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No one warned me that the city of Amsterdam becomes a nudist colony at the first sign of spring. After a long, glum and bone chilling wet winter, I remember walking home when the sun at long last came forth in full, striking brilliance. You could almost hear the city sigh in deep relief. Heading home from the cloistered English Reformed Church, hidden away in an enclosed courtyard, smack in the middle of the city yet a world away, I got going with a pep in my step. I walked through the tunnel and into the mass that is Amsterdam. Weaving through the crowds shopping in the Kalverstraat, I headed home on the Utrechtsestraat. A gorgeous day it was. As I walked on, out of the corner of my eye there was a woman sunning herself, bare chested. Hmm...Then another on her stoop, another on her balcony overhead. A man stripped here, a child nude on the side street there, a grandmother over there-yikes. All in various states of undress. All of them looking up at the marvelous Dutch sky, brimming full and bright.

At this point I moved from

Western Michigan Boy to, well, International Man of Mystery.

My forty-five minute commute ended by the usual climbing up through the hatch that was the stairwell to my flat, checking the fridge, opening the nearly floor-to-ceiling window and then hearing my downstairs neighbor singing a little ditty to herself. I poked my head out and, well, got to know something more about my neighbor.

Which leads us, obviously, to say something about the season of Easter.

What do we do now that the sun is out? What are our lives to look like as we move from the Winter of Sorrow and Grief to the Spring of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ? What must be thrown off? What can we afford to expose now in the full light of day? What can become public and the new normal? Is everything the same? Is everything altered? Or somehow are both in play?

What on earth are we going to do, now that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead? Will our daily habits be altered? Will our fears subside? Will we get on with being a gracious

legend to our communities? Will life happen in us, around us, through us, now that HE is alive?

These were the questions swirling around in the minds and hearts of the disciples as the first sign of sun broke forth through the frozen haze which was Palestine two millennia ago. As we now know, they flung off their old worn dogmatic duds and brought forth a new way of living for all people. Even kids from Fruitland Township, Michigan. Even kids from Millbrook, New York.

Blessings on your Easter walk. And here's to God's fabulous Son, our Lord Jesus, who breaks the terrible and dark winter for us all.

Thom Fiet, pastor at Lyall



Amsterdam in the Spring~

Partners in Development

Evelyn and Lynn Grainger are heading out on separate Partners in Development trips this summer. They believe this organization uses the funds effectively to affect change in peoples lives. Here's part of their vision from the website <http://www.pidonline.org>.

“Our Vision: Whole-Life Transformation for Impoverished Communities. Partners in Development, Inc. (PID) strives to help impoverished communities attain independence and whole life improvement... Because whole-life change is essential in order for the extreme poor to escape poverty, we've strategically designed sets of programs to meet the specific needs of the populations we serve. Through economic development, children's programs, housing and medical assistance, we engage whole communities in whole-life change, ensuring a better quality of life and a more promising future.”

Evelyn will be an unpaid intern in Blanchard, Port-au-prince,

Haiti from mid-June to mid-August. She received a grant through Berkshire Taconic to pay for most of her traveling expenses.

For her academics she will be researching water access, purification and security in the community, learning Haitian Creole and Haitian culture. She will also be working for the organization to provide support with clerical work, programming and helping participants in the weeklong service trips.

One of the services Partners in Development provides in Haiti is a nutritional program for children who are severely malnourished. Children are brought in to the PID office daily to receive food specific for the child's needs, and the family member feeds the child on site to ensure the child gets fed. Many children would have died had it not been for the program.

Evelyn will be collecting the following to support this important program:

- Smooth peanut butter to make medika mamba for malnourished kids
- Dry Milk(lighter to carry) also for the medika mamba
- Children's vitamins
- Oatmeal—old fashioned variety

Lynn is paying her own fees and transportation costs. She is excited to teach these young people technology skills, and writing. She would like to be able to leave a camera with the field director so kids can create more after the team has left . The cost is about \$150.00

Lynn will be spending a week in August in Glendora, Mississippi at Partners in Development's newest site. It is also a community where families get by on \$2 per day or less. The Civil Rights Movement began in this community in the late fifties.

Lynn will be heading up a team focusing on getting the children ready to return to school the next week. She will be using her teaching skills to teach 3-5 workshops daily on digital storytelling. The fourth through ninth graders will write poetry and put it together with photos and music in an short movie. All of this will be done in Google Drive so kids can continue their work after Lynn and the team leaves.



From the Pastor....

- Is there an interest in developing a Saturday afternoon (5:00pm to 5:45pm) service? We are thinking of launching such an effort in late September. If you would be interested in serving/attending. Please speak with Pastor Thom.
- Is there any interest in developing a ministry to the Fountains.? We are thinking of forming a ministry team that will minister to those living at the Fountains. If you are interested, contact Pastor Thom.
- Pre worship musicians needed. If you or someone you know plays an instrument and would like to play in church, please tell Dan or Pastor Thom.
- Pre-Service Fellowship is taking place in the Social Room from 9:30 –10:30 am, and Post Service Worship Chats are held in the Pastor’s Study (unless there is a business meeting) from 11:45—12:30pm. All are welcome to join in!

Special Thanks to Rob Murphy for his beautiful Violin playing on New Member Sunday April 19.



Other News and Happenings...

- Touch Screen update— The touch screen monitors have begun arriving. The first one will be mounted outside the Admin Office. Watch the bulletin each week to see what new features have been installed.
- Audio System update—to date \$ 27,358 has been contributed.
- Lyll Lunch Update. Lunch at Lyll begins Thursday May 7th. All are welcome. We will be serving soup, sandwiches and conversation. If you would like to volunteer please contact Helen Lomangino or call the church office 677-3485.
- Sunday School Teachers have been located for the month of May.
 - May 10 Brad Roeller
 - May 17 Taylor Curcio
 - May 31 Linda Lomangino–Fauci
- Food for Folks! For more information please contact Diane Moretti at 845-242-6508. May is canned goods, tuna, chicken, spam, ham.
- Rummage Sale this year is May 2nd from 9:00am until 3:00pm. Thank you to everyone who volunteered.
- Soon to Come— Electronic Giving! Soon we will be able to make our weekly offering online through The Bank of Millbrook. Kristen is in the process of completing the final steps. You will be able to set up your weekly contribution to automatically be paid to Lyll—even while you are vacationing with family over the summer.
- New Members at Lyll
 1. Bob Tierney
 2. Mary Jane Tierney
 3. Cat Greenstreet
 4. Maria McCabe
 5. Susan Tirante
- Electronic Device Power Cords - The one thing that we all have plenty of are the old cords that went with last phone we had or iPad or iPod. Instead of throwing them away consider donating them to the church. Every now and then someone is looking for a power cord for their electronic device and it would be great if we had some one hand for them to use.



New member Keys to the Kingdom~

Meet Cat Greenstreet



Cat Greenstreet grew up in suburban New Jersey about 45 minutes from Manhattan. She has lived in many places, and her life has been one of many transitions. Cat was an educator and school leader for 30 years and devoted the last 20 of those to Waldorf® Education as an elementary and middle school teacher, a high school English and drama teacher, and a teacher educator. Early in her career, she taught English in colleges throughout the New York City metropolitan area and worked in business as a technical writer in New York and Los Angeles. Since 2006

she has been a Courage & Renewal® Facilitator, offering retreats and workshops using the Circle of Trust® approach for anyone wanting to align who they are inside with how they show up in the world. She is also currently mentoring a budding Waldorf school initiative in Rhinebeck.

Cat moved to Millbrook in September, 2012, to care for her sister, Lynn Schneider, until Lynn's death in December of that year. Cat and her husband Wil inherited Lynn's home. In her grief that first year, Cat was looking for a church during Holy Week, and

Maundy Thursday brought her to Lyall Memorial. She was moved by the warm, welcoming atmosphere that let her be who she was while being inviting at the same time. In June, 2014, she once again sought out a worship community and came to a Sunday service. It was the last before the choir was going on summer break; she decided to join the choir in the fall. The choir has been an anchor in her life and in the church community. She hopes to share her facilitation skills and the Circle of Trust® approach in the near future.

Bible Quiz

1. What was Moses' s brother's name?
2. What was Moses's sister's name?
3. What tribe was Moses from?
4. Who was Moses's wife?
5. Where did Moses die?



GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY:
IN ECUADOR, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE
OF MEETING WITH BOYS AND GIRLS
WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED THE
GREATEST JOURNEY. I GAVE THEM
NEW TESTAMENTS AND PRAYED
FOR THEM TO BE BOLD IN SHARING
THEIR FAITH.



Taking The Greatest Journey *AROUND THE WORLD*

DEAR FRIEND,

I am always grateful and thank God for the millions of individuals and families who pack shoeboxes every year for our Operation Christmas Child project. It is hard to describe the joy and the hope these gifts bring to children.

I've just returned from Haiti and Ecuador, where many children have experienced more suffering in their short lives than we can imagine. We were joined on this trip by Greta Van Susteren and her husband, John Coale. Our first stop was the Greta Home and Academy—operated by Samaritan's Purse and named for her dedicated efforts to help Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. We delivered Christmas gifts that John and Greta had generously bought for all the children and Haitian staff. At Samaritan's Purse, we pray that as these young people receive a Christian upbringing and quality education, they will have a huge impact on the future of their nation.

We then traveled south to Ecuador to distribute Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts at a city dump in the country's largest city, Guayaquil. Children live there with their families and try to make enough to survive by digging through the trash to find anything they can use or sell. Seeing people living in these deplorable conditions had a huge impact on Greta, John, and all of us. These precious children were so grateful—overjoyed by the gifts you gave and we had the privilege of delivering.

The end result of Operation Christmas Child every year is that tens of thousands of children put their hope and faith in Jesus Christ. It is truly a miracle. But it doesn't end there.

Millions of children who have received shoeboxes have gone through our 12-week discipleship program called The Greatest Journey, which is offered through the local church. They have learned how to be faithful followers of Christ and to share the Gospel with others. We want to raise up an army of young evangelists—children not afraid to take a stand just like Daniel did.

REACHING OUT: THIS IS THE THIRD YEAR THAT GRETA VAN SUSTEREN AND HER HUSBAND, JOHN COALE, HAVE GONE WITH US TO HAND OUT SHOEBOX GIFTS. FOR YEARS, SHE HAS SHARED ABOUT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AND OUR OTHER PROJECTS ON FOXNEWS AND HER BLOG.



May 2015

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
						Rummage Sale
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Building & Grounds	Personnel Committee Meeting	Board of Spiritual Life Meeting		Lunch at Lyall MECEC Art Show Dinner & Homework		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day				Lunch at Lyall Dinner & Homework		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Lunch at Lyall Dinner & Homework Historical Society		
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
24th Pentecost 31st Blessing of the Food for Folks donations	Memorial Day~	Board of Trustees Meeting		Lunch at Lyall Dinner & Homework		

- 5/2—Rummage Sale 9:00 to 3:00.
- Lunch at Lyall every Thursday 11:30—12:30pm
- Dinner and Homework every Thursday 6:00 to 9:00pm
- 5/4 Personnel Committee Meeting
- 5/5 Board of Spiritual Life Meeting 7:00 pm Library
- MECEC Art Show 10:00 am –12
- 5/21 Historical Society 7:30 pm Gathering Room
- 5/24 Pentecost Sunday
- 5/26 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00
- 5/31 Blessing of the Food for Folks
- AA meets weekdays at 12:00 Noon in the Gathering Room
Saturday's 7:30 pm
Sunday's 8:15 am

A Church whose only label is
Christian and whose only Head is
Christ.

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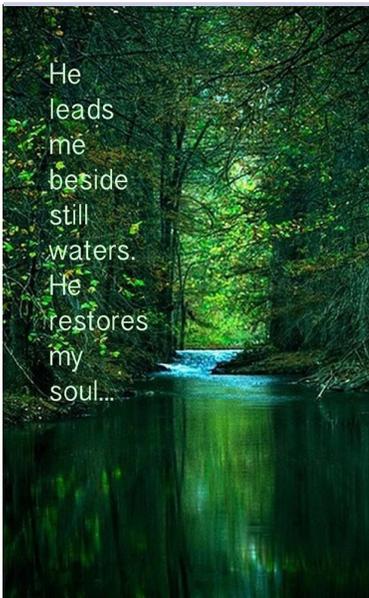
Birthdays

- 3 Henry Kading*
- 5 Rebecca Lyczkowski*
- 10 Ralph Della-Volpe*
- 11 Isaiah Wing*
- 13 Celeste Roeller*
- 14 Nancy Blayney*
- 15 Ian Adams*
- 16 Marie Burr*
- 17 AnnaBelle Secor*
- 19 Stanley Benham, Jr*



Anniversaries

- 2 Dot & Mike McCracken*
- 10 Mike & Donna Castaner*



He
leads
me
beside
still
waters.
He
restores
my
soul...

May Prayers and Joys

Prayers for:

Missionary Sarah Zagami; pray for healing and regaining her eyesight, and also for her family's visas to be reinstated.

Nancy Cole, recuperating at home. Pray for strength to walk.

Shirley, friend of Maria Bauries, wants to leave the nursing home and go back to Chili, S.A.

Pray for David Brands in ICU.

Joys!

Praise God, Hari, friend of Maria Bauries, has NO MORE CANCER!

Answers to Bible Quiz

- 1. Aaron
- 2. Miriam
- 3. The Tribe of Levi
- 4. Zipporah
- 5. Mount Nebo

***Prayers
And
Joys***