

NORTONVILLE NEWS

“Remembrance of the Savior”

As warm sunny days begin to emerge from the dark grey winter skies, new life springs from the ground. Where once fields were covered in snow, green grass begins now to take root, and living plants replace the barren cold. And with the spring comes our Easter celebrations. We paint our colorful eggs, put on bright colorful clothes, and use the season as an excuse to indulge in far too many sweets. But most importantly, we are reminded of the reason for the Holiday. “The death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ”

This ritual of remembrance is something we practice every year, with little to differentiate it from years past. Fashions and sensibilities may change with the times however, the Easter message has remained the same. As a result, many of us may treat the season with a bit of contempt. What purpose is there in listening to the same Easter story as the year before? Being the same year after year. If none of it is new information, why do we do it every year? What use is there for a time of remembrance? As we look in Luke chapter 24, we see the aftermath of the miracle at the tomb of Jesus, and a remembrance of the words of Christ.

As a certain group of women approached the tomb of Jesus, they saw the stone rolled away from the entrance. As they enter in, they discover the body of Jesus missing. Then, two angels appeared before the women to give them a message. Luke 24:6-8 says this:

“He is not here, he has risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying: “The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and the third day rise again.” And they remembered His words.

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Stay Connected

Sunday

10:45 am Sunday morning

6:00 pm Sunday night

6:00 pm Sunday Youth Group

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting at 6:30 pm

Olympians meets at 6:30 pm

If you have internet and would like to watch our Sunday morning service, search for Nortonville Gospel Chapel on **Facebook** or **YouTube**. You can also see the video and discover more resources on our website:

www.nortonvillechapel.info

nortonvillechapel.org

No Internet? Simply call **616-846-7309** at 10:45 am on Sunday and you can listen to the whole morning service.

These women had traveled with Jesus, listening firsthand to the teachings of the master. And Christ had throughout his earthly ministry foretold his own death, and his resurrection to new life on the third day. Why then were they preparing spices for the body? And why were they perplexed to discover the body gone? Even after hearing the truth from Christ himself they had not remember His words!

Even for those who were so close to Christ, both physically and spiritually, they were still fallible and prone to forgetfulness! The never ending flow of information we receive fights for our attention, pushing often important lessons to the recesses of our mind. It is a simple thing to focus entirely on what is directly in front of us, and to overlook the important truths that were first taught to us so long ago. This is why we have these times of remembrances, to once again assign these important and profound truths the weight which they greatly deserve: "That God sent down His Son to live a perfect and sinless life, and to die as a perfect and holy sacrifice, and to have victory over death and arise the third day." And through faith in Christ, we too can also be saved!

Taking time to reflect on this wonderful event is an important part in the life and spiritual development of a believer. This should not just be a once-a-year celebration. It is something that should be remembered always. While this may be the season of remembrance, it does not make it the exclusive time of remembrance. When summer overtakes the spring, and from summer into winter, never forget our wonderful Savior: His death on the cross and his resurrection to new life!

Important Upcoming Events:

- 4/11 24/7 Prayer Noon to Midnight
- 4/12 Memorial Service for Albert Davies 11:00 am
Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- 4/13 Ladies Mission Circle 9:30 am
- 4/15 Good Friday Service 7:00 pm
- 4/17 Easter Morning Services 10:45 am
No evening service or youth group

2022 Directory Update

We are updating our church directory!
Please email us at
office@nortonvillechapel.org with any recent pictures, phone, address, or email changes you would like us to include in the updated directory. Our church phone number is 616-842-4285 if you have any questions.

Easter Lilies for "Remembrance"

Starting this Sunday, there will be forms in the foyer of the church if you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in remembrance of your loved ones.

Easter Services

Good Friday Services on April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Featuring special speaker: Pastor Bob Porterfield from
Ottawa Center Church

Easter service April 17 at 10:45 a.m. No evening services

Nortonville Spotlight

Robbie Snider



One of the saints who likes to encourage others is Robbie Snider! Whether she is bringing in snacks for the youth, greeting people in the foyer, helping with children's church, weeding the flowerbed, or sending out a card, Robbie tries to help others know the love of Christ.

Robbie's given name was Margaret Robbins, but her family called her Peggy. Her dad was an engineer for Chrysler near Detroit and her mom was a school teacher. Her dad taught her to hunt, and her mom would have Peggy help set-up school classroom. On Sundays the family went to the Presbyterian Church.

Her grandma Ruby was also a big presence in her life as she lived nearby. At about age ten, grandma Ruby took her to Vacation Bible School at a Baptist Church. It was there that she first started trusting in Christ. She learned to memorize the Bible and was involved in the Youth Group. She is thankful that the Lord kept her out of a lot of trouble.

While attending Central Michigan University, she met Dave Snider. Dave was impressed that Peggy knew about hunting. Dave had a Brittany Spaniel bird-dog named Peggy. So Peggy said to Dave, "If you think I'm going to come running every time you call your dog, you are nuts!" That's when she began to be called Robbie!

Fast forward, The Snider's marriage was blessed with three children and eight grandchildren.

Together they built and managed the Fruitport Golf Course on Harvey St., in Fruitport. Dave maintained the course while Robbie worked in the clubhouse. Their kids were involved wherever they were needed.

For the past twenty three years Robbie has been involved with a ministry called Bible Study Fellowship. This has grounded her in God's Word. She now, also serves in that ministry with her daughter by babysitting kids so the moms can learn the Bible. She has served in the past with Stephen's Ministry, and also, Teen Moms at the Wesleyan Church.

In 2018, the Lord sent Dave and Robbie to Nortonville Chapel and they fit right in and have encouraged our church family. In 2019, the Lord called Dave home. This has made for some rough times for Robbie, but she still stays quite active and is even wondering what else the Lord would have her do? Her favorite verse is one that grandma Ruby taught her many years ago: **"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).**

Robbie has learned that patience is a good thing. She confidently says: "God fixes things better than we could ever fix them." because He already has it figured out." We sure agree with you, sister Robbie!



April Birthdays



Apr 1
Dick Vink



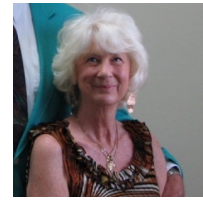
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Braelynn English



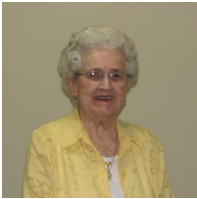
Apr 9
Phil Peterson



Apr 11
Kris Arnson



Apr 11
Marilee Stroebe



Apr 20
Jackie Wilson



Apr 21
Randy Jobin



Apr 23
Dewey Garrett



Apr 26
Ev Vipond



Apr 27
Charley Dalman



Apr 27
Layla Hildebrandt



Apr 27
Jeff Nietering



Apr 29
Lois Noell

April Anniversaries



Apr 22
Tom and Karen
Dennis

Prayer and Praises Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Praises to God!

Todd and Carla Whitters had their first meeting of Release Time at Griffin Elementary School last week. Ken Brondyke, Bonnie Schultz, and Joan Thompson are recovering well from their surgeries. Praise God that our Olympians are doing well to earn their Medals!

Pray for ...

President Biden, World Leaders, Governor Whitmer
Our Supreme Court Justices, John Roberts, Clarence Thomas, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elana Kagan, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett
Board Member of the Week: Ken Brondyke
Shut-in of the Week: Barb Kilbry
Student of the Week: Mason Byron
Volunteer of the Week: Jim Dufford
Missionary of the Week: **Love in Action** (Tri-Cities):

Prayer requests

Joe and Maureen Czinder-Sherman's step-son passed away, services will be at the chapel at 11:00 a.m. on April 12
Caralee Nietering passed away. Please pray for Dave and Ruth Nietering.
Bridget Gazlay is struggling with chronic pain.
Jackie Wilson's granddaughter Jennifer passed away. Pray that the whole family will look to Christ.
John O'Neill, Pastor Joe's dad, passed away. Memorial service April 9th in Jackson. Pray that the gospel will be proclaimed clearly.
Dawn Vink is looking for a new Job.
Linda Dood has a lot of back pain which requires surgery.
Bev Jackson is at Grand Pines in Grand Haven and is adjusting from her fall.
Pray for our next generation that Pastor Josh and our young people will be dedicated to Christ, and for spiritual growth.
Ben; Aven; Mason; Madison; Robert; Mackenzie; Olivia; Clayton; Collin. Russell; Adelina; Charley; Anna; Margaret; Josh; Colton
2022 Ministry plans for the church.
For those who have recently lost loved ones: Joe and Maureen Czinder-Sherman, Dave and Ruth Nietering, Jackie Wilson, Joe O'Neill, Cheri Young, Tricia Barnes, Ron Anderson, Sue Brooks, Betty Holman, Dave Suchecki, etc.
Collette and her children for church support, love, guidance, and healing.
Emily Ambrose' grandmother is struggling with assurance of salvation.

Pray for victory over alcohol, drugs, and other addictions: Craig, Larry, Tim, Brad, Darren, John, Carol, Brianna.

Those needing help & healing with health issues: Marilee Stroebe, Carla Bartow, Melissa Dalman, Paul Snyder, Bridget Gazlay, Lillian Johnson, Vicki Snyder, Hammond's daughter Dana, Miranda Lunt, Sam and Lynne Hammond, Laurie Snyder, Chuck and Cindy Johnson, Mike Feistel, Pat Dawes.

Those with cancer: Tarah, Belinda Klein (Linda Vink's friend), Norm Kaufman, Marge (Dianne Lunt), Kelly Vipond, Bob & Diane Brondyke (Ken Brondyke and Cheri Young's cousins) and Bob Lunt (Greg's brother, needs Christ), Walt Curtis.

In need of the Lord: Kevin O'Neill (has cancer), Gary (Sue Brooks' nephew), Rod and Jaqueline (Dorothy Walker), Justin White, John and Carol Marrano, David and Catherine, Nina, David, Joe Moran and Ben, Brian and Leanna McMahon (friends/relatives of the O'Neill's), Bonnie Schultz' 3 sons, Al Gazlay, Brad Coon, Jerry Pellegrom, Renan, First, Jim, Mike & Amy (Anna's Dad & Stepmom), Sawyer (Robbie Snider), Mark Dean (Maureen Sherman), Rob Marshall Jr., Ann (Georgia Kamphorst's sister-in-law), Maria, Abigail, Erin, Kevin, Mary, Jody (Karen Huggins' sister), Becky, John (Charlene Easey), Pam & Jean (Dottie), Skip & Judy (Vince Blake's brother-in-law and sister), Ashley, Justin, Dale (Bev Jackson's son).

Missionary prayers and praises

Caleb and Emily Arnold (Ethnos 360): We made it back to Chihuahua from BG with no problems and have had a good couple week figuring out our next steps. Pray for our time in BG. Pray for the Tepehuan people. That God would soften their hearts to the message of God's Grace!

***Rev. Dave and Dolores Bauer** (BRM-Illinois): Pray for discernment for Leadership for the new youth pastor. Two elders requesting ordination to the ministry.

Camp Ao-Wa-Kiya (Shelby, MI): Camp Ao-Wa-Kiya and Stony Lake retreat center exist together as a Christian youth camp and retreat center for all ages. Contact us at Ao-Wa-Kiya.org to volunteer and please pray for vital staff needs for summer 2022.

Nicole Condra (SWMI-Georgia): There are still many Covid restrictions in Romania. However, I am learning and preparing lessons in Romania for teaching children in Sunday School.

Reed & Donna Condra (SWMI-Georgia): Specializing in deaf ministry. Thank you for praying for us and for encouraging us much in 2021. Donna and I are so thankful to be healthy again and to be enjoying life, family, and Christmas

John & Dee Cook (IM-Colorado): God is using nationals to reach nationals with the gospel. Read about their work serving the Yazidi people in the March issue of the Liaison, available in the back of the church.

Daniel & Karen DeVerna (BMW-Japan): We have enjoyed connecting with people in our neighborhood recently and it has been good to strengthen relationships at the church plant.

Love in Action (Tri-Cities): Please pray for spiritual growth in our staff, and the many needs of food, clothing, medical care, shelter, or another needs. Thank you for sharing in our vision to offer help, hope, and love to anyone who wants or needs it.

***Joe & Ursula Morell** (BMW-Sweden): Norm is enjoying his sabbatical. Please pray for church planting within the next two years.

Mario Audai Shaba (IM Supported Child: Iraq): Mario fled with his family from the Islamic State in 2014 and are still refugees in North Iraq. He lives with his parents and sister. Mario would like to be a teacher, his favorite subject in school is Arabic and he struggles with English classes. See the back of the church for a picture drawn by Mario.

Andy & Michelle Shinabery (East-West Ministries International): The Lord opened up the door for a few of us from East West to go and see the work the Lord is doing with national partners and set up strategy and goals for the future. We are working on training and bringing on board more national partners for 2022.

Tim & Karol Svoboda (YWAM-San Francisco): Our van was vandalized recently, the catalytic converter cut and stolen. Please pray for funds to take care of the unexpected expenses like this.

Anna Sytsma (CEF-Kent & Ottawa Counties): Pray for Campus Elementary as they began their Good News Club. Pray for the teaching team as they prepare and pray that kids will attend.

Norman & Karen Tober (GEM-Germany): Norman started a sabbatical on January 15th and there have been quite a few other things happening in January and February. We have been with GEM in Germany for almost 18 years and it seems that a short sabbatical time is way overdue. Norman continues to conduct a number of counseling and coaching sessions online each week.