

The Grapevine

Oxford United Methodist Church ~ Rev. Dr. Julius E. Del Pino, Pastor
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"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them, bear much fruit..." John 15:5

OUR MISSION

*Uniting in Jesus Christ
we spread God's love*

OUR FOCUS

We envision a church with a vibrant Christian spiritual life where we welcome and value all God's people... Where we grow, discover, and share our gifts in the church and in the world.

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From
the
Pastor



By the time you receive this issue of The Grapevine, we will have begun the season of Lent, leading up to Easter as we prepare for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. I feel deeply blessed to lead this congregation through this sacred and life changing season. I have asked Becky to include in this addition a helpful list of things to do for Lent. [see page 3] Hopefully, you

will allow yourself to feel deeply the passion of Christ as we become more and more intentional about following in the steps of Jesus. You can choose to make this Lent and Easter season your most spirit filled journey you have ever had.

I encourage you to stay in prayer and to do your daily devotions with family members. You and other friends can do the book study "Every Step a Prayer" by Thomas R. Hawkins together. Invite your neighbors to attend and serve a light dessert after your exciting informative Bible-book study. Make it a weekly commitment to be in worship every Sunday in Lent.

Because of inclement weather this past Ash Wednesday, we decided to do the imposition of Ashes on the first Sunday in Lent, Sunday, February 26, 2023. If you were not able to attend the first Sunday in Lent, please let the Pastor or a

member of the worship team (Michele Mumbrue and Laura Clancy) know and we will make sure that you receive the Ashes as requested.

As for me, I know in my heart that I need the Lenten messages to stay on the path. What about you?

In His service as faithful servants,
Julius E. Del Pino, Pastor

A Call to Love





March 5th - 2nd Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion
"Some See and Some Don't"
John 9:1-41

March 12th - 3rd Sunday in Lent
Invite a Friend Sunday
with special guest speaker: Michael Shoults
and special musical guest: Jeff Karoub of the "In-Betweeners"
(Remember - Daylight Saving's Time begins)

March 19th - 4th Sunday in Lent
UMCOR Sunday (with a special offering for UMCOR)
Bells & Brunch

March 26th - 5th Sunday in Lent

April 2nd - Palm Sunday
Holy Communion

Palm Sunday is the day we remember how they welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem - as a King. He humbly rode a donkey and the townspeople waved palm branches to welcome him. We also wave palms on this day to welcome him into our lives.



April 6th - Maundy Thursday
7pm at Thomas UMC [501 1st Street, Thomas]

Maundy Thursday (also known as Holy Thursday) is the day before Good Friday. It brings to our attention what happened to Jesus the night before he died, when he shared in the Passover meal with his friends and disciples.

April 7th - Good Friday
12pm (noon) at Oxford UMC

Good Friday is the day people all over the world remember the death of Jesus and the horrendous pain He experienced on our behalf. Good Friday services are held in most communities. Some churches hold noon day services to intentionally include the business community.



April 9th - Easter Sunday

Easter is the culmination of Jesus defeating death and gives us hope to embrace and believe in life eternal. While people still die, Jesus, through his life and ministry made it possible to have a relationship with God now while on earth, and also to spend eternity in heaven with our Creator.

Prepare YOUR Heart and Mind for Easter

Many of you have asked “*what can I do to make this season of Lent truly meaningful and to help our church continue to change and grow for the better?*” Pastor Julius offers these suggestions to you to include in your journey...

- 1 Pray to be more merciful.
- 2 Attend worship regularly and invite a friend or neighbor to come with you.
- 3 Practice fasting by giving something up (related to the sacrifices of Jesus).
- 4 Give generously more resources to your church for its ministries as we grow more in the likeness of Christ and in commitment to growing a healthier stewardship foundation.
- 5 Serve and greet people at the front door with the Pastor on Sunday mornings.
- 6 Visit a person who is homebound, if health allows, or send a card of love and concern.
- 7 Take time to tell someone about your church’s Lenten services and the children and youth ministries that are in development.
- 8 Make a commitment to usher for a month or more.
- 9 Make a concerted effort to sing with the Praise Team before Easter Sunday. Rehearsals are on Wednesday at 5pm.
- 10 Read daily the devotional provided by the church - “Amazing Grace” by Michael Hoy. It may be found in the Sanctuary.
- 11 Offer to fill in a worship position after Easter. (Notify Michele Mumbrue (248)969-9173)
- 12 Attend and possibly help out our People Feeding People team.
- 13 Bring food and/or personal items for the FISH food pantry. Please note that monetary gifts are also appreciated as it allows them to purchase fresh foods for the pantry such as meat and milk.
- 14 Join the prayer team in remembering those who are having health issues or other concerns.
- 15 Be intentional in developing new relationships with families and their children.

May you and your loved ones feel the presence of the **Holy** as we prepare to go deeper into the heart of God!



Lenten Prayer: For the Acceptance of Others

Forgive me, Father, for my unwillingness to share your gift of life with others.

My eyesight is so often faulty. I do not see others as you see them.

I judge by my own standards and reject those who do not measure up.

My hearing is faulty, too. I listen to those who can help me, but do not hear those who need me.

Father you see all through the eyes of Jesus Christ and accept us for his sake.

You hear us and know that we need your forgiveness and mercy.

Even so, Father, teach me your way of seeing and hearing your people in whatever circumstance I find them.

Give me a full measure of understanding and compassion, so that my actions and words will reflect the fatherly love and mercy you have given me. Amen.

PRAY for and Encourage One Another Daily

Lord - we lift up these people to you by name:

Darla Hilgendorf Bertich Family Kay Don Rochon Kay Russell
 Carolyn Lawrie Sharron & Chuck Patterson Eric & Olga Neill
 Kent Patterson John & Nadine Lychuk Kip Lawrie John Hauxwell
 Ron Shedlowsky & Family Linda & Chuck McIntyre Julie Imirowicz
 Ro Van Wagoner Ruth Patterson Amy Thorson
 Bruce Conrad Kristina Del Pino Shirley Ricketts Ron Bunker Shirley Conner

We ask your blessings upon:

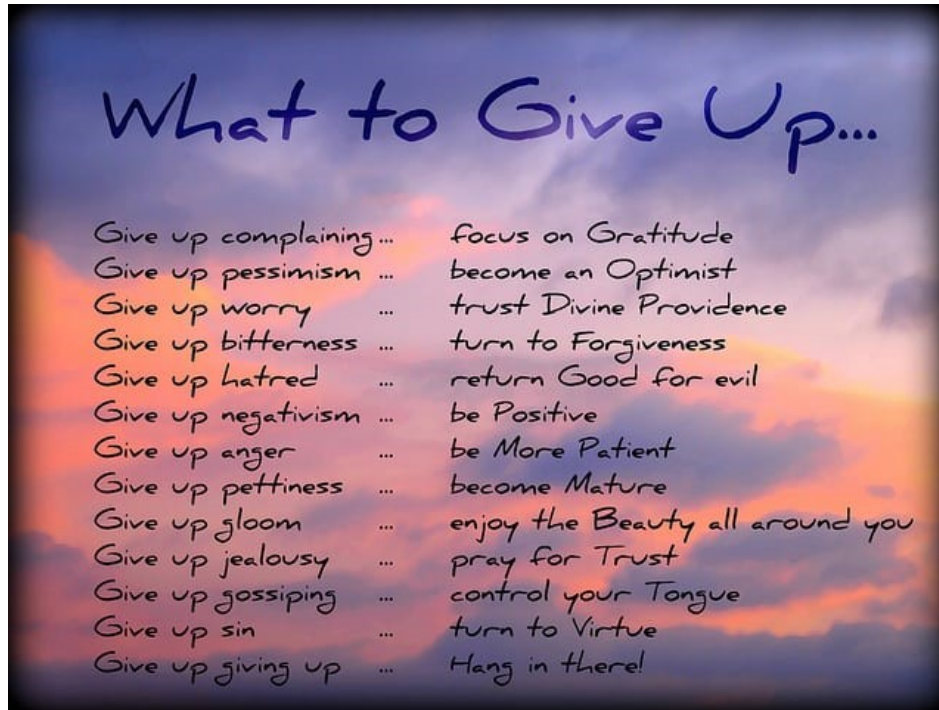
All Families + those expecting new children; dealing with loss of a loved one
 All of our brothers and sisters who deal with racism & hatred
 First responders, caregivers, medical personnel and all affected by illness
 All our school children, their teachers, school workers and administrators
 Our neighborhoods and the Revival of our community
 All affected by the Oxford High School and all other School Shootings
 Our local and national representatives in all three branches of government
 Those in the military serving on our behalf
 Those affected by Natural Disasters & all Violence in the US and worldwide
 Oxford UMC, Pastor, Staff, Guests, United Methodists, and Christians everywhere
 Our Revived Church - that Oxford UMC may be a great source of love
 for this community and that we may revive our vision
 We also pray for those whose names are unmentioned, dear Lord, for you know and love them.
 We ask all these things in your name, Lord Jesus. *Amen!*



The Church is always open for prayer!
Come any time when it is open or when there is a meeting.
Need prayer with Pastor?
Sign up on the sheet outside the office.



**Invite a Friend Sunday
 is March 12th!**



O How I Love Jesus

Rev. Margie Crawford asks us to look at the humanity of Jesus to understand better his mission to save and transform us.

(Rev. Crawford will be the new DS for our District July 2nd.)

Over the past several weeks, I have watched an advertising campaign about Jesus. It comes from an initiative called He Gets Us. The creators state the following on their website: “He Gets Us is a movement to reintroduce people to the Jesus of the Bible and his confounding love and forgiveness.” The information on the website encourages visitors to examine the experiences of our Savior’s life and how they still have relevance for us today.

The two stories shared in the commercials I saw remind me of how wondrously amazing Jesus’ time on earth was. One informs us that he was a refugee, and the other is about those with whom he broke bread. I look forward to other ads sharing some of Jesus’ life experiences.

[At the time of this writing] we are still in the season of Epiphany, which began on January 6 with the celebration of the magi visiting the child Jesus and honoring him with gifts. This story comes from Matthew 2 and is one of my favorites. I never tire of retelling the journey of the magi who traveled far from their homes to meet the King of kings. I wonder if he looked different from other children. Unfortunately, the Gospels do not describe Jesus’ appearance at his birth, as a young child, or even when he spoke in the temple when he was twelve.

And yet, somehow, all who saw him and heard him recognized that he was different from anyone they had ever met. His royal status as the King of kings and Lord of lords should’ve had him being raised in a palace, waited on by servants, never worrying about what clothes he would wear, what foods he would eat, and how others would respect and

honor him.

That was not the path he chose for our salvation. He came to walk the paths of our lives and experience the world as we do so that we understand how much our Lord and Savior loves us. The Gospels don’t contain some of the human milestones we celebrate. There is no record of Jesus’ first steps or what his first word might’ve been. Did he ever ask the four questions which were part of the Seder meal? When did he first read from the Torah, and what passage was it?

We know that Jesus’ steps led him all over the nation of Israel and beyond as he brought the living word of God to all who would hear him. He asked those who would follow him, as well as those who challenged him, questions about what it meant to be a child of God. He offered words of grace, forgiveness, and love. During his life, he brought new meaning to the words of the Torah, helping to write the laws of God, not on parchment, but on our hearts.

Sometimes when we focus on the ways in which our Savior was and is fully divine, we can forget that he is also fully human. He wept at the death of his friend Lazarus and when he entered Jerusalem. He attended the wedding of family friends. He was sometimes hungry and often had no place to sleep. He needed to be alone from time to time to speak with God and renew his spirit. He sometimes became angry and frustrated by those who heard him but did not understand him. He prayed often and shared meals with friends and strangers. He saw people for who they were and did not chastise, criticize, or condemn them. Instead, he blessed them, embraced them, and forgave them.

Because he gets us. Each day he hopes that you and I will celebrate what it means to have Jesus in our lives as we continue our journeys of faith. May we continue to discover how our Lord and Savior—fully human and divine—came into the world to save us and transform us. Amen.

Local Missions & Outreach

Oxford / Orion FISH Food Pantry

“Neighbors Helping Neighbors”

We are collecting FISH donations on the first Sunday of each month. You may also make out a check to Oxford UMC and put “FISH Food Pantry” in the memo line and we will make sure that your donation gets there. “Thank You!”

Current Needs -

Canned pineapple	Beef stew	Canned mandarin oranges	Baked Beans
Taco shells	Canned chicken	Manwich (sloppy joe mix)	Chili
Chunky Soup	Cake mix	Personal care items	Feminine Products

Current Hours -

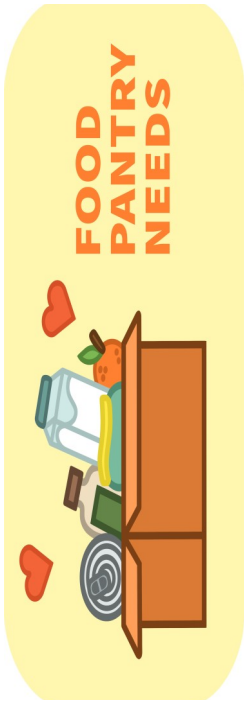
Office: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 to noon
 Pantry: Tuesdays - 1-3pm; Wednesdays - 10-2pm; Thursdays - 1-5 pm; 3rd Saturdays of month - 9:45-11:30am

Any questions, contact Julie Langley (248-628-9619) or John & Devon Warren (248-778-8735)

FISH is a 100% volunteer organization and they need your help.
 All donations are tax deductible. Remember - NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE!

*FISH Location: 1060 S. Lapeer Rd., Oxford
 Website: www.oxfordorionfish.org*

**To receive food from
 FISH: (248) 628-3933**



Oxford UMC Meal Outreach



ALL ARE WELCOME!

All are invited to the community
Free! meal program at OUMC!!

On Saturday mornings we are serving breakfast at PFP (People Feeding People)! We encourage you to attend and not only be fed by food but also with fellowship. We are lifting people up through nutrition and friendship. We are providing a hot breakfast and most weeks a sack lunch for people in the Fellowship Hall (the 3rd week is carryout). If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Kathy Laidlaw (248) 701-5910. We hope that you come and enjoy!!!

WHERE: Oxford United Methodist Church
 WHEN: Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 am

Community Free Meals

If you or someone you know would like a

Free!

hot meal please invite them to visit:

Lake Orion UMC (Mondays)
 Immanuel Congregational (Tuesdays)
 from 5:30-6:30pm

and/or Oxford UMC (Saturdays)
 from 9:30-10:30am



Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) of North Oakland County is a non-profit network of churches in the area, including Oxford UMC.

The mission of Love INC is to mobilize local volunteers and churches to help those in need and transform lives in the name of Christ. They try to provide any help that is beyond the scope of the churches on their own.

The Clothing Closet (at Oxford Free Methodist Church at 790 S. Lapeer Road) needs help sorting donated clothes on Tuesdays from 9:00am-12:00pm or helping clients shop, two Tuesdays a month, from 12:00pm-3:00pm.

Bed, Blessings & Beyond and Little Luxuries (at LakePoint Church at 1550 W. Drahner Rd) is temporarily closed. Please contact them if you have an idea for a new location.

If you would like to donate your time or money to help your neighbors in need please contact them:

Website - www.loveincfnoc.org or
 call 248-693-4357 for more information.

UMCOR In Michigan

GLENN M. WAGNER

Michigan Conference Communications

Ready or not, disasters are a fact of life. Natural disasters include flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, forest fires, tsunamis, and drought. War is also a disaster that disrupts life for many people throughout the world.

It is estimated that approximately 6,800 natural disasters occur each year worldwide. These disasters affect 218 million people and claim 68,000 lives at a cost of \$74.4 billion...

Disasters with devastating consequences for thousands of people even occur in Michigan. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), parts of Michigan were designated for disaster relief in 2020 and again in 2021 following severe storms, tornadoes, and massive flooding in parts of our state made worse by dam and local systems failures. Cleanup and home restoration for many who were affected by these disasters continue.

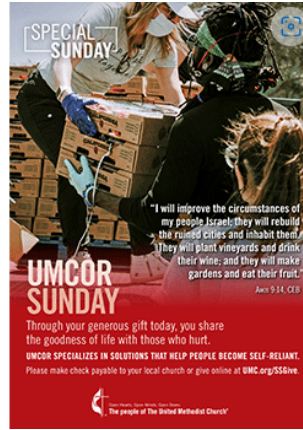
Responding effectively to pressing human needs after disasters requires extraordinary teamwork... This [whole] article examines three key components of the United Methodist disaster response network that serves the mission of Jesus Christ here in Michigan and around the world: (1) the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR); (2) Midwest Mission, the major disaster relief distribution center for the Midwest in Pawnee, IL; and (3) the Michigan Conference Disaster Response and Recovery Team. [Today we are going to take a look at just one of these areas -]

UMCOR

United Methodists have been responding to disasters globally since 1940, when the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (MCOR) was founded to respond to displaced and vulnerable persons in the wake of World War II. At its founding, MCOR's stated purpose was "to serve as a voice of conscience among Methodists to act in the relief of human suffering without distinction of race, color, or creed." That founding principle is still true today.

This mission arm of our denomination was renamed the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in the 1970s and is at work today in 62 countries on five continents. UMCOR prides itself on being one of the first agencies to respond to major disasters and one of the last to leave when the work has been completed. Watch the video below, which provides updates on UMCOR's response to the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

UMCOR. Multiplying Hope.



Each year, a denominational offering received in local churches on **UMCOR Sunday**, this year on **March 19, 2023**, covers the cost of UMCOR's small staff and disaster response trainers who travel across the country to equip volunteers for this important disaster relief work. In addition, because the annual UMCOR Sunday offering covers all administrative overhead costs for the agency, 100% of all other contributions

given to UMCOR throughout the year go directly to designated disaster relief needs.

UMCOR's website summarizes its Christian mission succinctly:

UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters—famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire, or other events - to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable.

UMCOR provides relief, response, and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

In recent years, UMCOR staffing, training, and funding have been of critical help in support of locals and volunteers responding to disasters here in Michigan.

According to Dan O'Malley, Michigan Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, UMCOR provided a vital grant in response to the 2017 flooding in mid-Michigan that displaced 11,000 people. The grant helped fund two disaster case managers and training for local volunteers by UMCOR consultants.

In 2020, UMCOR helped with the Central Bay District flood recovery with project grants that provided training for five disaster case managers, a supervisor, and two construction managers. It also provided \$600,000 in direct recovery assistance to Arenac and Iosco Counties.

In 2021, UMCOR's assistance in the Metro Detroit area flood recovery has helped support and train 30 disaster case managers, three resource coordinators, and three construction coordinators, and provided an \$850,000 grant for direct assistance to those in need.

HOW TO GIVE: Write a check to your local church with "UMCOR" in the memo line and place in the offering plate or mail to Oxford United Methodist (21 E. Burdick St. Oxford). Thank you for your generosity. Without your gifts, we could not continue this ministry.

[If you would like to read the rest of this article please go to: <https://michiganumc.org/disaster-relief-requires-teamwork/>.]



MARCH

- March 2 - Holly Cischke | Jon Gross
- March 3 - Lynda Bertich
Karen Etherton
Cameron Mumbrue
- March 5 - Steve Clay
- March 11 - Lucinda Bellairs | Teresa Nelson
- March 18 - Millie Solon
- March 19 - David Cischke
- March 20 - Lorrin Schwartz
- March 23 - Mari Jo Bierwirth
- March 26 - Ginny Conrad
- March 27 - Teri Jacobsen
- March 31 - Marta Acheson



APRIL

- April 2 - Larry Bradford
- April 3 - Cecelia Nicholson
- April 7 - Lilly Prawdzik
- April 14 - Shirley Conner
- April 15 - Renae Shagena
- April 19 - Shirley Acheson
- April 20 - Jordyn Meersseman
- April 22 - Michael Nelson
- April 24 - Kimberly Rizzo
- April 27 - Matthew Rizzo
- April 28 - Mary Garrard
- April 30 - Carolynn Foss

Birthdays

Anniversaries

March 11 - Mike & Lucinda Bellairs

March 23 - Ron & Karen Etherton



Knit Knack

We meet every Friday from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us if you enjoy any type of needle work. We are always willing to teach anyone who would like to learn. If you have any questions, please call Mary Garrard, 248-613-4505.

Piece Makers Quilting

You are invited to attend the Piece Makers group and help with our prayer quilts. They usually meet on Tuesday afternoons (1st and 3rd weeks) starting at 1pm.

Do you know someone who would like the comfort of the prayers woven into a quilt during its creation? These quilts are intended for *anyone* who could use a hug and a prayer during challenging times.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda McIntyre (248-245-7898).
Please keep praying!



Excelsior Bell Choir

The Bell Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm
Come to hear us play every third Sunday during the school year.
Please remember to join us for brunch immediately after the service.
If you have any questions or if you would like to learn to be a substitute, please contact Rosemary Rumbold (248-391-0973)

Praise Singers

Join us to practice Sunday's songs and hymns. Rehearsals are at 5pm on Wednesday evenings.
If you have questions or if you would like to be a part of the Praise Singers please contact Renae Shagena (248-969-2225).



join us

UM Women: Rachel Circle

Greetings from Rachel Circle

We are in the season of Lent, what does that mean ? It means for a period of time (40 days, starting on Ash Wednesday & ending on Holy Thursday [2/22 to 4/6] you should be reaching deeper into your spiritual life.

Reading your Bible, look up any situation in your life right now & I guarantee the Bible has something to say on the matter. Look up several different passages & read them. Invite yourself to reread them & contemplate what is the take away message for you, and pray on it.

Praying, what is prayer ? Prayer is just a conversation that you have with our Lord Jesus Christ. He is your best friend if you let Him. However, with every relationship communication is key. He automatically knows what is in your heart, but He needs to hear from you. He needs you to want to talk to Him, one on one. Don't be a stranger. He is as close as the air you breathe & He does not stand on ceremony or protocol. Just talk to Him, I guarantee you He is waiting on you.

Repent - Here is a word that for many years conjured up intimidating memories from my early church days. Churches that used that word in an accusing, loud, angry tone made me want to run before I actually heard anything else. Many years later in my teen years, I actually looked up what "repent" means in Webster's dictionary. If you share any of those same feelings after hearing that word, here are some of the other words I could relate to: remorse, sorrow, regret and here is one I was very familiar with: guilt. So, to be clear, are you sorry for behavior unworthy of a Christian ? Then let Him know you are, repent.

Our Lord does not want us to live our lives feeling guilty or sorrowful, He wants us to live joyful lives. He tells us that many times throughout the Bible. However, he does want us to review our commitments & live our lives in a

UM Men: Band of Brothers

Thanks
for your
participation

In the Souper Bowl!

way that gives Him the glory He rightfully deserves for all the blessings He gives all of us. So, think on your life, if any part of your life isn't giving glory to the Lord, maybe it is time you decided to say you are sorry to Him for stumbling or just plain sleeping on the job. He has already forgiven you, but you must speak it to Him. Then, move onto living a joyous life, everyday.

Add one more item to your daily Lenten habits: Gratitude. Never underestimate the power of gratitude. Be thankful for everything good in your life & let Him know.

Quite often just before Lent starts or somewhere along the path of Lent, you will hear folks talking about what they gave up for Lent (which by the way should be between you & the Lord). Last Sunday Rev. Del Pino read a prayer in church "What To Give Up" [see page 5].

Our wonderful women's group here at Oxford U.M.C. is a once a month meeting on the second Monday of each month. We are always looking to welcome new faces. We promise you will not feel like a stranger by the end of the meeting. Our sisterhood of Christian fellowship is relaxed & welcoming. Our next meeting is on March 13th, at 10am - 11:45am. The April 10th meeting, as it is the day after Easter, could change. If the date changes for any reason it will be announced in church and/or in the church program.

God bless you all, especially during this Holy season.

Carolyn Lawrie
Rachel Circle President



Congratulations to Our Chili Cook-off Contest Winners:

Laurie Smith-Del Pino & Sue Rizzo

The United Methodist Men focus on Evangelism, Missions, and Spiritual Development.

Questions? Please contact
Fred Nelson, UMM President
(248-628-9826) or
John Warren (248-778-8735).



Save the Date

Retirement Thanksgiving Jamboree

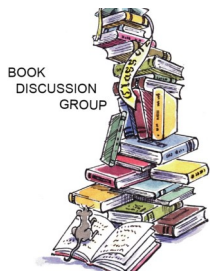
For
Rev. John H. & Laura Hice
District Superintendent of East Winds UMC Churches

Sunday, May 21, 2023
@ 3:30pm

Davison UMC
207 E. 3rd Street
Davison, MI



Book Discussion Group



Do you enjoy reading? We do!!!
Our book group is always looking for more readers who like to chat with friends about books. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the Memorial Room.

Wednesday, March 8: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors--until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late. Shelby Van Pelt's debut novel is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.

If you have any questions, please contact
Joanne Bogus (248 747-7544).
Hope to see you at Book Discussion!



UMC Camping

It's the time of year to think about signing up for Camp! There are many choices at our Michigan United Methodist Camps for all ages and interests. Be sure to go online [www.umc Camping.org] to find out the schedule for this year. Forms are also available on the kiosk.

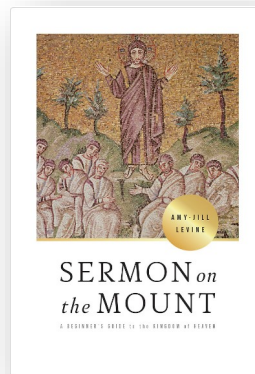
Summer camps are already taking registrations and you can save \$ by registering early.

Scholarships are also available both from the church and the camps if needed. Contact the church office [248-628-1289] if you need more information.



Wednesday Lenten

Bible Study at 10:30am



The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus most profound and most memorable teachings.

What might these teachings have meant to his disciples, and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today?

How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

In *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount, explains historical and theological contexts, and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today.

Join us - all are welcome - bring a friend!



*"Do all the good you can,
in all the places you can,
to all the people you can."*

Rev. John Wesley (founder of Methodism)

Finance Update

Thank you for your faithful giving each month to God's Church. We as a Finance team keep track of giving and expenses each month. Thank you for your faithfulness. Please help monthly with our General Fund.

January Giving \$ 7,267.05

February Giving \$ 5,966.15

Budget for 2023 \$ 118,856.00

If you prefer to write a check or donate with cash please use your offering envelopes (now available).

If you need envelopes, please call the church office or Larry Bradford, financial secretary.

Please consider giving your donation electronically!

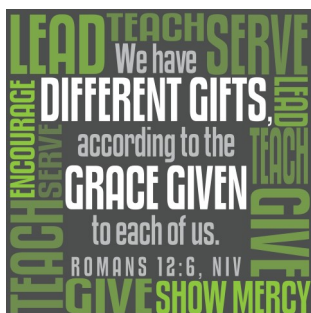
It will be paid as you decide and directly deposited into the church account.

It is so easy! And no more check writing!

There is no fee to join.

Safe and secure.

Forms are available from the office.



2023 Church Council

Church Council Chairperson:

Michelle Wood (248)969-2545

General Fund Treasurer: Becky Sallans (248)628-1289

Designated Fund Treasurer: Kevin Kater (248)628-7804

Financial Secretary: Larry Bradford (248)628-5759

Finance Co-Chairpersons:

Bernie Rumbold (248) 391-0973
and AmyBeth Fleischer

Board of Trustees: David Cischke (248)863-8037

Michelle Wood (248)969-2545

SPRC Chairperson: John Warren (248)778-8735

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Adam Bertich (810)656-1629

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The Covenant Experience

March 26 & April 2

11:30am - 1pm

*For anyone who would like to learn more
about the United Methodist Church*

Contact the church office if you would like to sign up or need childcare




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 5 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY COMMUNION	6	7 7p (Y) Trustees	8 1p (M) Reading for Fun	9	10	11
12 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT Daylight Savings Time begins Special Guest Michael Shoults & Musical Guest Jeff Karoub of the "In-Betweeners" 11:15a Revive Team "CRT"	13 10am (FH) Rachel Circle 7p (Zoom) Worship Team	14 7p (Zoom) Staff Meeting	15	16	17	18
19 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT UMCOR Special Sunday Bells & Brunch	20 6pm SPRC	21	22	23	24	25
26 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT 11:30am Covenant Experience	27	28	29	30	31	






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<p>9 EASTER SUNDAY </p>	<p>10 (Office Closed) 10am (FH) Rachel Circle 7p (Zoom) Worship Team</p>	<p>11 7p (Zoom) Staff Meeting</p>	<p>12 1p (M) Reading for Fun</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER Bells & Brunch 11:15a Revive Team "CRT" (?)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>24 7p (Zoom) Church Council</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
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10:00 a.m. Worship

10:20a.m. Sunday School to classes
(during Worship Service, Sept - May)

Coffee & Refreshments after service

All Are Welcome!