

# Communicate



**July** 2008

## DO YOU HAVE YOUR EARS ON?

Back in the days of PCPs (Pre Cell Phones), many truckers and other motorists used CB radios to communicate. A common request was, “Do you have your ears on?” Many times, God is asking us the same question. Do you have your ears on? Are you listening?

During the past few months, I have become more focused in my personal relationship with God. I have definitely been talking with Him much more frequently. The truly remarkable change has been in the amount of time I’ve spent listening. I’m not saying that it is rare that God speaks to us – He is doing that all the time. What is rare is our ability, or maybe desire, to hear what God wants to say to us. We can blame it on our busy lives or the myriad of distractions that constantly bombard us. The simple truth is that we choose not to listen most of the time.

God wants a relationship with us. He wants a dialogue with us. Many of us talk to God through our prayers, but that is the easy part of the relationship. Listening for what God says in response or of when He wants to correct us or guide us is the much harder part of our relationship with God. We expect that communication should be easy as it is with people – speaking and hearing a response as a part of dialogue. When God’s voice comes, it doesn’t always come via our ears. God communicates through our thoughts, through shared experience with fellow believers, through His work among us, through our successes and even through our failures. He communicates often when His response is most meaningful for us, not necessarily when it is convenient for us. God Time is rarely our time. The secret for us is to truly listen and to be aware with all of our God-given senses to where God is at work in our lives.

In the coming weeks, our church will be focusing on its search for a new pastor. A few people will be asked to direct this discernment as we search and eventually select a pastor. We all can be involved by listening for God’s word, sharing with other Christians our insights for confirmation and watching carefully to see the wonderful path He has as we strive to be an outwardly-focused church. We know that God already has a perfect selection for us and is leading us to His plan for the future of this congregation. May God’s will be made clear and done. Do you have your ears on?

In Christ.  
Van Wilson

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We will celebrate the Lord's Supper Sunday July 6. Communion will be served in the pews. As always, there will be a wheat/gluten free rice cracker available for those who need that alternative. All baptized persons who believe in Jesus as their Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table, regardless of church membership. Children who believe in Jesus as their Savior are welcome at the table. Parents are asked to help their children make this important decision. If anyone desires help in preparation for communion they are invited to seek counsel of one of the Elders.



### **Beach Bums 2008 Season Tickets**

GLCRC was given two season tickets to the Traverse City Beach Bums for our congregation to use. If you are interested in going to a home game please contact Molly in the church office. The tickets will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. The schedule is posted on the office door or can be seen at [www.traversecitybeachbums.com](http://www.traversecitybeachbums.com).



## **CONSISTORY NOTES**

Your consistory has been very busy this past month. At the regularly scheduled meeting on June 10, which was attended by Steve Derr (chairman of the Classis Pastoral Relations Committee), we decided to formally offer Rick Boon the position of interim pastor. [We were unable to secure his services, however, and, as announced at the June 22 Sunday service, have decided to begin the process of finding a permanent pastor.] Other items discussed included:

- A KHUSA update, including the May 30 Beach Bums game.
- The July 27 discipleship session ("Passion for Wellness") has been cancelled.
- Sunday, June 15 is a reception for the Faulman's 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- We are having trouble finding nursery attendants. We are looking at options to solve this problem.

Our budget situation has improved and we will be able to pay our fourth quarter assessment to the Classis.

A special meeting of the consistory was held on June 24, attended by our Supervisor, Tom Jasperse. As mentioned above, we were unsuccessful in finding an interim pastor. Since we presently have no viable candidate for an interim, we have decided to begin the search process for a permanent pastor. The key steps in this process include: 1) selecting a search committee, 2) establishing the parameters for the search committee (such as salary, pastoral traits, pastoral vision for our church), 3) advertising, 4) communication with the congregation, and 5) prayer support for the search committee. We anticipate this process taking six months, but, as we all know, it will be on God's time.

**The minutes, in their entirety, are on the bulletin board  
in the narthex behind the information desk.**

# Men's Monday Morning Bible Study



Each Monday morning at 7:00 AM at Leelanau Coffee Roasting in Glen Arbor. Come and join us to study God's word. The fellowship and study is great, presently studying Matthew 25.

## Women's Bible Study

A faithful group of women meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays to study God's word and encourage one another to grow in their Christ-likeness. Come to the Conference Room at 10 AM and find a new family of friends. In July we will be studying John 6:25-71 The Bread of Life. Come learn together with loving friends who teach one another.



## Passion For Wellness Workshop July 27 Cancelled



## Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Saturday mornings at 7:30 we meet at GLCRC. We have begun a new study in the Book of Romans. Hope to see you all there. It would be a good time to invite others to join us. If you have any questions contact Steve Schwaiger.

## Companions In Christ



Companions will not be meeting at their regular time for the months of July and August. They will resume regular scheduled meetings in September.



# People Page for July

## Greeters/Coffee Servers

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## Ushers

6 Frank & Elaine Wilcox  
13 Bill & Sue Meserve  
20 Frank & Elaine Wilcox  
27 Alyce Peterson & Audrey Carmichael

## Nursery

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## Information Center

6 Dorothy Zboyan  
13 Alyce Peterson  
20 Jane Maatman  
27 Dorothy Zboyan

## Bulletin Folders

6 Mart & Harriet VanHouzen  
13 Kathy Feys  
20 Jack & Doris Peekstok  
27 Ted & Lois Swierad

## Team to Care Contact

Alyce Peterson 334-6087

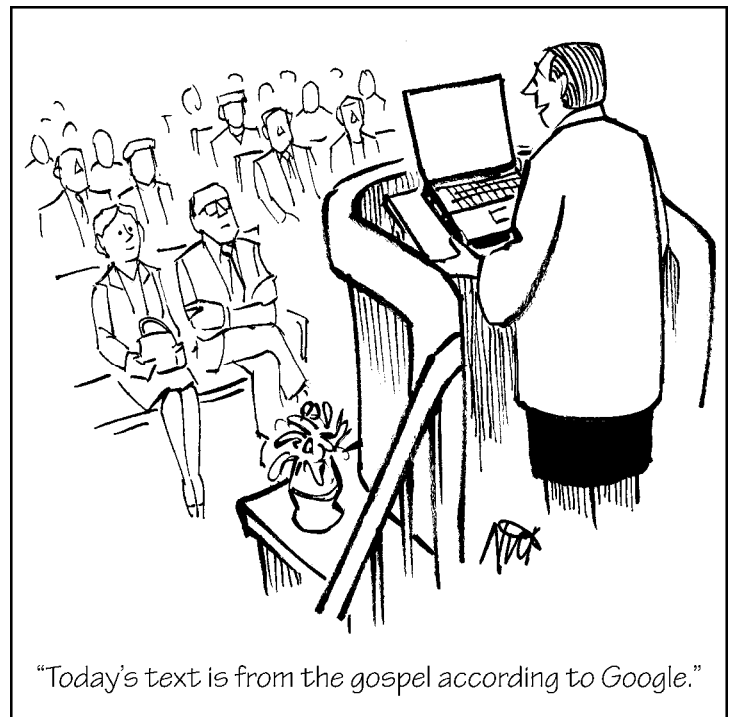


## BIRTHDAYS

1 Chelsey Phelps  
3 Al Darlington  
16 Susan Wilson  
24 Rob Karner  
25 Claire Wiesen  
31 Louis Batory

## ANNIVERSARIES

23 Jim & Marian Kaiser  
26 Matt & Amy Rice  
28 Tom & Cathy Sevensma



"Today's text is from the gospel according to Google."

## LIBRARY LIGHTS

### \*LIBRARY LIGHTS

#### \*NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK

"There's a Party in Heaven", by Gary Bower, illustrated by his wife, artist, Jan Bower.

"One day I received a great invitation, the very best party in all of creation was offered to me-an endless vacation in Heaven.", page 1.

This 32 page book is the R.S.V.P. to God's party in heaven for the child to sign and date. Jan has used their children as models for her illustrations.

Your Church Library also has Gary's first book, "Tessa's Treasure".

There are also children's books in your Satellite Church Library at Laker Shake.

#### VIDEO

4 Video Series by Gary Smalley, "Hidden Key to Loving Relationships"

#### BOOKS

"Prodigals and Those Who Love Them", by Ruth Bell Graham--Two of Ruth's 5 children were spiritual wanderers. The book includes stories of past wanderers, and Ruth's poems and diary.

"Saving the Best for the Last", by Wilson J. Humber--Biblical principles for financial planning. The books on finances are on the top shelf of the book rack by the Narthex front door.

This wisdom from Corrie Ten Boom, "Be united with other Christians. A wall with loose bricks is not good. The bricks must be cemented together."



# Prayer Requests

#### At Home

Lucille & Ell Faulman

Don Vavra

Bob Feys

Mary Beaird

Dottie Lanham

Mary Rader

Julia Crowther

Pat Kann

Ruth Olsen

#### At Munson Medical Center

Ellen Darlington

#### At Nursing Homes

Lucille Barratt—Maple Valley

Harry Garn—Maple Valley

Shirley Meteer—G.T. Pavilions

#### In Assisted Living

Muriel Baetz—Glen Eagle, T.C.

#### In the Service

Spec. Bryan Sevensma

766<sup>th</sup> Ordinance Company

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Ft. Stewart, GA 31314





# July 2008



**Sun**

**Mon**


**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

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<b>6</b> Communion Sunday Adult BS 8:30 Worship 10:00 GLOW concert 7:00	<b>7</b> Men's Bible Study 7:00 @ Leelanau Coffee in Glen Arbor	<b>8</b> Women's BS 10:00 Elders 7:00 Deacons 7:00 Consistory Meeting 7:30 AA 8:00	<b>9</b> Praying for GLC 5:30	<b>10</b> Food Pantry 5 - 6:30	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Men's Bible Study 7:30
<b>13</b> Adult BS 8:30 Choir 8:45 Worship 10:00 Mission offering GLOW concert 7:00	<b>14</b> Men's Bible Study 7:00 @ Leelanau Coffee in Glen Arbor	<b>15</b> GA Summer Singers 7:00 AA 8:00	<b>16</b> Noontider's Praying for GLC 5:30	<b>17</b> Food Pantry 5 - 6:30	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Men's Bible Study 7:30
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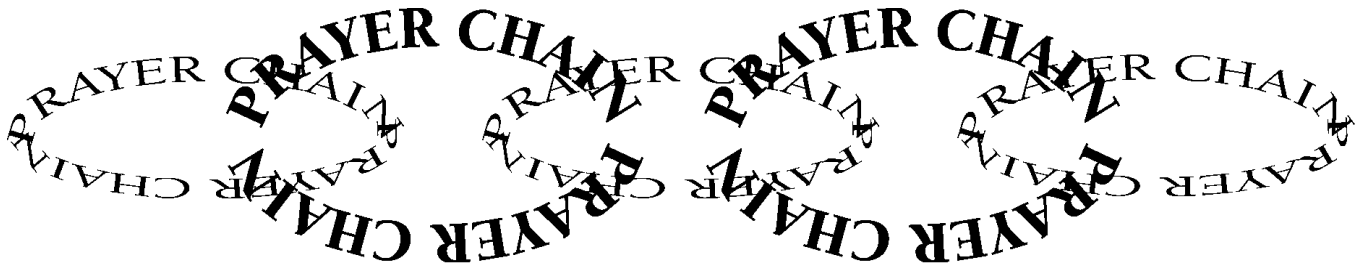
## Guest Preachers For July

July 6 Joy Zomer will lead our service. She and her husband Dave or missionaries in Italy. They are a team that our church sponsors.

July 13 Michael Sutton is a Commissioned Pastor in the Reformed Church of America. He is President of the Executive Committee of the Classis of Northern Michigan. He lives in Fountain, MI.

July 20 John Collier is part of the GLOW Concert Series. His band will be performing that evening. He is worship leader at Crossfire Ministries in Rockford, MI, He is president of Rather's Love Ministries also in Rockford and author of several books which will be available for purchase after the service.

July 27 To be confirmed.



### **A New Prayer Chain is underway.**

It is time to update and refresh our lists.

If you are a member or regular attendant and would like to be on the prayer chain please fill out the form below so that we may put you on the proper list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me by: (check one)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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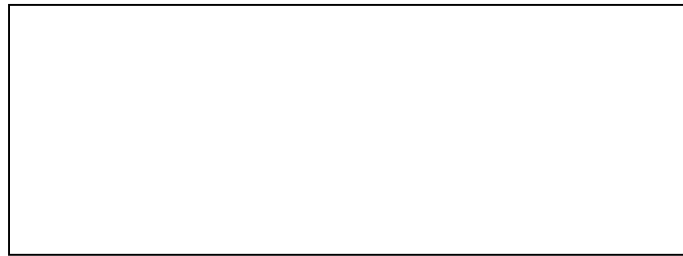
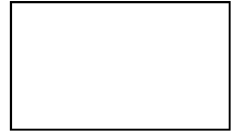
Please call after 6 PM. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to Molly in the office as soon as possible or e-mail Molly (mollyh@charterinternet.com) with your preference.**

Thank you the Prayer Team.



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# "G.L.O.W." CONCERT

- July 6.....Mark & Andrea Forester
- July 13.....Shoreliners Gospel Quartet
- July 20.....Crossfire
- July 27.....Lynnelle Pierce

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!**

Where? Glen Lake Church

When? 7:00 PM