

September 2021

# GEOCAM CONNECTION

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## Celebrating September

**Intergeneration Month**

**Sewing Month**

**Labor Day (U.S.)**  
*September 6*

**Wonderful Weirdos Day**  
*September 9*

**Kyle Travelogues**  
*September 11*

**National Assisted Living Week**  
*September 13-17*

**Discussion with Chaplain Val**  
*September 13 & 27*

**Concert with Wilma Quist**  
*September 16*

**Concert with Marvin Luttrell**  
*September 23*

**Quarter Store**  
*September 24*

**Kathleen's Bridal Shower**  
*September 28*

**National Good Neighbor Day**  
*September 28*

**Resident Council**  
*September 29*

**Ice Cream Social**  
*September 30*

## Joy in Refuge

For the past three days, Michigan has been plagued with intense humidity resulting in storms with very strong winds, thunder, lightning and rain! These storms have brought about destruction to property, loss of electricity and fear within our hearts and minds. We wonder when we need to take refuge. Throughout scripture God's people have been plagued with fear and the need to take refuge. Take for instance Daniel, who was thrown into the lion's den because he refused to bow down to King Darius. As the lion's circled around Daniel, God sent an angel to close the mouths of the lions (6.22).

Then there is Jonah. God called Jonah to travel to the city of Nineveh to convince the people to leave their wicked ways. Jonah decided not to obey God and instead he tried to run away from God by hopping onto a ship going in another direction! A terrible storm came, wildly tossing the ship about the water. Jonah convinced the crew he was the reason for the storm and so they tossed him overboard! He was then swallowed by a large fish and sat inside that fish for three days until he was spit out onto the shore (Jonah 1&2). Another story of refuge in scripture comes from the story of Rahab. Rahab was a prostitute living in the city of Jericho. The walls of Jericho protected the city from invaders, however, the Israelites sent in two spies to check out the city. When the city guards heard about these two spies, they went looking for them. Rahab hid the spies from the city guards under some hay on the roof of her house. After the city guards left, the spies thanked Rahab and she asked them that in return for hiding them, to spare her family from harm when Israel invaded Jericho. Rahab and her family were spared on that day. They came to know the Lord and a part of the family of Israel (Joshua 2).

As we look at the places of refuge God provided for his people, we see Daniel found refuge in the protection of the angel shutting the lions' mouths. Jonah found refuge in the belly of the great fish and the spies found refuge under the stack of hay on the roof of a prostitute's home. In each of these places of refuge there was joy. The joy of being sheltered from danger, the joy of finding refuge in a second chance and the joy of finding salvation in God. If we only look at the logistics of where we have found protection in different moments in our life and we do not look at the joy from the Lord, then we have missed the beautiful transformation it will have in our lives as it did for Daniel, Jonah and Rahab. Praise the Lord that the joy of the Lord is my refuge (Psalm 18:12).

Chaplain Val, Baruch Senior Ministries

# Happy Birthdays

## To Our Residents....

Marge Young- 9/4  
Bonnie VanOost- 9/7  
Pat Carlson- 9/8  
Paul Garvin- 9/19  
Betty Baareman- 9/21  
Marcia Baker- 9/22

## To Our Staff.....

Joshua Vanderwoude- 9/1  
Jonathan McKinney- 9/8  
Janet Pena- 9/12  
Don VanderWal- 9/13  
Kaeira Maze- 9/23  
Adam Gruppen- 9/27



# Reminder

## Biking for Baruch Senior Ministries

September 25- October 10, 2021.  
Register online, and check out the event details at  
<https://baruchsls.org/biking-for-baruch/>

## Free Money



It may sound crazy, but on September 15 people all over the world will hand out their own hard-earned money to complete strangers. This is Free Money Day, a day to show the world that generosity is always better than self-interest.

This holiday was invented in 2008 after America's financial crisis. International groups dedicated to economic equality thought that it was time for humans to reevaluate their relationship with money. While a certain amount of money is vital for securing basic needs, research shows that large amounts of money do not improve an individual's well-being or overall happiness. The overarching drive to secure wealth may actually be destructive to society and the planet. On Free Money Day, give two banknotes to a stranger. Encourage them to keep one and pass the other on to another stranger. Some give money away digitally through online apps like Venmo. Your generosity is bound to awe your recipient.

## Impressive History

The pressed penny is a curious souvenir. After all, why pay 50 cents to flatten and elongate a coin worth just one cent? Well, people love novelty and the delight that comes with finding something new and unusual, and they also love collecting memorabilia. Pressed pennies offer the best of both worlds. They are unique keepsakes that capture a moment in history. These souvenirs have grown so popular that they enjoy their own holiday, Pressed Pennies Day on September 3.

The first elongated coins were pressed by a jeweler in Vienna, Austria, in 1818. They used a modified jeweler's rolling mill, a common tool used to roll gold or other precious metals into wire or emboss patterns on sheets of metal.



Pressed pennies made their American debut at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois. Visitors delighted when they rolled their pennies through a hand-cranked machine to press "Columbian Exposition 1893" on their faces. The exposition celebrated the 400th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the "New World." Each pressed penny provided a souvenir of that anniversary. Coin collectors will note that 1893 was also the year that Indian Head pennies were in circulation. Some collectors may delight (while others cringe) to find a pressed Indian Head penny bearing the Columbian Exposition's imprint. These rare souvenirs are worth hundreds of dollars today.

Penny-pressing machines remain common sights at amusement parks and carnivals. Over 150 penny presses are scattered throughout Disneyland, allowing visitors to imprint pennies with famous Disney characters, depictions of rides, or other commemorative images. Many museums, too, offer penny presses for their exhibits. But don't attempt to press coins in Canada. Defacing Canadian currency is illegal. Instead, you may purchase blank coins to run through the pressing machines.

# Big Welcome

Daniel and Tamra  
Sahaydek to West  
&  
Marjorie Young to  
South

We are so happy to  
have you all with us!

A big **THANK YOU** to all the family and friends that came to our annual picnic on August 25. It was great to have everyone together and face the heat.

Thank you to all the volunteers that help with the event, it could not of been done without you all.

We look forward to continuing with our picnics!

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## We are here for a good time

