

The Messenger

"Church News Around the Congregation"

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UMM ROAST BEEF DINNER

SATURDAY, February 15TH

5:00 – 6:30 pm

At

MIO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACROSS FROM MIO SCHOOL

Adults \$10.00

Children (5 – 12) \$5.00

***Proceeds go towards charity**

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Psalm 133:1 (NIV) "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity."

This month the United Methodist Church is nearer to a church split than we were last month. A plan has been presented that it seems all the conferences, bishops and other voting persons feel will pass the General Conference vote during the May 5-15, 2020 conference. If this vote passes, it will allow those churches who choose to stay traditionalist (belief that marriage is between a man and a woman) will be able to begin the process of joining other traditionalists in a new Traditionalist Methodist denomination. Each church will choose what denomination they wish to be in.

While I don't think this is the unity that the psalmist was writing about, we also acknowledge how difficult it is to have unity in a lot of different environments. Not only churches, but businesses, schools, families, and communities come to mind. Where there is no unity, it is often better to have each group separate and find unity between like believers. Still it is sad to see this happen and still believe that a new sect of believers united in interpretation of scripture and the work that Jesus Christ calls us to can happen. There is no doubt the transition time is going to be a MESS! A lot of restructuring and resizing will need to be done over the next 2-3 years. BUT, God knows exactly how He wants His church to look and His plan will not be upset by the decisions of a few humans. That is the good news!

Because over the last few years the United Methodist Church has lost its focus. What did Jesus say the greatest commandment was? LOVE! Love God and love each other and love ourselves. Some of our people around us don't feel loved. A personal example I can give you is my brother, Mark. He always said he was the "black sheep" of the family. He was a middle child and often a little "stinker". He moved to California to make it big in the music industry and for over 20 years he didn't call home only about 2 times a year and when we would call he was always busy and had to go. I finally called him one night and asked him why he didn't stay in closer contact with the family. He told me he didn't think we really loved him all that much and I told him we felt the same way about him not communicating with us. After that our communications got much better and the love we had for each other was clear. Mark died from cancer a few years ago and every time I hear this fairly recent song I remember. The song talks about a man whose father died suddenly and he thought his dad would be there forever. The chorus words say:

Love the people that God gives you; they're a gift that heaven sent. Live and laugh and make some memories; cherish every one of them. None of us are here forever; that's a proven fact. Love the people that God gives you; 'cause one day He'll want them back.

Our focus needs to get back on loving the people God gives us—in or out of the church. May no loving words be left unsaid. Let's love together as we travel this road called life.

Blessings,

Pastor Brenda

Dear members of the Mio UMC.

On January 2 a group of UMC leaders released a plan as described below by our Bishop. In the December newsletter I gave an update of activities related to a possible division that would permit traditional churches, pastors and individuals to join a new denomination being formed by the WCA. The plan described by the Bishop is very similar to the "Indianapolis" plan which I described in December. This new announcement simply means that prominent leaders including several Bishops have agreed to support this movement. The recent announcement does not change much for how I see the options for Mio. **What the announcement means is that a fair separation plan will very likely happen.**

Nothing will happen right away. Annual Conference this May might vote on a direction, but individual churches will have until 2024 to make their final choice. For now, we wait and watch for two big events. The General Conference in Minneapolis for the whole church needs to authorize the plan. Then late in 2020 the WCA will officially launch a new denomination. After that, will be the first time churches, pastors and individuals can actually make a choice. Stay tuned!

Bob Hegel

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP BARD

Yesterday, January 2, I participated in a conference phone call with ninety members of the Council of Bishops. We were briefed on *The Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation* that has been released today. While I am still reading and digesting the entire document and the accompanying FAQs, my initial impression is that this is an extraordinarily hopeful development. The protocol offers The United Methodist Church a unique opportunity to move beyond our current impasse over ministry with LGBTQ+ persons and toward a needed restructuring in our governance. It also acknowledges the on-going work needed in addressing long-standing issues of racial-ethnic inclusion within our denomination.

I have long argued the need for the creation of new space within The United Methodist Church, different space, and this protocol agreement offers this. As an early advocate for a moratorium on complaints regarding LGBTQ clergy and same-sex weddings as part of a larger agreement on the future of The UMC, I intend to follow the direction of the protocol in holding in abeyance, "all administrative or judicial processes addressing restrictions in the *Book of Discipline* related to self-avowed practicing homosexuals or same-sex weddings beginning January 1, 2020 through the adjournment of the first conference of the post-separation United Methodist Church."

I am deeply grateful for the hard work represented by this Protocol, and deeply appreciative of all the persons who participated. I also acknowledge that I receive this document with sadness. That the space we needed to create within The United Methodist Church is separation saddens me.

Necessary as this may be, there are tragic dimensions to this action.

In my upcoming blog I intend to reflect more upon the Protocol and the future of The United Methodist Church here in Michigan.

Grace and Peace,

Bishop David A. Bard

Church News & Notes

Food Panty Needs

February items are diced tomatoes, apple sauce, juice, crackers and sugar.

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DIRECT DOLLAR UPDATE

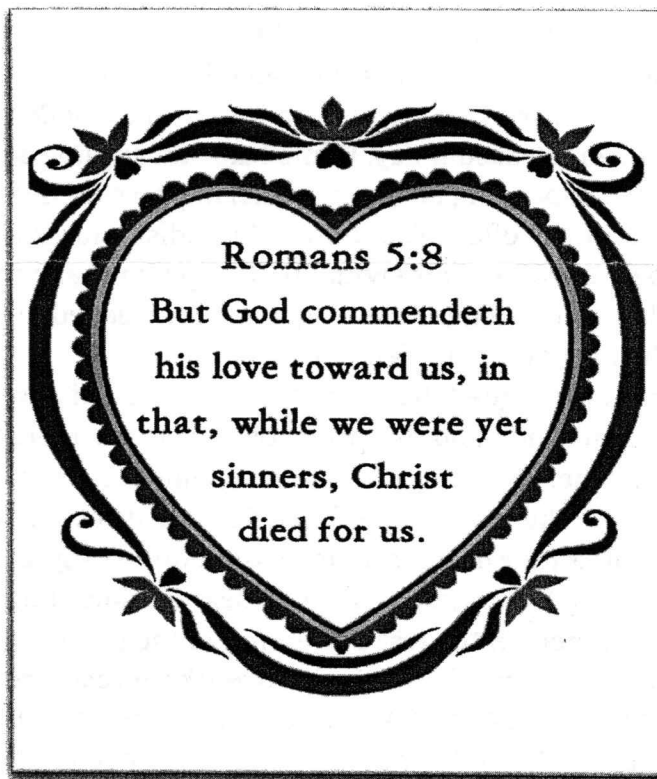
We now have \$55,000 towards our next \$150,000. Good Job! Let's keep it up.

UPDATE PRAYER CONCERNS

The Prayer Concerns monthly list will be updated each month. If there is any person(s) that you have asked for prayer for that can be removed or must remain, PLEASE let LaNita or Marlene know. Remember we need first and last names in writing to be added to the prayer list. At our discretion we will be updating and removing names that have been listed for several months.

SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday March 21, 2020 from 10 am until Noon, the Michigan Wesleyan Covenant Association will hold a statewide meeting in Charlotte. This will be a chance for updates and plans for the upcoming General Conference in May as well as the Michigan Annual Conference in June. (Yes it is the same day as the last Roast Beef Dinner but that's not until late afternoon.)



**There is no Ash Wednesday service.
Ashes will be dispersed at the
February 23rd Worship Service.**

God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Lynn Galbraith
2 - Sally Galer
5 - Lynn Kann
7 - Larry VanNorman
10 - Roma Galbraith
13 - Gloria Phillips
24 - Marilyn Schultz

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Church
Care Givers
Carrina Anderson-
VanBeest
Linda Atherton
Linda's Father
Dale Baker (10)
Sara Bartley
Rick Birtles (1)
Bonnie Brown (11)
Karen Crane
Zach Elder (9)
Michelle Goodyear (11)
Jerry "Jed" Hager
Elizabeth Hall (11)
Dawn Hall (10)
Glen Hall (10)
Doug Henry (1)
Linda Johnson (10)
Janet Kann
Gar Keith (1)
Mert Keith
Lisa Kezeli (9)
Gary Klacking

Ken Lantz (1)
Rosemary Locher (9)
Dorothy Nereson (11)
William "Bill" McGlynn
(9)
Nan McLeod (10)
Dorothy McNamara (10)
Corbin Morse (11)
Laura Nixon (10)
Betty Owen (9)
Ron Owen
Sheri Palmer (9)
Ellen Peters (1)
Varlene Peters (9)
John Phillips (10)
VeraRose Phillips (10)
Marie Rosebraugh (12)
Harland Schultz
Paul Shaw (9)
Hanna Sherwood
Laurie Sikes (12)
Cayci Swisher (10)
Andrea Walz

At Home

Irene Miller
Charlotte Peters

At the Villa

Olive Derrick

At Wellspring

Kimberly Derry

The Brook - Grayling

Marge Bryant

Military

All Armed Forces
Corey Brown
Harley Foust
River Grishaber

Joe Johnson
Dennis Kann III
Whitney Kann
Kalvin Kezeli
Lars Scheid

Family of

Al Frazho

Miriam Handrich

Rose Welser

ANSWERED PRAYERS

Barb Butler asked for prayer for Caleb and Conner born 2 months premature in serious condition. Caleb had meningitis, after prayers conditions improved and he is now home with his twin brother.

Gloria Phillips asked for prayers for her husband, John, who had a power saw accident. He lost tips of 3 fingers. Surgery and John is now healing and recovering after prayers.

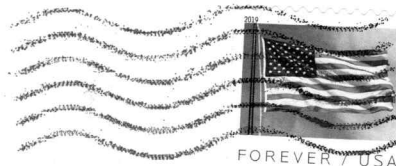
Dawn Hall's friend Sheri Palmer had a tumor on heart. Surgery removed tumor and she's recovering.

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 10:45 AM Sunday School	27 ■ 6:00 PM UMW	28 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	29	30	31	1
2 ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 10:45 AM Sunday School ■ 10:45 AM Trustees	3	4 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5	6	7	8
9 ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 10:45 AM UMM ■ 10:45 AM Sunday School	10	11 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12	13 ■ 7:00 PM Ad Council	14	15 ■ 5:00 PM UMM Beef Dinner
16 ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 10:45 AM Sunday School	17	18 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	19 ■ 1:00 PM Prayer Bears	20	21	22
23 ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 10:45 AM Sunday School	24 ■ 6:00 PM UMW	25 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26 Happy Crafters	27 Happy Crafters	28 Happy Crafters	29

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Mio United Methodist Church Mission Statement

As believers in God, thankful for the Father's faithful provision,
The Son's loving sacrifice for our sins, and the Holy Spirit's
Enabling presence in our lives we strive to:

- Worship, serve, and obey God
- Grow closer to God
- Teach the Bible
- Share God's love with others
- Be a community of fellowship and encouragement...

So that all may hear and receive the forgiveness and friendship of God.