

CONSIDER THE TREE

Consider the tree probably one of God's most beautiful creations.

*Its colors changing with every season,
surviving even in its nakedness through the harshest winter.*

*Swaying and bending in blustery storms,
standing tall basking from the hottest rays of the sun.*

The tree endures, even though it may lose large branches or its smallest twigs.

*From a distance, the tree has the appearance of perfection,
but up close it shows the lines,
cracks and even splits, remnants of the damage it has endured.*

*God created this tree with all of its imperfect perfection,
just as He created us.*

*Able to withstand all of life's changing seasons,
damaging winds and harshest storms.*

*We can rely on the Lord to hold us up,
giving us the strength.*

A true display of beauty of God's creation.

Author Lisa Gordon

"Let Your Light Shine!"

What a wonderful time we shared together on Sunday Oct 30th, in letting our light shine! I am so proud of you all!! The energy and hospitality was quite beautiful. We were all a bit nervous, yet excited! Through your combined efforts, we had 18 guests/newbies with us last week! What a blessing. Many new relationships were established, and some old ones rekindled. Let us build upon this energy to keep moving forward. With God, all things ARE possible! Remember to use our *Mio UMC postcards* to keep inviting and encouraging others into our midst. They are available on the shelf at the front doors.

A very deserved acknowledgement to our *Member Care and Development team* that worked constantly to put the event together: Kris Vaughn, Dennis Kann, Barbara Butler, Jon and Nancy Devooght. THANK YOU!! And to the many others that helped in preparations and delivery, we appreciate you too!

Member Care will continue meeting and looking to the future for our congregation. If you are feeling called to be part of our creative team, please speak with myself to get engaged. Creative and collaborative is our approach! We have a lot of laughter while we brainstorm, and let the spirit guide our directions.

Peace, Rev. Paula

Looking Ahead

*Sunday November 20th, THANKSGIVING Worship followed by POTLUCK and HANGING OF THE GREENS Everyone is invited to join in!

OUR ADVENT SERIES: "Be Born in Us Today"

- *Sunday November 27th, *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*
"Bring Blessing" with Adult Sunday School Class after worship
- *Sunday December 4th, *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*
"Bring Renewal" with Adult Sunday School Class after worship
- *Sunday December 11th, *THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*
"Bring Guidance" with Adult Sunday School Class after worship
- *Sunday December 18th, *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*
"Bring Power" with Adult Sunday School Class after worship
- *Saturday December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP at 7pm.
Family friendly service with candlelight
- *Sunday December 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY - NO SERVICE
Please enjoy time with your loved ones
- *Sunday January 1st, 2023 NEW YEARS DAY 10am
Casual worship and activities in the fellowship hall

MISSIONS REPORT - November, 2022

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

As I write this article for the newsletter, we are in the midst of the Operation Christmas Child effort to fill the plastic shoeboxes for boys and girls all over the world. The shoeboxes are on the table in the Fellowship Hall, along with the brochures that give instructions and suggestions on filling them and all the who, how, what and when. So check it out and return your shoeboxes by Sunday, November 13th. Any cash donations will be used to fill in boxes or pay to have them shipped. Last year we were able to fill 15½ boxes and hoping we can increase that number.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

As soon as I am contacted with the list of our families and their Christmas wishes the tree will be up in the Fellowship Hall with the tags that you can pick up with all the information you need to buy gifts for the family members. Thanks for anticipating this opportunity to help the needy families in our own community.

We look forward to Thanksgiving and we give thanks for our blessings and the blessings we can share with those in our family, community and in the world. Thanks for your participation in the mission efforts of Mio UMC.

Again, anyone interested in participating in the decision-making of the Mission's Committee please contact me. Maybe some fresh ideas are needed for the coming year. See me...

Susan Hegel, Missions Chairman
989-745-4467

Surviving the Holidays

Sponsored by Grief Share

Answers & Support going through the holidays in your grief.

Saturday, November 5th

1:00 – 3:00 pm

At

Mio United Methodist Church

SET YOUR CLOCKS



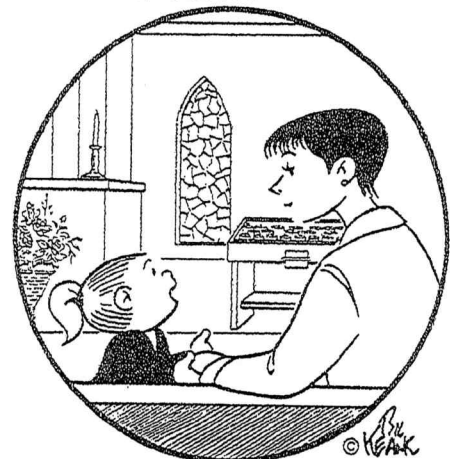
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Bet they don't need candles in heaven 'cause
God's light is so bright."

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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Red Chili & White Chili
Corn Bread & Cole Slaw
Desserts

At
MIO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sponsored by
MIO UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

SATURDAY **November 12TH**

4:30 – 6:00 pm
By Donation

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 - Glen Hall
13 - Carol Lynn VanNorman
22 - Marlene Gordon
23 - Marge Bryant

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8 - Ken & Sharon Lantz
24 - Don & Ellen Peters

NOVEMBER LECTIONARY

Week of November 6th

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Week of November 13th

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12 or Psalm 118
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Week of November 20th

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-69
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Week of November 27th

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

PRAYER CONCERNS

Charlie Abbott
Jill Allen
Corinna Anderson
Joe Arbaugh
Irene Burger

Debbie Butler
Glen Curtis
Janet Deyarmond
Taylor Duda
Tonya DeGryse
Nancy Dercher
Janet Deyarmond
Gary Frazho
Jim Fuhr
Gerald & Joslin (missionaries)
Dan Harmon
David Hegel
Tasha Kann
Katie & Baby
Monica Kent
Jan Matlock
Barb McCue
Dennis & Dorothy McNamara
Randy May
Craig Meyers
Dale Neff
Marna Olds
Paige Reyelts
Angie Rizzardi
Don Smith
Marty Smith
Kim Stitt
Barry Sworand
Taylor & Jackson
Andrea Walz
Avery Walz Simone
People in Ukraine

SHUT-INS

At The Brook - Grayling
Marge Bryant

At Fairview
Esther Socia
Irene Miller

MILITARY

All Armed Forces
Corey Brown
Whitney Kann
Marshall Socia

Please keep the Prayer Concerns current.

Ad Council

- Back Pack Program – Don & Ellen Peters are co-ordinators.
- Kitchen inspection is Dec. 7th.
- Tri-Point Church of God will now house the Food Pantry.
- A new copier will be purchased for the church office.

NOVEMBER – A busy, busy month!

Each Sunday during November Worship:

- **Nov. 6th – All Saints' Day.** Those who passed away since Nov. 1, 2021 will be remembered.
- **Nov. 13th – Veterans will be honored.** A coffee hour to follow worship. Invite a Veteran.
- **Nov. 20th – In Gathering Sunday.** A request for laundry soap, micro wave popcorn and granola bars will make up our Thanksgiving gift to the students at Central Michigan University Wesley Foundation.
- **Nov. 20th – A potluck with Hanging of the Greens to follow worship.**
- **Nov. 27th – Advent begins.** A sermon series "Be Born in Us" with a Sunday school type class continuing the study after worship.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm
- NO Christmas Day Service
- Casual New Year's Day Service

BE A MAGICIAN! HELP SPECIAL THINGS APPEAR AT THE CHURCH!

Be a Volunteer! Help is needed to bring things to fruition at our church. It truly is not magic.

Could you be the one to take over a ministry. Yes, a ministry. You know everything that is done in our church is a way that we show our love for God and others.

Right now there are just a few ways that you could take charge and see that they get accomplished each week or month. But believe me others will come up in the near future.

Don't wait to be asked. VOLUNTEER!

1 – Become the Messenger (church newsletter) editor. It is printed each month. Church news and happenings, articles by others, clip art, filler, etc. will be available. Also help to learn the ropes will be gladly offered. See Rev. Paula or Marlene to **VOLUNTEER** for this position.

2 – Become the someone who takes care of the altar in the sanctuary. A calendar for special times will be provided with other information as needed. This can be weekly, monthly, or seasonally. Can you **VOLUNTEER?** Again see Rev. Paula or Marlene.

3 – Become the someone who knows the ins and outs of the church. A person is needed to "shadow" Marlene to learn what she does and what she knows about the church workings. This is not an everyday or even every week situation now but the more knowledge you gain the better off the church will be in the future. More than one person needs to know what makes the church tick other than worship. **VOLUNTEER!** See Rev. Paula or Marlene.

4. Become the second person with the Medical Equipment Program. Barb Butler heads it up but needs someone that can be called when there is a need and she is not available. Be a **VOLUNTEER!** See Barb for more info.

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		2:00 PM Grief Share ¹				1:00 PM "Survivi the Holidays" Sp Grief Share ⁴
10:00 AM Worship ⁶		2:00 PM Grief Share ⁸	9:00 AM Happy Crafters ⁹	9:00 AM Happy Crafters 4:00 PM Worship Team 6:00 PM Ad Council ¹⁰	9:00 AM Happy Crafters ¹¹	4:30 PM Chili Su
10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Trustees ¹³		2:00 PM Grief Share ¹⁵				
10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Hanging of the Greens ²⁰	1:00 PM UWF (UMW) ²¹	2:00 PM Grief Share ²²				
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