




CANA CHRONICLE

MAY 2024



Faith

Is

Faith is looking beyond what is
and trusting what will be.
It is believing that
all things are possible 
in the midst of impossibilities.

Faith is taking small steps
knowing they lead to bigger ones

Faith is saying yes when
everything else says no.
It is the presence of
light in darkness,
the presence of God in all.

Unknown




Blessings & Joy
Gratitude



Thursday, May 29, 2024
9-Noon
Oak Park Warehouse
15000 Eight Mile rd., Oak Park

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Cards for College Kids



Thank you for your continued support of the College Kids! Max, Marty, Ryan, Noah, Abby, Paige, Kira, Indira, Jalise and Elizabeth are so appreciative of your kindness and caring.



- 1 Jack Dressler
- 2 Karen Hardy
- 6 Daniel Duncan
- 8 Donna Carpenter
- 9 Arlene Huseltine
- 11 Belinda Miesch
- 14 Jasper McKnight
- 15 Ryan Miesch
- 16 Jon Rogers
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- 30 Monty Smith
- Megan Calamita
- 31 Paula Cardelli

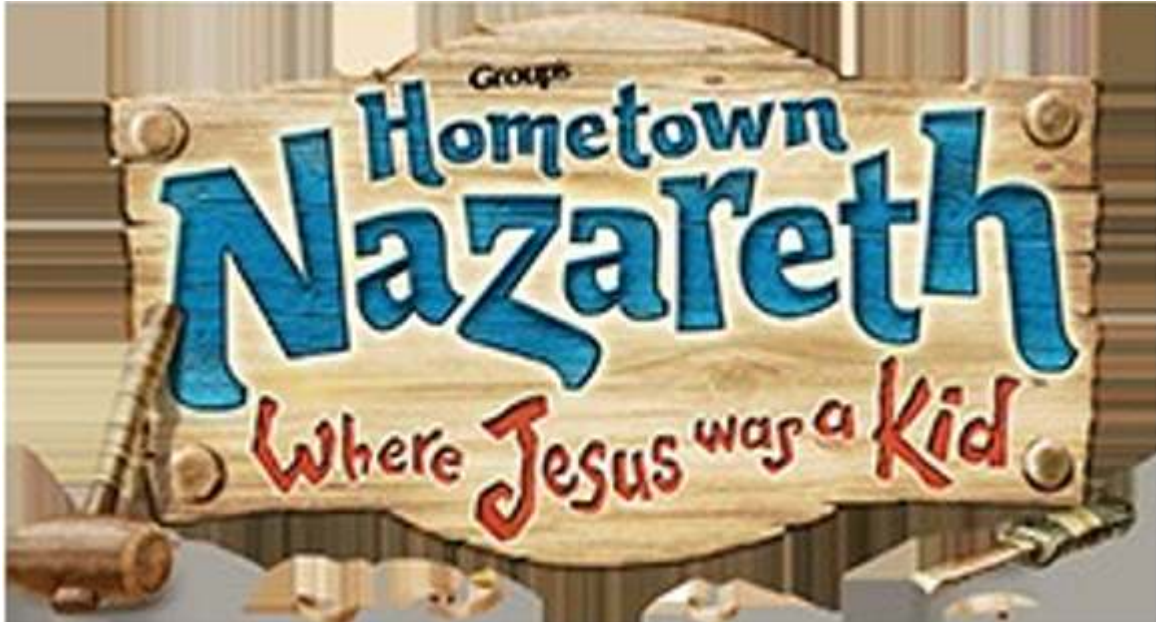
Prayer
Welcoming
Worship
Learning
Serving
Relationships



For those unable to attend service in person, please log into Cana's Facebook page, YouTube page, or website (Canaelca.org) for a live feed, listen to the service in the parking lot on FM-100.7, or watch at a later time on Cana Lutheran's YouTube page.

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
 WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
 BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

Learning Team News



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Cananda and Drayton present

HOMETOWN NAZARETH

WHERE JESUS WAS A KID

July 15-18, 2024

9am-Noon

Please see Margo Snay to volunteer

We need teachers, outdoor recreation leader,
and many more hands to help.





What a wild ride this has been! May 3rd is our last day at Cana and let me just say, this ministry has blessed me beyond measure with friendships, knowledge, and with time spent with my Mother and Grandmother in the office and choir rooms respectively. The Backyard Playroom was founded in 2016 and has been going strong since.

The Backyard Playroom wouldn't have survived without Paula Cardelli reviving it after the COVID-19 Pandemic. She breathed new life and purpose into the ministry and helped it to grow from the small church playroom to the now recognizable Backyard Playroom of Berkley. Parents from all over the Berkley, and Huntington Woods communities and beyond, have all raved and sung Paula's praises about her diligent work with the children.

As for me, I was thrilled beyond all reasoning when I was asked to take on the Backyard Playroom Ministry. I have loved helping the parents, guardians, and children find a safe place to play and host their parties. Though I will be moving with the Playroom to First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, I will be keeping everyone here at Cana informed of what's happening and will be providing my grandma with an article for the Chronicle every month. Thank you to the Cana and Drayton congregations for supporting this ministry. Thank you especially to Paula Cardelli for giving me this opportunity to grow the ministry and move with it. I am forever grateful that I was given this opportunity and will do my best to keep it growing.

In Christ's Love,
Ashleigh McKnight, Backyard Playroom



THE RCMP CONTINUES TO COLLECT FOOD

Please note: The RCMP will continue to deliver food items to 1st Presbyterian's Food Pantry in Royal Oak even after we are in our new worship space. The need for non-perishable food continues to be great. Please bring items such as rice, canned fruits, vegetables, gelatins, cake mixes, pork & beans, peanut butter, jelly, pasta products, etc. on any Sunday and put them in the wicker basket on wheels—new placement of the basket to be determined

Thank you and blessings to all who give. It is a blessing to those in need.

PICTURE THE SCENE

Young man coming out of a store, pauses for a moment to hold the door for a young lady. Their eyes meet. They smile. She says thank you and comments on his t-shirt. Let's say it's a St. Ignace shirt. They start talking about their younger days going there on family vacations. She abandons her shopping to oblige him for coffee. Then, a first date on Friday. A year later, they are married, bought a house, and have one on the way. It could happen. Right.

A CASE IN POINT

Eileen Michelle Gifford. Born in Ridgway, PA, Jan 23, 1962 to David and Diane Gifford. Grew up in Berkley and Troy, MI. Graduated from Berkley High in 1980. You know her now as Eileen Hatzos.

Philip Andrew Hatzos. Born in Lawrence, MA, Jan 23, 1963 to Nicholas and Elizabeth Hatzos. Raised in Windham, NH. (Phil hasn't grown up yet.) Graduated from Salem High in 1981.

Fast forward to Jan 1982, we met in Basic Training for the U.S. Army at Fort McClellan in Aniston Alabama and became good friends. After 2 months, Eileen was honorably discharged due to medical. She returned to Troy, MI. We kept in contact writing letters. I finished up my basic and intensified training and proceeded to my first duty station at Ft. Meade in Maryland, Military Police. We continued to write a lot, 2-3 times a week, and phone calls too. The weekend before Thanksgiving in 1982, I drove up to Troy to see Eileen. That's it, we fell in love.

Thanksgiving weekend, I got in around 2 am. Eileen came downstairs to see me. She was all dressed up. She and a friend were going to downtown Detroit to see the Jeff and Jerr show. While lying on the couch, still half asleep, I proposed. Yes, that is correct, we got engaged in one week.

Every weekend after that, till May of 1983, I drove up to see her. We were married in Manchester, NH on May 14th, 1983. A side note, in 6 months, I put 36,000 miles on my 1976 Chevette.

It could happen. Right.

It certainly did happen. A Very Happy 41st Anniversary to my Wonderful Wife.

Chance meeting at the door.
Left to ponder, is there more?
I said three words, you said two.
"Please, Ladies first." Then, a heartfelt "Thank You."
As you proceed, vibrant and sweet.
Smile like a strobe light, yet so meek.
Regal appearance, softly you pass.
Smooth and graceful, nothing but Class.
Enticing to see, a face as bright.
Makes the world happy, makes everything right.
Captivating image, etched in my mind.
Radiance like this, not easy to find.
A brief interaction, and, if I may?
To acknowledge a gesture, you made my day!



...Written by Phil Hatzos



Cana Worship Schedule

Beginning May 5th
First worship service in the Cana Chapel (Youth Room)
New Time: 10:00 a.m.



Dear Cana Lutheran Church,

Allison and I just wanted to say a heartfelt Thank You for welcoming us into your community on Sunday, April 13th. We so enjoyed your worship service and the lovely coffee hour. We appreciate you allowing us to update you on the work the Mwangaza Centre of Education Partnership is doing in Tanzania. We feel blessed to have churches like yours supporting the work being done in Tanzania.

Please reach out if you have any questions that were not answered on Sunday and if you have someone in your congregation who would like to do more we have open slots on our Board at the Friends of Mwnagaza we would love to have you join us in our work.

We wish everyone a wonderful rest of the year! We know you have changes coming but remember you are in God's good hands and have each other for support.

Blessings to all of you!
Debbie Kogelman and Allison Rogers





Our Journey

$a + b + c = d$



...Paula Cardelli

A couple of weeks ago I was struggling with making senses of some parts of this journey we are on. I first blamed the eclipse. That didn't provide any relief so in my prayers that evening I asked God for guidance. His answer was "ask your Dad, he has been through this". So I did and very early in the morning, ever the engineer, he answered $a + b + c = d$...remember Cana means Water into Wine. It's about Blessings.

a-the first blessing: began 43 ½ years ago when Gethsemane and St. Peter's became Cana...truly turning water into wine. We have lived this mission...successful merger, partnership with the community, warming center, backyard playroom, partnership with Drayton, VBS, Music, Mission trips to name a few and most importantly, during times of tough decision making culminating with the partnership with Berkley Schools.

b-the second blessing : where we are now, we are all working together to make water into wine with all the downstream teams figuring out what goes where, to whom, when, why, how, celebrating successes, finding creative solutions, and being ever mindful of deadlines. We have been able to share our ministries, and many beloved items with those who will cherish them as much as we do. We are making a difference in sharing kitchen items, books, tables etc. with charitable organizations that fill community needs near and afar. And even in this craziness, we continue to be Cana.

c-the third blessing: creating a new worship space-the Cana Chapel and giving ourselves time to breathe and appreciate each other and our water to wine mission. These 3 blessings equal the fourth blessing **d**: what's next. The good news is we don't need to know the "what" yet, because we KNOW there is a next.

How do I know that?

I know we are strong in our faith.

I know we are strong in our love for one another.

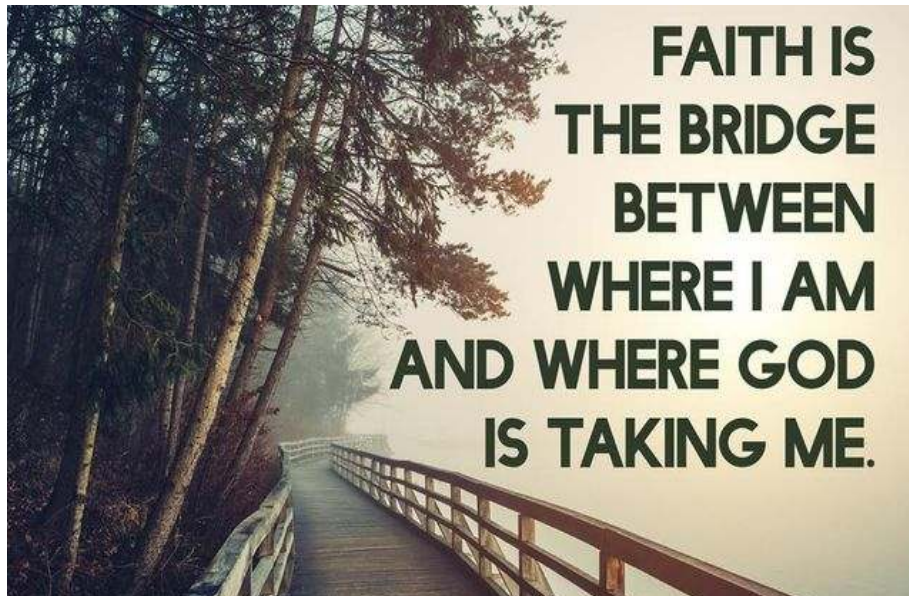
I know we are strong in our belief that every voice matters.

I know we are strong in our desire to follow the spirit.

I know we have a shepherd that loves us.

I know we are not done turning water into wine.

I am blessed to be on this journey with you.





Thanks

Sally and the entire Cana church body,

The Tuesday "Surrender Group" of NA would like to thank you for all the years of allowing us to meet here. Together we have been able to help thousands of addicts find recovery. Our new home is Berkley First United Methodist (one of the churches from the list you gave us, thank you). Change can be scary and change can be enriching; regardless, change is part of life. We wish for great things for the people of this church.

Thank you again,
Scott, Heather, Denise, Jimi, Santa Rick, Marty, Lesia, Jeff, and Haley

Thank you for giving us a table to share and eat together with Christ- Drew



SOCH - Welcome Inn would like to thank the members of Drayton Presbyterian Church in Berkley for gifting us a new van. Please know that your boundless generosity has touched us deeply and further illuminated our path ahead with kindness and grace. Your generosity echoes a symphony of goodwill and we are profoundly grateful for your benevolence which stands a testament to the beauty of human compassion. Thank you. Sincerely.

When you let go, something magical happens. You give God room to work.



Middle Schoolers



The Middle School Mission Week has a name:

F.R.O.G.
Friends Reaching Out For God

June 24-27



High Schoolers



Important Details for the Mission Trip:

- **Mayfield, KY July 7th-12th**

OUR SCHEDULE!

All meetings are from 4:30-6:30pm
unless otherwise specified

**Sunday, May 5 -
Regular Meeting**
First Pres. Royal Oak

**Saturday, May 18 -
Flower Sale Pickup**
at Greenfield
Noon—2:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 19 -
Regular Meeting**
First Pres. Royal Oak

**Sunday, June 9 -
End of Year Party**
First Pres. Royal Oak



Cana Lutheran Church Council Minutes—Mary 17, 2024

Present: Karen Blinkilde, Sally Brock, Paula Cardelli, Beth and Dan Duncan, Chris Golembiewski, Brian Griffin, Jim Knickerbocker, Cydney McChesney, Kelley Smith, Pr. Ron Strobel
Absent: Terry Carlson

The meeting was called to order at 10:36 AM.

Consent Agenda: Minutes of the February council meeting, March 3rd special congregational meeting minutes, February Financial Secretary's report, February Treasurer's report and Learning Team minutes were reviewed. Brian moved to accept all reports, Kelley seconded, motion passed.

Financial Secretary's report: \$10,674.26 was given towards operating expenses.

Treasurer's report: Expenses for February were \$12,950.92.

Pastor's Report: Pr. Anders is very excited that Greenfield Presbyterian will be the new home for Cana's altar. Pr. Ron also reported that Greenfield would like to take Cana's pipe organ if a solution to the relocation costs can be found.

Backyard Playroom: Paula is looking reaching out to different churches to rehome the BYPR. She is targeting May 5th for this to be completed.

St. Peter's Heritage Items: Team is working on the disposition of these items. The provenance of some of the items has been identified, others remain unknown.

Sanctuary Grand Piano: Kelley moved that the piano be gifted to Tim Duncan and that Tim will be responsible for the cost of relocating it, Brian seconded, motion carried.

Starr Presbyterian: Starr's congregation will soon be worshiping with Greenfield, leaving their sanctuary unused (the rest of their church has been given to Welcome Inn). There is a possibility that Cana could rent their sanctuary for worship.

Sanctuary Technology: Fred Kaiser is working with Michael Primeau to provide estimated for moving the streaming and audio technology from the sanctuary to the new worship space in the youth room.

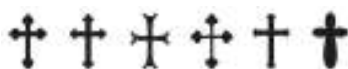
Meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM, next meeting on Sunday April 14, 2024, following the 9:00 worship.

Respectfully submitted.
Jim Knickerbocker

General Fund
Treasurer Summary as of 03/31/24

	Monthly	YTD	Annual
Budget	16,329	146,960	195,947
			% of YTD
	February	Yr to date	budget
Income	14,986	145,465	99%
Expenses	16,960	149,940	102%

Note:
* Detailed Monthly Treasurer Reports are available at the church office.



Learning/Outreach minutes April 7,2024



Meeting started with a huge thank you to all who worked on the Homecoming event. We especially want to thank Karen Kaiser, Barry and Amy Chute, Belinda Miesch and Mary Louise Johnson. The Homecoming was very successful with about 130 in attendance. and without the planning of that Team we couldn't have don't it. Also thanks to Terry and Penny Carlson and Margo Snay who were on the Team.

Vacation Bible School is moving forward with the Hometown Nazareth curriculum. We have received a couple teaching volunteers and will need a few more hands to help out. So we will reach to those who have worked in the past years. We will get out both a Save the Date mailing and email to all who have attended in previous years. Dates again are July 15-18th. Please join in volunteering if you are in town that week.

We will be in contact with the Berkley schools to see if they will doing full on construction at Cana building and outside property or if we can use the building and yard for those 4 days. Berkley schools did offer us another location if we would not be able to use the outdoor lawn safely.

Backyard Playroom has found a new home at First Presbyterian Royal Oak and plan to move the week of May 5-11th. Nathan Schleicher came to help with ideas and plans for moving the BYPR tree house slide. He was able to meet the install team both at Cana and First Pres. Margo offered to help with the move if needed. Learning team needs to make a wish list if there are items we would like to use for VBS and then move to BYPR.

Respectfully submitted by Margo Snay♥

Siya ham ba - We are Marching in the Light of God

South African Freedom hymn that became popular in North American churches in the 1990s. The title means "We are marching" or "We are walking" in the Light of God.

The origins of this song are twofold. It is possibly a Zulu folk song or possibly composed by Andries Van Tonder- a South African of Dutch descent.

It was transcribed as a Christian hymn by Van Tonger in 1952. He wrote the Afrikaans version as well.

Anders Nyberg, who was a Swedish choral director, translated it into English in 1984, He took the "freedom songs" to the Western world. South African freedom songs have become global songs for those who struggle for freedom. Nyberg took his Swedish choir, sponsored by the Church of Sweden's Mission, (Lutheran) and united them with choirs from Africa, propelling these freedom songs through out the world.

We are Marching to the Light of God contains layers of meaning. "We" means community- those living and the community of the living dead. In African traditional society, those who have died are still with us and their witness may influence our actions.

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Cana/Drayton Worship Times

**Worship Times
Beginning May 5th
in Cana Chapel**

**Cana—10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Coffee Time**

**Drayton—11:00 a.m.
at 1st Pres Chapel**

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