years. In 2015, Brother Richard passed away and Sister Helen continued the long trip from Toledo, Ohio, often attending with her son Tom or daughter Debbie. While attending Garden City Branch, Helen enjoyed participating in Women's Department activities and singing in the choir. On August 9, 2018, Helen Louise Ziegler passed from this life at the age of ninety. A funeral service was held in Toledo on August 17 with Elder Carl McKiddie officiating and Elder Jeff Stoker giving the prayers. After the graveside service, friends of Sister Helen served a delicious lunch where Helen's family and friends shared their memories of her life in the community and the church.

#### **Youth Trip to Historical Sites (June 15-19, 2018)**

##### **Reported by Israel Dabbs**

When I went to the Zions Retreat with a bunch of different branches, we all had a blast. When I thought about being on a bus for a long, long while just sitting waiting to get to our next destination I thought it was going to be the most boring trip in the world but it was the exact opposite. On the bus we played card games, told stories and

chatted as well as ate some snacks between stops. One of our stops, and personally my favorite, was the jail that Joseph Smith Jr, and his brother Hyrum Smith died in. Named Carthage Jail, they died when an angry mob learned that Joseph and Hyrum were being kept there. The jail was stormed with loads of angry men. They traveled up the slim steps like a tidal wave letting nothing step in their way. They reached the top where there were a few doors. They banged and pounded on the door that lead to the Smith brothers. And seeing that door and how small it was it wouldn't have been hard for a good 200 grown men to storm through.

After we left, we kept driving to our next destination like we always did. There were only a couple days left in the trip. I remember that we had originally planned to stay at a camp site and go swimming before dark and in the morning. When we got to the campsite, they said their lake was fishing only so we took a vote on leaving to find a new place or stay there and not swim. Like any child would, we chose the option that lead to swimming, so we traveled on. We had more upsets. We arrived at a beach with giant sand dunes and one of the Great Lakes. We were about to get in the water when we heard over the PA system that the swimming area was closed due to algae. This was the second to last day and we did end up swimming by the end of the trip. One of the nights we couldn't find a place to sleep, so Marty called an old friend and asked if thirty or so people could spend the night at his place. He agreed. The fun part about it was some of the guys slept in a big loft

in his barn with horses and a mule underneath. We got to pet the two horses and mule until bed. Then we carried on the next day. This was a trip I'm glad I participated in and I hope to enjoy many more.

### A Special Visit

In January, Elders Jeff Stoker and Carl McKiddie flew to Colorado for a weekend to spend time with our sister Carolyn Kilgore who attended Garden City Branch before she moved to Colorado. Sister Carolyn has been experiencing some significant health issues and was in need of ministry. Jeff and Carl administered to Carolyn, visited with her, and had a service with communion. She was greatly uplifted by this visit. Elder Carl McKiddie has a number of testimonies from this trip including how he was able to minister to various people in his travels by praying, talking with them, and sharing his testimonies.

### Oakwood



By: Kathleen Modders

October 11, Laurie and Jeff Bruce were married. Daughter of Elder Edward MacDonald and Candi. Congratulations to the two of them we wish them the best of luck.





September 22 through the 23 the Conference of Restoration Elders took place in Kirkland, Ohio. The Priesthood retreat theme was "Taught from on High."

October 12 through the 14 the Great Lakes Restoration Branches Fall Women's Retreat was held at Wesleyan Woods Camp grounds in Vassar, MI. The theme was "Take Time to be Holy." Kathi Havener and Val Bradley always do such a great job. There were over 50 women at the retreat!

11/9-11 Zion's Youth Fall Retreat grades 6-12 Oakwood Restoration Branch was directed by Kathi and Jay Havener. Charlotte, Oakwood, Garden City, Lima Ohio and Otter Lake congregations were represented.



November 18 Annual Thanksgiving luncheon put on by the Oakwood Jr Church, along with Kathleen and Mike Modders and their kids Jonathon Modders and Joshua and Mallory Johnson.

Baby Blessing on November 25  
Proud Parents: Michael & Christy MacDonald daughter River Grace MacDonald. Blessed by Elder Edward MacDonald and Elder Mick Ruch.



Baby Blessing on November 25  
Proud Parents: Troy & Angie Hanna daughter of Elle Rose Hanna. Blessed by Elder Marc Hanna and Elder Mick Ruch.



December 01 The women's Christmas Party 11:00 am hosted by Kathi Havener and Shawn Ruch.

December 16 Oakwood's Christmas Program directed by Elder Mick Ruch. Narrated by the following: Silent Night: Elder Jay Havener, Priest Mike Ruch sang Silent Night with the congregation playing the guitar, Sister Cheryl Slagor: It came upon a midnight clear, Sister Kathi Havener: Joy to the World, Elder Edward MacDonald: Angels from the

**Realms of Glory, Priest Mike Ruch: Little Town of Bethlehem, Sister Bev Ruch: Hark the Harold Angels Sing, Priest Mike Modders: Oh Come All Yea Faithfull, Sister Shawn Ruch: Angels we have heard on high, Sister Kathleen Modders: Away in the Manager.**

**Our Annual Safe Night New Year's Eve Party was held on December 31, led by Mike and Kathleen Modders. We ate fabulous pizza, everyone pitched in to take down all the Christmas decorations, then the fun began! We played board games, cards and enjoyed wonderful fellowship with each other. Elder Jay Havener toasted us into the new year with sparkling grape juice! Some of us even managed to stay awake to see the ball drop at midnight!**

**There has been a new addition to the Havener family! Kathi and Jay are grandparents! Joshua Havener, their oldest son, with his beautiful wife Andrea, had a baby boy on January 2, 11 weeks early. At 2 pounds 2 ounces and 14.5 inches long, Sullivan (Sully) Whitaker Havener came into this world! What a journey he has had, and will continue to have. Joshua and Andrea have shared every step of their journey on Facebook and we have been praying for all of them daily.**



**On January 26<sup>th</sup> they had a baby shower at Oakwood for little Sully! From foxes to tepees to Harry Potter outfits and even Valentine and St. Patty's day outfits, they received a little bit of everything! He's growing quickly and getting stronger by the day. This little guy is on everyone's hearts and will continue to be as we all follow the Sully Story anticipating the day he gets to leave the hospital and be welcomed home by his mama and papa! We pray for Andrea and Joshua to be blessed in big ways.**

**There was a fire on January 14<sup>th</sup> of 2018 at Bonnie Murphy's house, due to a propane heater malfunction. We are happy to say that after one year, she is now back in her home.**

**Upcoming Birthdays at Oakwood:03/04 Jamie Moore, 03/10 Heather Mervyn, 03/14 Chet Slagor, 03/18 Cody Ruch, 03/20 Lilly Konkle, 03/28 Beth Everhart, 03/29 Jamie Modders, 03/29 Cheryl Slagor, 04/01 Michael Ruch, 04/03 Gloria Smith, 04/09 Christina Mervyn, 04/26 Morgan Bean, 04/29 Andrew Konkle, 04/14 Dennis Smith, 04/14 Rebecca Servin, 04/15 David Mueller, 04/17 Gustavo Servin, 04/17 Samantha Servin, 04/18 Chris Vandenberg, 04/20 Chris Nagy, 04/24 Jackson Nagy, 04/26 Rebecca MacDonald, 05/06 Jay Havener, 05/12 Mary Richards, 05/13 Noame Holcomb, 05/15 John Stokes, 05/22 Mike Danicki, 05/27 Eric Slagor**

## Port Huron-Sarnia Branch



By: Sharon Smerer  
Happy New Year, Saints

First, I would like to say, welcome back Jim Bradley. So glad you are feeling better, prayers surely do work. Amen to that!!

On November 2nd, 2018, the Viking Regiment Band marches on Ford Field, the group began their on-field warm ups, then got into place to begin a practice run of their show under Dennis Duso, Marysville's Band Director. Roughly 137-member band will perform a show featuring music from classic cartoons, like Flintstones, Looney Tunes and the Jetsons. In order to qualify for the State competition, bands must achieve a high enough average score to reach the top ten of their "flight" or division. This year, Marysville is going to State ranked third with an average score of 86.1. Last year they ranked fourth, and the year before that ninth or tenth. Lydia is in tenth grade in the band and she enjoys playing. She and the Marysville Viking Regiment Band will be going to Disney, in Florida, in March.

We are very sorry to report that John J. Gardner passed away on November 5, 2018. He was born on July 12, 1920, in Croswell, to the late Fred and Brady Gardner. John enjoyed hunting, fishing and

gardening. John was preceded in death by his two wives, Fern Anglebrandt and Mary Black Russell. John is survived by his daughters and sons-in-laws, Beverly (David) Rowe and Roberta (Fred) Zillich of Clyde. John also had two stepchildren, Jane Werner and Chee Chee (Rodger) Radigan. John had four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Burial took place in Kinney Cemetery.

Our Branch hosted a Younger Youth Retreat on November 9th - 11th, 2018. Elder Fred Brown Sr. was our guest speaker at the 11:00 preaching service, followed by a potluck dinner. The children were taught about Church History. We want to thank Betty Lou Newman, and the teachers and CIT's and the youth for coming and making the week-end of learning a fun experience. Betty Lou asked Kittie Harris to take part in the giving of the medals to the children and when they were done, the younger youth gave Kittie a lap robe with notes of remembrance of her husband, Robert (Bob) Harris. Also, Kerry Horton gave a speech about Bob and how they miss him.

Betty Milette, daughter of Joe and Jennifer Milette was voted by her teacher, Cindy Burton, for Student of the Week. Cindy says, "Betty goes above and beyond in her classwork. She is willing to help her peers and she always strives to do her best." Betty attends Brown City High School and is in the seventh grade. She is the granddaughter of John and Connie DeBell. Good job Betty!!

Jennifer, Betty and Lowell Milet, also, Lydia DeBell walked in the Detroit Thanksgiving Parade. As both Port Huron Northern and Marysville High Schools attended this year. Lowell carried the Port Huron Northern Banner and Jennifer and Betty marched with the Flag Twirlers. Lydia's parents are Jim and Marnie DeBell and grandparents are John and Connie DeBell. Owen DeBell is working on rank advancement and various merit badges for Boy Scouts. He went to summer camp at Cole Canoe base. Owen does a precision rifle class at Blue Water Sportsman Club. Elise DeBell is in Junior Girl Scouts and is working on various badges. She joined the safety patrol at her school. Elise attended the Younger Youth Retreat in November. Owen and Elise are the children of Jim and Marnie DeBell and grandchildren of John and Connie DeBell.

Charlene Burgett has moved the Nar-Can Training to Colonial Woods Church at 3240 Pine Grove Ave. Port Huron, Mi.

Our Branch had our Branch Business and Election of Officers. Elder Ed Smerer was re-elected, Presiding Elder. Chris Kercher was re-elected for Bulletin person, Jack Tynan for Prayer calls and Sherry Purcell and Carrie Britz for Women Leaders, were re-elected.

We are very sorry to say that Janet M. Osborn of Burtchville Twp., passed away December 2, 2018. She is survived by her husband, Greg; son, Scott (Heidemarie) of Round Rock, Tx. Daughter, Emily Phelps of Burtchville and three

grandchildren; six siblings, Laura (Bob) Nichols of Burton, Mi., Julie Ledsworth Brown, Fort Gratiot, Mi., Paula Berger of Port Huron, Mi., Sylvia (Dan) Maxfield of Lexington, Paul Ledsworth of Port Huron and Amy (Jeremy) Kundrath of Round Rock, Tx. many nieces and nephews, aunts and cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia A. Ledsworth, and brother, Clyde M. Ledsworth. Cremation has taken place and her remains will be taken to Lakeside Cemetery.

Bernard Pearl has been working on Cemetery records for St. Clair County. Also, he has made up books on Word of Wisdom foods, and several other books regarding Jesus and the Latter Days.

Jennifer Milet had toe surgery the day after Christmas. She is still walking with a cane now and again but is starting therapy soon. Which she is not looking forward to the Physical exercise.

Owen DeBell belongs to the Boy Scout Troop #216, and they went to the Marysville Park and decorated the train with Christmas lights. Great job, Owen and the rest of his troop.

Our Branch hosted The Blue Water League of the Blind. They had a potluck meal and the Lion's donated chicken, mashed potatoes, corn and cheesy broccoli dish. They had a 50/50 drawing and gave some Christmas presents away to the blind. A husband and wife sang and played Christmas music and other music for their entertainment.



We had a box in the hall for donation of food for the needy and also donation of money. Also, for the persons transitioning out of the Foster Care System.

Ed and Sharon gave thanks to the congregation, giving each family a floral arrangement for their help and the work they all do to keep the Branch running. Without them we would not have a church. Thank you!!

The first weekend in January of 2019, our Branch had a 24-hour Prayer Vigil. Those who said they would pray for a half hour or an hour or more, we THANK YOU!! Some have said they felt a sweet spirit and God's protection. I was pleased to have a few of our young adults take part in the prayers for others. All and all, it was nice to unite our thoughts and prayers for others. Elder John DeBell suggested we might consider having another Prayer Vigil in six months.

This is a story of a wonderful group called New Horizons Music. In 1991, Dr. Roy Ernst from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, founded the New Horizons Music program. In its beginning, it focused mainly on people 50 and older - the current criteria is that the person just needs to be out of high school. Our Port Huron program began when David Teeple, from Port Huron Music Center, took Pat and Peg Dempsey to Palm Springs, Ca., to hear a New Horizons music group. Pat, who had 30 years experience teaching in the Port Huron area, got the ball rolling with our area's New Horizon Band. The program in the Port Huron area was the first in Michigan,

beginning in 1998, with eight members varying from beginners to advanced beginners. We currently have 70 members ranging from 20 to 90 years old, with a few of them being original members. We are now known as the Blue Water New Horizons Swing Band, "Sentimental Journey" and the Blue Water Double Brass Quintet, directed by Jim Chubb. The Blue Water New Horizons Small Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra are directed by Carl Gippert. We have obtained 501c3 status. Everyone is welcome to come and listen and we would love to have interested people join us. You can also make arrangements for us to perform at your event. For more information call Malinda Lieske at (810) 985-6136 or contact the Music Center at (810) 984-5081.

Andrew Kercher decided to make the Prindel's Powder Horn that was stolen one of his priorities to locate.



The artifact, a powder horn was on loan from the Detroit Historical Society, went missing in 1952 just before the opening of an exhibit entitled, "Saga of a Settler." The piece is significant to Dearborn's history because it belonged to John Nowlin, one of the earliest settlers of "Dearbornville," now part of the city of Dearborn.

The powder horn, which was recovered by the FBI Art Crime Team in Philadelphia, Pa. was returned to the historical museum Tuesday at a press conference. FBI Special Agent Jack Archer said, the powder horn was used in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. It was made at Fort No. 4 in Charlestown, N. H., on June 30, 1757, for a soldier by the name of Lt. Abel Prindel. It is engraved with Lt. Prindel's name, rank and the date on which it was made. It also is carved with the following verse:

I powder with my broth ball  
Aheroe like do Conquer all  
Tis best abrod with foreign foes to  
fight  
And not a home to feel their  
hateful spite.

Andrew Kercher gave a talk on Nowlin family at the Press Conference. In 1833, John Nowlin came by wagon to Dearbornville from his homestead in New York. It is unclear how Nowlin initially came to possess the powder horn. However, it had been handed down through several generations of the Nowlin family, including John's son, William, and remained in the Nowlin family's care and possession until June 1947, when it was sold to the Detroit Historical Museum. The Dearborn Police Department conducted a theft investigation that initially yielded no clues. In 1991, the powder horn appeared for auction at Christie's Auction House and was sold to an unknown buyer. In 2017, Dearborn police requested the assistance of the FBI after Jack Tate, acting chief curator, of the Dearborn Historical Museum, convinced the department to reopen the case. The FBI does

not plan to charge anyone with the crime, Timothy Slater said, as there is little evidence. The person that stole the artifact back in the 1950's may be deceased. Once it is returned, the Nowlin Powder Horn will be on short-term display through Spring 2019 at the Detroit Historical Museum. Following that, it will be used in "Frontiers to Factories," a permanent exhibit that focuses on the city's early history. Andrew is the son of Chris Kercher and the late Pat Kercher and grandson of John and Connie DeBell.

Our Branch donated food, laundry and hygiene and personal care products to the Port Huron VFW for the local Coast Guard, "Hollyhock" and their families, because of the Government shut down.

It is with great sadness that we must report the death of sister Julia (Bush) Conlee Erb. She passed away on January 28, 2019 in her home with her family by her side. She was born on March 19, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan, daughter of the late Stephan and Elizabeth Bush. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are in care of Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Ave., Port Huron, Mi. We want to send our condolences to Roy and Sue McAllister and Family, Eldon and Janel Preston, and Sue's extended family.

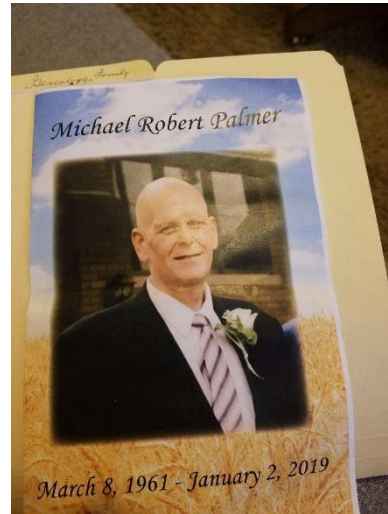
Connie DeBell had knee surgery on Jan. 29 and is doing very well, she went home the second day. We wish her well and no more pain.

## **Sanilac**



**By: Kathleen Palmer**

**strong faith and warm memories bring comfort to their hearts. They remain in our thoughts and prayers.**



**Bill and Kathleen Palmer's son, Michael, passed away on January 2. The funeral service was held on January 5 at Peach Lutheran Church in Sandusky.**

**Michael was a great son, dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. He was a member of the Peach Lutheran Church and a hard-working farmer who enjoyed snowmobiling, playing cards, and spending time with his family and friends. Our hearts go out to Bill, Kathleen, and family. May their**

## **Upcoming Regional Activities**

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

**March 1-3, Children's Retreat, Garden City Branch**

**Contact: Betty Lou Newman**

**March 15-17, Zion's Youth Retreat, Oakwood Branch**

**Contact: P.J. Fought**

**April 27, Ladies' Friendship Luncheon, Port Huron/Sanilac Branch, Contact: Sherry Purcell or Val Bradley**

**May 18, Mother/Daughter Banquet, Sanilac Branch**

**Contact: Barb Eliason or Kathleen Palmer**

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