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# TIMBER RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

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July 2021

### HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY



### RURITAN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The annual Ruritan Fourth of July Celebration will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> at Ruritan Park beginning with the Car Show. Most of the activities that have been a part of the celebration over the years will be returning with the relaxation of the Covid restrictions. Please plan to attend as we get back to some form of normal activity.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 4 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
RURITAN CELEBRATION AT YELLOW SPRING (SEE ARTICLE)
JOANN THOMPSON'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 5 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
JULY 7 - HEIDI VANDERLINDEN'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 8 - PRAYER MEETING 6:30 PM
JULY 11 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
COMMUNION SERVICE
JULY 12 - BIBLE STUDY 10 AM
ERIC & SUZANNE REID'S ANNIVERSARY
JULY 13 - KAY KLINE'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 18 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
GUEST SPEAKER
JULY 19 - NO BIBLE STUDY
JULY 22 - CHRIS ORNDORFF'S BIRTHDAY
JULY 25 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
JULY 26 - NO BIBLE STUDY
JULY 28 - JOHN REID'S BIRTHDAY
AUG 1 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM
GUEST SPEAKER
AUG 2 - NO BIBLE STUDY

#### COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be postponing our quarterly communion service to Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> during the worship service.

#### PASTOR'S SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Pastor Mike and Heidi VanDerLinden will be taking a mission trip to Fairmont WV during the week of July 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The family will also be taking a vacation during the week of July 26<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>. As a result we will be having guest speakers on July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>.

We welcome any articles, comments or suggestions.  
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### PASTOR'S PEN

#### Wait, You'll See

I illuded the other Sunday to a time in my life when I had to wait on the Lord to answer a prayer. As I prayed, His delay caused me to think His answer was, "Who are you? I found out later that He was saying, "Wait, you'll see!" In this age of instant gratification, waiting on God's answer can be daunting. But it's worth it.

The year was 1985. I had graduated from Paul Smith's College in the Adirondacks of New York State the year before, with a 2-year degree. After deciding to discontinue working toward a bachelor's degree, I joined the United States Air Force. Basic training was four months long. Air Traffic Control school was another four months. Finally, after completing my training, I was ready to head off into the wild blue yonder, my first actual assignment. I prayed hard.

I asked the Lord to send me to New Hampshire. It was the closest base to the mountain I had grown to love in the northern part of New York. There would be skiing, hiking, and so many places to canoe; you might never get to see all of them. I would have lots to do on my days off. The Air Force sent me to the Azores instead.

The Azores are a group of Islands due east of Delaware and just west of Lisbon, Portugal. Portugal owns the Islands. I wasn't too excited to go. However, I learned to play golf while I was there. They had a beautiful course in the mountains. I also learned to snorkel, build and fly remote control airplanes, and I was able to immerse myself in the local culture. I worked some too, in case you were wondering. At the end of my 15-month tour of duty, I prepared to move on to my next assignment. I prayed hard. Maybe you can guess where I wanted to go? If you guessed New Hampshire, you were right! The Air Force sent me to New Jersey instead.

McGuire Air Force Base became my new home. Located in the middle of the State, the Air Force base sets in what's called the Pine Barrens. They also had a pretty good golf course. While I was there, I won a quarterly award. One part of the prize was to fly all over Europe with a cargo crew for nine days. It was a blast. When I separated from the Air Force, it was from McGuire. I tried to get back to the mountains in the Northeast when the Federal Aviation Administration hired me. The FAA assigned me to Newark International in New Jersey.

Four years later, I met Lorri while working at a camp in New Jersey. The year was 1995. It had been ten years since I prayed for God to send me where I wanted to go. All along, He was taking me where He needed me to be. Along the way, I met great people, experienced new cultures (preparing me for future mission trips) and ended up right where God wanted me when Lorri showed up.

Isaiah 25:9 reads, *It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."* If you are waiting on the Lord right now, be encouraged by the fact that He knows you. He also understands what you need, and if He hasn't fulfilled your prayer yet, He may be saying.... "Wait, you'll see!" The Lord is not slow like we count slow, but He is patient. And He is working out His good purpose in your life and the lives of those around you. So – don't be afraid to wait on the Lord – It's worth it!

~ Pastor Mike