

August 2024

# Blissfield Place

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## August Birthdays

**Eleanore – August 1st**

**Madeline - August 8th**

## Fun Activities and Music

**Piano with Charlene**

*August 8<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m.*

**Piano with Joe**

*Saturdays – 10:00 a.m.*

**Berean Baptist Youth Group**

*August 14<sup>th</sup> - 3:30 p.m*

**Pet Social Hour**

*August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10:00 a.m.*

**Denny Thompson**

*August 28<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m.*

**Blissfield Place Car Show**

*August 30<sup>th</sup> 4:00 -6:00 p.m.*

## Resident of the Month

Susie is our resident of the month. She grew up in the Adrian area and graduated from Onsted High School in 1960. After she graduated, she married and had two children. She was working in a factory and was a single parent when she decided she wanted something different for her two children. She answered an ad for a housekeeper and caretaker for a single man with four children. She ended up marrying her “boss” and they blended their family of six children. Their six children soon turned into 8: Michael, Dawn, Ellen, Robin, Doreen, Matthew, Alysia and Angela. They also have 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. They loved to camp as a family and were members of the Lenawee Loafers camping club. One of her favorite camping trips was to Mammoth Caves in Kentucky where they got to hear President Ronald Reagan speak. Susie has lived a wonderful life and loves her family dearly.



## Atonement

Atonement, something we all need more than we like to admit. In Genesis 3:6-7 we read, “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.” Let those statements in bold sit there for a moment. Pretend you don’t know the story...and yet we can’t because each of us, deep down inside, knows it is our story as well.

What did Adam and Eve do when they felt the weight of what they had done—when their brokenness cries out to them? Their solution shows us how deeply sin had already penetrated their hearts. They didn’t think of going towards the Father, who had said He would provide everything they needed. Instead, they sowed leaves, they tried to cover it up and they hid. What happens to you when your eyes are open to not only your brokenness but also the shame and guilt of failing that come with sin? Where do you go to get the nag to go away? You can’t fix the effects of rebellion by rebelling further it doesn’t work. It takes more than our own forgetfulness, or pretending or hiding to put away sin.

Here is the truth for us all—sin is not conquered in the darkness of hiding because it is there that it grows. And because sin aims at destroying creation and dethroning the Creator it inevitably leads to more and more brokenness. The only remedy to the disease of sin is found in the word and the action of atonement and the One who offers us the true atonement we each need.

By definition atonement is: 1: reparation for an offense or injury. 2: the reconciliation of God and humankind through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. We need atonement—the ability to rectify the wrong, to be able to fully put away sin and the guilt it brings. It means that you feel in every bit of your being the fracture in your relationship with God and you know things are not as they were meant to be and you desire for it to be made right and you come to the knowledge that this is only available in and through Jesus Christ as your atonement.

Atonement means that the sin debt has been paid for, God’s justice and not mans has been done, the sinner has been redeemed, the lost has been found, the wrong has been made right. Atonement also carries with it the sense of finality: “It is finished,” Jesus said as He hung on the cross for the sins we all have and will commit. And that’s

## Blissfield Place Car Show

Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>  
4-6 p.m.

Please join us here at Blissfield Place to enjoy a wonderful evening of fun! We will have classic cars to see, a hot dog dinner and ice cream to enjoy. This event is open to the community and you can invite family and friends. See you there!!

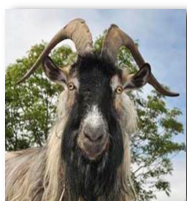


what makes atonement necessary. We need the finishing work of Christ on our behalf applied into our lives. Has His work been applied to your account to pay the debt of sin on your behalf?

Christ has made a perfectly sufficient atonement for all those who will trust in Him. His atonement is complete only when sinners, by faith and repentance, apply the sacrifice of Christ to themselves. Through our union with Christ, His death becomes our death and His life becomes our life. Self-atonement does not work. We can never pay for ourselves, just look to Adam and Eve, because self-sufficiency and self-reliance is part of the problem. We must learn from their lesson and look to God the Father, through His Son Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God, and the atonement He offers to us. Only Christ could make the perfect sacrifice and we are only made perfect through Him. Receive Him today, don’t try and hide—turn away from sin and death and instead come to Christ and the true life He alone offers us.

Chaplain David Price

## Ireland's Mountain Monarch



For 400 years, residents of Killorglin, Ireland, have been celebrating their famous Puck Fair from August 10–12. The “Puck” of the fair is actually a *poc*, which is the Irish term for a male goat. Every year, a group

climbs into the mountains and returns with a goat that is crowned King Puck, and a local schoolgirl is pronounced the Queen of Puck Fair.

The most beloved legend surrounding this fair's origins begins with Oliver Cromwell, the English military leader who led his armies into Ireland in the 17th century. Cromwell was leading his army across the Irish countryside when the soldiers scared a herd of grazing goats. The *poc*, or he-goat, broke away from the rest and fled to the village of Killorglin. When the goat arrived, exhausted from his flight, the locals discovered that danger was coming. They armed themselves in defense against Cromwell's army. Every year since then, the people of Killorglin have honored a he-goat by making him king for the three days of the fair. While no one is certain of the fair's true origins or the date it was first celebrated, there is a written record from King James I that mentions it being celebrated in Killorglin in the year 1613.

August 10 is known as Gathering Day. The town conducts a traditional horse fair, and King Puck is paraded through town to the village square, where he is crowned by the queen. The Queen of Puck Fair is chosen based on her submission of an essay related to the Puck Fair. August 11 is Fair Day, when vendors sell their wares and entertainers provide amusement for the thousands of fair visitors. On August 12, Scattering Day, the king and queen are paraded one last time through town, and King Puck is released back into the mountains. Of course, the revelry continues into the wee hours.

The Puck Fair is a testament to the tenacity and good character of the residents of Killorglin, who look forward to this special time each year when “the cares of everyday living are put on hold.”

## The Mane Event

August 10 is World Lion Day, a day to marvel at the majesty of the king of the jungle. Ironically, most lions do not roam the jungle but rather live on the dry plains of Africa. These expert predators grow to be four to six feet long and can weigh as much as 400 pounds. The females are the hunters, working together to feed the entire family of lions, called a pride. The male lions, with their shaggy manes, have the job of defending the pride against attack.

There is one small population of lions that does live in the jungle. Deep within the Gir Forest Reserve of India, alongside the Bengal tiger and the Indian rhino, lives the Asiatic lion. Smaller than their African cousins, Asiatic lions once roamed from Asia to the Middle East. Fewer than 600 of these lions exist today.

## A Slice of Heaven



Braham, Minnesota, is the Homemade Pie Capital of Minnesota, and they aim to earn that reputation on the first Friday of August.

There are plenty of pies to eat, either at your leisure or competitively during the pie-eating contest. There are pies for sale and pies to bid on in the pie auction. There are pie-baking lessons and contests. There is even a Pie Art Show with art in two categories: 2D (drawings or paintings of pies) and 3D (pie sculptures).

While Braham was declared the Pie Capital in 1990, the city first became famous for its pie in the 1930s and 1940s, when travelers would take a “shortcut” through Braham on the way to Duluth and stop at the Park Cafe for its famous pie. You'll still find a huge variety of pies on the menu today. Dutch apple, banana cream, blueberry cream, strawberry, and coconut cream are local favorites. Which one is the best? There's only one way to find out—visit Braham on an empty stomach!

## A Striking Hobby



The first matchbook was invented by a Philadelphia lawyer named Joshua Pusey, who wanted a way to light his cigar while riding the train to work. By the early 1900s, businesses were printing matchbooks as advertisements. During the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago, matchbook

enthusiasts started gathering to show off their collections. And in 1940, a collector named Henry Rathkamp decided that he would hold a collectors' convention at every World's Fair. In this way, the Rathkamp Matchcover Society was born, and its 83rd Annual Convention is meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, this August 25–30.

A matchbook cover collector is called a *phillumenist*, and they collect unused matchbook covers with the matches stripped out of them. Generally, the covers are worthless, but what makes the hobby exciting is finding interesting or unusual pictures on the matchbook cover. Some covers also feature an “odd striker,” which means that the striker for lighting the match is located in an unusual area, such as on a picture of the seat of Hitler's pants. Matchbook covers span a variety of themes, including patriotic, railroad, national parks, colleges, and sports teams. Some matchbook covers are contoured with interesting and atypical shapes.

As with most hobbies, the rarer covers are the most coveted. Perhaps the rarest matchbook cover is from a matchbook given to guests attending Charles Lindbergh's luncheon at the Astor Hotel in New York in 1927 to honor his crossing of the Atlantic. The Lindbergh cover sold in 2015 for \$6,000 at auction, becoming the most valuable matchbook cover in the world. Only 11 of these covers are known to exist. Of course, one needn't own a rare matchbook cover to enjoy this hobby. Even the simplest matchbook cover may strike your fancy and ignite your passion for collecting.

## August Birthdays

If you were born between August 1–22, you are a Leo, the Lion. Creative and ambitious with a magnetic personality, Leos enjoy the spotlight. Warm, loving, and kind, they make loyal and honorable friends. Those born between August 23–31 are Virgos. Virgos are considered shy and sometimes naïve, private, and tidy. They are curious explorers who are incredibly loyal and well respected by their friends and colleagues.

Tony Bennett (singer) – August 3, 1926  
 Bob Cousy (athlete) – August 9, 1928  
 Buck Owens (singer) – August 12, 1929  
 Gary Larson (cartoonist) – August 14, 1950  
 Julia Child (chef) – August 15, 1912  
 Mae West (actress) – August 17, 1893  
 Robert Redford (actor) – August 18, 1936  
 Rita Dove (poet) – August 28, 1952  
 Nancy Wake (war hero) – August 30, 1912

## The Golden Age



August 21 is Senior Citizens Day, a day to recognize the importance of seniors and support them in their endeavors as they age. August 14 marks another significant day for older generations—Social

Security Day, a day honoring FDR's signing of the Social Security Act into law in 1935.

We should honor our seniors all year long, not just in August, but what makes this demographic so special? For one, there are a lot of them—over 62 million in America, or about 18 percent of the population. And research shows that seniors are more satisfied than the young. Perhaps it comes from a confidence born of living through the Great Depression and WWII. It may be that seniors finally have time to focus on enjoying the present rather than worry about the future. This might be the most valuable lesson we can learn from our senior friends!