



MARKEY MAILER

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THE STORY

THE STORY BEGINS!
September 11, 2011
8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship

Join us for a journey through "The Story" – a novel approach to understanding the Bible.

The Story is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically that reads like a novel. During this unique 31 week experience, every member of the family reads their own version of The Story. Come discover together with us how OUR story is found in GOD's story!

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

The Story books are available in the Library. We have a table set up with books for all age groups. There is a version for adults, Youth, and children. There are plenty of books, so please feel free to take one for each member of your family. All we ask is that you fill out a contact form for each book you take. This information will help us to keep track of how many books have gone out, how to contact you with more information about groups and other fun activities, and which versions of the books we may need to re-order. The books are free, but if you are inclined to make a donation we have envelopes available in the pew racks as well as on our table in the Library.

"The Story" sermon series for September:

- 9/11 Chapter 1: *The Beginning of Life as We Know It* Genesis 1-8
- 9/18 Chapter 2: *God Builds a Nation* Gen 12-13, 15-17, 21-22, 32-33, 35, Romans 4, Hebrews 11
- 9/25 Chapter 3: *Joseph: From Slavery to Deputy* Gen. 37, 39, 41-48, 50

BLAST Returns to Markey Church at a New Time

Sunday Night BLAST returns to Markey Church September 11 at a new time. Supper each week will be served at 5pm and groups will meet from 5:30 to 6:45pm. There will be groups for infants/preschoolers, K – 3rd grades, 4th – 6th grades, 7th – 8th grades, and 9th – 13th grades. Pastor Jim and Kathy will be facilitating a group for parents and grandparents. All the groups will be working their way through The Story together. We will be especially teaching kids and parents how to read their Bibles and pray together. For more information contact the church office or see Pastor Jim.

Lamplighters' Cookout Lunch with Pastor Jim

Noon Tuesday, Sept. 27 in the Dining Room

Everyone is invited to join the Lamplighters for a burger bash with Pastor Jim to celebrate the onset of Indian Summer. Come and join us for great food and friendship.

FELLOWSHIP TEAM OSCODA PICNIC

Saturday, Sept. 3

Pastor Jim has invited the Fellowship Team and all their helpers who prepare meals for Markey Church to a picnic prepared by him at his cottage in Oscoda. Jeremy Lundy will drive the church van. Meet at church at 9:30am and Jeremy will return you safely back to the church at 6pm.

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WHY, WHY, WHY?

This month we begin a 31 week spiritual growth campaign which will lead us straight through our Bibles in a seamless, chronological study which will include all the major themes of the Bible and conduct the study in record time. Every group and class in our church will literally be on the same page from now through the first Sunday in May.

WHY THE BIBLE?

The Bible is God's written word to us. The Old Testament is the exact Bible that Jesus used and that Jews, Catholics, and Protestants ALL use today. Catholics and Protestants use exactly the same New Testament. We understand that the Bible contains everything we need to know to establish the foundation of our faith and our living relationship with God. It contains law, history, prophecy, poetry, gospels, letters and apocalyptic literature, all of which points us to God.

WHY THE STORY?

The Story is a compressed version of the New International translation of the Bible. It is one seamless, chronological account set up in 31 short chapters so it reads like a novel. The whole Bible comes from a number of sources and has lots of repeat information. The Story removes the repeats and takes us straight through. The Bible contains a huge amount of small details of historical records and ancient cultural practices. The Story deletes them.

The majority of our church people have never read through the whole Bible, even though many have tried. This gives us all a chance to do that in a much simpler, easier to understand format, in only eight months! This gives us a once in a lifetime opportunity to study all of the main teachings of the Bible in order and together as an entire church.

WHY NOW?

In several years churches will experience an enormous turnover of leadership to younger adults. Many of our future leaders were never taught to read the Bible and many do not even know how to go about studying it or teaching it to their children. The Story gives us the opportunity right now to educate all our future leaders and their families in the Bible.

I hope you will remember to invite your friends to participate in the study of The Story. This important year gives us the chance of a lifetime to really introduce our friends, families, and neighbors to Jesus.



READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

Fall Youth Retreats at Lake Louise

7th and 8th grades, September 16 - 18

9th - 13th grades, September 23 -25

Contact Jeremy Lundy to register. This will give you one more opportunity to see your friends who were at camp this summer.



ANNUAL CHURCH ELECTION: SEPTEMBER 18-25

All members of Markey Church are encouraged to vote in this year's annual election. You may vote in the church library after either worship service on September 18 or 25. You may also vote in the church office on the weekdays in between during office hours. Copies of the proposals have been placed in all church mailboxes and can also be found in Grand Central at the rear of the Sanctuary.

The sample ballot looks like this:

Sample Ballot
2011 Markey Church Election

Shall our church adopt the 2011-12 Budget proposed by the Stewardship Team and Pastor Jim?

- Yes
 No

Please vote for not more than one of these candidates to fill one vacancy on the Council of Elders:

- Jeff Steele
 Joyce Zeneberg

Shall our church adopt the proposed Succession Plan proposed by the Council of Elders?

- (This ballot item requires a two thirds majority of votes cast to be adopted)
 Yes
 No

Markey LIFE Groups

There is room for YOU in a LIFE Group. Contact a leader for more information.

MEETING DAY	TIME	LOCATION	LEADERS
SUNDAY (Beginning Sept 11)	3:00pm	In the church dining room	Bob Gillespie (821-8909) Tom Zeneberg (821-6408)
MONDAY (Beginning Sept 12)	7:00pm	Redmonsø7280 W. Birch Road, West side of Higgins Lake	Jeff Redmon (821-9227) Russ Bennett (821-07511)
TUESDAY	7:00pm	Norma Price 5840 E. Pinewood, East of Roscommon, off M-18	Norma Price (275-8594)
TUESDAY	7:00pm	Tom Rowell 107 Larkmoor Lane, South of Markey Church, off Flint Road	Tom Rowell (989-220-4219)
WEDNESDAY (Beginning Sept 14)	6:30pm	Reicksø6394 E. Higgins Lake Drive, Northeast side of Higgins Lake	Pam/Brian Reicks (821-8244) Linda Remsing (821-7712)
FRIDAY	10:00am	Country Village 2nd Floor Lounge	Mary Link (821-9676) Betty Granzow (821-8426)



September Prayer List

Extended Care

June Torok
Bethesda Gardens
13825 Cave Creek Road
#324
Phoenix AZ 85022

Markey Church ABC

Missionaries

Dan Buttry, Peace and
Conflict Resolution
Dan and Sarah Chetti,
Lebanon
Bill and Ann Clemmer, DR
Congo
Rick & Anita Gutierrez,
South Africa
Katherine & Wayne Niles,
DR Congo

Friends & Family of

Marion Pepperman Plagany

Recovering

Jerry & Diane Ball
Doris Brotherton
Tom Edwards
Kathleen Glover
Trent Hoffman
Evie Kuzhals
Chad Lytle
Melissa Miller-Cochran
Clara Moss
Isaac Postma
Norma Price
Bob Thompson
Al Watts
Esther Yaksich

Markey Church

Ministries

20something Group
American Baptist Women

Caregiver Group

High School Fall Retreat at
Camp Lake Louise for grades
9-13 (September 23-25)
Middle School Fall Retreat at
Camp Lake Louise for grades
7-8 (September 16-18)
Holy Grounds Coffee House
(Wed. September 28)
LIFE Groups
Markey Angel Network
Men's Prayer Groups
Mom to Mom
Sunday BLAST
Sunday Study Groups
Sunday Worship Services
The Story outreach

Military Personnel

Andria Alvarez
Levi Balcom
Brian Bowers

David L. Bulley

Peter Gross
Travis Hickey — *In Iraq*
Scott Katalenich
Jennifer Lang
Robert Tyler Link
Elizabeth Reicks
A.J. Palmerton
Rodger Papenhagen
Mike Richardson
Matthew Schorr
Michael B. Shores — *USS George
Washington*
Nathan Stover
Gregory Strite
Keith Tegman — *In Afghanistan*
(Candy Klein's son)
Ronald Youngblut

**Interested in Being on
the Markey Email
Prayer Chain?**

MARKEYPRAYERLINK

**Call / fax / email the church
office with your name and
email address.**



Monarch Center Counseling

4736 Flint Road, Roscommon, MI 48653
989-225-1269

Murphy
Limited Licensed
Professional Counselor
Certified Spiritual Director

Sharon Ashworth
Licensed Professional
Counselor
Trauma & Loss Consultant

Markey Angel Network

This is a special group of Markey members who volunteer to be angels whenever they are needed. They might prepare a meal for a shut-in, take a non-driver to the doctor's office or just make a phone call when necessary.

Many wings have been distributed already and we have wings in all sizes for those who might still want to volunteer. Contact the church office if you desire to become an angel or would like an angelic visit!

VIP Wall of Honor

**For the Markey 80+ years
young crowd**

**Are you about to turn 80 years
young? Plan to have your pic-
ture taken for the VIP Wall of
Honor. Contact Chris Schicker,
821-5389 and/or Ron Howell,
821-9371**

MEN'S PRAYER GROUPS

6:30am Mondays at St.
Michael's Catholic
Church, Roscommon
6:45am Tuesdays in the
home of Bill & Sharon
Ashworth

PEOPLE NOTES

I know why people call August the dog days of summer and it has nothing to do with laying around under the porch on a hot day. It's much more like trying to capture that new puppy that just discovered that your slippers are a tasty treat! August was truly a chasing your tail kind of month all good stuff, but the opportunity for crawling under the porch for a nice nap never really happened. I must admit that last month in People Notes I FORGOT to include **Richard Klein** as a member of the great singing group that performed that one hit wonder "Garden City" for **Katie** and **Greg Lambert's** going away bash. Apologies to **Richard**. It won't happen again! Speaking of **Richard Klein**, many thanks to **Katie Ritter-shoffer** and **Cody Stewart** who engineered a great surprise graduation going away to NMU+party for our new college freshman. **Richard** was speechless for about five seconds. Camp Lake Louise got a Markey style workout this past month by hosting not only the usual camps for kids, but an intergenerational prayer retreat week led by **Murphy**, a Marriage Enrichment weekend event led by **Jim and Kathy Kent** and the 28th annual Senior Adult Camp led by **Jim and Kathy** as well. We have 17 Markey people attending this camp if you count our own **Ryan Madis!** The Marriage Enrichment event featured a battle of the sexes to see who could build the tallest standing tower using only spaghetti and marshmallows. Let's just say the women created a work of art, the men a structure that would withstand a hurricane! See the Markey Magazine bulletin board for photos. **Redmons, Monteis, Eggletons and Schloops** did

a great job and are now as enriched as a loaf of Wonder bread. **Mark and Linda Monte** are setting the record for most days spent at Camp Lake Louise other than resident staff. Their cabin is definitely looking like a home. The Habitat for Humanity golf benefit brought in more than \$3000, and 2nd place went to the dynamite team of **Chad Lytle, Jason Vanacker, George Rieger** and **David Nichols**. I heard it was UBF all the way ugly but functional with this team. **Chad** was also spotted stealing other team's balls when they weren't looking! He must be related to the gopher from Caddyshack. And we have been praying for **Chad** who has been hospitalized for cellulitis I think the doctor mentioned that this can be caused by messing with other people's golf balls. Did I mention I forgot to mention **Richard Klein** in last month's mailer? Congratulations (wave your bats here) to the **Markey Gold** softball team who won the League Championship and the Tournament game! Their capable leader **Coach (Jeff Steele)** is quoted as saying that he thinks he saw **Justin Verlander** in the crowd getting some pointers! The Friendship Team, led by **Claire Lovegrove** and her crew of thousands will be traveling with their limo driver, **Jeremy Lundy** to Oscoda for a lunch where the tables will be turned on them. **Pastor Jim** will serve them food for a change, and I hear the menu consists of fricasseed shrimp fins and dandelion salad. Yum! Makes you appreciate our Friendship team, doesn't it? Our prayer list was a bit shorter over the summer, but now we would like you to remember **Don Moore** who is battling bladder issues and **Pam Reicks** who is going for therapy three times a week for lymph edema (swollen arm). She can still keyboard up a storm, however! Did I tell you I forgot to include **Richard Klein** in last

month's mailer? **Norma Price** is facing some challenges with her health and needs to consider some options for care. We celebrate with **Chase and Hunter Wood** who were baptized last month (hoot and holler here!). We are also praying for the family of **Marion Pepperman Plagany** who passed away this past month. It's time for the fall routine to start settling in all around us, and kids are going back to school, parents are regaining their sanity, the smell of footballs is in the air and our church is about to embark on a great adventure to deepen our knowledge of the Bible with *The Story!* Be sure and check out all the opportunities you will have to engage at a level that is right for you, and if you are 2 or 102 we have something for you! When you receive an invitation like this, you will kick yourself if you don't RSVP with one gigantic count me in! Be sure and get your copy of the *The Story* before kickoff on September 11th. And oh yeah, I think I need to tell you I forgot to include **Richard Klein** in last month's People Notes!

Kathy Kent

MARKEY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.

BOARD MEETING

7pm Wednesday, Sept. 14 in the Markey Church dining room

MCM is a nonprofit housing corporation which is a partner with Country Village senior adult affordable housing apartments located right next door to our church. It was founded by our church along with St. James and St. Hubert Catholic churches. Currently we are looking for a few new board members from Markey Church, especially one with skills to assist our treasurer. Contact Pastor Jim for more information.



Mark your calendars for the
2011 Harvest Gathering
Saturday, October 8
Noon – ??
At Valli Smith's barn
2212 W. School Road

Bring a dish to share, your own table service, and your appetite!
Food, Fun, Fellowship, Music & Dancing
To help or for more info call Valli at 745-3848

PEOPLE PAGE

Happy Birthday

September

- 9/2 Nancy Willingham
- 9/4 Austin Lytle
- 9/6 Jacob Emmons
- 9/6 Autumn Vanacker
- 9/7 Evelyn Kurzhals
- 9/7 Pat Mengel
- 9/12 Isobel McCarroll
- 9/13 Richard Gonser
- 9/14 Patricia Dykyj
- 9/17 Carolyn Black
- 9/19 Penny Ray Goodman
- 9/21 Roger Rupp
- 9/22 Norma Price
- 9/24 Pauline Gonser
- 9/24 Jason Vanacker
- 9/25 Harley Kirby
- 9/26 Scott Cochran
- 9/27 Kim Tatro

Happy Anniversary

- 9/4 Pat & Dave Pilto
- 9/4 John & Liz Wade
- 9/18 Russ & Tammy Bennett
- 9/20 Jeff & Lisa Burmester
- 9/21 Jack & Mary Smith
- 9/23 John & Anna Sprunger
- 9/25 Frank & Jennifer Oakes
- 9/29 Jeff & Nadine Emmons

SUNDAY STUDY GROUPS FOR ADULTS

10:00am

- Lamplighters' Class (Friendship Room)
- Adventurers (Dining Room)
- Mustard Seeds (east wing 4)

You're welcome at any of these Sunday groups!

Markey Church Fall Camping Weekend

Friday-Sunday, September 9-11 at South Higgins Lake State Park



Come with your tent, trailer or RV and pick your site or...

You can reserve your campsite now by logging on to www.michigan.gov



Don't want to camp?

Come and join the campers at site #3 on Saturday at 6 PM for the potluck dinner. Bring a dish to pass, your place settings and your lawn chair! Questions? Call the church office 821-5490.



SHOP AT THE HABITAT ReSTORE!

The Roscommon County Habitat for Humanity ReStore, located on M-55 (across from Curves), Houghton Lake, is a retail outlet where quality used and surplus building materials are sold at a fraction of normal prices. Materials sold by the ReStore are usually donated from contractors, demolition crews or from individuals who wish to show their support for Habitat. In addition to raising funds, ReStores help the environment by rechanneling good, usable materials into use. Proceeds from the Roscommon County Habitat Restore will raise enough money to build a house this year.

If you need building supplies, large or small appliances, windows, doors, etc. check out the Habitat ReStore FIRST!

MOM TO MOM

Fall Meetings will begin at 10:00am,
Friday, September 16 at Markey Church

You Are Invited to ...



Holy Grounds Coffeehouse

Wednesday, September 28

7-9 PM in the Church Library

Join us in the Library on the final Wednesday of every month for great coffee, snacks, a wonderful theme, and the Markey artist of the month. Contact Valli Smith if you would like to be the artist of the month at one of our upcoming coffeehouses.

For more information contact Valli Smith, 745-3848 or the church office



Come and enjoy a trip to the 'ole ballpark ...

Comerica Park in Detroit to see the



Detroit Tigers
vs
Minnesota Twins



Friday, September 9, 2011
7:05pm Gamestart

Ticket Cost: \$15 + Church Van & Parking: \$15 = \$30
Coney dogs before game (for van riders): \$1 each
(You can also drive yourself to Comerica)

A church van will leave from Roscommon High School at 3:00pm
A church van will leave from Houghton Lake High School at 3:00pm

Make checks payable to Markey Church

Drop this half in the offering plate or in the church office

Tiger's Game Sign Up

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

How many tickets _____ @ \$15 = \$ _____

How many van tickets _____ @ \$15 = \$ _____

Get the van at: Coney(s) @ \$1 ea = \$ _____

____ RHS ____ HLHS Total \$ _____

____ Drive myself

Limited # of
Tickets!
1st come,
1st served



**DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE MARKEY CHURCH
FITNESS CENTER**

Open during church office business hours

The Markey Church Fitness Center is set up in the East Wing, room 5. Equipment use guidelines are posted and the equipment is ready for use! Come and try it out ... and start working toward a healthier you! If you're under 16 we ask that you come with a parent or guardian.

Donations continue to be accepted for this equipment. If you would like to contribute to the Fitness Equipment Fund please make your check payable Markey Church and indicate Fitness Equipment on your gift.



**September 2011 Marks Over
30 Years of Markey Church
support to American Baptist
International Missions**

Markey Church has been an effective and dedicated supporter of American Baptist overseas missions. For the past couple of years we have zeroed in on 5 missionary families:

Dan Buttry, Global Service Missionary for Peace & Justice.

Dan & Sarah Chetti, serving in Lebanon

Bill & Ann Clemmer, serving in Sudan

Rick & Anita Gutierrez, serving in South Africa

Wayne & Katherine Niles, serving in Democratic Republic of Congo

We support them with our prayers all year long and with specific monetary support in April and September. Please remember and support our missionaries with your gifts this month.

Note "missions" on your check or on your offering envelope.

**Do We Have Your Birthday/
Anniversary Date?**

Please fill out the form below and drop off in the church office to have your special dates included in the Markey Mailer.

Fill out for your family

Name _____ Birthday _____
 Name _____ Birthday _____
 Name _____ Birthday _____
 Name _____ Birthday _____

Anniversary Date _____

Markey Church Special Offering
 *Heart with a Cause ... Not a Pause* 

Markey Church has received a \$500 donation toward an AED* (automated external defibrillator) and the training to use it.

In order for us to complete this purchase additional gifts are needed. If you would like to make a donation to this worthwhile cause, make your check payable to Markey Church and indicate on your check (or envelope) AED donation.

*An automated external defibrillator or AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.

Coming Soon ...

The 17th Annual

Roscommon County CROP Walk

3:00pm Sunday, September 18

From the Houghton Lake UM Church, M-55 to the Historical Village

Visit the CROP table in the Library and pick up a Walker's Packet or find a person to Sponsor.

CROP Walkers raise money to help alleviate hunger all over the world and right here in Roscommon County.

25% of all funds raised goes to our 3 County food pantries.

