



## Job Assignments for the New Year



### **Sunday, March 5, 2017**

*Greeters First:* Mary Lou Prowse

2nd: Cheryl Lewis

*Ushers: 1st:* Paul Dunsford

2nd: Dick Schell, Jim and Isaac Seaman

*Nursery:* Marty & Hunter Kelly

*Children s Church:* Byronna and Nicole Brydon

### **Sunday, March 12, 2017**

*Greeters First:* Jackie Reid

2nd: Pat Smith

*Ushers: 1st:* Byron Leveille

2nd: Pat Wilson and Tom Decker

*Nursery:* Linda Bush and Hannah Skakle

*Children s Church:* Melissa Findlay and Emily Schaub

### **Sunday, March 19, 2017**

*Greeters First:* Inez Stephens

2nd: Dan & Alyson Edwards

*Ushers: 1st:* Ralph Hunt

2nd: Joe and Kyle Abbott and Dan Edwards

*Nursery:* Kristy Naracon and Grace Decker

*Children s Church:* Brock and Krissa Welshans

### **Sunday, March 26, 2017**

*Greeters First:* Orpha Thompson

2nd: Jerry and Lou Sauder

*Ushers:* 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Bohms

2nd: Brock Welshans, Tom & Tommy Skakle

*Nursery:* Helen and Logan Abbott

*Children s Church:* Cheryl Lewis and Grace Decker

***If you cannot serve at the time assigned, please make arrangements for a sub or call the office by Wednesday before the Sunday assigned.***

## **Heaven Sent to Host Food Pantry Distribution on March 16th**

Volunteers from our church as well as other churches will meet at the Heaven Sent Community Ministries building on Main Street on Thursday March 16, 2017 for the regular distribution. If you would like to help with the distribution, show up at Heaven Sent at 4:30 that day.

Meanwhile the Second Chance Clothing Shoppe continues to operate from their building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 10-2 on Saturday.

Men, Women, boys and girls: Add to your spring wardrobe for the right price. Check out the selection; remember it changes all the time! Drop-offs can now be made at the back door. **NOTE: When the temperature drops to 10 degrees or lower, call the store (989-635-0077) to be sure it is open.**

Heaven Sent sponsors another food distribution on the last Saturday of the month at the VFW Hall Parking Lot in Marlette. Your volunteer help would be most appreciated. Call Gina at 989-635- 0077 for details.

## **Christian Home Needed**

Leonardo da Silva, the exchange student from Brazil who stayed with Don and Sherryl Potter, has contacted them and asked them to be on the look-out for a Christian family who would consider hosting his brother, Eduardo for the 2017-18 school year. Eduardo is a talented soccer player. If you are interested or know of someone, please contact Don or Sherryl. Call 989-635-7815.



## *God's Valentine Gift*

Submitted by Gina D. Titus

The month of February is often associated with the concept of love because of Valentine's Day. Each year millions of dollars are spent on cards, candy, flowers and jewelry in a human attempt to show others that we "love" them. It occurred to me that God's expression of love for us is not a yearly Hallmark holiday but a daily tribute of salvation.

Think about what God has done in your life in the past year. Did you notice? Did you say "thank you" for the many blessings or protections you received? These gifts from the Lord during your earthly life this side of Heaven are only a token of the true endowment awaiting you. God's true declaration of love for us arrives not by cupid's arrow or in red heart cards, but in allowing the death of his only son, Jesus.

Imagine Christ nailed to the cross, arms stretched wide, as if to say, ..... ***"I love you this much?"*** Because of that sacrifice, we have an opportunity to spend eternity with God in Heaven. I say "opportunity" because you have to ask Jesus into your heart in order for this chance to become reality.

Each day we pass by family friends and neighbors never knowing if it will be the last time we see them on earth. Death comes to all of us. It is only a question of when. Age and circumstances have nothing to do with it. Not knowing Jesus places those individuals in the precarious position of spending eternity absent from the Lord. If you are saved by accepting Christ, make it your Valentine's Day expression of love this year to make sure those you care

about are of a similar faith. Better yet, reach out to strangers on the topic.

Many volunteers or supporters of Heaven Sent have felt the call of God to step out of their "comfort zone" and do something extra for the Lord. Two examples come to mind that illustrate the uncertainty of this fragile life and the imperative that we make sure that everyone has the opportunity to accept Christ.

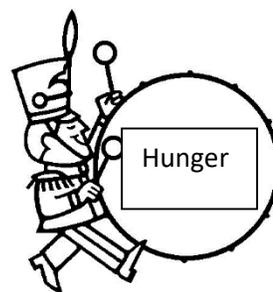
Barbara Keeven was a volunteer at Heaven Sent who created handmade quilts and blankets for those in need. At 73 years old, she made her final donation on a Friday in November 2007, when she dropped off several beautiful quilts she had labored over. On the underside of each blanket were embroidered the words, "Jesus loves you". Barbara believed it. Within several days, Barbara died after a series of heart attacks. Her family and friends at Heaven Sent were shocked by her sudden departure but received comfort knowing that she was "absent from the body but present with the Lord." God's expression of actual love had saved her.

Brad was a sixteen-year old boy who volunteered at Heaven Sent. He endured a difficult home life but seemed to find some contentment by helping in our ministry. Unfortunately, Brad was severely injured in an auto accident. I am uncertain of where Brad stood in his faith and pray that he has accepted Jesus and allowed that true expression of love to enter into his life. Yet I wondered, could I have been a better witness? Fortunately, Brad survived his accident and there is time to counsel him on Jesus. Still, I have to ask myself, did I almost miss a chance to show him what Christ was all about.

This year for Valentine's Day, when we participate in some ritual of expressing human love to those we care about, let's stop and reflect on the real expression of love. Let Jesus wrap his arms around you and whisper in your ear, ***"I love you this much."***

## Prayers for Healing & Protection

- ✓ For Don Potter who was hospitalized for asthma while on his trip down South.
- ✓ For Cathy Orr who is dealing with health concerns.
- ✓ For Pat Heintz who is recovering from cataract surgeries.
- ✓ For Kandy McQuarrie, Kristy Naracon's mother, who fell and broke her wrist.
- ✓ For Brandon Elliott who broke his ankle at a wrestling tournament in Marlette. He had to have emergency surgery.
- ✓ For Alexia Mason, Dave & Jenn's daughter who was to have wisdom teeth pulled.
- ✓ For Denny Lester; prayers for healing: doctors found a mass on his right kidney and spots on his left.
- ✓ For Pat Ross who is recovering from successful surgery.
- ✓ For Jacob Nelson who is recovering from having his wisdom teeth pulled.
- ✓ For the Burton family; final "Big" Team Connor game was Friday, February 24th; pray for peace and a wonderful night of memories.
- ✓ For Liam Edwards, Terry and Linda Warner's grandson who fell and broke both bones his arm.
- ✓ For Gordon Pabst who fell and cut his forehead, but luckily did not break any bones.
- ✓ For Jill Thomas who continues to deal aggressively, and positively with cancer concerns.
- ✓ For Florence Dunsford who continues to deal with serious health issues.
- ✓ For Vivienne Huntoon who is living at Touch of Love near Imlay City.
- ✓ For Don Phillips who is now living at the Sanilac Medical Care Facility in Sandusky.
- ✓ For Marian Stieler for on-going health and good spirits.
- ✓ For Ken Linton who continues to have health problems. Hospice is providing home health services.
- ✓ For Hortensia Prince, Cindy Elias' mother, who is very ill and at a hospital in Midland.
- ✓ For Mike Southall, Jan Wilson's brother who continues to battle cancer.
- ✓ For Ryan Rich who has health concerns.
- ✓ For Lori Nicol who continues to deal with health issues.
- ✓ For John Mulder, Pastor Dave's brother, who continues to wait for a double lung transplant.
- ✓ For Patty Tatgenthorst who continues to deal with health concerns.
- ✓ For Jane Grant who continues to reside in Sandusky at the Medical Care Facility



MARCH  
AGAINST  
HUNGER,  
March 1 –  
April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Any  
donation  
made to the

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan during this time period will earn an extra 10%; make checks payable to: FBEM- March Against Hunger. Be sure to include Heaven Sent's identification #P949, or Free Lunch identification #C1094. Mail checks to: FBEM, 2300 Lapeer Rd., Flint, MI 48503.



### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

- ✓ For Mike Hutchens and his message for the last three Sundays in February.
- ✓ For Kyle Abbott who has recovered from a concussion.
- ✓ For those who have donated their empty cans and bottles to the Youth of our church. It's not too late to bring in your empties.
- ✓ For the birth of Jackson Raymond Pierce, the new great grandson of Kirk and Carol Dale and Bill and Ann Rakow.
- ✓ For our time with Tom and Olivia Fritz; they have moved to Colorado.
- ✓ For Cheryl Lewis who is doing much better after a short stay in the hospital.
- ✓ For Norm and Shellie Bliss who are celebrating 42 years of marriage with a trip to Florida.
- ✓ For Michelle Mulder who has a new job at Touch of Love, the caring home where Vivienne Huntoon is currently living.
- ✓ For Becky Decker who is working this week for our secretary, John

Tapson; he and Scharla are vacationing in Hilton Head, South Carolina; they hope to visit Savannah, Georgia while there.

- ✓ For all those who attended the Crafters' Palooza last Saturday. Linda Warner reports that although the participants were fewer, they were generous and Community Free Lunch was blessed with donations.
- ✓ For Gerry Smith, Mary Ann Fick and Pat Smith who visited Marian Stieler in Caro and found her to be doing well.

### **Prayers of Condolence**

- ✓ For the family of Rita Knopf, wife of Stan Knopf, who passed away on January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ For the family of Bill Bismack, the brother-in-law of Butch and Marlene Kolomak. Bill passed away in February.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*\*\*\*\*The *Upper Room* for March/April is on the window sill in the Sanctuary or on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please help yourself and take a copy for family or friends. The *Upper Room* is available in large print also at the same locations.

\*\*\*\*\*Our Methodist youth group is planning to raise funds to gift kids in foreign lands with a goat or other animal which will combat hunger. You can help by donating your empty cans and bottles. They can be left at the church office or given to Kyle Abbott.

## Thank you to all of my dear Marlette church friends

I'm on Day 11 of the mastectomy and recovering little by little. Deep soreness and trouble sleeping with the drain still in....but pathology report shows no lymph node involvement so maybe I will not need radiation or chemo...I pray not.



I have received 69 cards! Had an uplifting vision a few days ago during my 10 days at Don and Cora Jean's house...

I was in a huge green area, grass, bushes, a few trees afar. In a large circle around me were coming up tulips! All colors of tulips! All sizes of tulips! Some came up slowly and turned their pretty faces toward me A few popped up suddenly out of the grass, some smiling, some nodding in my direction.

Many prayers have been said on my behalf. I knew that these gorgeous tulips were my friends...who had prayed and were now sent by God to cheer my heart!

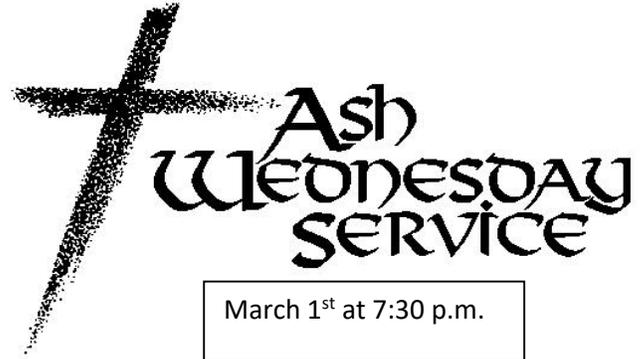
What a precious vision!

Thanks to all, love, Patrecia Ross

\*\*\*\*\*Note that Bible Study at Scharla's has begun. Women will meet at the Tapsen home on Fridays at 10 a.m.

\*\*\*\*\*Helping Hands continues to meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone

willing and able to help with a quilting project is encouraged to come in and lend a hand. The group is planning a special work-day in April to tackle a pillowcase project. Ask Gerry Smith for details.



**Wednesday**, a day of fasting, is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 46 days (40 fasting days, if the six Sundays, which are not days of fast, are excluded) before Easter.

According to the canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus Christ spent 40 days fasting in the desert, where he endured temptation by Satan.<sup>[2]</sup> Lent originated as a mirroring of this, fasting 40 days as preparation for Easter. Every Sunday was seen as a commemoration of the Sunday of Christ's resurrection and so as a feast day on which fasting was inappropriate. Accordingly, Christians fasted from Monday to Saturday (six days) during six weeks and from Wednesday to Saturday (four days) in the preceding week, thus making up the number of 40 days.<sup>[3]</sup>

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday, and placing them on the heads of participants to the accompaniment of the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

*(This article from Wikipedia on the World Wide Web.)*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Meal 6:30 p.m. CLC 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary	<b>2</b> 7 p.m. AA in Basement	<b>3 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER</b> Wedding Rehearsal 10 a.m. Bible Study @ Scharla's	<b>4</b> Wedding in Sanctuary
<b>5</b> 9 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship	<b>6</b> 7 p.m. Trustees in FH 7 p.m. SG @ Wayne & Chris Bell's	<b>7</b> 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands in FH NO UMW this month 7 p.m. Little Women 7 p.m. Prayer Service in Sanctuary	<b>8</b> 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Meal 6:30 p.m. CLC	<b>9</b> 7 p.m. AA in Basement 7 p.m. SG @ Tapson's	<b>10</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study @ Scharla's	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Daylight Savings Begins</b> 9 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship	<b>13</b> 7 p.m. SG @ Wayne & Chris Bell's	<b>14</b> 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands in FH 7 p.m. Little Women 7 p.m. Ad Board Meeting in FH	<b>15</b> 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Meal 6:30 p.m. CLC	<b>16</b> 7 p.m. AA in Basement 7 p.m. SG @ Tapson's	<b>17</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study @ Scharla's	<b>18</b> Men's Retreat
<b>19</b> 9 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship	<b>20</b> 7 p.m. SG @ Wayne & Chris Bell's	<b>21</b> 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands in FH 2 p.m. Worship at Hannah Wolfe 7 p.m. Little Women 7 p.m. Prayer Service in Sanctuary	<b>22</b> 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Meal 6:30 p.m. CLC	<b>23</b> 7 p.m. AA in Basement 7 p.m. SG @ Tapson's	<b>24</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study @ Scharla's	<b>25</b> 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Free Lunch in FH
<b>26</b> 9 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship	<b>27</b> 7 p.m. SG @ Wayne & Chris Bell's	<b>28</b> 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands in FH 7 p.m. Little Women 7 p.m. Prayer Service in Sanctuary	<b>29</b> 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Meal 6:30 p.m. CLC	<b>30</b> 7 p.m. AA in Basement 7 p.m. SG @ Tapson's	<b>31</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study @ Scharla's	<b>Notes:</b>