

MAY 2024



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Rise Up Oh Praying Church!

*Join our Prayer Team on Wednesday, May 1st the eve of the "National Day of Prayer" in our Sanctuary from **6 to 8 P.M** for a time of prayer to lift up our families, our communities, and our nation.*



Thursday, May 2nd



Jesus, we profess our faith in You. You are the Light of the world, and in You there is no darkness. For You are our lamp, O LORD, and our God who lights our darkness. Forgive us for fearing and focusing on the darkness around us instead of being filled with faith and shining like the city on a hill You have called us to be. Forgive us for the times when we have been the absence of light, allowing darkness to dwell in America. Lead us forward to dispel the darkness and bring light throughout the Church, Family, Education, Business, Military, Government, and Arts, Entertainment, and Media.

We are saved by grace through faith, released from the darkness that once held us captive and now free to walk in the newness of life in You. Light dispels darkness and exposes what is hidden and wicked, so we commit to rise and shine! For by You, Lord, we can take courage to run against the enemy, and by our God we can fight the good fight and keep the faith as living lampstands in our communities and country. We fear no evil for You are with us.

Lord, Your way is perfect, You lead us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Your Word is Truth, instructing and inspiring us to live in the abundant life You gave when You saved us from the death and destruction of the enemy. Fill us with Truth as we read, study, and live Your Word.

God, You are a shield for all those who take refuge in You. As we abide in You and Your Word abides in us, we take up our shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and run boldly into the darkness to **Lift Up the Word and Light Up the World!**

In the Mighty name of Jesus we pray, amen!



As a charitable organization, HZGMC must follow certain IRS rules in order to maintain its tax-exempt status. Recently HZ's Church Council approved a new Donations Policy. This policy provides a set of guidelines for the finance committee to navigate various donation scenarios. We want to share this policy with you, so you are aware of any potential tax implications of your donations. The full policy is provided below.

HZGMC Donations Policy

According to the IRS, there are three types of donations that a person can give to a church:

1. Undesignated - Whenever a donor gives to the church without designation. (Our yearly budget is funded primarily through undesignated gifts, and as such, donors are encouraged to give without designation.) Undesignated donations may be claimed as a tax-deductible donation by the donor.
2. Designated - Whenever a donor gives to the church with a desired, or suggested, use of the donation but relinquishes control of the funds by giving the church the ability to use the donation at its discretion (e.g. the church is free to use the money for a purpose that is different from the donor's desired purpose). Designated donations may be claimed as a tax-deductible donation by the donor.
3. Restricted - Whenever a donor gives to a church for a specific purpose and requires the donation be used for that specific purpose only. If the church accepts a restricted donation, it is legally bound to use the money for that purpose; or the church must contact 100% of the original donors to secure their permission to use the money in a different way; or (if all of the donors cannot be contacted) the church must request permission from a court to use the money in a different way. Restricted donations are not tax-deductible by the donor (because the church does not have control over the use of the funds).

All undesignated giving from our weekly tithes and offerings will be directed to the General Fund.

Any gift designated for a budget category or line-item expense (under any fund) will be applied to the budgeted amount. Such gifts will be used to support the purpose for which they were originally intended until that purpose has been satisfied, after which any excess funds are used for other purposes consistent with the church's ministry.

Any donor who desires to restrict a donation to a specific use shall be informed that his/her donation is considered a restricted donation and will not be a tax-deductible contribution. Any gift that is offered with specific conditions on its use, if accepted, must be used in accordance with the conditions. Any such gift shall be referred to the Committee or Team responsible for that particular aspect of church life. In consultation with the Finance Team, the decision to accept the gift or not rests with the Team. If accepted, the conditions of the gift shall be documented and if cash shall be segregated into a separate Restricted Fund.

All gifts of negotiable securities, whether intended for the general operating budget or for an established restricted fund or purpose, shall be liquidated by the Finance Team as promptly as reasonably possible. The mechanism for such liquidation shall be approved by the Finance Team in consultation with the Trustees. Any transaction fees attributable to the liquidation shall be paid out of the proceeds of the gift.

Any gift of property other than cash or negotiable securities shall be referred to the Finance Team and Trustees for review. The factors that must be reviewed prior to accepting any gift other than cash or negotiable securities include: valuation; marketability (if the gift is to be sold); maintenance and insurance (if the gift is to be used in-kind); and liabilities that may be related to

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the gift property. This list of factors is not intended to be comprehensive; the Finance Team and Trustees may include other factors in their review as they deem appropriate.

All gifts are considered irrevocable. Requests to return gifts that have been given to the church shall not be considered by any decision-making body of our church.

The contents of these policies shall be communicated to the congregation from time to time, including the Year End Giving Statement. This policy document shall be available in the church office for review.

Here we go again heading North to Michigan

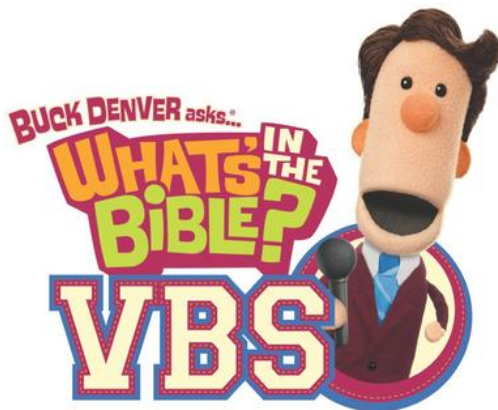
We are excited to be going to Newberry, MI to work with God's Country Community Ministries (GCCM) with Randy Hildebrant. For the past couple of years, we have loaded up vehicles filled with all sorts of stuff needed to help us to serve the great folks in the Upper Peninsula, who are known as "Yuppers". Last year's team was made up of 21 people. This year on **Sunday, June 9th thru 15th** we will again be packing up to head north but this time we will be taking 2 vans, a car plus a pickup truck & 14 ft. trailer that will hold a team of 24 team members which is made up of students, leaders, and church members plus everything we will need (hopefully). We ask that you keep the team in your prayers as we prepare and travel to Michigan.



GCCM has a store called "The Church Mouse" which has household items, clothing, and shoes for all ages. The items are all free to the needy in the area. This year they are in need of **new socks, underwear, flip-flops & crocs of all sizes**. We will also take used clothing that is in good condition. A donation bin will be in the lobby. Please have all donations to the church by May 19th. Thank you!

Serving God and His people together,

The Michigan Mission Team members are- Brooke Patterson, Sue Collier, Dolores Sarver, Jenna Miller, Chloe Bungar, Kami Topf, Sydney Ahl, Elora Dabravalskas, Fred Buehler, Paul Knepper, Ray Muharsky, Frankie Edmiston, Blake Altman, Mason Ahl, Wyatt Hufnagel, Ashton Wilson, Carol & Howard Moser, Debi & Skip Gross, Leslie & Matt Ahl and Jean & Mike Hutchison.



HZ FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26 – 28

5:30 – 8:00pm

HZ FAMILY VBS is designed for families to experience VBS together!

Register your family today for this FREE... FUN...FAMILY VBS!

Dinner for the FAMILY every night!

Bible Lessons, Crafts & Games for the family to enjoy TOGETHER!

Register TODAY at: www.HZGMC.org

Or use this QR code:





| March | Budget Income | New Beginnings | Faith Promise |
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| 3/3/2024 | 7,749 | 200 | 345 |
| 3/10/2024 | 3,420 | 0 | 65 |
| 3/18/2024 | 5,890 | 0 | 75 |
| 3/24/2024 | 6,989 | 2,050 | 400 |
| Online giving | 11,674 | 182 | 860 |
| AVERAGE | 8,931 | 608 | 436 |

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The newsletter articles will be due the **THIRD MONDAY** of the month in order to be published.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

1)Bruce Clark 4)Jeff Patton 11)Carl Hayman 15)Brooklyn Mason 19)Joe Kerner, Wayne Henchar 22)Carol Hayman 23)Kathleen Bittner, Bill Kreuer, Elaina Topf 26)Carter Klingenberg, Maria Klingenberg 27)Sandy Henchar 28)Sue VanArsdale 30)Brent Miller



MAY ANNIVERSARIES



1)Dustin & Justine Hutchison (15) 15)Daniel & Melissa Bungar(20) 17)Paul & Debbie Knepper(10) 21)Carl & Carol Hayman(64), Steve & Patty Higginson(30), Jeffrey & Bonnie Magargee(41) 23)Pastor Dan & Jan Owen(16) 24)James & Bridget Kreider(10), Jake & Kathy Lutz(38) 25)Jeff & Christine Patton(33), Kerry & Mindy McMahon(44)

SOUTHWEST BUTLER FOOD CUPBOARD

By Denny Weyman

May God continue to bless you with the gift of giving and compassion!



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| Peanut Butter | Jelly |
| Canned Tuna | Canned Chicken |
| Pasta | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Canned Fruit | Canned Vegetable |
| Soup | Cereal |
| Ravioli | Oatmeal |
| Helper Meals | Toiletries |
| Reusable shopping bags | |

Thank You for your Love and Support

HZGMC Family Camping

It's that time of year again when we can start looking forward to camping and getting out in the wide outdoors with friends and family of HZ. Make sure you schedule your spots, so you don't miss out on all the fun and fellowship! As usual, the camping trip is at Clear Creek State Park in Sigel, PA scheduled for **July 19-21, 2024**. The sites fill up quickly, so please make your reservation as soon as possible. There are campsites, cabins, and yurts. Some sites are even pet-friendly!

You can book your site online at www.pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com or call 1-888-PA-PARKS. Please call Matt & Leslie Ahl at 724-724-453-4766, if you have any questions. Hope you can join us!



A Mother's Heart In Full Bloom

By Donna Weyman

A large bouquet of flowers for my birthday. A Cliche'? Perhaps. But one that has withstood the sands of time. In a large pickle jar with water, those blooms transformed my home. Large Lillies and a beautiful something purple. The light scent bringing a fresh lift to some winter weary air.



I lament in knowing this will not last forever. I wish they would. Maybe next year's birthday? I now realize beauty is a true reminder of a state of grace that lingers much like the scent of those flowers. Picturing a soon empty pickle jar that once held a glorious blessing. I think of an empty tomb. The rock was rolled away, and Jesus' body was gone. As flowers die, we dream of a replacement. In the death of Jesus Christ--He took our place. There was death, but death could not hold Him. A sweet act of mercy and love overtook the sting of death. He arose in a wholeness of beauty that allows us to look forward.

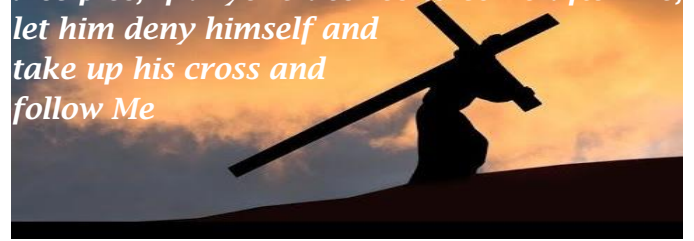


Is eternity a real thing? Does the empty tomb, like an empty vase, bring promise of a future that is not just a dream? Flowers die.

Earthly bodies die. But on that cross a transformation of love and sacrifice took place. I pray the sweet scent of promise lingers within your Spirit. As your heart blooms on this earth, share God's words. "A mustard seed--My only Son--As for me and my house--No weapons--the sword of the Spirit". THIS IS YOUR BOUQUET. All for you and me. Presented by such a loving Father. In our belief and acceptance, we will stand in Eternity. A Father's divine gift, through the heart of a Mom.

Proverbs 3:7 ~ Do not be wise in your own eyes, Fear the Lord and depart from evil.

Mathew 16:24 ~ Then Jesus said to His disciples; if anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me



HZUMC CHILD CARE CENTER'S ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER



J. E. Mussig Greenhouses Inc.

Mussig Greenhouse Coupons Cost: \$23 each

Redeemable at the Mussig Greenhouse Retail Store

May 1st – May 31st for a 10" Hanging Basket of your choice OR may be used as \$23 towards the purchase of regular priced PLANT items before tax.

(Please Note: Total cost BEFORE tax must be \$23 or more to use coupon at face value.)

The coupon **MAY NOT** be used to purchase any item that is already on sale, bulk items, or bagged mulch.

To purchase coupons, please contact Lynda Johnston at 724-766-2445 by May 21st!



On Saturday, April 20th, HZ's Women's Ministry hosted a lovely Ladies Tea Party. Over 80 ladies were in attendance dressed for the occasion, some in their hats and gloves. Everyone enjoyed their afternoon tea with music by Lise Sentell and her "New Season" message. The highlight of the day was a group of ladies who call themselves "Joyful Sound" performing beautiful barber shop medleys.

Thank you to all those who filled the room with beauty and joy.

A huge thank you to our wonderful Women's Ministry Committee and Brooke Patterson coming together to make the afternoon so lovely ❤️

Patty Ruggiero
Women's Ministry

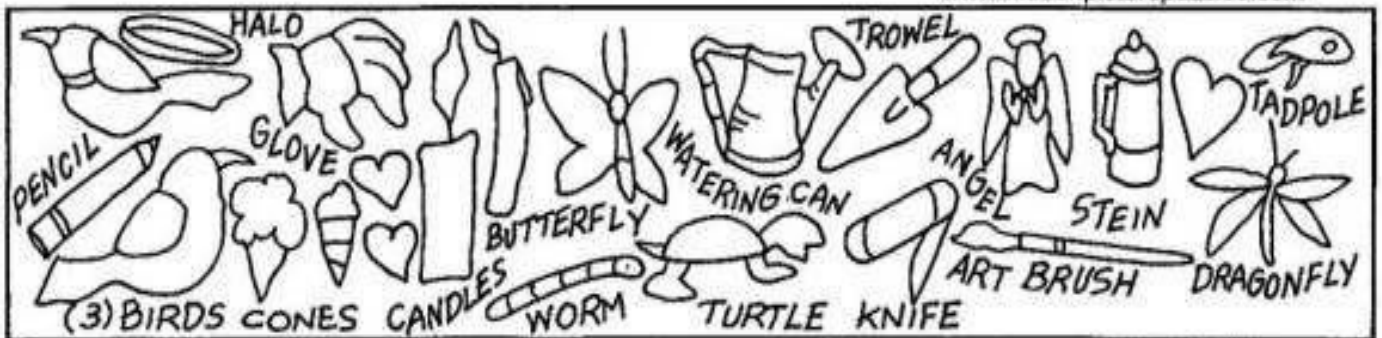


Holidays and Observations Days in April

- May 1 - National Chocolate Parfait Day, National Mother Goose Day
- May 2 - National Brothers and Sisters Day, National Truffle Day
- May 3 - National Chocolate Custard Day, National Public Radio Day, National Space Day, National Two Different Colored Shoes Day
- May 4 - Bird Day, International Firefighters Day, Kentucky Derby, National Play Outside Day, Star Wars Day
- May 5 - **Cinco de Mayo**, Hoagie Day, National Lemonade Day, World Laughter Day
- May 6 - Melanoma Monday, National Herb Day, National Nurses Day
- May 7 - Asthma Day, Foster Care Day, Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 8 - National Coconut Cream Pie Day, National Give Someone a Cupcake Day, National Have a Coke Day, National Receptionists Day, National Student Nurse Day
- May 9 - Ascension Day, National Butterscotch Brownie Day, National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, National Sleepover Day
- May 10 - Child Care Provider Day, National Golf Day, National Shrimp Day
- May 11 - National Babysitter's Day, National Dog Mom's Day, National Miniature Golf Day, National Train Day, World Migratory Bird Day
- May 12 - **Mother's Day**, National Mental Health Provider Appreciation Day, National Nutty Fudge Day, World Topiary Day
- May 13 - International Hummus Day, National Apple Pie Day, Frog Jumping Day
- May 14 - National Buttermilk Biscuit Day, National Dance Like A Chicken Day
- May 15 - Bring Flowers to Someone Day, International Day of Families, National Chocolate Chip Day
- May 16 - National BBQ Day, National Classic Movie Day, National Sea Monkey Day
- May 17 - NASCAR Day, National Cherry Cobbler Day, National Pizza Party Day,
- May 18 - Armed Forces Day, National Cheese Soufflé Day,
- May 19 - National Devil's Food Cake Day, World Baking Day
- May 20 - National Pick Strawberries Day, National Rescue Dog Day, World Bee Day
- May 21 - Eat More Fruits and Vegetables Day, National Memo Day, National Strawberries and Cream Day
- May 22 - National Maritime Day, National Solitaire Day, National Vanilla Pudding Day, Sherlock Holmes Day
- May 23 - National Lucky Penny Day, National Taffy Day, World Turtle Day
- May 24 - Brother's Day, National Asparagus Day, National Road Trip Day
- May 25 - National Italian Beef Day, National Tap Dance Day, Towel Day
- May 26 - Blueberry Cheesecake Day, Family Fun Day, National Paper Airplane Day
- May 27 - **Memorial Day**, National Grape, National Grape Popsicle Day
- May 28 - National Brisket Day, National Hamburger Day, World Hunger Day
- May 29 - National Flip Flop Day, National Paperclip Day
- May 30 - Hug Your Cat Day, National Creativity Day, World Multiple Sclerosis Day
- May 31 - National Macaroon Day, National Smile Day, World Parrot Day



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Mother's Day Word Search

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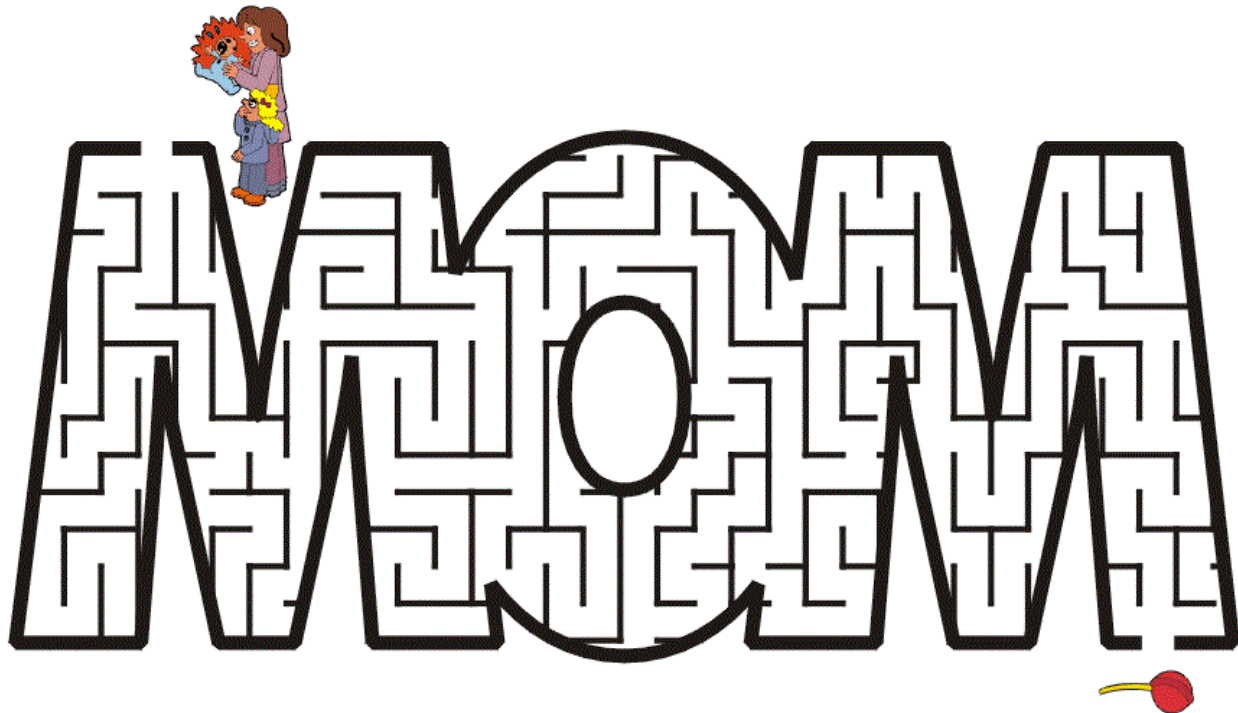


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Flowers
Gift

Heart
Home
Hugs
Kisses

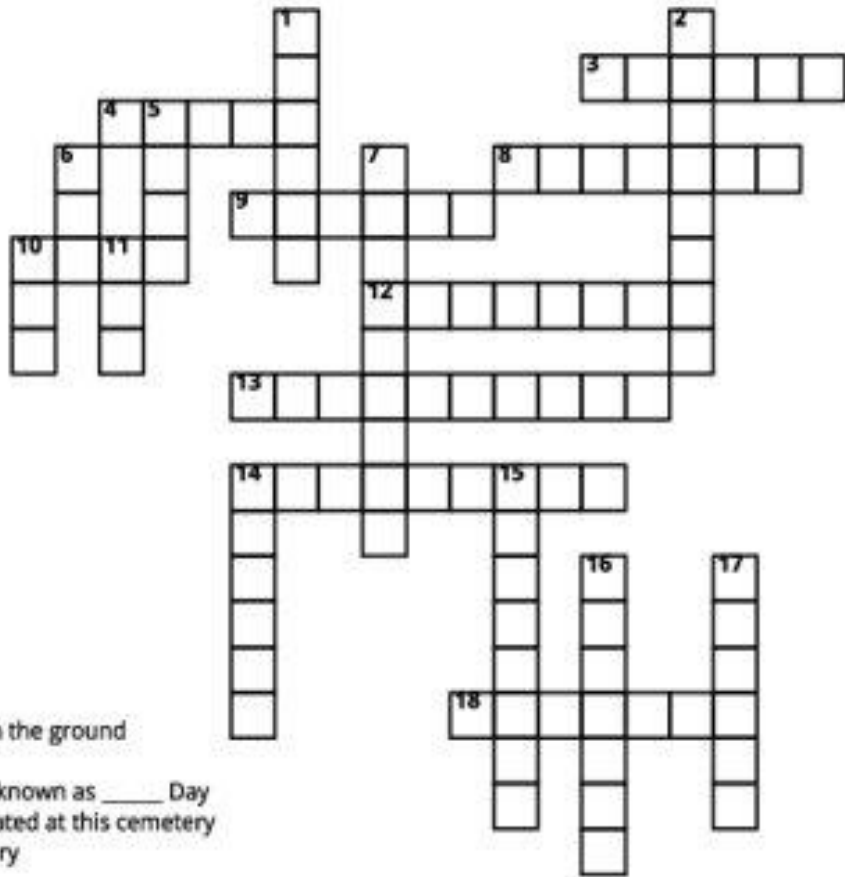
Love
Mama
Mommy
Mother

Son
Special



MEMORIAL DAY CROSSWORD

Solve the following puzzle based on the clues given!



Across

- [3] Ring of flowers
- [4] Army of the North
- [8] Often placed on graves
- [9] People march in this
- [10] Soldiers trained to engage on the ground
- [12] The opposite of forget
- [13] Memorial Day was originally known as _____ Day
- [14] Memorial Day is commemorated at this cemetery
- [18] One who has served in military

Down

- [1] Memorial Day is celebrated on this day
- [2] A place with many graves
- [5] Soldiers trained to protect the sea are in the _____
- [6] The opposite of peace
- [7] Inspired by love of country
- [10] Soldiers trained to engage in aerial missions are in the _____ Force
- [11] Memorial Day is celebrated in this month
- [14] The National _____ was written when flag was flying over Fort McHenry
- [15] Number of stars on Betsy Ross Flag
- [16] Freedom from bondage or restraint
- [17] A meal eaten outside

