



# The BCC Connection

July  
2024

*Bancroft Congregational Church  
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**Sunday Worship Hours**  
**Christian Education Hour 9:45 am**  
**Worship Service 10:30 a.m.**

*There are Nursery and Jr. church programs available for children during our worship service.*

## QUILT OF VALOR



Wes Canute was recently awarded this beautiful quilt of valor by Mary Hausauer for his remarkable service in Vietnam.



*From your favorite Pastor*

We are in summer now, and there are kids out everywhere playing. Serving as chaplain for the Sheriff's office causes me to have other thoughts as well during this time of year. I get the unfortunate experience of seeing and learning about the dark underside of society and the world. The main issue to me is that there are those that want to take advantage of our kids and other defenseless people. For those that joined us in our screening of *The Sound of Freedom*, you saw a first-hand account of this terrible evil. The issue of human trafficking has become a passion of mine, and I have a strong desire to fight it as best I can.

This is an evil that we are supposed to fight as Christians. We are called in James 1:27 to care for widows and orphans: *"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."* We are also called throughout Scripture to protect and stand for justice and righteousness, which is often tied into caring for widows and orphans. Isaiah 1:17 says: *"Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows."* We are clearly called to fight for, defend, and work to help those that can't help themselves. This work can take many different forms from physically saving people being trafficked, financially supporting organizations that do, or just being willing to give information to authorities about something suspicious. So with all that in mind I want to share some information for you to have as you travel this summer.

The #2 major crime in the U.S. now is human trafficking. The great state of Michigan ranks #2 in the U.S. in human trafficking, and it is very close to becoming an epidemic in Shiawassee county. It has become so prevalent that the Shiawassee Sheriff's office has begun it's own task force to fight it here. There are different aspects to the overall issue of trafficking, which I don't have time for now. I do know we all see it and don't even know it, and it is something we will really see during the summer months. So here are some simple things for you to utilize if you suspect you are seeing it. To find out what to look for you can go to two different sites. [www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking) or [www.humantrafficking.msu.edu](http://www.humantrafficking.msu.edu) Both of them offer a lot of different resources. If you see something suspicious, there is an anonymous hotline to call that I want you to put into your phone for easy access, 888-373-7888.

I also challenge you to watch a short, true story movie, "The Fields of Mudan." Warning: this is not for the faint, but it is a real story about a young girl. (Can be found on YouTube)  
I encourage you to stand up for those that can't stand for themselves and be like Christ!

Be Blessed & Be A Blessing

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# Twisted Scripture

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### *Numbers 23:19*

*“God is not human, that he should lie,  
not a human being, that he should change his mind.  
Does he speak and then not act?  
Does he promise and not fulfill?”*

Does God change His mind? Some skeptics point to certain passages – including the book of Jonah – to argue that God randomly changes His mind. They say this contradicts this present verse. The Bible says God is omniscient (“all-knowing”) and is surprised by nothing. From the human point of view, it may appear that God changes His mind, but He hasn’t changed it from His perspective. Rather, He has responded to changing human attitudes that He foreknew would occur. In Jeremiah 18:7-10, God said through Jeremiah that when He announces judgment on a nation, it will happen unless the nation “turns from its evil.” If the nation repents, said God, then “I will relent concerning the disaster I had planned to do to it.” The same is true for the benefits that God promises. If we disobey Him, He may choose to withhold some of the good of which He has spoken. These conditional promises set up possible scenarios in which God may choose to do something other than what He previously spoke, whether it was a blessing or a curse.

### *1 Samuel 28:5-20*

Some people have pointed to this passage as justification for participating in seances or other dealing with spirits and the dead. Yet even if it is possible to communicate with the dead, the Bible very clearly says that attempting to do so is wrong (Leviticus 19:31; 20:27; Deuteronomy 18:10-12; Isaiah 8:19). The consequences for disobeying God in this matter were sometimes very dramatic. 1 Chronicles 10:13-14 explains that Saul’s unfaithfulness in this matter ended up costing his life. As Ephesians 6:12 puts it, we are not in a battle against flesh and blood but rather “spiritual forces of evil”. For the time being, this earth is essentially Satan’s territory. Satan is not to be trusted, as he is likened to a roaring lion on the prowl, looking for easy targets and new victims (1 Peter 5:8). By getting involved with witchcraft, Ouija boards, and other demonic practices, we open ourselves up to a world that is much more dark and dangerous than we could ever imagine.



# Standing on the Promises

July



- Day 1: Deuteronomy 31:6
- Day 2: 1 Chronicles 28:20
- Day 3: Joshua 1:9
- Day 4: Exodus 14:14
- Day 5: Psalm 91:9-10
- Day 6: Psalm 91:11-12
- Day 7: Psalm 91:13-14
- Day 8: Psalm 91:15-16
- Day 9: Isaiah 54:17
- Day 10: Isaiah 43:1-2
- Day 11: Jeremiah 29:11
- Day 12: Isaiah 41:10
- Day 13: Isaiah 41:13
- Day 14: Psalm 27:1
- Day 15: Psalm 34:17
- Day 16: Psalm 50:15
- Day 17: Matthew 6:25-26
- Day 18: Matthew 6:31-33
- Day 19: Matthew 7:7-8
- Day 20: Matthew 7:9-11
- Day 21: Phillipians 4:19
- Day 22: Isaiah 1:18
- Day 23: John 3:16
- Day 24: 1 John 1:9
- Day 25: 2 Chronicles 7:14
- Day 26: Acts 2:21
- Day 27: Romans 10:13
- Day 28: John 14:13-14
- Day 29: Hebrews 13:5-6
- Day 30: Romans 8:28
- Day 31: Revelation 3:5

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## Weekly Service Schedule for July 2024

<b>Service</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>28th</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Brian Reed	Tom Wahl	Lee Habermehl	Chris Adolf
<b>Greeter</b>	Karla Reed		Cyndy Habermehl	Charlotte Adolf
<b>Nursery</b>	Shana Post	Cathy Taber	Brian Reed	Jenny Habermehl
<b>Nursery</b>	Patty Hewitt	Laurie Valade	Karla Reed	Paula Wahl
<b>Sound</b>	Vaeh Cooke	Sara Bias	Aaron Zander	Jazz Evans
<b>Computer</b>	Maddie Bias	Matt Post	Isaac Zander	Aaron Zander
<b>Call to Worship &amp; Prayer</b>	James Huguelet	Brian Reed	Layne Valade	Carl Cooke
<b>Prayer Elder</b>	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	James Huguelet
<b>Jr. Church Teacher</b>	Charlotte Adolf	Paula Wahl	Becky Durling	Amber Bias
<b>Jr. Church Helper</b>	Chris Adolf	Jenny Habermehl	Cathy Taber	Shana Post
<b>Scripture Reader Message Prayer</b>	Sandy Braid	Carl Cooke	Laurie Valade	Vaeh Cooke
<b>Benediction</b>	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	James Huguelet
<b>Financial Team</b>	James Huguelet	Brian Reed	Tom Wahl	Layne
<b>Financial Team</b>	Lee Habermehl	Dan Bryant	Matt Post	Carl Cooke
<b>Communion</b>	Carl Cooke			

***Did you know that you can be alerted via the ‘Church Planning Services’ app for your phone? You’ll receive an email that tells you for what service you’ve been scheduled. It’s a nice way to get a reminder.***

Please remember if for any reason you are unable to meet your scheduled obligation, ***please contact someone from your team to take your place as soon as you know you are unable to fulfill your obligation.***  
The changes however, will not be printed in the bulletin.

***Thank you for your service to our church!***

## SHAKESPEARE OR THE BIBLE?

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*One of the quotes for each number is from William Shakespeare; the other is from the Bible.  
Select the one from the Bible.*

- \_\_\_ 1. a. "The better part of valor is discretion."  
b. "The total number of chief officers of the mighty men of valor was two thousand six hundred."
- \_\_\_ 2. a. "Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind."  
b. "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it."
- \_\_\_ 3. a. "A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted."  
b. "The valiant never taste of death but once."
- \_\_\_ 4. a. "A man can die but once."  
b. "Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow."
- \_\_\_ 5. a. "A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls."  
b. "To thine own self be true."
- \_\_\_ 6. a. "The evil that men do lives after them; The good is oft interrèd with their bones."  
b. "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil."
- \_\_\_ 7. a. "The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender."  
b. "Neither a borrower nor a lender be; for loan oft loses both itself and friend, and borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry."
- \_\_\_ 8. a. "I am a man more sinned against than sinning."  
b. "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper."
- \_\_\_ 9. a. "Now is the winter of our discontent."  
b. "The lazy man will not plow because of winter; He will beg during harvest and have nothing."
- \_\_\_ 10. a. "How much better to get wisdom than gold!"  
b. "All that glitters is not gold."

# This Month's Cause for Celebration!

BIAS	AMBER	5-Jul
HABERMEHL	CYNDY	8-Jul
SIDDENS	PATRICK	10-Jul
MALLOY	LINDA	11-Jul
RANCOUR	KARLI	21-Jul
BRYANT	ROSE	27-Jul
COMPTON	BARB	28-Jul
COOKE	VAEH	29-Jul



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Todd & Amber  
Patrick & Jill

Evans  
Siddens

# Kids Corner



## 4th of July Fun!

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- \* Table Salt
- \* Paper (black really makes the colors pop)
- \* watercolors (Or you can use food coloring and an eye dropper)
- \* Brushes
- \* White Glue
- \* Cookie Sheet

### Directions:

1. Start by laying your paper on a cookie sheet so the salt doesn't get all over the place.
2. Draw out your design with the glue. It works better if you do it thick. If you aren't comfortable free handing a design, draw it out with a white crayon or colored pencil first.
3. Next, sprinkle salt over the glue before it dries. Apply generously! You want to get everything covered. Shake off excess salt onto your tray.
4. Get your watercolors really wet, and lightly paint onto the salt. You can use food coloring and an eye dropper here if you'd prefer. You don't want to drag it too much or it will mess up the salt. I tried to get my brush extra drippy so I barely had to tap the design. Have fun with colors! It looks great when they bleed together.
5. Let project dry completely and you are done! You will love how the salt sparkles when its all dry.





# Mission News!

Summer is finally here for those of you who like to take part in warm weather activities like camping, going to the beach, fishing, bicycling, swimming, baseball and all the other activities that go along with summer. We also hope that you are taking part in activities that show the love of Christ to others. Here at Bancroft First Congregational Church our Adult CE class will be continuing to meet all through the summer. On June 27<sup>th</sup> our Babylon Vacation Bible School will be finishing up and we hope you took part. We also have our pantry ministry that will be continuing all through summer and all of these ministries continually reach out into our local community.

As soon as we get everything cleaned up from VBS we will be getting out our Operation Christmas Child boxes. So, feel free to take some boxes home and begin filling them. At this time, you have all summer to maybe take advantage of sales later in the summer and back to school items will be on sale later in the summer for items that we need. Items such as notebooks paper, pencils, pens, combs, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, crayons, drinking cups, soap, zipper binder pouches, backpacks, glue sticks, scissors etc. And remember to include a WOW items such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball and pump, metal die cast cars, doll and other fun items.

Please keep our missionaries in your prayers. Here is a list of our missionaries –

Kathy Coon,  
Kathy Curtis,  
Dottie Hoppe,  
Matt and Jennifer Johnson,  
Diane Lepior,  
Debbie Price,  
Carlos Novisteros  
and our newest missionary  
Isacc Zander. Isaac

[who is raising support to e a full-time missionary at Camp Barakel].

Thank you for your continuous support of missions. Your mission team which consists of Sandy

Braid [Chairperson]  
Tom Wahl [Treasurer]  
Karla Reed [Assistant Treasurer]  
and Cathy Taber,  
thanks you!



# Grandma's Kitchen

## Crockpot Pizza Casserole 🍕

### Ingredients:

- 1 lb uncooked 95 to 97% lean ground beef ~ 12 oz cooked (2 Leaners)
- 1 tsp garlic powder (2 Condiments)
- 3/4 tsp salt (3 Condiments)
- 1/4 tsp black pepper (1/2 Condiment)
- 1 tsp dried oregano leaves (1 Condiment)
- 1 tsp dried basil whole leaves (1/2 Condiment)
- 1/4 cup fresh grated parmesan cheese (4 Condiments)
- 2 cups (7.04 oz) roughly chopped fresh cauliflower (4 Greens)
- 2 cups low carb marinara sauce (8 Greens)
- 1 and 1/2 cups reduced fat shredded mozzarella cheese (1 1/2 Leans)
- 2.5 oz turkey pepperoni slices, divided (1/2 Lean)

### Directions:

Over medium high heat, cook ground beef in a large skillet. Add garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Drain grease. Remove from heat.

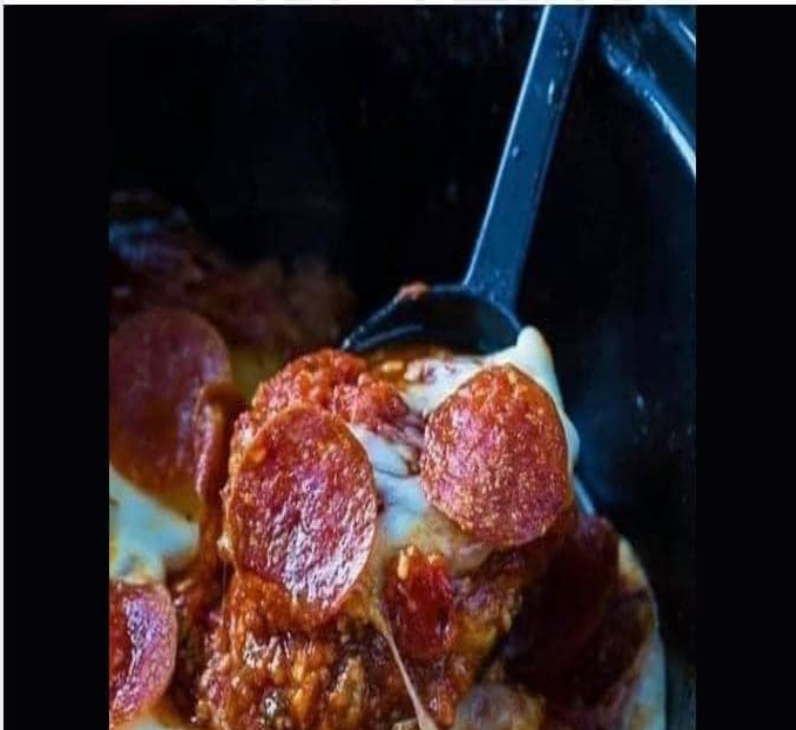
Add dried oregano, dried basil, cauliflower, parmesan cheese, marinara sauce and 1 oz of turkey pepperoni that has been cut into fourths to the ground beef until combined. Pour into a slow cooker that has been sprayed lightly with cooking spray.

Cook on LOW for 4 to 6 hours.

Top with mozzarella cheese and additional 1 ounce of turkey pepperoni. Cook for an additional 30 min on HIGH or until cheese has melted.

4 Servings with

1 Lean, 3 Greens, and 3 Condiments per serving



## Slow Cooker Crack Chicken YUM!!

### Ingredients:

- 2 lbs boneless chicken breasts
- 4 ounces low fat cream cheese
- 3 1/2 teaspoons dry Ranch seasoning
- 8 oz low sodium turkey bacon, cooked crisply and crumbled

### Instructions

1. In a slow cooker place chicken, cream cheese, and Ranch seasoning.
2. Cook on low for 6-8 hours or on high for 4 hours, until chicken shreds easily.
3. Once chicken shreds stir with a large fork or spoon, so the chicken shreds and all the ingredients combine.
4. Add in crumbled bacon and stir to incorporate.
5. Serve warm

Makes 5 servings

Per serving

1 Leaner protein

3 condiments



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 most days the office works offsite*  
**Tuesdays by appointment**  
*Please use the church phone or Facebook*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 BCC office closed	4 BCC office closed 	5 BCC office closed	6
7 	8 *BCC Office Closed  Missions Mtg 10 am  <b>NO CE Mtg</b>	9 *BCC Office Closed	10 *BCC office Closed  7 PM Ladies Fellowship  Elder's Mtg 7 pm	11	12	13 8 am  <i>Men's Prayer Breakfast</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Pantry Ministry 10 to Noon 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<b>SHAKESPEARE OR THE BIBLE?</b> 1. b 2. b 3. a 4. b 5. a 6. b 7. a 8. b 9. b 10. a		
* The secretary will be on vacation July 3-10th. However, she will be available on the 8th, 9th and 10th from <u>6 AM to 11 AM</u>	Please contact your Elder if you have an emergency or prayer request					

And I'm proud to be an American,  
Where at least I know I'm free.  
And I won't forget the men who died,  
Who gave that right to me.

~ God Bless the U.S.A  
by Lee Greenwood

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