Fruitport Community Church

by Kim Chappell

Fruitport Community Church recently celebrated their first anniversary. We invite you to worship with us! No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Our Sunday worship service is at 10:00 am, led by Pastor Donna Rick. Our Sunday School classes are during the worship service and the nursery is available for infants and toddlers.

We have many activities available for all ages, young or old, like our Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat, The Live Nativity, and our Easter Egg Hunt. Throughout the year we offer small group Bible study sessions as well.

This year's events include a church garage sale on May 17th from 9-5:00 and on May 18th from 9-3:00.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 9th through the 12th at 6:30pm. Registration will be on Tuesday, July 9th at 6:00 at the church. Our address is 9 8th Ave.

The youth of our church are raising funds to travel to Kentucky in August to experience the "Ark Encounter."

Our Ramp Team continues to provide, free of charge, portable aluminum ramps for people in the local area. The church team installs the ramps and will remove them when they are no longer needed. There is a form to fill out and you can contact the church at (231)865-3551 for more information.

All are welcome at Fruitport Community Church - those who believe as well as those who are seeking. We want you to feel at home and comfortable here. We are pleased to welcome you as part of a growing and diverse Christian community.



Vacation Bible School at Fruitport Community Church

Adventure Begins at the Fruitport District Library Summer Reading Program!

by Matt Lubbers-Moore, FDL Director

We have an amazing summer planned at the Fruitport District Library full of events for children, teens, and adults!

Come check out the Kickoff Party in Pomona Park on June 14th where you can sign up for the Summer Reading Program, get a bag of goodies for signing up, attend a program by the Outdoor Discovery Center, toss around a football or baseball, and have a Hot Dog!

On Mondays throughout summer we'll have new Take n Makes as well as Crafts and Snacks between 11:30 and 12:30. Teens and Adults at 6pm can join us in our community room for Line Dancing!!

The second Tuesday of each month is our adult Book Club from 12:30-1:30! Feel free to bring a lunch!





Live Nativity





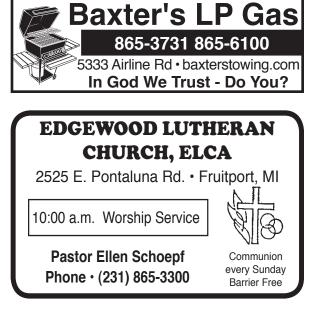
Easter Egg Hunt

In August we'll another kid's movie on the 15th with pizza, popcorn, and beverages provided at 6pm, and then on August 16th we have another visit by the Outdoor Discovery Center at 11am for an interactive presentation featuring live animals, taxidermy, and artifacts followed by free ice cream from Huntington Bank's Ice Cream Truck!!!

For a full listing of Summer Reading events please stop by the library, follow us on Facebook, or attend the kick-off party on June 14th! We'll also be sending the full list of events home with students of the Fruitport and Calvary schools towards the end of May.

Stay up to date with fun crafts, programs, and events throughout the year with our monthly community calendar available in the library!!

Sportsmen for Youth – Youth Day

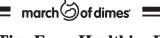


How to contact or donate to the Baxters, missionaries in Africa:

Mail can be sent to either Charity or James & Abby at the following address: C/O Broadway Baptist Church 2860 Oak Lane Muskegon, MI 49444

Charity's email address: CharityBaxter22@yahoo.com

James & Abby's email address: Baxters2SouthSudan@gmail.com



Five Tips For a Healthier Baby

The March of Dimes recommends that all pregnant women follow these five key steps:

1. Get early and regular pre-natal care. It reduces your risk of having a low birthweight baby.

2. Eat nutritious foods. Make sure that you and your baby get all the protein and nutrients you need through a varied diet.

3. Don't smoke! Women who smoke increase their chances of having a miscarriage or a low birthweight baby.

4. Don't take drugs. Taking drugs, except those approved by a doctor who knows you're pregnant, can cause severe disabilities - or even result in the death of your baby.

5. Don't drink. Hard liquor, wine and beer can all cause birth defects.

For current information about our programs and services, March of Dimes news, and important health information, visit us online anytime at **marchofdimes.com**

Wednesdays we'll have lunch for kids and teens provided by Feeding America from 12-1.

Fridays we have Gentle Yoga in our community room from 9:30-10:30, Family Story Time from 11-12, and Feeding America from 12-1!!

In June we will be having a kid's movie with pizza, popcorn and beverages provided on the 13th at 6pm, the kickoff party on the 14th starting at 11am with the Outdoor Discovery Center, the Quilt Block Group will meet on the 20th at 5:30, and on June 27th we'll be hosting Natalie Budnick who will be teaching a teen art class!!

July 15th we have a teen class teaching them how to use a Pirate Cutlass!! This is limited to 20 individuals and 13-18 year-olds only. We have another kid's movie on July 18th with pizza, popcorn, and beverage provided at 6pm. The Reading Circus, with stilt walkers, unicyclists, magic tricks, and stories will entertain, on July 25th at 2pm!! The Quilt Block Group will meet on July 25th at 5:30. - September 7th, 2024

Sportsmen for Youth – Youth Day, which is always held on the first Saturday after Labor Day, is September 7, 2024 this year. Youth Day is held at Muskegon County Fairgrounds, 2261 Heights Ravenna Road, Fruitport, Michigan. This will be our 30th year. The gates will open at 9am and close at 3pm. This is a free "family friendly" event to introduce our youth to the many activities available to them in the great outdoors, however only youth under 17 years of age can participate in the activities. Persons over 17 are welcome to sit in on all the seminars. Each youth participating will receive a t-shirt and a ticket for lunch (while supplies last) and a raffle ticket.

More information on this Youth Day can be found on our website (*www.sportmenforyouth.com*) and Facebook page.

Please plan to spend Sportsmen for Youth – Youth Day with us on September 7, 2024. I'm sure you will have a great time.

John Cramblet, Board Member



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