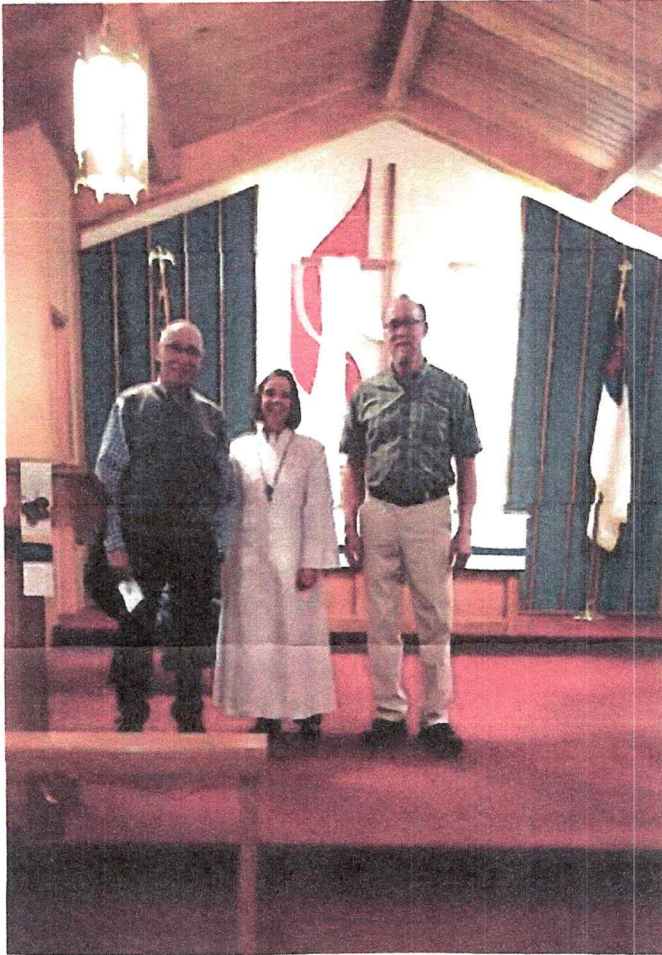


The MESSENGER

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News from Around the Congregation
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Bob Hegel, Mio UMC and Reid Rosebrugh, Churchill UMC present Rev. Michelle Forsyth with a beautiful white robe – a gift from both churches in celebration of Rev. Michelle's ordination and also a farewell gift as she goes to her new appointment at West Branch UMC. A set of pastoral stoles were presented earlier in the year as part of the gift.

We will all miss Michelle but know that she has worked long and hard for this appointment. Congratulations and Best Wishes on this new assignment.

FAREWELL POTLUCK DINNER

FOR

Rev. Michelle Forsyth

**Saturday, June 4th
at
6:00 pm**

Bring a dish to pass.

**Sign-up Sheet in the
Fellowship Hall**

A time to say "Good-Bye and Best Wishes" to Pastor Michelle. She will be greatly missed but we congratulate her on the appointment to West Branch UMC.

DIRECT \$\$\$\$

WOW! Look how it's growing. The Direct \$\$\$\$ now stands at \$84,000.00. Keep those Family Fare receipts coming.

CELEBRATE!

Help beautify the altar! Celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, your church family, or just the ability to worship freely.

Flowers, real bouquets or artificial bouquets, are needed to place on the altar each Sunday. A Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Can you help with this dilemma? Thank you for signing up.

ROOF PROJECT

IT'S COMPLETE!

***THE ROOF HAS BEEN INSTALLED!
THE BILL IS PAID!***

Thanks to everyone for their donations.

UWF (formerly UMW)

The United Women in Faith (UMW) will meet at the church at 1:00 pm on Monday, June 20th. They will then car pool for a trip to Fairview Coffee Shop and the businesses in Fairview.

MIO SENIOR RECEIVES 2 SCHOLARSHIPS

Mio Graduating Senior Austin LaVigne was presented with a \$500 scholarship to Kirtland Community College by Mio United Methodist Men's President William Kusey. Austin was recommended by Superintendent Paul Ciske.

Austin also received a \$1000 scholarship from Mio United Methodist Church at the School Awards Ceremony. This scholarship was based on leadership, community and school activities.

A Little Humor

"A father is a man who carries pictures in his wallet where his money used to be."

A child's letter to God:

"Dear God, I want to be just like my Daddy when I get big, but with hair on my head."

When the Lord created fathers ...

When the good Lord was creating fathers, He started with a tall frame.

"A female angel said, 'What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bead without bending or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping.'

"And God smiled and said, 'Yes, but if I make him child-size, who would children have to look up to?'"

---Erma Bombeck

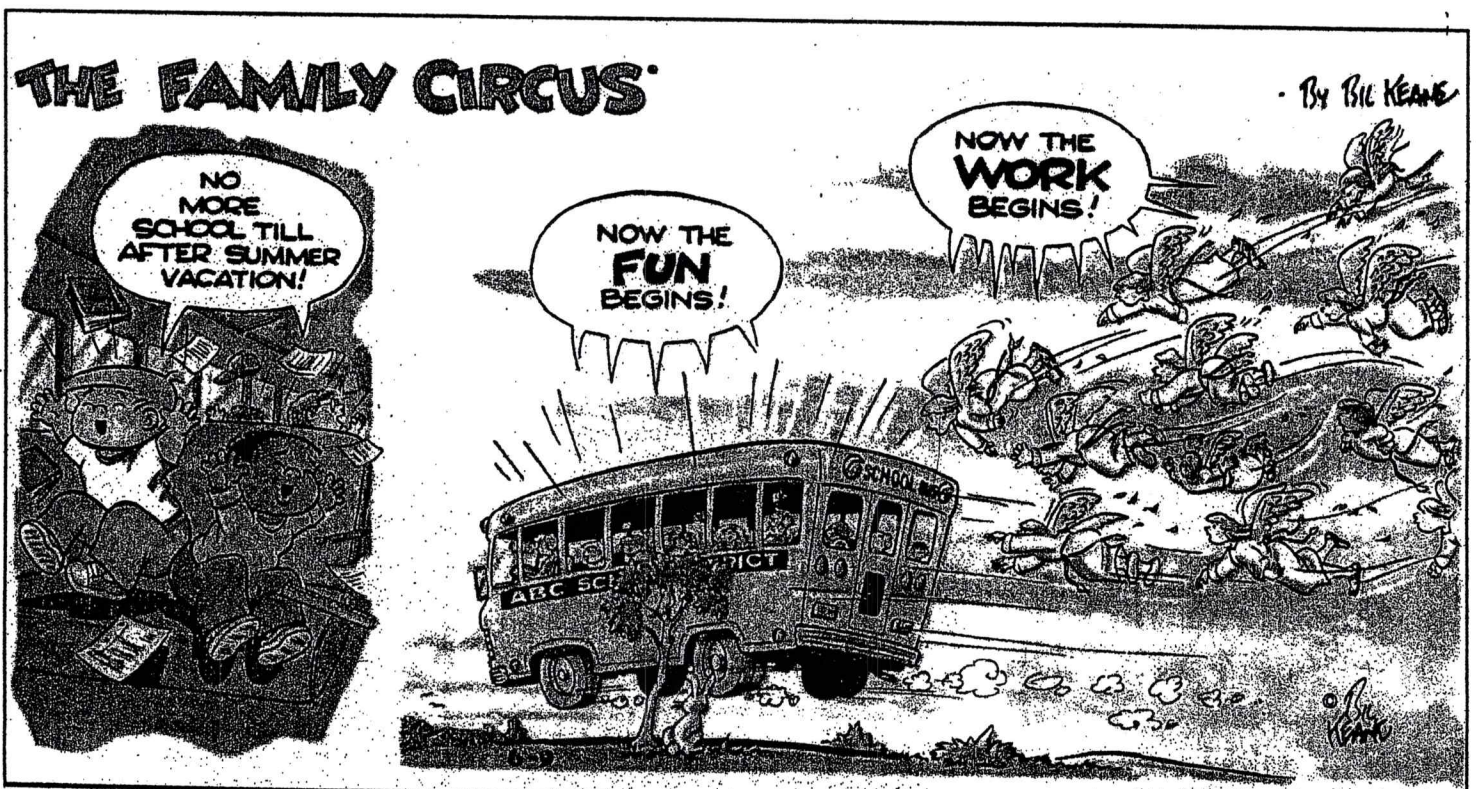
Thanks for your generous giving to our April (Randy Hildebrandt) and May (NOAH Project) mission focus. If you are wondering about when we will donate to our local needs including His Love Family Resources, Love INC, Lydia's Gate, Together We Can and other opportunities that will arise, the Missions budget will receive monies from the Mabel Hager Fund to give monies to these organizations, as we did last year. Support will also be given to these local causes via of programs such as His Loves Baby Bottle program. The blessing of the Fund from Mabel Hager keeps on giving and has blessed so many as a result.

The Mission focus for the month of June will be Haiti. We will be giving to the mission led by Nancy Smith, a friend of Susan's from downstate. "Jeremie Rising" is a many faceted mission serving the people of Haiti. 2021 added many layers of challenges for the Haitians; a President assassinated, streets overtaken by gangs, a 7.2 earthquake in the Jeremie area, scarcity of food, water, and fuel. Golanda, the nurse we supported last year continues to travel to the mountainous area and give care to the sick and injured. She continues to work with Nancy at Jeremie Rising and receive her support through that ministry. Let us continue a covenant partnership with the people of Haiti through Jeremie Rising. I will have brochures on the table in fellowship hall that describes the many aspects of Jeremie Rising. You are welcome to take one as you consider your giving to this worthy ministry.

Be Blessed to give generously in Christ's name,

Susan Hegel, Mission Chrm.

PS Anyone who would like to participate in our missions committee please see me.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

15 – Sharon Lantz
Shar Lee
21 – Matt Sidebottom
26 – Marty Smith
29 – Dave Gordon

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

10 – Nick & Sue Kowaleski

PRAYER CONCERNS

Charlie & Barb Abbott
Jill Allen
Irene Burger
Tonya DeGryse
Chester DeVooght
Nancy Dercher
Kirk Derrick
Gary Frazho
Vicki Gammey
Gerald & Joslin (missionaries)
Mary May
Craig Meyers
Dale Neff
Marna Olds
Angie Rizzardi
Sativa
Marty Smith
Kim Stitt
Taylor & Jackson
Andrea Walz
Avery Walz Simone
People in Ukraine

SHUT-INS

At The Brook – Grayling
Marge Bryant

MILITARY

All Armed Forces
Corey Brown
River Grishaber
Whitney Kann

The Son Always Shines

How happy we are when spring finally arrives and we have more warm sunny days. Our spirits are brightened and we feel more energetic. Even if we only spend a short while basking in the sun, its transforming power lifts us up and we feel refreshed and renewed. The warmth from the sun seems to melt away the memories of all the blustery winter days that seemed endless. They seemed to eat away at our hope that spring would soon be upon us. But, now it's finally here and winter coats, boots and gloves are stored away and out of our minds and we can be out in our yards looking for tulips and irises to break forth from the ground. The sun is shining, spring is here and all's right with the world, at least our little corner of it.

There is another Son that Shines and gives warmth and He has amazing transforming power. He's not limited to certain months on the calendar. As His children we can live in the Son Shine of God's love all the time. We feel especially warmed when we pray, read the Bible, attend worship and when we gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

He's always shining on us and His warmth can remove the heaviness of the cares of the world and fill us with hope and peace. Even on rainy days the Son Shines and its rays can break apart the storm clouds of life issues that always attempt to shake us. One day we'll enter our Heavenly Home where "we will reign with Him" for all eternity. II Timothy 2:12. We will bask in His Son Shine forevermore.

'Just wait till your father comes home!'

By Dolores Curran

In times of yore, the ultimate mother threat was, "Just wait till your father comes home!" Meant to instill terror in a child's heart, it usually succeeded because father was that big scary person brought in to apply consequences when mother's authority was undermined.

"Thank God that has changed, at least in most families. To today's child, the phrase instills pleasure instead of fear. I wonder how many fathers realize that anticipation of their homecoming is often the highlight of their children's day.

"Wait till your father comes home" means the security of knowing you have a father when half the kids in your class don't. And it means knowing he will come home when this is an uncertainty among others of your friends. It means you are special enough to make him want to come home to you.

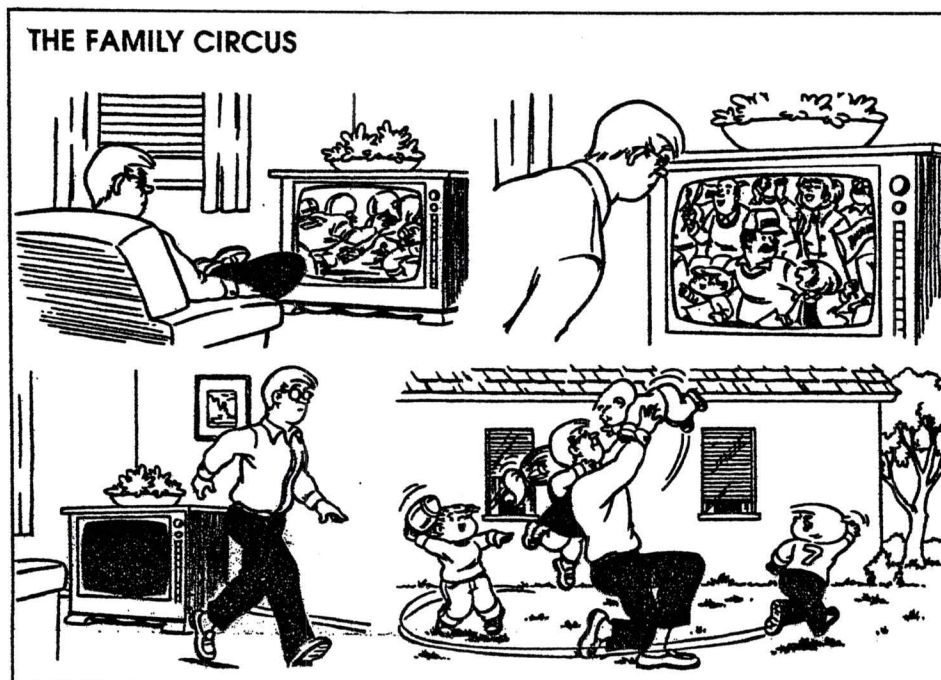
"Wait till your father comes home" means he will be home to answer your endless questions, especially the hows and wheres and whys.

"Wait till your father comes home" means relief from and for Mom, who has run out of patience, energy, and answers to, "Now what can I do?"

"Wait till your father comes home" means, sometime, the delicious thought of being invited to a game, a workout, or a fishing trip with him, that wonderful "out with Dad" experience that most kids dream of but rarely get, especially if you're a girl.

"Wait till your father comes home" means that when his big scary, hairy body shrinks and wears out and God calls him to live with Him in His eternal love, you know you have a special ally up there, rooting for you, because he always has. You know, deep down, that death won't stop him from loving you. And you know that you aren't alone - God has been waiting for your father to come home, too.

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Pastor's Ponderings

WOW! We have had so much excitement, laughter, tears, and miracles in the last couple of years, haven't we? It has been an absolute joy serving our Lord with you, my beloved siblings. We have challenged each other, grew together, and witnessed the Holy Spirit do some amazing miraculous things in the life of our church. And we will continue to experience God's plans unfold in and through us, the church. Notice I said, continue!

I am so fortunate that Bishop David Bard and the Cabinet appointed me to West Branch First United Methodist Church. So, I don't have to say goodbye. I will no longer be your pastor, but I am still your friend. I will not give you pastoral advice, but I will continue to love you as my siblings in Christ. I will hold the memories we have made close to my heart. And look forward to making more memories. We have no idea what God's plans are for us. So, be prepared to see just how awesome our God is and how God will continue to use us in ways we never could imagine. Get EXCITED about this next journey, friends. Let the Holy Spirit light a fire in your heart so that others can see just how magnificent Christ's love is.

There is a company named *Advice for Life*. They make greeting cards. One of their cards is advice from a sunset, which says, "*Be amazing. Savor special moments. Close the day with beauty. Have a glow about you. Keep your inner fire burning. Make a dramatic exit. Show your true colors!*"

Friends, keep being amazing by making fantastic apple pies and ministry opportunities and creating outreach events for Christ. Keep making special moments by celebrating each other with "breaking bread together" moments. Keep "closing the day" by admiring God's exquisite sunrises and glorious sunsets and admiring the beauty of God's handiwork. Allow others to notice you have "a glow about you." Put differently, let the light of Christ emanate from you. Allow the Holy Spirit to burn brightly in your hearts. If you do all these things, I guarantee that you will make a dramatic exit wherever you leave you. And wherever you go, whatever you do, be authentic because God wants you to show your true colors. In other words, God wants the real YOU.

Another card made by *Advice for Life* that I appreciate is from the perspective of a snowflake. Since we are talking about showing our "true colors," I believe the snowflake's view resonates with my personality. It says, "*Keep your cool. Appreciate small wonders. Let your plans crystallize. Take time to chill. Sparkle! Celebrate your uniqueness. It's OK to be a little flakey!*" I will always celebrate YOU! Remember, we will always remain connected as the body of Christ because we are the church!

Thank you for allowing me the incredible privilege of being your pastor! And I am over the moon that I get to remain your friend in Christ. God loves you, and so do I!

Abundant Blessings,

Pastor Michelle Forsyth

