



# Grace and Truth

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

All gatherings have been suspended.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Ron Pummel
- 20 Christy Cotton
- 21 Sue Ingalls
- 26 Jill Routley
- 27 Noah Walker
- 31 Ron Smith



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

None



*Joel & Terri Shafer are back in Michigan.*

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

***"Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." (Matthew 6:4b)***

Mothers probably do more good things that go unrewarded than any other group of people.

Before we were even born, our mothers carried us and took good care of us. They labored hard for us to be born (or went through surgery, or both). Our moms fed us in the night while everyone else was sleeping. With no one looking on or giving applause, they changed our diapers, washed our clothes, and rocked us to sleep.

Thank you, moms, for washing our cuts and scrapes, bandaging our wounds, and singing us lullabies. Thanks for getting us to school on time, making our lunches, and giving us help with homework. You cheered for us, took our photos, combed our hair, and got stains out of our favorite shirts. You did so much over so many years without getting a trophy or a big check or your name in the paper.

But every time you moms sacrificed and prayed and gave of your precious energy on our behalf, somebody did notice. Somebody besides us. God noticed.

Jesus promised that God the Father would reward good works done in secret. People who get no reward in the here-and-now will be rewarded by our ever-watching Father in Heaven. Either in this life or in the life-to-come,

God will reward our hard-working, self-sacrificing, never-quitting, unconditional-loving moms.

Here is a Happy Mother's Day prayer for our moms: *Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for our moms. They have done so much for us that has been unnoticed*

*and unrewarded. Bless them and reward them for all that they have done. Thank you for promising to see what is done in secret and reward them. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

*Pastor Cotton*

## BIBLE TEACHING

Until further notice, Bible Teaching will be available online at the YouTube channel "Bible4Hesperia" or through the link on the church's Facebook page. For more information, contact:

Pastor Dick Cotton, 616-560-6843

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

If you would like to continue giving to the Lord during this shutdown, mail your gift to PO Box 267, Hesperia, MI 49421.

If you have questions, contact:

Cindy Leone, 854-2283, or

Ken Muckey, 854-1135

## FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Sunday 12:15-1:00 pm

Tuesday 1:00-2:30 pm

Tuesday 7:00-7:30 pm

For more information, contact:

Ron & Dorothy Pummel, 231-408-2309

## COUNTRYSIDE CHILDREN

Michaela Cotton has kindly set up a Facebook page with ideas for kids and their parents to use during this stay-at-home time. Give her your suggestions:

Michaela Cotton, 616-916-1059

Facebook: Countryside Church of Christ Children

## KNOWING YOU BETTER

Pastor Cotton would like to get to know you better. If you have time during this shutdown, please write a bit about yourself and mail or email it to Pastor Cotton. Where were you born? What was your life like when you were growing up? What activities do you enjoy? Tell about your spiritual journey. Is there anything else about you that you'd like Pastor to know? If there is anything you'd like to keep just between you and Pastor, be sure to say that. What you want kept confidential will stay that way. Include one or more photos of you and yours. 2910 Appleleaf Dr NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525  
pastor@countrysidechurch.net



A few of the thousands of *trillium grandiflorum* from Marcia Walther's property. Marcia was an active member at Countryside before her passing. We thank God for Marcia and miss her.

If you need prayer, encouragement, or something to do for God, call Pastor Cotton at 616-560-6843.