

The Messenger

"Church News Around the Congregation"

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Our condolences to Pastor Brenda and her family with the passing of her husband, Tom on April 30th. Cremation has taken place and a service will happen later this summer.

Pastor Brenda's Last Worship Service

At

Mio United Methodist Church

June 7th at 9:30 am

No lunch/party or Communion at this time

The church is open now and on June 7th we will say "thank you" to Pastor Brenda for the past 6 years of ministry. She has specifically asked for NO GIFTS. But a basket for cards, gift cards and monetary gifts will be provided to show our love and appreciation.

Please practice "social distancing" and masks optional.

*I used to ask God if He would come and help me,
and then I asked God if I might come and help Him,
and then I ended by asking God to do His own work through me.*

--- John Hudson Taylor

Thank you, Pastor Brenda, for doing God's work at Mio United Methodist Church.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

As I sit down to write my last Pastor's Ponderings page to all of you, my thoughts go to Ephesians 4: 12-13 & 15 which lists the responsibilities of a pastor. God's Word says that *as a pastor my responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and to build up the church, the body of Christ, until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son, that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord—to hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ.*

I have tried to do that during my six years of ministry at Mio and seven years at Churchill UMC. At times I was successful, and at others, not so much but God knows in my heart I tried to do my best. As we look forward to the future and the next step of the journey we are all on, the thought of Jesus' prayer for us that is found in John 17:20-23 (NLT) comes to mind which says, *I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one—as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and they are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.*

God just wants us to be one together in His unity as the body of Christ in whatever form that will be, and to be in unity in our faith and knowledge of His Son—that we will become more and more like Christ in every way. This is my prayer for you as I leave to go into retirement in a different way than I had planned. I pray that in some way you feel more equipped to do His work and build up His church as a result of our years together.

I pray that any conflict that may exist will be resolved into unity as you hold to the truth in love. And I pray for the new pastor, Michelle Forsyth, that God has chosen to come to your church and minister to you and with you in the years ahead. May you work in love together. Being one in unity is not easy. We are human beings and sinful beings but that doesn't excuse us from being the best people and Christians that we can be every day and with God's help and the leading of the Holy Spirit, we can be ONE.

I want to thank all of you for being my church family and for the prayers, cards, and thoughts since Tom's death. I could feel your prayers surrounding me. Even though I will not be allowed to be in church with you for 1 year, it has been a blessing to me to be with you these last 6-7 years. We have shared laughter and tears, learning and sharing, dinners and church anniversaries, weddings, baptisms and the loss of loved ones. We have shared life together and I hope that you will keep those memories as I will.

As we journey together in love but on different paths, let's keep walking, talking and living with warm hearts and strong faith as we seek to become the people God created us to be.

Blessings,

Pastor Brenda

A NEWSLETTER PARTY WITH OPEN MIC

(Some of the following have been edited due to space)

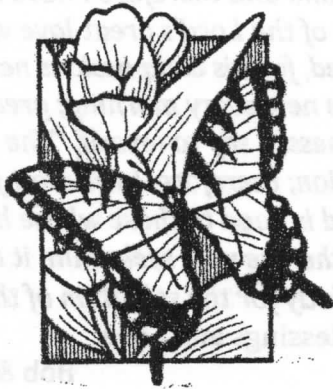
This question was posed to several in our church: *"If you were given the mic at Pastor Brenda's Retirement Party, what would you say to her?"*

I appreciate that you stay true to the Bible and also your help with Grief Share.

Kathy D.

Thank you for your dedicated work and for the opportunity to have shared worship with you. We hope you have a healthy retirement and May God Bless You Always.

Gene & Marie S.



I like how you love chocolate as much as I do and you wear as many rings as I do. Enjoy your retirement

Sue K.

I love your voice.

Nick K.

We want to express best wishes in your retirement. We appreciate your messages and thank you for your service to our church community. We hope to be able to see you sometime soon. With love and appreciation.

Dale & Betty B.

Thank you for the beautiful ceremony for my sister and her husband and for officiating my mother's funeral. And thank you for the great sermons and articles you wrote.

Linda A.

It's been a pleasure knowing you. Although I sometimes disagree with doctrine, your sermons were good. I pray you are adjusting to the loss of your husband and that you find peace and enjoyment in retirement. Peace be with you.

Rosemary L.

You have been a special blessing as my Pastor but also as my friend. Time and distance can't weaken a friendship that has Christ as its center. I thank my God in every remembrance of you.

Philippians 1:3.

Barb B.

This is a tough time in our world when we cannot be together to celebrate your pastorship with the congregation. Brenda, you brought peace and grace to Mio United Methodist Church. May you truly enjoy retirement --- as it is the best time in your life.

Larry & Carol-Lynn V.

And we go on ...

Since we can't all be together, this is a nice way to celebrate YOU ...
Congratulations on your retirement!!!
This is a good chance to remind you just how much you are appreciated. It is truly a blessing for me to have had you in my life.
Jo Ann K.

Happy retirement, you have earned it.
Thank you for keeping my walk with Jesus alive and rewarding. Your weekly sermons and Biblical teachings were always top notch. Thank you for our time together.
Dave G.

I hope that your retirement will meet all of your expectations and you will have time to do exactly what gives you pleasure.
Irene M.

Wishing you all the best as you retire. You will be missed.
Dennis & Barb K.



Thank you for being a part of our family. We may go our separate ways but you will always be close in our heart. I've enjoyed our talks and I'm very thankful God placed you in my path.
Nita O.

Thank you for your calls and prayers for me during my stay in the hospital. Now that you are retiring I think you and I should invest in a chocolate factory, but then maybe not as we might eat up all the profits!!!
Nancy C.

Thank you for your meaningful messages on Sunday mornings. You always gave us something applicable and needed for the time we were in. It was a witness to the Holy Spirits work in your heart and mind. One we'll remember always was your message on victory because the phrase "Victory is a way of life. It faces problems through Jesus." has stayed with us and helped us.

Our prayers go with you for the future. One of our favorite verses that we hope will give you encouragement in the years to come is Lamentations 3:21-26 *Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.* God's Blessings and Love.

Bob & Susan H.

God moves in mysterious ways as he walks along with our footprints to guide us. May you be blessed in all that you do. It was always a pleasure to work with you. You will be missed.
Kris V.

And the Party Continues...

Sorry to see you leave. You were down to earth and made people feel welcome, made us laugh with your jokes and inspirational sermons. Enjoy your retirement.

Dennis M.

Brenda, thank you for bringing peace and unity to this church family. We were in an unsettled time when you came and you restored smiles and laughter. Thank you and may God bless.

Marlene G.

Pastor Brenda, Wishing you a peaceful retirement and enjoyable travel. We will miss greeting you before service, hugs, your funny openings and your friendly manner to everyone. Take care.

Lynn & Roma G.

Thank you for responding in obedience to God's call on your life and your willingness to serve and bless our Mio United Methodist Church family. Thank you for remaining true to Biblical teaching and for being a willing vessel in His service.

Becky S.

It has been good getting to know you since 2000 as a special pastor and a friend at Sunnyside and Mio. Have a good retirement. You are in my prayers.

Donna T.

We will miss you Brenda, you've touched our lives forever, we love you.

Marilyn S.

Even though I'm no longer a member at Mio, I was sad to hear you were retiring. Mio UMC is losing a "true gem". But I'm happy for you and your retirement. May God bless your new adventure.

Sharon L.

Pastor Brenda, you introduced this congregation to a dismissal exercise to end the service that I had not previously witnessed. We were encouraged to move to the center aisle, hold hands, and close the service with song. This simple act of bonding made me feel more than ever, that I was indeed, a part of this church family.

Dick L.

I have enjoyed your sermons immensely along with your humorous stories. Many thanks for teaching the MUMM Bible studies. I also enjoyed reminiscing with your husband, Tom about farming and fishing. Happy retirement.

Bill K.

You have been a very, compassionate person and have been more of a friend someone can relate to. You have spiritually inspired us in our faith and have been a true blessing from the Lord that we had you as our Pastor. We are going to miss you more than you know. Congratulations on your retirement.

Dawn & Glen H.

CLEAN UP & CLEAN OUT

Over the years a lot of "stuff" has been accumulated in the church so..... it is time to clean it out. We will sort out what isn't used anymore and put it in a yard sale. As we said before this is only for the church and parsonage. Please do not bring anything from home. Dates will be announced as soon as they are known. Volunteers will be needed for both events.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Please keep up with your weekly/monthly giving to the church. Expenses go on whether the church is open or not. Send your offering to Mio UMC, 1101 W 8th St. Mio, MI.

BELATED MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Susan Hegel
- 15 - Sally Boerner-Granlund
- 21 - Bob Hegel
- 30 - Becky Sidebottom

BELATED MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Dick & Jane Lord
- 9 - Gene & Marie Schneider

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 13 - Emily Dorn
Allison Dorn
- 15 - Sharon Lantz
Shar Lee
- 21 - Matt Sidebottom
- 26 - Marty Smith
- 29 - Dave Gordon

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 - Nick & Sue Kowaleski

HAPPY CRAFTERS

Wed. - Fri.

June 24th - 26th

9:00 am

PRAYER CONCERNS

Diane Winstead
Vi Ward
Gregg Miller
Families of Tom Klacking, Val Lubitz, and Olive Derrick

AD COUNCIL

The Ad Council will meet on Thursday, June 11th at 7:00 pm. Please observe social distancing.

From Bishop Bard,

To help with aid to those affected by the Michigan flood you may send contributions to Michigan Conference Center, 1161 E. Clark Rd, Suite 2212, DeWitt, MI 488201. Put #4407 Michigan Area Disaster Response Fund in the Memo. Or go to Michigan UMC.org to contribute on line.

OUR NEW MINISTER

Rev. Michelle Forsyth has been assigned to Mio/Churchill UMCs. She will be moving to the parsonage on June 25th. If the name sounds familiar or she looks like someone you've met before, Michelle filled the pulpit while Rev. Lamb was on sick leave. Please make her feel welcome.

People of the Bible

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ABRAHAM	ADAM	DAVID
ELIJAH	EVE	GABRIEL
JAMES	JESUS	JOHN
JOSEPH	JOSHUA	MARY
MATTHEW	MOSES	NOAH
PAUL	PETER	RUTH
SAMSON	SOLOMON	

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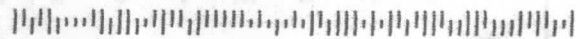
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Mio United Methodist Church Mission Statement

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.