



MARKEY MAILER

MARKEY CHURCH

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Markey Church Annual Meeting

We kicked off our new church year on Sunday, October 2 with a joyful and prayerful one hour gathering in the Sanctuary right before Sunday BLAST. This was NOT a business meeting (we have been doing the business of preparing for the new year for the last six months!). Our annual meeting was a celebration of the good things God is doing with and through our church.

This year's meeting included:

- Singing
- Dedication of new staff members
- Rededication of our Minister with Youth, Ryan Madis, who returned to us Oct. 1
- Renewing Murphy's license to preach
- Issuing Mark Monteia a license to preach
- Releasing inactive members
- A presentation from the Monarch Center
- Survey results presented by the Council of Elders
- A presentation from the Adults' Camp at Lake Louise

The results of the Annual Election were:

Shall our church adopt the 2011-2012 Church Budget as proposed?

YES 119 NO 1

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

YES 115 NO 2

Joyce Zeneberg won re-election to the Council of Elders.

LARC

Healing Service at Markey Church
11:30am Friday, Oct. 14
Followed by Lunch

Markey Church is a member of the Lutheran Anglican Roman Catholic fellowship in Roscommon County and will be hosting the annual healing service and lunch at our church. Pastor Jim and Murphy will be providing leadership with Fr. Bernie Tyler, Pastor Andrew Gookin, and Pastor Eric Keib. The public is invited to attend.

Reserve your spot today for ...

Riverboat Color Tour & Lunch in Oscoda
Wednesday, October 12

THE AUSABLE RIVER QUEEN

Meet at the church at 10:30am ... Return to the church at 7:00pm
Cost: \$20 (payable to Markey Church) includes vanfare, boat trip and lunch at Kent's Cottage.

Call the church office to reserve your spot.

Red Cross Bloodmobile

Noon to 5:45pm, Monday, Oct. 17, 2011

At the VFW in Roscommon

Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to make an appointment or just show up at a time which is convenient for you.

NeXt Connect with Pastor Jim & Ryan Returns

3:00pm First Tuesdays at Roscommon High School

3:00pm Second Tuesdays at Houghton Lake High School

Ryan and Jim will be conducting monthly workshops at our local high schools for students we are preparing for careers, college, and life after high school. Each 45 minute seminar will address a different aspect of preparation and each meeting will include specific steps to be taken at each grade level in high school. They will also be making a presentation at Skeels Christian School whose students will be meeting with the Houghton Lake monthly workshops.

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Exodus

I am a most fortunate man. I have been blessed with fabulous opportunities to learn things and to go places. What a great way to live!

For example, I have twice been able to travel in Greece. Having learned in seminary some Greek used two thousand years ago in the New Testament, the longer I stayed in Greece the more I was able to read things I saw as we traveled. (I couldn't understand a lick of spoken Greek, it has changed a lot in two thousand years, but with time I could make out some printed words especially on street signs, subway stations, and billboards.) One day I was sitting in a restaurant and looking around. I noticed the lighted exit sign above the door said EXODOS, but in the letters of the Greek alphabet. Suddenly I realized how it read: EX = out, ODOS = road. It means out to the road.

We begin our October adventure in The Story in the book of Exodus for the first two weeks. Exodus is not just a book in the Bible, it is a MAJOR theme of the Bible. God is always calling people out of and away from the things which enslave or entrap them. The new nation of the Hebrews found themselves enslaved in the foreign land of Egypt and at risk of annihilation. But God intervened and brought them OUT of Egypt. God is always bringing us out of all kinds of things which entrap us, own us, hurt us, limit us, demean us, or try to enslave or destroy us. Exodus = God personally bringing us out.

Take a minute and think of the things God has brought you OUT of:

- Middle School
- Your old neighborhood
- Bad habits
- Low self esteem
- Dangerous relationships
- Terrible economies
- Entrapments with bullies
- Abuse
- Financial disasters
- Teenagers who were once your wonderful children
- Nasty bosses
- Physical ailments
- Emotional meltdowns
- Manipulative relationships

This list could go on forever because we don't even know all the times God intervened on our behalves and rescued us from all manners of Hell. And we do not yet have a concept of what it will feel like when God takes us out of this present world and into his forever Kingdom.

Our study of the Bible using The Story is very cool because it gets us through the study before it becomes so long that we give up. But what is really, really spectacular about it is that we are spending no time on the tangents. This allows the major themes to come clearly into focus. Exodus is one whopper of a major theme in the Bible. God is actively taking us out of all kinds of nasty stuff. And God means business! God literally has our blind side.

If you are currently suffering, you can be sure that God is actively working to get you out. That is how the major biblical theme of exodus works. What is most interesting is this is not a "beam me up" kind of rescue operation. What God does is to leave us in this world and in his kingdom, but take us out of the rotten values and idolatries which destroy life and are so contagious.

We are in the world, but not of it.

We are in the world, but of the kingdom.

God has called us out.

And he doesn't wish to leave any of us behind.

The result of the Exodus theme is, "Welcome Home." Try that one on for size and see how it feels.



READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



Check Out Our New Improved Website

Go to MarkeyChurch.org or MarkeyChurch.com and see the improvements Monica Lytle has made to our church website. Not only will you recognize the pictures, you will find this website much easier to navigate than the old one. Thanks to Monica, this website looks and feels much more like us! And it will be a great tool to introduce our church to those who are looking for a great church.

Miss a Sunday? Catch a Podcast!

Thanks to Jeremy Lundy, podcasts of each Sunday morning message are available beginning Mondays on iTunes and MarkeyChurch.org. They are easily downloaded so you can listen to them on a wide variety of devices. We are averaging about twenty hits each week and we expect that number to rise while we are studying The Story together. Thanks to Jeremy, nobody has to miss a single message during the 31 weeks we read The Story and experience the Bible.



Markey Church is on Facebook and Twitter



Look For Markey Church on Facebook.com
Be sure to click the "LIKE" button.
You can also "Follow" us on Twitter.com



Markey LIFE Groups

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

MEETING DAY	TIME	LOCATION	LEADERS
SUNDAY	3:00pm	In the church dining room	Bob Gillespie (821-8909) Tom Zeneberg (821-6408)
MONDAY	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	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)



October 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

Recovering

Jerry & Diane Ball
Doris Brotherton
Tom Edwards
Kathleen Glover
Evie Kuzhals
Dorothy Lee
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

Children's Halloween Party,
5-7pm Sat Oct 29
Holy Grounds Coffee House
(Wed. October 26, 2011)
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 picture
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

If you are one of the hundreds following along with The Story (yes, we've given out hundreds of books) you have already experienced the whirlwind of creation, boarded an ark with Noah and his four legged friends, laughed with Abraham and Sarah when they became parents and centurions and learned if you got a flashy colored coat from your dad it's probably not wise to flaunt it to your siblings! If you haven't joined us, it's not too late and The Story is a wonderfully engaging way to read the entire Bible in 31 weeks. Our stories are becoming clearer as we see how they fit with God's story. Speaking of our stories, you've got to picture some of these last ditch efforts to enjoy the summer of 2011 as **Claire Lovegrove** and **Misty Shears** jumped into the Kents' biggest tube and were dragged laughing and screaming behind Jim's boat all around the lake! **Kris Mol** tells us that **Richard Klein** finally mastered the art of getting up on water skis, and **Cody Stewart** learned that if you drop a ski, you pretend you did it on purpose and call that slalom! Our new year at Markey has started with a bang as God has answered some of our prayers in a big way! **Melissa Lane** got a job that she enjoys, and we were able to find a replacement for **SMK, aka Sweet Mrs. Katie** our Minister with Children who is now a Kansas-ite somewhere over the rainbow. I should say we found replacements for **SMK** as it took four people to pick up the ministry she so ably managed. We now have **Miss Megan Lundy**, our Minister with Infants, **Miss Erin Murphy**, our Minister with Toddlers and **Miss Melissa Miller-Cochran** and **Miss Autumn Vanacker** who have divided our elementary aged kids into two groups. We are very grateful that when

God called, these four said YES! Markey recently hosted a Women's Emmaus Walk and once again we heard such positive comments from our guests for the four day spiritual retreat. Thanks Markey for once again demonstrating your fabulous gift of hospitality. In the midst of the Tiger Fever of October, I swear I saw Justin Verlander in church this month. He did look a lot like **Tom Edwards** celebrating a birthday and **Danny Bates** gets the award for being Mr. Kitchen this month with all of his help for our Sunday dinners and special events. At our Annual Meeting we had not one, not two, not three, but four people stand up in front of everyone and pray out loud for the first time in public! Our annual meeting prayer virgins included **Jeff Redman**, **Claire Lovegrove**, **Paul Kamprath** and **Sara Patti**. Make sure you tweet, twitter and blog about Markey's new website thanks to the effort of **Monica Lytle**! Check it out! it's so 2011! WELCOME BACKs are in order for **Ryan Madis** who has completed his stint as the resident director for Camp Lake Louise and is going to spend the next several months as our real live 100% pure Minister with Youth. Last year **Ryan** made history by taking the camp blob on a road trip to make it healthy again. This year he hits the pavement driving from Michigan to Illinois to take in the Michigan/Northwestern game, then heads to Arkansas to pick up a dog to take to Tulsa, OK to put on a plane to his aunt somewhere out east. He then heads to Garden City to visit our **Royal Couple** in Kansas before coming home. Mapping his routes these days is a little like watching Billy from the Family Circus cartoons who is distracted by everything. Our snow birds are starting to disappear! be sure to catch them and give them a good bye hug if you can. Did you know that the **American Baptist Women** are plotting a new pictorial calendar for 2013! just wait to you see what they've got! Ask **Jeremy Lundy** how

he likes kangaroo jerky, and you can get some of our own to take to one of the numerous fall sports that our kids are involved in this year. Football, volleyball, cheering! take your pick and go support our kids! Did you know Markey church has at least two zebras in its congregation? **Brian Reicks** and **Jason Vanacker** may look like normal, everyday males but come the evenings and weekends they turn in their wildly colored attire for basic black and white stripes and tell athletes what they can and cannot do. Now that sounds like a fun job! We are delighted to report that **Dorothy Lee** is improving daily after hip surgery, and **Diane Ball** is improving after her short stay in the hospital. You will hear some mighty twangy music and clomping on October 8th at **Valli Smith's** Harvest Gathering, and this year **Jim** gives up his microphone to another highly sought after dance caller that we are sure you will love. She's a lot cuter than he is too! We are welcoming **Claire Katalenich** to the world at 7 lbs. 1 oz., 20 inches long. She was born October 3 to happy parents, **Krista & Scott Katalenich** and proud grandparents, **Libbie and Dale McDonald**. We're in the last of 2011 count down! and whether we want it to or not, this year will come to an end, most likely in a blaze of that white cold and frosty stuff. If you want to make sure your heart stays warm and toasty, join us as we blaze our way through the Bible in The Story. Read a chapter a week, come on Sunday mornings and join one of the several options for small groups to enhance and enrich your experience. Need details? Call the church office and get more details. Remember everyone has a story! and you can find out how God has a plan for YOUR story in HIS story!

Kathy Kent

MARKEY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.

BOARD MEETING

6pm Wednesday, November 2 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

October

- 10/2 Tom Edwards
- 10/3 Don Horn
- 10/4 Colten Sprunger
- 10/4 Russ Bennett
- 10/4 Brian Hallead
- 10/5 Tammy Bennett
- 10/5 Chris Kolka
- 10/7 Larry Cavanagh
- 10/7 Katie Rittershofer
- 10/10 Diane Schroeder
- 10/18 Debra Ann Serviss
- 10/18 Sue Mires
- 10/20 Florence Kahlil
- 10/20 Joyce Zeneberg
- 10/22 Ginna Wenger
- 10/23 Tom Everly
- 10/25 Kerry Murphy
- 10/26 Pat Pilto
- 10/28 Gail Herzberg
- 10/28 Donald Youngblut
- 10/29 Michael Kolka
- 10/30 Kyle Hoffman

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!

You Are Invited to ...



Holy Grounds Coffeehouse

Wednesday, October 26

7-9 PM in the Church Library

October's Theme: *Masquerade!*

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.

Happy Anniversary

- 10/6 David Black & Laura Mikedis
- 10/6 Bob & Mary Link
- 10/19 Jack & Ann Blevins
- 10/24 Jim & Donna Kolka

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 Mom to Mom

6:00 pm potluck supper

6:30 - 7:30 pm meeting

FREE child care is available, so bring your kids, a dish to pass, and a friend to join us as we learn and grow and moms.

October 12th: The Story

October 15: Bart's Fall Fest Day - meet at Bart's at 10am for any moms and kids who want to join us.

October 26th: Speaker TBA

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 _____



Have you seen Kids Crossing?

Ms. Autumn, Ms. Melissa, Ms. Erin and Ms. Megan have been working hard to give Kids Crossing a makeover. We have made some great positive changes. For example, there are activities at 10:00am on Sunday's for kids of all ages while parents attend a Sunday School group. At the 11:00am Worship Service at children's dismissal time there are classrooms for individual age groups and a staffed nursery. Infant to 2 years olds stay in the nursery with Ms. Megan. Ms. Erin and the preschoolers venture to the peach room for a lesson on The Story. The Story lessons for Kindergarten thru 3rd grade meet with Ms. Autumn in the green room. 4th thru 6th grade meet with Ms. Melissa in the blue room. The study of The Story has gone well these last few weeks and we look forward to the studies ahead.

We also have mailboxes for each child. The mailboxes are located between the office and the TV Room (yellow room). Please check your child's mailboxes weekly. On top of the mailboxes is a whiteboard that will have announcements or reminders on it.

When picking up your children at the end of service or Blast we ask that you wait by the craft room counter for your child(ren) until they are dismissed, this helps us keep track of who's been picked up and who's not. If you have little ones in the nursery you may go in the nursery to them.

We as a team have decided that candy will not be distributed after church.

We have lots of great family activities planned for this church year and look forward to sharing it with you all.

In His Name,
The Children's Ministry Staff
Ms. Megan Lundy Minister with Infants
Ms. Erin Murphy Minister with Preschool
Mrs. Autumn Vanacker Minister with Lower Elementary (K-3rd)
Ms. Melissa Miller-Cochran Minister with Upper Elementary (4th-6th)



Nursery Notes from Ms. Megan

Please make sure that you sign in when you drop off your child in the nursery and that their diaper bags are labeled. Look for décor changes happening in the Nursery

Lower Elementary K-3rd Notes from Ms. Autumn

Lessons with The Story are going great. Each week I will send home the Parent Pages the correlate with The Story curriculum. There are great activities for families and dinner table discussion. During Blast along with The Story we will be learning the books of the Bible. This week they are to know the first 5 books of the Old Testament if they can recite them without help they can get a treat from my treat basket.



Visit us on
Facebook

Check out our Facebook Page at
[facebook.com/
MarkeyChurchChildrensMinistry](https://facebook.com/MarkeyChurchChildrensMinistry)

CROP FOR KIDS SCRAPBOOK DAY

9am-6pm October 15 at Markey Church

\$35 includes breakfast, lunch & dessert snack, 3 make & take projects & hourly give-a-ways.

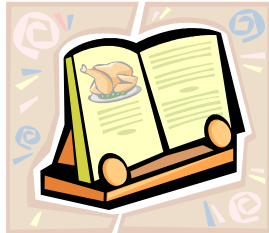
Proceeds to benefit the Roscommon Co-Op Nursery

To reserve your spot call Tammy, 915-2752 or theherd9@hotmail.com

**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.



The American Baptist Women
Have a few cookbooks left from their 2010
sale. They are available for \$10 each

They make great gifts!

Contact Wilma Hendrixson, 275-4705 or Betty Granzow,
989-281-8426 to purchase.

**Sunday Night
BLAST at
Markey Church**

Sunday Night BLAST continues at Markey Church at a new time. Supper each week will be served at 5pm and groups will meet from 5:30 to 6:45pm. There are groups for infants/preschoolers, K - 3rd grades, 4th - 6th grades, 7th - 8th grades, and 9th - 13th grades. Pastor Jim and Kathy are 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.

Fall College Trip for Sophomores and Juniors

1:00pm Sunday, October 23 - 8:00pm Monday, October 24



Sophomores and Juniors need to reserve their places on this fall's college trip right away, because space is limited to 19 students. We will visit campuses requested by the students who register, including state universities, private colleges, and Christian colleges in Michigan's lower peninsula. We expect to visit about six schools so the students can experience the variety. At each school we meet with admissions officers, and take a walking tour. At several colleges we will enjoy a meal in a dining hall. Cost for the trip is only \$30. More details will be available from Ryan and Pastor Jim. We are always looking for a couple of moms who are available to help chaperone these excellent trips.

Trunk or Treat and HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday October 29th in the gym



5:00-6:00pm: Trunk or Treat in the East Parking Lot (everyone come to give away treats from your car)
6:00-7:00pm: Refreshments, games, costume contests, Haunted Hallway, and a Jack-O-Lantern Contest. (Contests for kids, K-8th grade)

Bring your CARVED Jack-O-Lantern from home and display it for entry into the contest.
Limit is one Jack-O-Lantern per household please.