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MIO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Friday - May 28th
9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Saturday - May 29th
9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

CLEAN OUT THE CLOSET!

CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE!

CLEAN IT ALL OUT!

WE ARE HAVING A YARD SALE!

**Contributors: Please have all items at the church by Tuesday, May 26th.
NO Electronics, Large Furniture, or Clothes. Do not bring Monday afternoon.**

UMM HOT DOG SALE - MAY 28TH & 29TH at the Church

"When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them." John 13:12 NIV

Servanthood

I was blessed to serve as the children and youth director at Tawas United Methodist Church when I first entered into seminary. Reverend Daniel Gonder was newly appointed to Tawas when I began the journey. When I had to complete my internship, Pastor Dan was my site supervisor.

I couldn't have asked for a better mentor than Pastor Dan. He was and still is a father figure to me. At any rate, during our one-to-one meetings, we would have a "things they didn't teach you in seminary" session. He would share experiences and explain that when I become a pastor, I will have to do things I didn't learn in seminary. For instance, plunging toilets, inspecting boilers, learn how to operate office equipment, and so forth.

One Saturday morning, we had 15 children attend our Spectacular Saturday program ranging from preschool to second grade. A mother who is a beloved member dropped off her daughter and asked if she could leave her son, who at the time was a toddler and still in diapers, with us so that she could go shopping without the children. Of course, Pastor Dan and I said yes.

Well, shortly after his mother left, he had a rather messy bowel movement. I was in the hallway when I heard little voices yelling, "Eww, yuck, it's everywhere." Seminary doesn't teach pastors how to change diapers. And even though I wasn't the pastor, I changed the diaper.

Once a year on Maundy Thursday, we remember that the pitcher, basin, and towel symbolize servanthood. Yet, every day we must pick up our towels and do mundane menial tasks of service that aren't glamorous and at times unpleasant. When Jesus picked up the towel and washed the disciples' feet, he revealed he wasn't too important to do ordinary, unappealing, and undesirable work.

In my short time in ministry, I have done ordinary, unappealing, and undesirable work. In May, I will begin to do the hard work of preparing for ordination. It is time-consuming and grueling work. I am counting on prayers, patience, and encouragement through this challenging journey.

I can't think of better people to have in my corner than all of you. It is an honor journeying through life with all of you. As always, thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your pastor.

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Forsyth

NOTICES:

*If there is an emergency or you need one-to-one pastoral care, please call Pastor Michelle at 989-903-5264 or email her at pastormichelleforsyth@gmail.com.

AD COUNCIL

- \$295 was received for UMCOR.
- Letter of resignation from SPRC was read and accepted from Dave Gordon.
- Bob Hegel was elected as the new SPRC Chairperson.
- Trustees have reviewed church insurance policies and will remain with Church Mutual.

DIRECT \$\$\$\$

Almost! Almost! Almost! As of the printing of this newsletter the Direct \$\$\$\$ stand at **\$149,378.00**. Keep the Family Fare receipts coming and we will not only meet the \$150,000 goal but possibly start again. Thanks to everyone who contributes.

FOOD PANTRY

St. Bart's Food Pantry is open again. Please help fill our box with non-perishable food. It will then be taken to St. Barts. Help feed the Hungry!

THANK YOU!

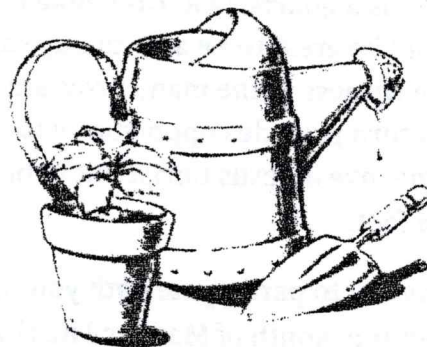
Have you noticed the beautiful floral arrangements on the main doors to the church? They seem to get changed each season. But who does this without everyone knowing about it? The answer to that is Shar Lee. She quietly replaces the door décor each season, so a big THANK YOU to Shar for the thoughtfulness.

GUEST PONDERER

We have been asked as a Church to assist Pastor Michelle with her work towards ordination. Specifically, this is to give her time to fulfill her obligations toward this goal.

One way to give her some of this time is to relieve her of the monthly Pastor's Ponderings. So, I am asking you to be a contributor to the messenger – to be a substitute "Ponderer".

If you can fill this position, see Marlene and give her the month that you will take. There will be several months coming up



Mission's Update – May 2021

The March Mission emphasis was UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief. We received a total of \$295. In the month of March and that total has been sent to UMCOR. Thank you for your continued generosity to our outreach for Missions and Ministries near and far. I'm excited that our missions' program is doing so well and invite you to keep an eye on the mission's bulletin board where the monthly giving will be posted.

May Mission Emphasis

In the month of May our church's mission emphasis will be The NOAH Project. As your mission chairman, I have witnessed and participated in this ministry's outreach to the homeless and low-income individuals in downtown Detroit. Amy Brown energetically and enthusiastically operates this community center out of the Central UMC at Adams and Woodward Ave. Countless numbers of volunteers assist her with, to name a few; an art program, wellness counseling, a quarterly dental clinic, and computer lab all helping people on the road to self-sufficiency. A Bag Lunch Program is the beginning of a trusting relationship with their clients. Churches in the Metro area provide these lunches as their outreach. We are too far to be able to help in this way, but they have many needs that our monetary donations can help with. There is a quarterly Earn-A-Bike Program and it would be great to be able to buy some bikes. The witness of the many programs they provide in turn provides opportunity to share not only the love of Jesus Christ but to be his hands and feet.

You are invited to participate with your giving throughout the month of May for The NOAH Project.

Blessings, Susan Hegel



A Mother's Prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, Lord, though miles may separate us. And let your light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive your glory. Amen

---St. Philip Episcopal Church, Rochester, MN

Mio Methodist Church is alive on the Internet

The Covid -19 pandemic has been a difficult time for many, but it has also opened up new ways to be a community of faith. When we first faced lockdowns Michelle improvised a fast digital arrangement to put a short “service” on a new Mio Church Facebook page. From home or one of the Churches, she recorded a video using her iPhone so a message could be on the air as soon as possible. Its not easy to get a good audio-video session but it was a great working start.

The next step, in November, was to create a Mio Methodist YouTube “Channel”. This allowed the videos to be accessible to a wider audience.

Because Mio Methodist already had a website, <https://miomethodist.org/> a new section was added that allows anyone looking at the website to see the YouTube videos by simply clicking on the weekly selections.

As of January 31, 2021 we have been meeting as a “live” Sunday worship service. For many reasons, some Covid related and some by other situations, not everyone can come to Sunday worship. Thus , another new feature has been introduced. Each Sunday, the segment of the service that includes the Prayer of Illumination, Sermon scripture text, and the entire Sermon, is being recorded using a high quality camera and the audio track from the sound system. This provides very good image and sound. This “Sermon” segment is now posted each week on our YouTube Channel by late Sunday afternoon. A link to this is also placed at the top of the Church Website.

Here is how to access this exciting new outreach using the Church’s website:

On your computer open Google Chrome Browser or Microsoft Edge Browser or Apple Safari Browser and type miomethodist.org in the search box. This will lead you to the Website which looks like this:

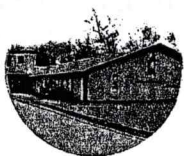


Scroll to the next section and click on the arrow of the Sunday sermon you want to see.



Another way to see the videos is by using any device, smartphone, tablet or even TV that can view the YouTube Channel directly. Using the YouTube “App” (Program on your device), type “Mio Methodist Church” in the search box you see when you click on the symbol.

This will produce a list of options. Choose this one:



Mio Methodist
2 subscribers • 21 videos

Choosing this one will bring you to the video page.



Click on the one you want to see. That’s all there is to it!!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 – Kathleen Janke
5 – Susan Hegel
15 – Sally Boerner-Granlund
21 – Bob Hegel
23 – Lorri Burzlaff
30 – Becky Sidebottom

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Abused & Hungry
The Depressed & Troubled
Charlie Abbott
Kathy Cay
Bruce Derrick
Bob Deyarmond
Linda Dupree
Roma Galbraith
Lisa Gordon
Glenn & Dawn Hall
Tom & Kathy Kann
Fred & Gladys Lawson
Shar Lee
Jack Locher
Dorothy McGlynn
David Oetting
Rosiland Reha
Anna Marie Santine
Greg Schultz
Andrea Walz
Pat Wood
Families of:
Norma Selinski
George & Lois Robacker
Bill Eaton
Barbara Fowler

SHUT-INS

At The Brook – Grayling
Marge Bryant

MILITARY

All Armed Forces
Corey Brown
Whitney Kann
Lars Shied

SERMON SERIES SCRIPTURES

May 2nd

First Reading Psalm 22:25-31
Scripture Reading John 15:1-8

May 9th

First Reading Psalm 98
Scripture Reading John 15:9-17

May 16th

First Reading Psalm 47
Scripture Reading Luke 24:44-53

May 23rd

First Reading Acts 2:1-21
Scripture Reading
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

We remember, O Lord, all those men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Do not let us breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without remembering with great gratitude those who gave the last measure of devotion – their very lives – for our benefit. May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Trustees	3 2:00 PM Grief Share	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM UMM	10 2:00 PM Grief Share 6:00 PM Garden Club	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:30 AM Worship	17 2:00 PM Grief Share	18	19 9:00 AM Happy Crafters 1:00 PM Prayer Bears	20 9:00 AM Happy Crafters	21 9:00 AM Happy Crafters	22 11:00 AM Wm Eaton Memorial Service
23 9:30 AM Worship	24 2:00 PM Grief Share 6:00 PM UMW	25	26	27	28 9:00 AM MUMW Yard Sale	29 9:00 AM MUMW Yard Sale
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