

Big Rock Congregational Church Atlanta Michigan

A Community of Grace

CHIPS

Off the Big Rock



June 2026

God Bless our Fathers

By Michelle (Shelly) Grant

This is the time we celebrate and honor our fathers. This can be a biological, step, foster, adoptive, or even a spiritual father. In one way or another, our fathers have all shaped who we are today. They may have taught us things like how to fish, shoot a gun, drive, and more. Thank God if you have experienced the love of a father and have been taught the right values in life. The most important thing would be to know Jesus as your Lord and Savior. As the Scriptures tell us in *Proverbs 22:6*, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it" (*New International Version*). Because of this, you would hopefully not stray from the right values you have been taught. While this day is joyful for some, it may be hard for others who may not have experienced the love of a father. However, as believers in Jesus Christ, we do have a Heavenly Father who loves us.

I want to encourage you with this. Please remember that God, our Father in Heaven, loves you more than you could comprehend with the human mind. God's love for you as His son or daughter is everlasting. As *Jeremiah 31:3* tells us, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." Even when our earthly fathers make mistakes or fail us, please do not forget that our Heavenly Father will never fail us. As *the Lord's compassions never fail us (Lamentations 3:22)*. Even when our earthly fathers are not faithful to us, we can be encouraged that God will always be faithful towards us.

Pastor of BRCC:

Dr. Keith Jones

Moderator:

David Bradley

Deacons:

David Bradley
Gail Fehr

Trustees:

Judy Hoffman
Lynn Scharer

Our Vision:

We exist to worship God, to share His love that all might be saved and to become more like Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Guiding Values:

- Being a house of prayer
- Spirit-led congregational governance
- Loving Fellowship
- Reaching out
- Developing spiritual maturity in all members
- Being faithful stewards of God's blessings

Big Rock Congregational Church 8258 M-32, PO Box 683, Atlanta, MI 49709

989-785-2062, bigrockchurch@gmail.com, <https://>

(Cont. from front page)

Thank you, Jesus, for the father figures You have given us. Most importantly, thank you, God, for being the Father who will always be with us, loves us more than we could ever know, and thank you for never ever failing us. Please remind anyone of this Lord who may have forgotten Your love towards them. In Jesus Name, amen.



Prayer for VBS

Heavenly Father, we come before you with hearts overflowing with gratitude for the gift of VBS. We thank you for the opportunity to gather and create a special place where children can encounter your love, truth, and grace.

Lord, as we embark on this VBS journey, we ask for your divine guidance. Lead us in choosing the right lessons, activities, and songs that will inspire and nurture the hearts of these precious children. May every moment be filled with your wisdom and anointing.

We pray that each child who attends VBS will experience a personal encounter with you. Open their hearts to receive your word and let it take root deeply within them. May they come to know you as their loving Father and Jesus as their Savior and friend.

Bless the teachers, volunteers, and organizers of VBS. Pour out your strength, patience, and joy upon them as they faithfully serve. Grant them wisdom in their teaching, compassion in their interactions, and a genuine love for every child. May their dedication and selflessness be a shining example of your grace.

In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.

Missions News

Robert & Terri Harmon Ministry News

May & June 2026



Ministry Update

Robert & three others who are a part of I-TEC's "Tech Team" met in Ohio for a solar electric conference in April. Two traveled from Pennsylvania, one from Indiana and the other from Canada. They spent their time together **hearing about new technologies** and **talking with vendors**. This group of men does most of the technical **planning, installation** and **troubleshooting** for I-TEC projects worldwide. Their time together was well spent and valuable to them as a team.



I-TEC's "TECH Team" at
Zonna Energy Solar
Conference
in Ohio

Terri will be finishing up her **Consultant-to-Consultant** mentoring groups in June. She had **24 participants** this academic year from many mission organizations. She already has some education consultants signed up for **new groups for this fall!** Praise the Lord with us for this ministry of prayer, sharing and encouragement!

Prayer Requests:

- 1) Pray for the **safe arrival** of the **PowerPac** in **Nigeria** for **EGBE Medical Mission**. This project was originally planned for spring/summer but has been **delayed** because of shipping issues. Pray that everything will **get through customs** without extra fees. Pray also for the **details involved in the new dates** for its installation.
- 2) Praise that I-TEC's first **Mini PowerPac is on its way** to **Burundi** for **Sinai Academy**. Pray for the planning and details related to its installation.
- 3) Pray for wisdom as Robert does consulting for a **solar electric expansion project** in Burundi at **Hope Africa University** and **Van Norman Clinic**. He has been to this location in the past, but it can be difficult to make recommendations from a distance.
- 4) Praise that **Robert has been feeling a little better** from his issues with fatigue. Continue to pray that he will be at **full strength** soon.
- 5) Pray for both of us as we work on **preparations** for **I-TEC's 20th Year Anniversary Celebration event** in September. Robert is involved in **logistics** while Terri is helping with **media**.

Thank you for your **prayers** and **financial gifts** that make our ministries possible! **We appreciate you!**

Robert.Harmon@itec.org



To Give to our Ministries:

- *Give online at www.itec.org
- *Send a check written to ITEC to:
23 Green Hollow Road, Montoursville, PA 17754
- *Designate it for the **ministry of Robert Harmon**

terri@tckconsultant.org



April-June 2026
Vol. 31 no. 2



The Fentons

SERVING IN NEW ZEALAND



CHURCH PLANT



Thank you for your ongoing prayers for our church plant. We have had some losses and some gains, as is true of most church plants. We recently lost a strong couple as they chose to attend a church in their city in order to encourage their adult children.

While they did move to a good church, their loss to ours has been felt. On the other hand, we have an adult woman and her mother beginning to attend. Jackie and her mother are both believers, but have been out of church for quite some time. I've known Jackie's husband for over five years. Although an agnostic, Brent is open to hearing more about the Lord. Please pray for this family that God will do the work needed to lead them into their next spiritual steps.

CAN YOU HELP?

Lisa and I are hoping in the next month to purchase a motorhome like the one in the photo below. This will enable us to travel on extended trips throughout the country, assisting with church-planting work. We will continue to plant the church in Hastings, but as it matures, Lisa and I will be freed up for ministry further afield.

If you would like to help with the purchase of this motorhome, please make a cheque out to Christian Missionary Clearinghouse and send to:

CMC
PO Box 219228
Houston TX 77218-9228

Please write on the info line of the check "Fenton motorhome."

We are grateful for those who have already given to help us purchase a motorhome. This will enable us to visit and support other church planters within New Zealand



2 Timothy 2:2

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Home Address

205A Windsor Ave.
Hastings, NZ 4122
krfenton@icloud.com

Sending Church

Calvary Baptist Church
1380 S. Valley Forge Rd.
Landsale, PA 19446

COUNSELLING CLASS

The Biblical counselling class I am teaching to the lay people of a sister church has been going very well. Up to 20 people have been attending weekly online to learn how they can minister to each other and use counselling as an evangelistic tool as well. Please continue to pray for these classes.



Praise the Lord for technology where I can teach biblical counselling to a church 4 hours away.

CHURCH LEADERS' RETREAT

Having taken a hiatus last year from leading this retreat, Lisa and I feel led by the Lord to host another one this August or September. Please pray with us that this retreat will again encourage, strengthen, and restore those who have been battered by the difficult ministry conditions here in New Zealand. Please pray that the Lord will be glorified and the work of the gospel will be advanced.

Thank You!

We are so grateful for your faithful support and co-labouring with us here in NZ.

Kurt & Lisa Fenton

CCCC of Michigan

Business Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2026

Meeting called order at 11:30 by Rev. Dave Balicki, Moderator.

Quorum was present for business.

Scribe's report: Report submitted by Sherri Veurink-Balicki, scribe. Minutes were provided to all present in hard copy and were read by Sherri. Motion to approve, seconded and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer, Rev. Keith Jones, provided written report. Current balance on hand \$6,057.93. Motion to accept, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Old Business: At our 2024 meeting Rev. Larry Wood and Rev. Mike McDonald presented proposed changes to the CCCC Michigan Constitution and By-laws. Since a quorum was lacking, we were unable to approve the changes last year. Copies of the existing bylaws and proposed changes were again sent to all members. No additional changes were submitted per the process in the bylaws (Article 10). At the present meeting, additional questions were raised and additional clarifications were requested. It was noted that that purpose today was to approve or disapprove the changes presented previously. If additional changes are requested, another proposal must be submitted. Motion to approve the changes made by Rev. Larry Wood and Rev. Mike McDonald, seconded. 6 Yea, 3 Nay. Motion approved.

Motion to allow the executive committee to appoint a committee to further review the bylaws and submit any additional proposed changes. Seconded and approved.

New Business: Officers who had served in the previous year were recognized and thanked.

Moderator: Rev. Dave Balicki

Vice Moderator: Dave Bradley

Treasurer: Rev. Keith Jones

Scribe: Sherri Veurink-Balicki

Election of Officers for 2026-2027

After review of previous minutes and record of terms already served, it was identified that Rev. Dave Balicki and Dave Bradley have served the maximum terms in their current offices.

(Cont. on next page)

The proposed slate of officers for 2026-2027 is:

Moderator: Dave Bradley

Vice Moderator: Pastor Todd Wagner

Treasurer: Rev. Keith Jones

Scribe: Sherri Veurink-Balicki

Nominations were closed, the slate was accepted.

Other business: Burning Bush Reformed Church, which was noted last year to be in process for joining the CCCCs, has decided to affiliate with another organization more closely aligned with their beliefs.

Moderator remarks: Thanks to Pastor Lenny Luchetti and the congregation of Otsego FCC for hosting this year's rally. Next year's rally will be a Friday in May, exact date and location TBD. Please let Dave Bradley know if willing to host.

Motion for adjournment at 12:05. No objections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherri Veurink-Balicki, Scribe

Women's Fellowship News



Women's Fellowship meets on the first Wednesday of every month.

This month, we visited the home of Bobby B. and had a blessed time of fellowship and sharing of God's love. If you know of anyone who would like a visit from Women's Fellowship, don't hesitate to get in touch with Joanna S.

We are planning a flea market/barn sale, like the one we had last fall, to raise money. If you would like to participate in this, please start saving items for the market. Everyone would be responsible for their own booth or set-up area and would collect their own money. WF is asking for a donation of 10% of your proceeds. The date for the market would be August 29, 2026.

Officers for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Congratulations to our elected officers for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

Moderator: Judy Hoffman

Deacons: David Bradley & Gail Fehr

Trustees: Michelle Grant & Lynn Scharer

Treasurer: Judy Hoffman

Financial Secretary: Juli Brennan & Cathy Isbell

Clerk: Cathy Isbell

Christian Education: Gail Fehr & Marilyn Jones

Missions: Michelle Garner



Making Disciples, Helping the Vulnerable, Giving Hope, Deepening Faith

Hands of Healing

Smiles filled the place, even in the middle of long hours and demanding work. Side by side, our medical teams from Malawi and the United States served with skill, compassion, and joyful hearts during this year's First Medical Outreach.

It was a picture of hope! We saw the healing power of people coming together to serve others with love.



Medical Outreach Beyond Expectations

In April, our medical outreach teams traveled to the Chimutu and Kalimanjira areas with the goal of serving 1,000 patients. But God had greater plans.

By the end of the outreach, more than 1,500 people had received medical care, prayer, encouragement, and support. One elderly woman, after receiving treatment, quietly said: *"I thought nobody would come for us here. Today I feel remembered."*

The outreach brought together medical professionals, volunteers, local leaders, and ministry teams who served tirelessly throughout the trip. Beyond physical treatment, people experienced compassion and hope in moments when they needed it most.



A Harvest of Hope is Growing

Across the villages of Malawi, fields that once stood dry and empty are now filled with massive crops and renewed hope.

Through the distribution of fertilizer and seed, families were given more than farming supplies - they were given a chance to fight hunger and build a stronger future. Today, many of those crops are thriving, and communities are preparing for a harvest that will help feed their families in the months ahead. One beneficiary shared with joy, *"In the past years, we struggled to find enough food for our children. Now, when I look at my field, I see hope growing."*



CE&D Update



Adult Sunday School: Join us on **Sunday mornings at 9:15.** Jessica D. is leading us through a DTS video series on **Bible Study Methods.** Come watch the video and join in the discussion questions that follow.

Bible Study will take a break during the months of June, July, and August. Thank you, Pastor Keith and Prabhu, for leading these studies. We would like to plan a couple of bonfires and Sunday trips to the ice cream shop in Lewiston, where we can share fellowship and food.

Library: Keep your eyes and ears open for a work day in the library. We are going through boxes of books and deciding what to keep since we have more books than shelves.

Children's Sunday School: Michelle G. and Juli B. will continue with Children's Sunday School at 9:15 using the study *The Story for Little Ones* by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee.

Children's Church: Shelly and Gail will be leading Children's Church during June. During May, the children have studied the days of Creation through stories and craft projects.

Bible Adventure Kid's Club: The club will be taking a break during the summer.

Prayer Breakfast will continue to meet at 9:00 in the fellowship hall on Wednesdays. Join us after for prayer. If you could make breakfast on Wednesday, please sign up on the sheet in the kitchen.

VBS will be held on June 23rd - 25th. Set up day will be Monday, June 22nd, at 9:30. This year's theme will be *Esther Puts Her Trust in God*, and we will again join forces with The Full Gospel Church. If you would like to be part of VBS in any way, please let Marilyn or Gail know. We will need shopkeepers, actors for the plays, kitchen help to make snacks, and helpers setting up the village on Monday. VBS days with children will be from 9:30 to noon, and a family picnic on June 25th at noon. **Please be in prayer for this outreach to the community.**

Next Meeting of CE&D will meet on June 11th at 4:30. We will be finalizing plans for VBS 2026.

CCCC Vision, Mission, and Strategic Priorities

Adopted by the CCCC Board of Directors -April 2026

Vision: A mosaic of Christ-abiding churches multiplying and making disciples one life at a time.

Mission: The CCCC develops Christ-like leaders, builds disciple-making churches, and multiplies gospel-centered congregations for the advance of God's kingdom.

Strategic Priorities: Developing and Caring for Pastors, Developing Churches, and Multiplying Churches.

Click [HERE](#) to read CCCC Vision and Mission Explained



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Rachel H. 6/23

Robert & Terri H. 6/13

Sandy H. 6/29

Sam & Janessa B. 6/7

Choir News



I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

Psalm 9:2

Choir will be rehearsing in June for the Fair Singspiration that will be held on a Thursday evening this year. If you would like to join in the fun, please come on Thursday evenings at 5:30. We would love to have you come, even if it is only for the Fair Singspiration.

Upcoming Events

- June 7th:** Harmon's Visit
- June 12th:** Outing to Lake Huron (meet at the church at 10:00)
- June 21st:** Father's Day
- June 22nd:** VBS Setup day 9:30
- June 23rd-25th:** VBS 2026 *Esther Puts Her Trust In God* 9:30 to Noon
- July 20th-25th:** Montmorency 4-H Fair
- July 23rd:** Singspiration at the Fair

Prayers, Praises & Blessings - June 2026

Daily:

Pastor Keith, Marilyn, and family
Big Rock Leaders
Big Rock Congregation
The Ministries of Big Rock
 VBS, Sunday School, Children's Church, Adult
 Bible Study, Bible Adventures Kid's Club
Missions of Big Rock
 New Life Pregnancy Center, Lydia's Gate, OCC,
 Maupo H. & World Relief Y-Malawi Women,
 Compassion Child & Sari
Our School District, staff & students
Our Community
Local, State, Country & World Leaders
CCCC Conference (*National & Local*)
Persecuted Church
First Responders in the community
BRCC finances
That we seek God's protection and strength
That we walk in wisdom and obedience
Help us to seek God first, not just what He can
do for us. Draw our hearts closer to His,
and teach us to rest in His presence
before anything else.

Military:

Curtis B.
Michael C.
Cabria C.
Rachael L.
Beto V.
Megan R.
Andrew H.
Uriah P.

Missionaries:

Jeremy, Joy & family
Robert, Terry & family
Kurt, Lisa & family
Harriet S.
Susan S.
Caleb & Sandy C. and family
Dan & Angie H.
Anna Marie

Homebound:

Bruce A.

Prayers for Healing:

Allen P.	Sonya
Jerry K.	Peggie O.
Sarah R.	Darell
Cindy	Andy V.
David G.	Joshua K.
Marilee G.	Jamie S.
Dave B.	Pat & Joanna S.
Jan F.	Dick & Naomi R.
Michelle G.	Rajini
Jim G.	Asher
Paul K.	Stephanie
Esther R.	Ava K.
Kay L.	Tanya
Terry H.	Linda S.
Amanda's husband	Joan
Don B.	Hayley

Prayers in General:

Jessica & Prabhu D. & Family
Jim Z. (*Jail Ministry*)
Bill H. (*Jail Ministry and health*)
Nancy M. & Family
Amy C. & family
Becky H. & family
Shelly G.
Dixie, Tony, and Cecilia
Dorcy C.
Kim W.
Tanya & Juan
Monica and Tim A.
Emotional healing for Deana's family
Elaina H.

Praises & Blessings:

God's unconditional love for us!
The loved ones God has blessed us with!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I
will be glad and exalt in you; I will sing
praise to your name, O Most High. (*Psalms*
9:1-2 ESV)

JUNE 2026

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. *Psalms 113:3*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Praise Team 8:30 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Service 10:30	1	2	3 Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Women's Fellowship 10:30	4 Board Meeting 4:00 Choir 5:30	5	6
7 Praise Team 8:30 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Service 10:30 Communion Sunday Harmon's Visit	8	9	10 Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Missions Meeting 10:30	11 Choir 5:30	12 Outing to Lake Huron meet at the church at 10:00 Bring a sack lunch	13
14 Praise Team 8:30 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Service 10:30	15	16	17 Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Shepherd's Meeting 10:30	18 Choir 5:30	19	20
21 Praise Team 8:30 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Service 10:30 Potluck Sunday Father's Day	22 VBS Set up 9:30	23 VBS 9:30 to Noon	24 VBS 9:30 to Noon NO Breakfast	25 VBS and Picnic 9:30 to 1:00 NO Choir	26	27
28 Praise Team 8:30 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Service 10:30	29	30	1 Prayer Breakfast 9:00 Women's Fellowship 10:30	2 Board Meeting 4:00 Choir 5:30	3	4