

The Messenger

"Church News Around the Congregation"

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UMM ROAST BEEF DINNER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH
25TH

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...

Hold on! Here we go into another new year! As I head into retirement in June, I am being hit with "this is the last time I will be doing_____". Some of those things are sad to think about but others are a "yahoo!" It will be a year of change for several, if not all, of us. It is true that there is still a shortage of pastors in the UMC. Some different configurations may be happening or the churches may be expected to do some things they didn't before. Some pastors have returned from retirement to pastor churches and many have not. District Superintendents have assigned some people to churches who have not completed their seminary schooling. Local pastors are still greatly needed to pastor churches. One thing is sure, things will change every day.

I recently read these words about change written by Susy Alexandre...Change can often run parallel to the seasons. It rolls into our lives, and somehow, despite the inevitability, always takes us by surprise. In recent changes in my life, I was apprehensive to step forward, fearful I might leave something behind in what was quickly turning into "the past". There is no right or wrong way to handle change. There is no recipe for success in dealing with the unexpected, and certainly no shame in feeling unprepared.

There is also no way to control what kind of change will come upon us. For better or worse, life will always push forward and bring with it new triumphs and challenges. You can decide for yourself that at the core, all change is for the better. It may not feel that way in the moment and you may find yourself wondering if you can handle everything that comes your way. Take a breath, look within yourself and recognize that this is not your first run at adapting to something new. Try to keep in mind that sometimes the worst of it can bring out the best in you.

I read in Healthy Living that we have the power to change our lives; we do not have the power to change others. When we change, it changes everything. Gandhi once said, "We truly can be the change we want to see in the world." With every change we make, we evolve into new persons. Whether you realize it or not, other people pick up on the energy you exude. Positive energy attracts positive changes and positive people, just as negative energy does the opposite.

While all of these changes are happening, we need to remember there are still many of God's people who need to hear the truth about salvation; many need a hand up with food, shelter, clothes, clean water and the necessities of life. Our work is not done here in our communities or on this earth just because things are not the way "we used to do them." God still has a plan for each of us so we need to be careful how we view some changes—they may be God's way of changing us to be more like Jesus.

So as we go into a new year, we know there are many blessings waiting for us. And even if the blessings pull us out of our comfort zone, we can trust that God is still leading the way and He is not leaving us alone to figure everything out on our own. Maybe we can truly become the change we want to see in the world. May we make positive changes together as we travel on this highway called LIFE.

Blessings,
Pastor Brenda

CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

AD COUNCIL

- A microphone was purchased with Memorial Funds.
- Pastor Brenda was approved for retirement in June, 2020.
- Dennis Kann was elected to Ad Council as an At-Large member.

DIRECT \$\$\$\$\$

The total has reached \$50,000.00 and we are still going up. Keep those Family Fare receipts coming!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline will be on the 22nd of January, February, and March. All information should go to LaNita Olsen in the office.

UPDATE PRAYER CONCERNS

The Prayer Concerns monthly list will be updated for 2020. If there is any person/s that you have asked prayer for that can be removed or must remain, PLEASE give the name to LaNita or Marlene. At our discretion we will be updating and removing names that have been listed for several months.

UNHANGING OF THE GREENS

Please stay after worship on Sunday, January 5th to take all of the decorations down both inside and outside of the church.

COOKIE WALK SUCCESS

Thank you to all who participated in any way with the UMW Cookie Walk. Although we were down with number of bakers and cookies we started with over 2000. We sold many, many and also filled boxes for the Adopt-a-Families. The UMW profited \$350.

SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday March 21 from 10 am to Noon, the Michigan Wesleyan Covenant Association will hold a statewide meeting in Charlotte. More details will follow in the February Newsletter.



Saltine Crackers Jelly Sugar

Following are the names of 2020 officers and committee members. You were voted into office by the members of Mio UMC after you agreed to serve in the position indicated. Please make every effort to fulfill your obligation by attending meetings and taking care of YOUR responsibilities. If we each do OUR own work the church will operate efficiently.

2020 Officers and Committee Members

Administrative Council

Meets the 2nd Thursday of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., and Dec. at 7 pm.

Ad Chairman – Dave Gordon
Ad Vice Chairman – Bill Kusey
Secretary – Marlene Gordon
Lay Leader – Nancy Crane
Lay Member to MAC – Bob Hegel
Lay Alternate – Susan Hegel
SPRC Chairman – Dave Gordon
Church Treasurer – Kris Vaughn
Ass't Treasurer – Barb Kann
Financial Secretary – Dave Gordon
Ass't Financial Secretary –
CarolLynn VanNorman
Christian Ed Chairman -LaNita Olsen
Mission Chairman – Susan Hegel
Memorial Co-Chairman – Kathy Dudek
Memorial Co-Chairman – Marlene Gordon
Kitchen Chairman – Dawn Hall
UMW President – Nancy Crane
UMM President – Bill Kusey
Members-at-Large:
Barbara Butler Nancy Crane
Lynn Galbraith Glen Hall
Dennis Maier Becky Sidebottom
Vi Ward Jerry Doll
Dennis Kann

Lay Leadership & Development/Nominations

At call of Pastor

Class of 2020 – CarolLynn VanNorman
Dennis Maier
Scott Burzlaff
Call of 2021 – Becky Sidebottom
Kris Vaughn
Rosemary Locher
Class of 2022 – Marilyn Schultz
Barb Kann
Marlene Gordon

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

At call of Chairman Dave Gordon

Class of 2020 – Bob Hegel
Barb Kann
Becky Sidebottom
Class of 2021 – Vi Ward
Gloria Phillips
Kathy Dudek
Class of 2022 – Dave Gordon
Kris Vaughn
Dawn Hall

Board of Trustees

Meets the first Sunday of each month at 10:45 am.

Class of 2020 – Dawn Hall
Dick Lord
Lynn Galbraith
Class of 2021 – Gary Sidebottom
Glen Hall
Kris Vaughn
Class of 2022 – Jane Lord
Sue Kowaleski
Mike Dorn

Audit Committee

Lorri Burzlaff
TBA

Mio UMC Mission giving

Dec. 13, 2019

Balance in mission budget as of 12-9-19 was \$2,932.51

	2019
Noah	\$50
Henderson Settlement	50
Camp Michigamme	50
Mc Curdy Schools	50
Red Bird Mission	50
Anchor House Campus Ministry	50
Midwest Mission Distribution Ctr.	50
Randy Hildebrandt	500
Rafiki (orphan support)	200
His Love Family Resources	250
Love INC	250
Lydia's Gate	250
WCA/Central Conf. (Support for Africa Missions)	250
Adopt a Family (Fam Fare GC and gifts)	640
Total Giving	\$2690.

Listed here is money paid out in support of missions from the mission budget and does not include money given by other groups in the church eg. UMW and UMM to some of these same missions. All mission money was sent directly to the mission listed and not through the UMC Conference, as it has been in years past.

Thank for your generosity. If there are any questions or comments please contact mission chairperson Susan Hegel at 989-745-4467.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

6 - Jane Lord
12 - Brandon Burzlaff
17 - Jean Dorn
24 - Bill Kusey
25 - Dick Lord
29 - Sue Kowaleski
30 - Vi Ward

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Church
Care Givers
Shut-ins
Those Grieving
Wesleyan Covenant
Assoc.
2020 General Conference
Linda Atherton
Linda's Father
Sara Bartley
Caleb & Connor Bezemek
Angie Bicknell (7)
Bill Brooks (9)
Brianna Brown (10)
Ted Burkland (11)
Dan Butler
Hailey Deyarmond (9)
Zach Elder (9)
Al Frazho (12)
Michelle Goodyear (11)
Lou Goss (6)

Brandi Hall Whalen (9)
Elizabeth Hall (11)
Glen Hall (6)
Sarah Hegel
Alice High (8)
Claudia Huntsberry (10)
Linda Johnson (10)
Janet Kann
Mert Keith
Mindy (12)
Lisa Kezeli (9)
Jack Locher (8)
Helen Lomerson (7)
Bill McGlynn (9)
Nan McLloyd (10)
Dorothy McNamara (9)
Corbin Morse (11)
Verline Peters (9)
Vera Rose Phillips (10)
Rafiki
Marie Rosebrugh (12)
Gregory Schultz (6)
Harland Schultz
Hannah Sherwood
Joe Shobe (10)
Cayci Swisher (9)
Andrea Walz

At Home

Charlotte Peters

At the Villa - Rose City

Olive Derrick

At Wellspring

Kimberly Derry

At The Brook - Grayling

Marge Bryant

Military

All Armed Forces
River Grishaber
Corey Brown
Harley Foust
Joe Johnson
Dennis Kann III
Whitney Kann
Kalvin Kezeli
Lars Scheid

ANSWERED PRAYERS

9/3/19 Prayer Request:
Mike Gordon is having
surgery to remove two
nodules from his neck. A
biopsy will be done.

9/9/19 Answered Prayer:
Surgery went well. Biopsy
results were benign.

God's LOVE has
been poured
into our
HEARTS
through
the
HOLY SPIRIT
that has been
given to us.

A simple line drawing of a hand tilted to the right, pouring water into a stream. The stream is represented by several wavy lines flowing downwards and to the left.

Romans 5:5, NRSV

January 2020

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

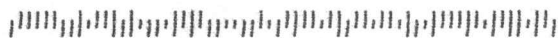
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Mio United Methodist Church Mission Statement

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.