**ESPECIALLY FOR OUR GUESTS . . .**

- Please pick up an information packet from our welcome table in the lobby. We also have a small gift for our first-time guests.
- We are grateful for your presence today. Please fill out an attendance card (please indicate both your first and last names) so we can have a record of your presence.
- About halfway through the service, the children kindergarten through the 4th grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs. For those 4 years old and under, there are classes on the main level throughout the entire service. We encourage the use of our attended nursery class for those who need it.
- If you have any questions concerning our services or the church or the Bible, we encourage you to speak to one of our elders or our minister.

**STEAK & CORN ROAST**

The Church of Christ Care Center will be “Celebrating the 1970’s” at their 30th Annual Steak & Corn Roast, which will take place on **Saturday, August 19**, at 5 p.m. under the big tent on the Care Center grounds. Garth Pleasant, former Rochester College men’s basketball coach, will share some Sports Memories. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Dueling Pianos. Our own Gloria Conti, her aide, and students from Lutz School will be honored at the dinner for the volunteer work they do at the Care Center. **Tickets are $75 if you purchase them before July 31, and after that the cost will be $85.** See Barb Kramer to purchase your ticket.

**CHURCH IN THE PARK**

We invite everyone to join us as we worship with other area congregations on **Sunday, August 13**, at Butcher Park in Warren. The event will begin with a picnic meal together at 4:30, followed by service at 5:30. Bringing us the message will be Lonale Stewart, the minister at the Van Dyke Church of Christ. In order to plan for enough food, we ask that you sign up in the hallway. Invite family and friends to join you.
**HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN**

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for us and rose from the dead, making salvation available as a gift (John 3:16; Romans 6:23). In order to benefit from this great sacrificial love, one must receive God’s grace through faith in Christ and obedience to him (Romans 5:1-2; Hebrews 5:9).

To become a Christian, the Bible teaches that we must believe in and put our trust in Christ (John 8:24), turn away from a life of sin (Luke 13:3), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). If you would like to further study this question of “What must I do to be saved?”, please see our minister or one of our elders.

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**VBS AT BAD AXE CHURCH**

The Bad Axe Church of Christ will hold their Vacation Bible School August 7-9. We are planning to take a group up there to be assistants, helpers, or do whatever they need. They will provide all the teachers. There will be no cost to you and accommodations will be provided. *If you would like to be part of this exciting adventure, please see Brian or Joe & Lori Mason today.* Bad Axe is one of our mission fields and it would be great to let them know how much we appreciate and support them in their efforts.

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**GRADUATION PARTY**

Everyone is invited to a graduation open house for Quincy Stewart on Sunday, August 20, from 12:30-6:00 at Blossom Heath Park, on Jefferson just south of 10 Mile Rd. (behind Blossom Heath Inn). Please sign up in the hallway if you plan to attend.

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**AREA WIDE SINGING**

The Royal Oak Church of Christ will host an area wide singing next Sunday, August 6, from 3-5 p.m. Everyone is invited to join together with other brothers and sisters to worship in song.

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**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

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- **Lori Smith** had surgery last Friday.
- **Muriel Smith** had cataract surgery last week.
- **Carlos Cook**, Cindy Wilson’s uncle, is receiving chemo treatments.
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SEEKING PEACE
By Glen Elliott

In a world troubled by hostility there is, more than ever, an earnest cry for peace. Peace, however, is not merely the absence of conflict. The strain of broken relationships often expresses itself in the silence of closed doors and callous hearts. The casualties, seen everywhere about us, are the walking wounded—cut to the heart and desperately longing for peace.

Only Jesus can bring abiding peace. He came into a world tottering on the brink of calamity. The Roman Empire had brought peace through military conquest. Peace by restraint cannot endure. Society built upon cruelty, subjugation, and selfishness has within it the seeds of its own destruction. Jesus, however, brought peace of a different nature—a peace that cannot be taken away. He said, “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful” (John 14:27). The peace to which Jesus referred was a peace made possible through the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18). Such peace is secured, not merely by outward restraint, but by atoning sacrifice. Peace with God through the blood of Calvary—that is genuine peace. Such inner harmony of soul draws us closer to one another as well.

Many waste their lives in the fruitless pursuit of counterfeit peace. We cannot enjoy real peace until we are at one with God. Peace is not simply the absence of conflict, it is the presence of God. Someone said that “Peace is seeing a sunrise or a sunset and knowing whom to thank.” The apostle Paul made the connection between thanksgiving and peace, saying, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

Peace begins in the heart. An old Chinese proverb explains: “If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.” If the Prince of Peace abides within, peace will reign without.
Our Missions - Near and Far

- Bad Axe Church of Christ
- China
- Church of Christ Care Center
- Eastern European Mission
- India
- Metro Detroit Youth Chorus
- Michigan Christian Youth Camp
- Nigeria
- Shults-Lewis Children’s Home
- South Africa

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

July 30, 2017

Opening Prayer - Mark Wilson
Song Leader - Bill Nocita
Sermon - Brian Poe

Communion servants for July

John Kaganac  Steve Karwowski
Ken Mickey    Dave Anderson

Audio visual servitor for July

Dean Stewart  Scott Smith

FOR THE RECORD

July 23, 2017

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