

The MESSENGER

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Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

News from Around the Congregation

Mio United Methodist Church

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Office Hours – Friday 9 am – 11:15 am

Worship

Lunch

New Connections



Share His Light Sunday

Sunday, October 30th

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Invite a Friend for Food – Fun – Fellowship

*Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds
and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16*

I was reading an article on my phone the other day. As it commonly occurs when reading on-line, there are ads that appear thru out any given content. Normally you scroll past and keep reading. Well, this add stopped me! Bold dark print, featured front and center, read: **"Love thy neighborhood"**. In small lighter print farther down, it said: "only you can prevent forest fires". At the bottom was the image of Smokey the Bear... It was an add for Smokey the Bear and fire prevention!!!

Who ever came up with that add campaign was putting to use one of the best-known lines from the Bible, AND what we know as one of the greatest commandments: **"Love thy neighbor, as thy self"**. How very brilliant! What a great cross-over of audience appeal. Such clever use of a very familiar concept. They were using scripture, tweaked, to get their message out. They linked two long standing sources of morale values together into their add campaign.

It got me thinking.

The challenges facing the future of the institutional church are real and looming. The decline in numbers of those who profess a personal relationship with their God, is a reality, despite what one's theology, doctrine, or Book of Discipline says. It is a real topic being faced across Christianity. We know it personally here in our own community and congregation. We must find ways, different ways, to communicate the message of the gospel of Christ, so that others want to hear it and engage it. This is not advertising a false message, or playing trickery in packaging, but rather speaking in a language that the listener/reader can relate to.

One of the basic counseling essentials of relationship dynamics and conflict resolution is that *"you cannot change another person's behavior; you can only change the way you relate to them"*. If those outside the church want nothing to do with those inside the church because of perception of behavior, then that tells us our message is missing its target audience and we need to change for the relationship to change. Our Christian commission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" cannot happen without interaction with that world!

The time to rethink our advertising campaign is now! Because the trend of decline in believers is real. Collectively and individually, we have much to learn about how to better fulfill our greater purpose of growing God's Kingdom on this earth and above.

May we pray for the openness to allow the Holy Spirit to move us!

Be challenged. Be inspired. Be encouraged.

Get engaged!

*Peace be with you,
Rev. Paula*

SHARE HIS LIGHT SUNDAY

An event is being planned for Sunday, October 30th. We can Share His Light by extending invitations to neighbors, friends or acquaintances to join us. This special day will include worship, lunch, tasty treats, swag bags, and good conversations.

Three skits will be presented on the 3 Sundays prior to give ideas to you on how you might invite someone. Also, there will be invitation cards to give out with date and time. Together we can extend the Light of Christ as we make new friends and enjoy this special day.

See front page of The Messenger.

IT'S TIME FOR APPLE PIES AGAIN!



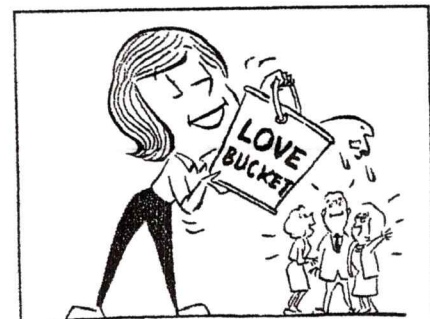
Churchill United Methodist Church is making delicious apple pies again this year. You have a choice of double crust, crumb crust, and/or sugar free. The cost is \$8.00 per pie. They are ready to bake or freeze with instructions for baking included.

Get an order form in the Fellowship Hall, fill it out, put it in an envelope provided along with your money or check. Make checks payable to Churchill UMC.

The pies can be picked up at the Mio UMC on Friday, October 21st. Time will be announced in church.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGES SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK



Spendthrifts in Love

Christians should be spendthrifts in love. Love is the one treasure that actually multiplies as we give it away. The more we take from it, the bigger it grows.

Give love away; splash it generously on others; empty your pockets; shake the basket; turn the glass upside down—and tomorrow you will have more than ever.

DIRECT \$\$\$\$

WOW! Keep those Family Fare receipts coming. They total \$114,000.00 at this date. Just save any complete receipt from Family Fare and give it to Nancy Crane. (You must use the Glen's or Family Fare card to get the credit.) Only \$36,000 until another \$1000 check.

IMPORTANT CHANGES !!!

Sunday Worship will begin at 10:00 am.

Ad Council change of date & time:
Every month - 2nd Thursday
At 6:00 pm

Trustees change of date:
2nd Sunday of each month
After Worship

United Methodist Men change of date:
3rd Sunday of each month
After Worship

Mio UMC Annual Charge Conference
Sunday, October 2nd at 3:00 pm
At Tawas UMC

All elected leaders are urged to attend.

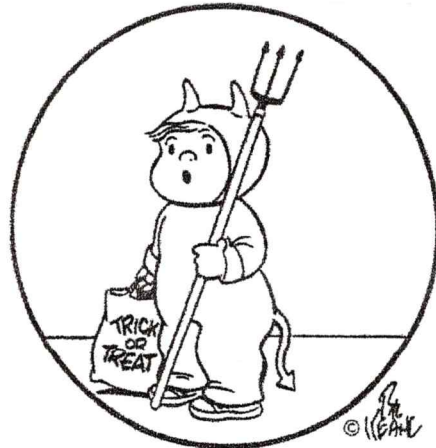


TRICK or TREAT TIME
At
St. Mary's Catholic Church

Monday, October 31st
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Please bring wrapped candy to the church by Sunday, Oct. 30th.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Will God know it's me?"

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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Outdoor sign on Halloween:
"Salvation: No trick, God's treat."

Missons Newsletter

The **Soup and Pie Supper** was a rousing success. Many from the community at large attended and were greeted by Rev. Paula and others outside the front door. It was hard to count but we had at least 72 people eating soup in fellowship hall and a couple doing carry out. A total of almost \$900 was donated and will be sent to Rafiki. Part of this money will go for support for Cossam and Moses and part for the fund for a much-needed replacement car for Jay and Maureen Richards, missionaries at the Rafiki village. A huge thanks to all of you who mingled with those you may not have even known, who contributed prep and clean up time, soup ingredients, pies and encouragement for the cooks. It all helped to make this event a success.

Operation Christmas Child is our opportunity to give a Christmas gift and the message of Jesus Christ to a needy child here in the US and around the world. You can make a difference in the lives of children who would not have a gift at Christmas time or the opportunity to hear about the one who gave the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

Please join in packing shoeboxes so that more children in the remote corners of the world and here in America can hear the Good News of the Gospel.

You can pick up a brochure from the table in the back of fellowship hall and a shoebox. Follow their suggestions of what can and cannot be included in the box and MAIL your \$10 donation per box in the postage paid envelope provided as part of the brochure. (Do not include \$ in the shoebox this year) Only one check is needed if multiple boxes are filled. The \$10 covers transportation costs to send the boxes into the far reaches of our world where so many spiritually needy children live.

Please have your shoe box on the back table of fellowship hall by NOVEMBER 13TH. And, again, thank you for your participation in this worthwhile project.

ADOPT A FAMILY Christmas Giving

We will notify you as soon as we are informed of those needy families in the Mio community who sign up for this program and are vetted by the Health and Human Services Office. Again, we will have tags on a small tree in fellowship hall with the information needed to buy an appropriate gift for the individuals who will have a brighter Christmas because of the generous, giving hearts here at Mio Methodist Church.

Remember those
who are less
fortunate



October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 AM Worship		2:00 PM Grief Share				
10:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Charge Conference		2:00 PM Grief Share		1:00 PM Worship Team		
10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Trustees	1:00 PM UWF (UMW) 5:00 PM Garden Club	2:00 PM Grief Share		6:00 PM Ad Council		
10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM UMM		2:00 PM Grief Share	9:00 AM Happy Crafters 1:00 PM Prayer Bears	9:00 AM Happy Crafters	9:00 AM Happy Crafters	
10:00 AM Worship		2:00 PM Grief Share				
10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Let Your Light Shine Event	5:30 PM Halloween Trick or Treat					

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 – Steven Sidebottom
Kris Vaughn
6 – Nancy Crane
21 – John Phillips
26 – John Smith
29 – Judy Sharp
30 – JoAnn Katona

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries

OCTOBER LECTIONARY

Week of October 2nd

Laminations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Week of October 9th

Jeremiah 29:4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Week of October 16th

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Week of October 23rd

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30th

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

PRAYER CONCERNS

Charlie Abbott
Jill Allen
Corinna Anderson
Joe Arbaugh
Irene Burger
Debbie Butler
Glen Curtis
Taylor Duda
Tonya DeGryse
Nancy Dercher
Gary Frazho
Jim Fuhr
Kevin Gary
Gerald & Joslin (missionaries)
Dan Harmon
David Hegel
Tasha Kann
Katie & Baby
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

MILITARY

All Armed Forces
Corey Brown
Whitney Kann
Marshall Socia