

The MESSENGER

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News from Around the Congregation

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WANTED: A MOTHER

JOB DUTIES: The applicant may expect to assume the following roles, in whole or in part, on an as-needed basis for the next 18 years: nurse, lawyer, doctor, teacher, mechanic, counselor, janitor, chef, landlord, peace officer, coach intercessory prayer warrior, cheerleader, mediator for non-concurring testimony, finance manager, and jailer.

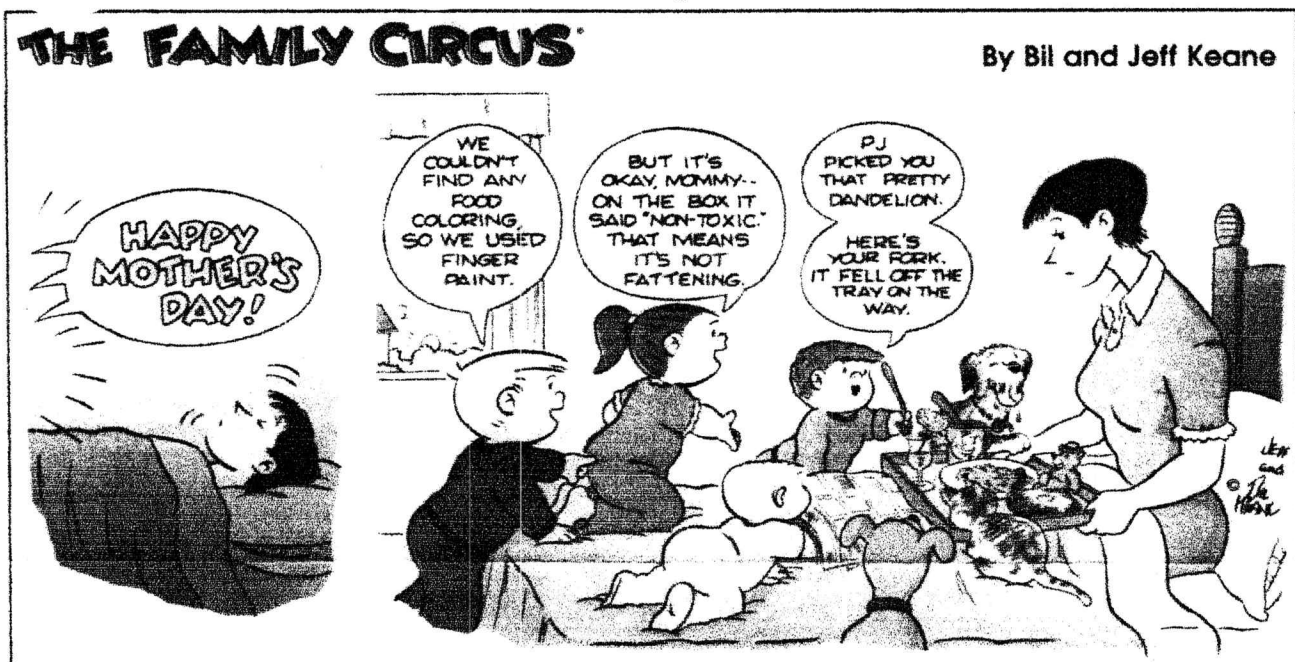
SKILLS NEEDED: Comforting skills desired to ease new subordinate anxiety (i.e. crying), but on-the-job training available at the entry lever; toxic waste handling necessary, but no prior experience required (just remember to wash your hands); should possess the ability to encourage subordinates' abilities and progress in all areas including, but not limited to: art, music, sports, reading, writing, mathematics, history, social studies, and health; applicant must have shoulders available for crying on, eyes in the back of her head, ears that can hear into the next room, arms for embracing, a heart full of love, and a mind that can remember honorable intentions.

WORK HOURS: 24/7, 364 days a year (Mother's Day off for good behavior).

WAGES: The applicant agrees to work for free. In fact, it will cost everything you own to be a mother.

DISCLAIMER: Applicant may expect the following, in whole or in part, during the course of employment: conflict and compromise, sickness and health, dirtiness and cleanliness, tears of joy and tears of sorrow, richer times and poorer times, love, laughter, fear, anger, disappointment, hugs, and more love. Only the bravest souls need apply.

FRINGE BENEFITS: A support -system of children and grandchildren to love and help you in your golden years.



One of my favorite Biblical prayers is found in 1 Chronicles 29:10-13. I refer to it as David's Thanksgiving Prayer. He prays this prayer as his temple preparations end and his son, Solomon begins his reign. King David's prayer says:

"Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name."

I am not comparable to King David, nor am I comparable to King Solomon. Yet, we are facing a pastoral transition in the near future. I reference King David's prayer because he always put God first. David loved God with all his soul, mind, and strength. He always gave God credit for EVERYTHING. King David was a man after God's own heart.

King David wasn't perfect but there is no doubt that God's Spirit resided in him. I am not perfect, but I hope for the past two years you experienced the Holy Spirit working in and through me. I hope your hearts and minds have grown in God's grace and that you know beyond a shadow of a doubt you are a child of God, forgiven, redeemed, and set apart to continue to do Christ's work in the world. I pray you can say yes to all of the above because Christ needs you to continue to do his work that glorifies God. Without sounding like a broken record, Jesus wasn't a one-man show.

Your next pastor is going to need your hands and feet. Until then our ministries continue. We continue to distribute back-pack food to the students at Mio Au Sable school. We continue to minister to the students who participate in Center-Shot. We actively find ways to raise funds to repair our roof. We continue to grow our faith family as some prepare to become new members of our growing faith family. Put differently, we give thanks to God for the amazing things God has done in and through Mio United Methodist Church. At the same time, we need to be excited about what God will continue to do in and through our faith family.

I am incredibly thankful that God allowed me the privilege of living life with all of you, for being able to love you, and for having the gift of being loved (Wow! Your love is so evident) by you. I can't wait to see what God has in store for Mio UMC. I hope you love and care for your new pastor as much as you loved and cared for me. I know he or she will bless you in ways that I couldn't because we all have different gifts and abilities. Show them radical hospitality by greeting them with open arms. Be graceful by being patient as they get acclimated to the area. And above all remember your new pastor needs you as much as you need him or her.

I love you, God loves you infinitely more! Thank you for allowing me the awesome honor of being your pastor for the last two years. It truly has been an amazing, awe-inspiring experience! So, thank YOU ALL for the life-giving experience.

Abundant Blessings,
Pastor Michelle



AFTER WORSHIP LUNCHEON

HOMEMADE SOUP & BREAD

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

Eat at Church or Take It Home

Proceeds will go towards the New Roof.

SPRC Committee Report.

On Wednesday 4/28 our District Superintendent, Rev John Kasper came to Mio Church and brought our newly appointed Pastor for introductions.

Rev. Paula Timm-Portrykus has been appointed to serve on a half time basis, with no other church assignment. Reverend Timm-Portrykus is a full Elder in the UMC, having been ordained in 1993. In 2020 she was eligible under the UMC pension rules to take Retired Elder status. Thus, she can serve in a part-time capacity which fits the needs and capacity of our church.

In case the name Timm looks familiar, she is indeed the daughter of the late Rev. Fred Timm who served the Mio church many years ago when Paula was a toddler.

It was very exciting to witness the shared memories between Paula and many of our committee members. Paula and her husband Jon Portrykus presently live near West Branch and they both express their love for "Michigan Outdoor" living and recreation.

Paula will begin her assignment by preaching on July 3, 2022, so mark the date.

Please join the SPRC in welcoming Paula and Jon to our church and community.

Missions

May 2022

March Mission donations were \$265 for Camp Michigamme and \$425. for ministries serving the needs of the Ukrainian people. We will continue to encourage donations specifically for the UMCOR and Samaritan's ministries as this devastating war continues unabated. Thank you for your heart for the mission of our church to enable those less fortunate to be helped.

Our Mission focus for April was Missionary Randy Hildebrant who serves God's Country Cooperative Parish. The donations received for Randy \$289

The Mission focus for the month of May will be The NOAH Project (Networking, Organizing, and Advocating for the Homeless). Their vision is to be an anchor of hope leading the Detroit community in ending homelessness. NOAH, located in the Central UMC on Adams in Detroit, continues to be a place people turn to for support in whatever form they need. Whether you make lunches, collect socks and winter items, provide hygiene kits or contribute financially, you make all that happens at NOAH possible. Here in Mio we are able to help through our monetary donations.

Thanks for your generous giving to the missions program of our church each month.

Susan Hegel. Missions Chr.

DIRECT \$\$\$\$ now stands at \$75,000.00.
Keep those Family Fare receipts coming! When we get to \$150,000.00 we will receive another \$1000.00.

BIRTHDAY BOXES

A yearly project for the United Women in Faith (UMW) is to send "birthday boxes" for the children at Lydia's Gate and Riverhouse Shelter. The boxes are full of all things needed for a birthday party for a child.

Although we think of a party for a young child it has been brought to our attention that there are items needed for older children too. If you can contribute any of the items listed below they will be appreciated. (For children of all ages)

Cake Mix	Frosting	Candles
Birthday Cards	Balloons	Napkins
Paper Plates (dessert size)		
Age appropriate Toy		

Due date is Sunday, May 15th.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH formerly UMW

After 20 years the meeting time and date have been changed. The Women will now meet on the 3rd Monday of the month from January thru November at 1:00 pm.

Please note this on your calendar.

ROOF PROJECT

The Ad Council considered all options to fund the Roof Project of \$37,500. One-half of this amount will be provided by the church and the other half will be matched by the Mabel Hager Fund. It was discussed and determined that the best way to accomplish this project is to use the Capital fund, Dream fund and donations. If there is a short fall it will be taken from the Building Fund.

As of April 24th the Roof Project funding stands as follows:

Donations – 8010.
Capital Fund – 6098.
Dream Fund – 3391.
Building Fund - TBD

Matching funds from the Mabel Hager Fund will complete the Project .

A LITTLE SENIOR HUMOR

*A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect."
"Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"
"Twelve thirty."

*As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang.
Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 280. Please be careful!"
"It's not just one car," said Herman. "It's hundreds of them!"

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Last month I reported that negotiations were under way to develop a suitable agreement for UMC churches in Michigan to be transfer to the new Global Methodist Church, which will be in operation by the time you read this article. So far, these discussions remain ongoing, so there is nothing new to report. Keep praying for clarity and fairness.

While we all wait, it's a good time to add some details to how the GMC will operate. In 2019 faithful traditional Methodists gathered under the leadership of the WCA and composed a DRAFT Book of Doctrines and Disciplines (Book of D&D). This document has a proposed blueprint for how a permanent new GMC would operate and is a very good plan in my opinion. You can find a copy on the Wesleyan Covenant Association website or ask me for a hard copy. Its about 100 pages compared to the current UMC Book of Discipline of 900 pages.

In 2021, anticipating a 2022 adoption of the "Protocol" agreement, the WCA encouraged 16 UMC leaders, both clergy and lay, to accept the role of a Transitional Leadership Council (TLC). This group understood they would need to be steady leaders during a very critical time, and accepted significant, but temporary authority so a new denomination could be launched. A healthy organization needs a legislative governance process, but this is impossible when there are no actual members. Thus the TLC adopted a modified version the Book of D&D, that would provide this TLC enough authority to govern in the beginning, but is not intended to be the final form. This modified book is called the TRANSITIONAL Book of D&D. It gives the TLC temporary authority over matters that will be delegated in the manner described in the DRAFT version.

In order for broad involvement for changing the TRANSITIONAL Book of D&D into a PERMENANT Book of D&D, the TLC will call a Convening General Conference within 18 months to do this work. This way, the GMC will have a significant membership, perhaps one million or more, so broad legislative engagement can be accomplished. This Convening General Conference will assume full authority over the GMC.

Thus, any local church, pastor or individual member of the UMC considering a change, can make a choice. Become an early GMC member with some uncertainty about the final form of governance and participate in formation or wait to be a later member with more certainty about governance but less opportunity to help in the shaping process.

Each of you have an opportunity to see the future leaders and tone of the GMC up close in a few weeks. There will be a one day **Global Gathering** on Saturday May 7 in Indianapolis. Susan and I will be there in person. If Indianapolis is too far for you, then please consider attending a live broadcast of this event at Tawas UMC from 900 to 330. Registration is required and the fee is \$15 each. Sign up on the WCA website or contact me if you need help.

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

Charlie & Barb Abbott
Jill Allen
Irene Burger
Reggie Carr
Tonya DeGryse
Chester DeVooght
Nancy Dercher
Kirk Derrick
Gerald & Joslin (missionaries)
Glen & Dawn Hall
Glen Hall, Jr.
Mary May
Craig Meyers
Dale Neff
Marna Olds
Angie Rizzard
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

Blessings

When we think of all the blessings You so generously give to us, we are so grateful.

Sometime though, they come wrapped in unrecognizable packaging. They don't appear to be blessings at all, but are painful and hard to swallow until we accept them within Your plan for us.

They have transforming power and as we give thanks for them, our hearts gain peace as we wait and trust You. We start to recognize that the blessings and our thanks for them are bringing about the changes in us that are so essential to our spirit's growth and deepening relationship with You lord. So we thank You for all Your blessing to us, even the ones that come disguised in strange packaging.

"In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18



May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 10:45 AM Trustees	2	3 ■ 2:00 PM Grief Share	4	5	6	7
8 ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 10:45 AM UMM	9 ■ 5:30 PM Garden Club	10 ■ 2:00 PM Grief Share	11	12	13	14 ■ 9:00 AM Ladies' Retreat
15 ■ 9:30 AM Worship ■ 10:45 AM Soup & Bread Luncheon	16 ■ 1:00 PM United Women in Faith	17 ■ 2:00 PM Grief Share	18 ■ 8:00 AM Happy Crafters	19 ■ 8:00 AM Happy Crafters	20 ■ 8:00 AM Happy Crafters	21
22 ■ 9:30 AM Worship	23	24 ■ 2:00 PM Grief Share	25	26	27	28
29 ■ 9:30 AM Worship	30	31 ■ 2:00 PM Grief Share	1	2	3	4