

# THE KIRK KONNECTION

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Boy, did I love baseball cards.

I'll never forget that day in 1988 when I got my first pack of Topps. I was immediately hooked. I flipped through the cards constantly, analyzing the poses and expressions of the players depicted on the front. And I pored over the statistics on the backs of the cards, always searching for outliers ("this guy Phil Niekro was born in 1939! WOW! Whoa, Roberto Alomar is only 20! Maybe I'LL be in the majors soon!). My friends and I wanted the cards of the players who struck the most guys out and hit the most home runs; in 1990 it was Jose Canseco and Nolan Ryan (I lived in Texas).



In the spring of 1989 I opened one pack of Fleer, which was a brand that I had often spurned in favor of Topps. In that pack I got a couple players I liked, but also a few guys that I'd never heard of. One was a skinny kid that was far from imposing; his stance was uninspiring and he didn't look as though he knew what to do with a bat. I checked the back of his card and saw that he didn't have any statistics. The guy had never even had a major league at-bat. Well, this fellow was certainly nobody I cared about. I lost interest and chucked his card into a pile of 2000 others, not giving it a second thought.

Fast forward to summer. By this time word had finally reached my ears that a rookie named Ken Griffey Jr. was taking the American League by storm, hitting home runs and stealing bases and giving hope to a Mariners ballclub that hadn't ever had much in the way of talent. I, like all other kids in the neighborhood, was on the hunt for his baseball cards. I was surprised, though, when I saw a picture of one of his rookie cards; it looked so familiar. Where had I seen this nonchalant guy, bat on his shoulder and looking for all the world like a run-of-the-mill bench player, before? And then it finally dawned on me: I'd seen this image in my own hand!! I dove into my bottom desk drawer, searched through a few hundred cards and boom: there it was. 1989 Fleer Ken Griffey Jr. Rookie Card. I was positively elated; this card was worth a small fortune to most kids my age. And it had been sitting right under my nose the entire time!

Very soon we will celebrate the day of Pentecost, the occasion upon which the Holy Spirit filled the followers of Jesus and gave them the ability to proclaim the saving power of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

The Holy Spirit is a treasure that rests inside of all of us. The Spirit is our strength, comfort, peace and guidance throughout our lives on earth, and it is the source of everything good and pure that proceeds from each of us. Just as I was completely unaware that I was in possession of that magnificent baseball card, though, so are many of us equally unaware that the Spirit – a far more magnificent treasure – has been right there in our possession the entire time. As Christians we know that this Spirit is always with each and every one of us, and will not abandon us. As agents of free will, though, we have the choice to either unlock our personal gifts of the Spirit or to keep them tucked away.

When I uncovered that Ken Griffey Jr. card, I didn't carelessly toss it back into the heap with the others. I put it into a hard plastic case and happily displayed it for my friends.

My hope is that all of us, once we have uncovered our gifts of the Spirit that we have had all along, will act similarly: instead of tossing those treasures aside we will treat them with proper reverence and care, using them to glorify God and to proclaim the saving power of Christ.

*Pastor Mike*

# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>Communion</b>	2 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	3 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	4 6:30-9:30 NA	5	6 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	7 <b>9:45am Choir</b>
<b>Session</b>	9 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group 6:30-9:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	10 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	11 6:30-9:30 NA	12	13 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	14 <b>9:45am Choir Practice</b>
15 <b>Communion</b>	16 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	17 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	18 6:30-9:30 NA	19	20 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	21 <b>8am-4pm Flea Market</b> <b>9:45am Choir Practice</b>
22 <b>Communion Deacons</b>	23 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group 6:30-9:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	24 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	25 <b>11:30-Classy Lassies and Grazers Lunch</b> 6:30-9:30 NA	26	27 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	28 <b>9:45am Choir Practice (Last One)</b>
29 <b>Kirk Film Club</b>	30 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	31 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus				



We do have members of the KIRK who are not able to join us for weekly worship. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Donald Rock

Pat Ross

Jan Wharrie



## 2016 CROP WALK

The 22nd annual Crop Walk will take place on Sunday, May 1 at 3pm at First Congregational Church in Wayne.

Registration begins at 2:30pm.

The Crop Walk has been held on the first Sunday of May since 1995. Money raised is used by Church World Service (CWS) to provide food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development efforts for needy people throughout the world including the United States. 25% of money raised at the Wayne/Westland Crop Walk will be donated to local organizations-St Mary's Outreach (Bolde Food Depot), Salvation Army, Good Hope Lutheran Food Pantry and FISH.

Please contact Judy Curtis for more information.

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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Bonnie Hilberer, Elder

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Patrick Frobe, Deacon

John Jennings, Deacon

**TREASURER:** Fred Kirk





## CARD NIGHT

### Card Night a Success!

Card night last month was a success. We had 12 people, so we had three tables of four playing different games. We played Pinochle, Euchre, Uno

and Skip-Bo. We had plenty of good snacks and lots of laughs. Pastor Mike learned how to play Euchre. There will definitely be another one in the future. Thank you to everyone who joined us for a night of fun and fellowship.

Sharon Garcia and Cindy Handford  
Fellowship Ministry Team



**Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, following worship –**  
Potluck Picnic

**Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. –**  
Bonfire and Wienie Roast

**Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. –**  
Board Game Night



*Happy Birthday!*

### OUR MAY BIRTHDAYS!

May 3-Patrick Frobe  
May 5-David Garcia  
May 9-Irene Gaylord  
May 18-Bonnie Hilberer  
May 23-Marjorie Dingman  
May 24-John Brincat



#### Actual announcements taken from church bulletins:

Tuesday at 4PM there will be an ice cream social.  
All ladies giving milk will please come early.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev and Mrs. Julius Belzer.



**Saturday, May 21**

**8 AM - 4 PM**

There will be a Flea Market/Garage Sale on Saturday, May 21st outdoors on church grounds from 8 AM to 4 PM. There is a fee of \$25 per parking space for those who wish to set up and pawn their wares. Signs for advertising the Flea Market are available. Outside the office. For more information, please see Michelle Shrewsbury.

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## May 2016 Daily Lectionary

*These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.*

### **May**

Sunday, May 1

6th Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150

Evening: Pss. 136; 117

Lev. 25:1–17

James 1:2–8, 16–18

Luke 12:13–21

Monday, May 2

Morning: Pss. 97; 145

Evening: Pss. 124; 115

Lev. 25:35–55

Col. 1:9–14

Matt. 13:1–16

Tuesday, May 3

Morning: Pss. 98; 146

Evening: Pss. 66; 116

Lev. 26:1–20

1 Tim. 2:1–6

Matt. 13:18–23

Wednesday, May 4

Morning: Pss. 99;

147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 9; 118

Lev. 26:27–42

Eph. 1:1–10

Matt. 22:41–46

Thursday, May 5

Ascension of the Lord

Morning: Pss. 47;

147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 68; 113

Dan. 7:9–14

Heb. 2:5–18

Matt. 28:16–20

Friday, May 6

Morning: Pss. 96; 148

Evening: Pss. 49; 138

1 Sam. 2:1–10

Eph. 2:1–10

Matt. 7:22–27

Saturday, May 7

Morning: Pss. 92; 149

Evening: Pss. 23; 114

Num. 11:16–17, 24–29

Eph. 2:11–22

Matt. 7:28–8:4

Sunday, May 8

7th Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150

Evening: Pss. 136; 117

Exod. 3:1–12

Heb. 12:18–29

Luke 10:17–24

Monday, May 9

Morning: Pss. 97; 145

Evening: Pss. 124; 115

Josh. 1:1–9

Eph. 3:1–13

Matt. 8:5–17

Tuesday, May 10

Morning: Pss. 98; 146

Evening: Pss. 66; 116

1 Sam. 16:1–13a

Eph. 3:14–21

Matt. 8:18–27

Wednesday, May 11

Morning: Pss. 99;

147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 9; 118

Isa. 4:2–6

Eph. 4:1–16

Matt. 8:28–34

Thursday, May 12

Morning: Pss. 47;

147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 68; 113

Zech. 4:1–14

Eph. 4:17–32

Matt. 9:1–8

Friday, May 13

Morning: Pss. 96; 148

Evening: Pss. 49; 138

Jer. 31:27–34

Eph. 5:1–32

Matt. 9:9–17

Saturday, May 14

Morning: Pss. 92; 149

Evening: Pss. 23; 114

Ezek. 36:22–27

Eph. 6:1–24

Matt. 9:18–26

Sunday, May 15

Day of Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 104; 150

Evening: Pss. 29; 33

Deut. 16:9–12

Acts 4:18–21, 23–33

John 4:19–26

Monday, May 16

Morning: Pss. 5; 145

Evening: Pss. 82; 29

Prov. 3:11–20

1 John 3:18–4:6

Matt. 11:1–6

Tuesday, May 17

Morning: Pss. 42; 146

Evening: Pss. 102; 133

Prov. 4:1–27

1 John 4:7–21

Matt. 11:7–15

Wednesday, May 18  
Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
Prov. 6:1–19  
1 John 5:1–12  
Matt. 11:16–24

Thursday, May 19  
Morning: Pss. 97;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. Ps. 16; 62  
Prov. 7:1–27  
1 John 5:13–21  
Matt. 11:25–30

Friday, May 20  
Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
Prov. 8:1–21  
2 John 1–13  
Matt. 12:1–14

Saturday, May 21  
Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
Prov. 8:22–36  
3 John 1–15  
Matt. 12:15–21

Sunday, May 22  
Trinity Sunday  
Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
Job 38:1–11; 42:1–5  
Rev. 19:4–16  
John 1:29–34

Monday, May 23  
Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
Prov. 10:1–12  
1 Tim. 1:1–17  
Matt. 12:22–32

Tuesday, May 24  
Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
Prov. 15:16–33  
1 Tim. 1:18–2:15  
Matt. 12:33–42

Wednesday, May 25  
Morning: Pss. 15;  
147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
Prov. 17:1–20  
1 Tim. 3:1–16  
Matt. 12:43–50

Thursday, May 26  
Morning: Pss. 36;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
Prov. 21:30–22:6  
1 Tim. 4:1–16  
Matt. 13:24–30

Friday, May 27  
Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
Prov. 23:19–21, 29–24:2  
1 Tim. 5:17–22 (23–25)  
Matt. 13:31–35

Saturday, May 28  
Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
Prov. 25:15–28  
1 Tim. 6:6–21  
Matt. 13:36–43

Sunday, May 29  
2nd Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
Eccl. 1:1–11  
Acts 8:26–40  
Luke 11:1–13

Monday, May 30  
Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
Eccl. 2:1–15  
Gal. 1:1–17  
Matt. 13:44–52

Tuesday, May 31  
Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Eccl. 2:16–26  
Gal. 1:18–2:10  
Matt. 13:53–58

A POEM SUBMITTED BY BONNIE HILBERER  
WRITTEN BY HER MOTHER, EDNA T. BURCH. CHARTER MEMBER OF THE KIRK

When God created woman he was working late on the 6th day.....  
An angel came by and asked." Why spend so much time on her?"  
The lord answered. "Have you seen all the specifications I have to meet to shape her?"  
She must function on all kinds of situations,  
She must be able to embrace several kids at the same time,  
Have a hug that can heal anything from a bruised knee to a broken heart,  
She must do all this with only two hands, "She cures herself when sick and can work 18 hours a day"  
THE ANGEL was impressed "Just two hands.....impossible!  
And this is the standard model?"  
The Angel came closer and touched the woman  
"But you have made her so soft, Lord".  
"She is soft", said the Lord,  
"But I have made her strong. You can't imagine what she can endure and overcome."  
"Can she think?" The Angel asked...  
The Lord answered. "Not only can she think, she can reason and negotiate."  
The Angel touched her cheeks....  
"Lord, it seems this creation is leaking! You have put too many burdens on her"  
"She is not leaking...it is a tear" The Lord corrected the Angel...  
"What's it for?" Asked the Angel.....  
The Lord said. "Tears are her way of expressing her grief, her doubts, her love, her loneliness, her suffering and her pride."...  
This made a big impression on the Angel,  
"Lord, you are a genius. You thought of everything.  
A woman is indeed marvelous"  
Lord said."Indeed she is.  
She has strength that amazes a man.  
She can handle trouble and carry heavy burdens.  
She holds happiness, love and opinions.  
She smiles when she feels like screaming.  
She sings when she feels like crying, cries when happy and laughs when afraid.  
She fights for what she believes in.  
Her love is unconditional.  
Her heart is broken when a next-of-kin or a friend dies but she finds strength to get on with life"  
The Angel asked: "So she is a perfect being?"  
The lord replied: "No. She has just one drawback  
She often forgets what she is worth."

*By Edna T. Burch©*

*1917-2004*

*Charter member at the Kirk*



**Financial Report as of 3/31/2016**

	<b>March</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>	11,813	27,972	26,386
<b>Expenses</b>	8,960	28,716	26,791
<b>Net In- come or Loss</b>	2,853	-744	-405
<b>Liquid As- sets*</b>	91,441	91,441	

\* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.

Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

March was the first positive month of the year. Again the results were impacted by mutual funds. A gain of \$2,356 was noted for March which wiped out the total losses the prior two months. The Easter Season also helped collections for March. Of note, we have yet to be billed for any snow plows.



Now that you have finished reading the newsletter, please take a moment to pray for...

**NEEDING PRAYERS:**

Willow Creek's preschool teacher, Darlene Taig, has an 11-year old granddaughter with Kleefstra Syndrome

The husband of June Jennings' cousin had back surgery recently. He is doing well, but his mother passed away April 16.



Colleen Williamson is full of joy because Zachary Williamson will graduate from Saginaw Valley University!

Judy Walker's 5th great-grandchild was born!

**OUR ADOPTED TEACHER-  
MS. NEVILLE**

The first grade teachers are planning a field trip they can all take together.

The mission/outreach committee is also planning an end-of-the-year outing to a local park for Ms. Neville's class.

*The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.*

*It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God's love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.*