



# Community of Christ Boyne City Beacon

Newsletter

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## MISSION CENTER SPRING CONFERENCE

**Save the date** for the Spring Mission Center Gathering on Saturday, April 30 in Charlotte. Please plan to join us from 9:00AM to 4:00PM as we focus on becoming aware of the injustices facing children in Michigan. There will be no cost to attend. Childcare will be available for children below school age, and youth activities will be offered for children in grades 1-6.

In preparation for this time together we invite you to join us in prayerfully reflecting on these words of scripture found in Community of Christ Doctrine & Covenants, Section 163, Verse 4a:

*"God, the Eternal Creator, weeps for the poor, displaced, mistreated, and diseased of the world because of their unnecessary suffering. Such conditions are not God's will. Open your ears to hear the pleading of mothers and fathers in all nations who desperately seek a future of hope for their children. Do not turn away from them. For in their welfare resides your welfare."*

## SLEDDING PARTY

January 30<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day for sliding down the hill! The temperature was in the high 30's and the sun was shining.

Unfortunately there were no pictures taken, but there were nine kids that had a great time at the sledding party behind the church. They had an impromptu pizza party for their dinner.

There has been some sickness going around, so that might be the cause of the low attendance.

## GRANDVUE SERVICES

Our congregation has been asked to be responsible for three worship services at Grandvue Medical Care Facility this year.

Please mark your calendars so you can participate in the sharing the love of Jesus with the residents.

### Dates to Remember:

February 7, 2016

June 5, 2016

December 11, 2016

## CONGREGATION MISSION STATEMENT

*To Share the Redeeming Love of Jesus Christ with Boyne Area Communities, while encouraging the Sacraments, Reconciliation, Healing of the Spirit, and the Pursuit of Peace.*



Happy February Birthday!

February 6: Shelly Landon  
21: Savannah Kronndyk

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*In your daily personal prayers, please remember those on this list.*

**Family Members not attending**

**All military and civilians** serving in dangerous places

**Our church members and friends** around the world



**Marlene Groh** -- arthritis, had surgery to drain abscess and now in Boulder Park Care Facility

**Our enemies** -- “. . . for they know not what they do.”

**Ileen Newlin** -- stage 3 lung cancer having treatments.. The tumor is shrinking

**Whitney Wangeman** -- enlarged lymph nodes and spot on her liver. Getting treatments in Detroit.

**Michelle Archer** -- peace, joy, strength & healing.

**Wynona Wirth** -- home recuperating.

**Cheryl Simons** -- brain cancer

**Warren Nelson** -- motocross accident. Last report: he has started being able to feel a little bit in his left thigh and he can feel his right big toe and he has more feeling in his upper torso.

## GOD'S WORK CHILDREN'S CLOTHING PANTRY

Our next children's clothing pantry will be held February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4pm. Anyone that can help with set up on Friday evening and during the pantry would be much appreciated.

## SACRIFICE POTLUCK SUPPER & CANDY BAR BINGO

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

Donations given are for camperships for our youth to attend youth camp.

### *Boyne City Beacon*

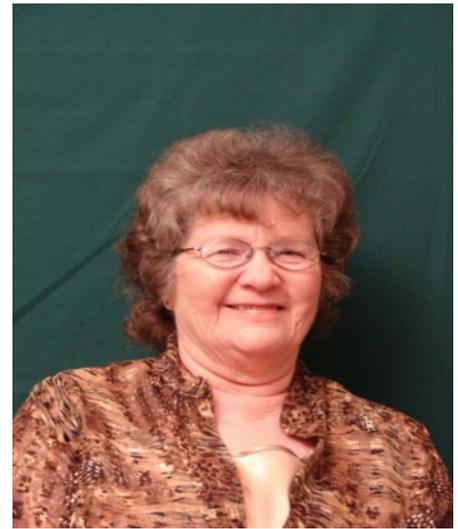
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# PASTOR'S COLUMN

BY SANDI ECKER



## Four Ways to Love Yourself

*"Love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:39*

What? Self love sounds narcissistic. It can be, but the self love the Bible teaches results in selflessness. Dignity and respect for ourselves develops dignity and respect for others. A healthy love of ourselves contributes to a healthy love of others. Lack of self love results in self loathing, even disgust. We are emotionally stunted and struggle to receive outside love if we cannot accept and love ourselves. Because our Creator loves us unconditionally, so can we. Once we receive the gracious love of God here are four ways we can love Him, others and ourselves well:

### Soul Care

We care best for our soul by first experiencing our soul's salvation in Jesus Christ. Only a saved soul is capable of loving itself in a healthy manner. Prayer encounters the Spirit's affections. When Spirit filled we are full of love. Yes, we feed our soul when we delight in God's word. His truth reminds us of our 100% acceptance in Christ. We feel loved when we see ourselves as the Lord sees us. A cared for soul seeks Jesus. It avoids sin. It loves the Lord, others and itself well.

*"We love because he [God] first loved us"*  
1 John 4:19

### Emotional Care

What does it mean to care for our emotions? It means we first receive Christ's care. He forgives our sins. He heals our broken heart. He comforts our sadness. He holds us secure. Secondly, we begin to process our feelings in a way that helps us understand how God made us. We may have a need for approval, so we learn to seek God's pleasure over people's. Emotionally we are limited, so we know our limits and trust the Lord with what's left unfinished. Emotional care paces itself in prayer.

Hope, faith, gratitude and community contribute to loving ourselves well.

*"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it" (Proverbs 4:23).*

### Physical Care

The Holy Spirit is a resident of our body. Are we a good landlord for our special tenant or one that just gets by? A healthy intake of food and drink is responsible physical management. Sleep deprivation and lack of exercise is not. Since we cherish the Spirit's presence, we care for our body. The body is our expression of what God is doing within our spirit. We are the hands and feet of Jesus. We aspire to good health, so we can help others. Love nourishes the body.

*"In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself" (Ephesians 5:28).*

### Care for Others

Yes, the quality of our love for others is determined by the quality of our love for ourselves. We are able to love our neighbor well when we love ourselves well. For example, we desire a nice home—love wants this for our friends. We help our child with homework—love tutors a needy child. We attend a marriage retreat—love sponsors a couple to attend. We go on vacation—love invites a friend. We want fulfilling work—love works to help someone find work. When we care for others we care for ourselves. God made us to serve. Self love is selfless in its love for others.

*"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law" (Romans 13:8).*

# THE NEXT BUS

~Author Unknown~

You know, love is just like someone waiting for a bus. When the bus comes, you look at it and you say to yourself "eeee...so full...cannot sit down, I'll wait for the next one."

So you let that bus go and wait for the second bus. Then the second bus comes, you look at it and you say, "eeee...this bus is so old...so shabby!" So you let that bus go and again, decide to wait for the next bus.

After a while another bus comes, it's not crowded, not old but you say, "eeee... not air-conditioned ...better wait for the next one."

So again you let the bus go and decide to wait for the next bus. Then the sky starts to get dark as it is getting late. You panic and jump immediately inside the next bus. It is not until much later that you found out that you had boarded the wrong bus!

So you wasted your time and money waiting for what you wanted! Even if an air-conditioned bus comes, you can't ensure that the air-conditioned bus won't break down or whether or not the air conditioner will be too cold for you.

So people... wanting to get what you want is not wrong. But it wouldn't hurt to give other people a chance, right? If you find that the "bus" doesn't suit you, just press the red button and get off the bus (as simple as that).

Hey who said life is fair??? The best thing to do is be observant and open while you scrutinize the bus. If it doesn't suit you, get off. But you must always have an extra something which you could use for the next bus that comes.

But wait... I'm sure you've had this experience before. You saw a bus coming (the bus you want, of course), you flagged it but the driver acted as if he did not see you and zoomed past you! It just wasn't meant for you!

The bottom line is, being loved is like waiting for a bus you want. Getting on the bus and appreciating the bus by giving it a chance depends totally on you. If you haven't made a choice, WALK! Walking is like being out of love. The good side of it is you can still choose any bus you want... the rest who couldn't afford another ride would just have to be content with the bus they rode on.

One more thing.... sometimes it's better to choose a bus you are already familiar with rather than gamble with a bus that is unfamiliar to you. But then again, life wouldn't be complete without the risks involved.

But there's one bus that I forgot to tell you about - the bus that you don't have to wait for. It will just stop on its own and will ask you to come inside and take a free ride for the rest of your life.

You Never Lose By Loving. You Always Lose By Holding Back.



is the defining  
**characteristic**

*Of a Disciple of*

**CHRIST**

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!*



**February 14<sup>th</sup>**



# February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 6:00 PM Prayer & Share	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>  Shelly Landon
<i>7</i> Priesthood Mtg Speaker: S. Ecker	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 6:00 PM The Brook	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> Speaker: L. Ecker	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 6:00 PM Planning Mtg	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 2:00 PM -4:00 PM Clothing Pantry
<i>21</i>  Savannah Kroondyk Speaker: R. Fuller	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 6:00 PM Prayer & Share	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 5:30 PM Sacrifice Potluck & Candy Bar Bingo
<i>28</i> Speaker: R. Eaton	<i>29</i>					



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