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I want us to be indivisible.
By Pastor Weatherly Verhelst

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, INDIVISIBLE, with liberty and justice for all." (emphasis mine)

This month, as we celebrate Independence Day, our thoughts more than ever turn

to what patriotism means, how well our nation is doing, and how we might be stronger, better citizens. I imagine that seeing our Pledge of Allegiance printed here brings

memories of saying it in classrooms and other official places. The word that keeps sticking out for me is "indivisible." Not to be divided. Whole. Strong enough to withstand tension and even violence.

I'm leaning on the promise that "indivisible" suggests to me. I need to believe that even as we differ on our political leanings, as we argue about people's rights, our foreign and domestic policies, and seemingly everything else, that we as a nation will remain whole. I'm hoping that for my church, too.

Our United Methodist Church is in a tough place right now. Years of arguing, praying, studying, and arguing some more about human

sexuality have led us to a place where we will have a special General Conference next February to decide how we will stand as a denomination about this issue. Our bishop counseled us at our recent annual conference to continue to do vital ministry and not to let concerns about the denomination's future stop us from making disciples of Jesus Christ each day. My mind agrees with Bishop Bard completely, but my heart continues to tremble a bit.

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John 17:20-21, NRSV)

It's fair to say that the people of the United States have had differences of opinion in our nation's history. We've even fought a war against one another. Certainly our history as United Methodists mirrors our country's history. The Methodist Episcopal Church split over the question of slavery in 1844; we didn't come back together again until 1939, when the Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South became the Methodist Church. I don't expect that our church or our country will ever speak with one voice on many issues. I guess I'm just hoping that we will be able to remain united on the central issue of our identity.

I am a citizen of the United States of America, and I believe that our country is founded on freedom, even the freedom to disagree. When we cease to allow people to act and to speak in freedom and safety, we lessen our national identity.

Similarly, I am a citizen of the kingdom of God, and one of God's children. I believe, as far as my human nature will allow, that Jesus Christ has called his followers to live in peace, tolerance, and justice with

one another, even when we disagree on what the words mean, or how we are to live out our lives as disciples. I am trusting that the bonds that we have as

Christians and as part of these United States will remain unbreakable. I want us to be indivisible.

Jesus Christ prayed to God shortly before his crucifixion, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (John 17:20-21, NRSV). May it be so, in this earthly nation, and in our eternal citizenship.

Peace to you,

Pastor Weatherly

Attention Prospective New Members and Friends of the Church! We're So Glad You're Here!

Are you interested in joining the church as a new member? Let's talk more!

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 5th**! We'll gather in the Chapel after the 10 a.m. worship service and do two things: 1) get to know other new families a bit more, and 2) plan for two informal new member classes in August, to prepare for a New Member Sunday (tentatively scheduled for August 26th).

Bring your calendars and an open heart.

Can't wait to see you there,

Pastor Weatherly



Summer Spirit Seekers

Thanks to all the volunteers that will be there for our children this summer! Two more volunteers are needed for **July 15**, to show a movie for the kids.

If you are *Safe Sanctuary* trained and available on July 15, contact Sue Wesp (248) 515-0497.

Reception Friends

Volunteers are needed to greet visitors during the morning office hours Tuesday through Thursday. Please contact Fred Dolehanty if you're able to volunteer a few hours.

Mothers of Preschool Children (MOPs)

Interested in providing a church based program for Mothers of Preschool Children (MOPs)? A training program for volunteers will begin in August and the program will begin in September. If you are able to volunteer a few hours once a week, contact Fred Dolehanty.



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This Month's Scriptures

1 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

8 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

15 Job 38:1-11 & 42:3

22 Matthew 5:13-16

29 Ephesians 3:14-21



Hundreds of older and disabled neighbors in our community need help getting to doctor appointments, the grocery store, or other essential errands. Being able to get food and medical care can make it possible for them to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program is in need of volunteers who can provide transportation in the local area. We especially need drivers who are available during daytime business hours. If you have just a couple hours a month that you can give to someone in need, you can make a huge difference in the life of a struggling neighbor.

A DRIVING NEED

You tell us what days, times and areas are convenient for you, and we call you with specific appointments that meet these criteria. If you are free, say yes, If you're not, simply decline and we will call you another time. Even one more ride a year will make a big difference to the person who needs it!

For more information, call the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 586.757.5551. See www.ivcinfo.org to learn more.



From Our Friends at Red Bird Missionary Conference

Red Bird Missionary Conference is currently working to help a very needy mother and son, barely surviving in a badly run-down, two-room mobile home. Margaret is confined to a wheelchair and Paul struggles with health problems of his own. The floor of the home is not covered, so the subfloor is exposed. There is no running water or electricity and Margaret is unable to go outside without help from her son, who must carry her down rusty, unsecured iron steps. To access the parked car, he must then maneuver down a rocky slope. It's a hardship existence and Red Bird's team is working to 1) provide a generator and pump; 2) provide some used furniture and 3) build a new, safe home on the current site.

Margaret and Paul's lives are being changed by faithful volunteers and through your donations to our ongoing Outreach Ministries. If you would like to donate to this project or other ongoing ministries, please make your check out to Red Bird Missionary Conference.

**Red Bird Missionary Conference, Inc., Churches & Outreach Ministries,
54 Queendale Center, Beverly, KY 40913—www.redbirdconference.org**



Save the Dates

- Jul 1** Worship/
 Communion
- Jul 1** Super Summer
 Sundays
- Jul 4** **Happy Birthday**
 USA!
- Jul 8** Worship/
 Dedicate Mission
 Trippers
- Jul 8** Super Summer
 Sundays
- Jul 9** **August Tidings**
 Newsletter
 Deadline, 1pm
- Jul 14** Men's Breakfast
- Jul 14** Senior Mission
 Trip Departs
- Jul 15** Worship/Rev.
 Jane Berquist
 preaching
- Jul 15** Super Summer
 Sundays
- Jul 16** Serve Lunch at
 Baldwin, see
 Linda Wright
- Jul 19** UMW Fellowship
 Luncheon
- Jul 21** Senior Mission
 Trip Returns
- Jul 22** Worship/Rev.
 Jane Berquist
 preaching
- Jul 22** Super Summer
 Sundays
- Jul 29** Mission Trip
 Sunday
- Jul 29** Super Summer
 Sundays
- Jul 30-Aug 3**
 Vacation Bible
 School Week



Congratulations Paul Clark!
Rochester Lions Club 2018
Member of the Year!

Stephen Ministry Tidbit

God is working for you today,
heaven is holding conversations
about you and angels have been
assigned to you. Be at peace!



One precast concrete step is surplus to Troy First. Located outside southeast corner of building. Will require 2 strong people to lift it. Questions? Call Paul Clark 248.321.1997.



Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your gift to support the following missionaries and ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries:

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Project /Missionary Name</u>	<u>Country/State</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
13037Z	Princess Jusu	Liberia	\$257.00	05/21/2018
3021062	GIRLS' DORMITORY	Liberia	257.00	05/21/2018
418790	Haiti Hot Lunch Program	Haiti	20.00	05/21/2018

When giving through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church, 100 percent of your contribution is applied to the designated project(s) or to missionary support. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us in God's mission.

May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for mission.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes
General Treasurer
General Board of Global Ministries

Russell Pierce
Executive Director of Communications, Advance & Fundraising
General Board of Global Ministries

Memorial Book Focus

	In Memory Of	Perpetuated In
July 1st	<i>Judge Norman R. Barnard</i>	<i>Pew Cushions</i>
July 8th	<i>(J. Barnard+) George S. Shearer and Esther Shearer</i>	<i>Pew Cushions</i>
July 15th	<i>Ed Bartz, Sr.</i>	<i>Candelabras with Permanent Candles</i>
July 22nd	<i>Marge Barclay Brown</i>	<i>Candelabras with Permanent Candles</i>
July 29th	<i>George S. Shearer & Esther Shearer</i>	<i>Candelabras with Permanent Candles</i>

The Memorial Garden Book Focus for the month of July
James Voris Harrison

Social Action at 2018 Annual Conference

The 2018 annual conference adopted seven resolutions that call for action on the part of individuals and congregations in the Michigan Area Annual Conference (MAAC). The resolutions and the proposed actions are briefly described here.

Resolution: The MAAC declares its prayerful support for the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival currently ongoing in our state and others.

Action: Become familiar with the activities of the Poor People's Campaign (www.poorpeoplescampaign.org). Consider participating in aspects of the program.

Resolution: The MAAC calls on the state of Michigan, through communication by the Bishop to state representatives and senators to advocate for a state of Michigan ban on private ownership of AR-15's and other semiautomatic rifles that fit the 1994 Federal definition of assault weapons and were banned from 1994 to 2004.

Action: Prayerfully support Bishop Bard in this regard. Consider adding your voice to his by contacting your state representatives and senators.

Resolution: All Michigan Area United Methodists (especially Youth Pastors and Youth Leaders) are strongly encouraged to participate in the state-wide "Raise the Age" campaign permitting 17-year-olds to be considered as juveniles in criminal court.

Action: Contact your state representative urging them to call the chair of the Law and Justice committee to advocate passage of Michigan HB 4664 and then calling the state senators to advocate passage of a like bill in the state senate.

Resolution: The MAAC urges its members to advocate for legislation by the U.S. Senate to end the U.S. military support of the Saudi coalition for war on Yemen.

Action: Contact Senators Gary Peters (202-224-6221) and Debbie Stabenow (202-224-4822) in order to end U.S. assistance of this military action.

Resolution: We call upon United Methodists to do "the things that make for peace" (Luke 19:42) on the Korean Peninsula. We recommend that United Methodists make time each week to prevent a war on North Korea and establish a peace process. We would also encourage our own government to recognize the right of all Korean people to negotiate on behalf of themselves.

Actions: Study Resolution 6135: Korea: Peace, Justice and Reunification, The 2016 Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church.

Call Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow to ask them to co-sponsor S 2016 and S 2047 and call your Congressional representative to ask him or her to co-sponsor HR 4837 to prevent the President of the U.S. from starting a war on North Korea without congressional approval.

Study and act on the publications of the General Board of Church and Society, the United Methodist Church.

Resolution: The MAAC encourage its pastors and lay leaders to lead session on the importance of not bearing false witness and telling the truth.

Actions: Bible study starting with Exodus 20:16 based on the New Interpreter's Bible Commentary, Volume I, p 851-853.

Social Action at 2018 Annual Conference

A study of the Baptismal Covenant including our promise to “accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

The research of the falsehoods: lies, “white lies”, and the public portrayal or reality that is skewed by self-interest, party ideology, or ignorance by U.S. political and government officials.

Resolution: The MAAC opposes any state or federal legislation that seeks to restrict the right to address injustice through boycotts, divestment, and sanctions.

Actions: The Conference Secretary will communicate with the President of the U.S., the governor of Michigan, congressional representatives

and the legislature of Michigan, informing them of this resolution including the approximate number of congregations and church members in the conference.

Individual members are invited to follow their consciences in participating in BDS activities. We are encouraged to work for justice in our local communities and the wider world.



Resolutions regarding Child Incarceration and Advocating for the Rights of Children Living Under Israeli Occupation were referred to the Board of Justice with a report to be returned to Annual Conference 2019.

Vital Church Initiative

Courtesy of Robin Ostergaard

Update - July 2018

Our VCI team has now traveled for our first 5 meetings in Attica, MI. We have been meeting with 4 other churches to discuss church health and growth. We will take the summer off and resume our work with 3 more meetings beginning in September.

However, if you are interested in reading any of the books we have been reading, they are available to check out in our church library. Please continue to pray for our whole VCI team as we continue and complete Phase I of the VCI process.

VCI team members are Pastor Weatherly, Robin Ostergaard, Fred Dolehanty, Sharon Stover, Chuck Sonquist, Brooke Schocke, Terry Pritchett, Roger Steiger and Jane Egermann.

Super Summer Sundays aka S3

Every Sunday!

June 24 - August 26, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Were you able to come to our first event, the Ice Cream Social? If so, then you know how much fun we had! And there's more to come! Every week is different and every week is family friendly.

Here is the upcoming schedule:

July 1 Bring your own Wheels---youngsters should bring their bikes, roller blades, scooters, etc. to ride around the back portion of the church parking lot. Older kids are encouraged to bring their 'big kid' wheels--classic cars, convertibles, motorcycles, any other vehicle that can be displayed. There may even be some 'special' cars and guests making an appearance.

July 8 Bible Scavenger Hunt---come ready to solve puzzles and find answers to clues around the church. Fun for everyone!

July 15 Water Night/Gardening/Movie Night ---slip n slides, water balloons, kiddie pools and stuff for the kids, too! haha Come ready to enjoy the joy of a summer evening. Or bring your gardening tools to do some light weeding. Or enjoy the movie 'Not in our Town' followed by a discussion. Something for everyone!

July 22 Vacation Bible School (VBS) build -- Come and help prepare the props for our VBS program which will run July 30-Aug 3.

July 29 Trivia Night -- Bring your thinking cap and come for a night of fun. Kid friendly games available.

August 5 Open Mic Night--Do you play a musical instrument? Good at telling jokes?? (appropriate only, please) Have a beautiful singing voice? Other hidden talent? Then this is your chance to show it off. Come prepared to perform. This will be an indoor event, location in the church TBD.



Super Summer Sundays

Social, Service, Study at First United Methodist Church of Troy

New Events Each Week! Family Friendly, Super Fun!

June 24 through August 26, 2018

6:30pm - 8:00pm



- Backpacks for Back to School
- Ice Cream Socials
- Open Mic Night
- Fellowship
- Trivia Night
- Kid's Wheels & Car Show
- Service Projects
- Movie Night
- VBS Prep
- Water Fun Night



EVERYONE WELCOME!!

FUN, FRIVOLITY AND FELLOWSHIP!

Watch for more information!



Super Summer Sundays

now sponsoring

Blessing Bags

for

The Homeless



HELPING THE HOMELESS
ONE BAG
AT A TIME

Beginning on July 1, we will begin collecting items to make 'Blessing Bags' to be distributed to homeless individuals. Here is a list of items needed:

- ◇ Water bottle
- ◇ Washcloth
- ◇ Soap
- ◇ Chapstick
- ◇ Comb/brush
- ◇ Quarters
- ◇ Granola bars/crackers
- ◇ Applesauce/fruit cups
- ◇ Socks
- ◇ Individual hand wipes
- ◇ Band-aids
- ◇ Toothbrush/small toothpaste
- ◇ Gallon Ziploc bags
- ◇ Small pack of facial tissues

The Blessing Bags will be assembled and blessed at our last S3 get-together in August. Look for a bin in Mercer Hall to collect items beginning on July 1.

So, mark your calendars! Come to one or come to all of our S3 events throughout the summer! There is something for everyone! This is a perfect chance to invite that neighbor or friend to attend a fun event, and it just happens to be at our church! Questions?? Contact Brooke Schocke or Robin Ostergaard.



Coming to the church front lawn
July 15th

Super Summer Sundays

WATER NIGHT

Wear your swimsuit, bring any water toys
(super soakers welcome)

RAIN OR SHINE!!



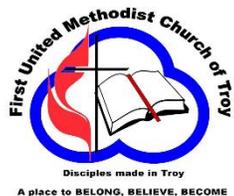
Not a fan of water games???

Remain dry and join us for
SHOWING IN OUR THEATER:

WAKING IN OAK CREEK, a production of Not In Our Town.

35 minute movie with discussion following





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JOB POSTING – June 6, 2018

Young Adult and Youth Ministries Director

Position Description:

Troy First is seeking a leader to encourage, develop, expand and maintain our young adult and youth ministries. This Christian servant will inspire spiritual, educational, missional, evangelical Christian leadership and personal growth in the young adults and youth of our church and community. This leader must communicate effectively with junior and senior high youth, young adults and parents. This person must recruit and train adult youth ministry servants and participate with the pastor and staff to provide an effective leadership team.

Essential Job Functions (may include, but not limited to)

- **UMYF:** recruit and train adult leaders, plan weekly meetings and events. Find resources, work with student leadership on developing leadership skills, organize events such as Trick or Trunk, fundraising events, plan overnight retreats and consider midweek breakfast spiritual gatherings.
- **Youth Mission Trip:** Plan and organize the trip including fundraising events Dinner Auction, car washes, etc.) and recruiting adult chaperones.
- **Youth Worship:** plan Easter Sunrise Service, Youth Mission Trip Sunday, 4:30 Christmas Eve Service and Lenten Events.
- **College Ministry:** Maintain contact with college students through email, Christmas letters and write reference letters.
- **Young Adult Mission Trip:** Plan and organize young adult mission including supporting fundraising activities and recruiting chaperones.
- **Mission Possible:** organize and develop appropriate middle school mission activities and spiritual growth moments, and recruit adult and youth volunteers

Necessary Skills and Experience:

- Education and experience in young adult and youth ministries
- Member of a United Methodist Church

Worktime and Compensation:

- Worktime 15- hours/week depending on job functions. Compensatory time off following intense periods of planned events such as Youth and Young Adult Mission Trips.
- Compensation to be determined. There will be no paid time off and no medical or other benefits.
- Duties will involve evenings and weekends
- Expected worship attendance 48 Sundays annually

Applicants should submit their resume by email to troyfirstumc.sprc@outlook.com or to the Church Office attention Chairperson, Staff Parish Relations Committee. Job Posting until position is filled.

The Connections Fellowship Group had a Great Year!!!

Read all about it.....

The Connections' Fellowship group is a Christian fellowship for spiritual growth, missions and fun. All adults are invited to attend, church membership is NOT required. We focus on strengthening our connections to God, Church and Community! Connections meets the first and third Thursday evenings every month at 7 p.m. during the school calendar year (September – June). This September we will begin our third year of “connecting.” Wow, look at the fun stuff we did this year...

Topics that we covered from September 2017 to June 2018:

- ◆ Traveling light in the new year – giving up grudges
- ◆ The Jenna Kast Foundation
- ◆ Random Acts of Kindness
- ◆ The Holy Spirit – Third Person of the Trinity
- ◆ Spiritual Practices
- ◆ Reaching the Next Generation
- ◆ Changes in our Lives
- ◆ God & Country
- ◆ A Walk down the Appalachian Trail
- ◆ Why is God so violent in the Old Testament?
- ◆ The Salvation Army - Shared Roots of Methodism
- ◆ Understanding Dementia
- ◆ What is your Star – What attracted you or is attracting you toward Christ



One evening a month we focus on missions. See the missions below that we are proud to have contributed to from September 2017 to June 2018:

- ◆ Hymn Sing @ Oakmont Senior Living Center
- ◆ Valentines for Veterans
- ◆ Church Bake
- ◆ Serving dinner at the HOPE Shelter
- ◆ Preparing 75 Easter baskets for the children at Brightmoor
- ◆ Game night at the HOPE Recuperative Center

We also had a fun “active” night with Pam Olesen – M O V E!

Watch the August Tidings for topics and missions planned for Connections beginning in September!!! There just might be a few topics and missions that “sparks” your interest. No membership required!

If you missed the UMW Picnic, June 14, here is a brief synopsis of Head Bros. Circus, to give you a taste of what all the excitement was about.



This was written 9 years ago, before Herbie passed away, but will give you an idea of what we do on Circus Day. - Lisa & Ken Head

Head Bros. Circus day usually happens one day a year; just like the Cole Bros. Circus back in the 1930's only came to town for one day. This is a re-creation of a 1930's circus day, from the train arriving in town, to the horses pulling the wagons to the circus lot, to the set up of the cookhouse, complete with food and stove, to the menagerie and side show and finally to

The Head Bros. Circus Comes to Town

the BIG TOP Show.

Enter into the world of Herb Head, master craftsman and creator of this entire spectacle that you are about to experience. As a seven-year-old boy, Herb played with an umbrella in a milk bottle, as his first circus "tent." He then started turning pork 'n beans cans into Mack trucks and carving blocks of wood into horses and elephants.



Hand carved elephants, animated, in natural positions



Six-horse hitch pulls the steam calliope

It has taken Herb Head; husband, father and grandfather, 76 years to expand his display. Everything you see has been hand-carved, hand-painted, hand-sewn, and handcrafted for the past 76 years of Herb's life. In the scale of 1/12th, where one inch equals one foot, there are 24 train cars, including five stock cars, (where the animals are kept), seven coaches (where the people ride), and 12 flat cars, holding 54 hand-made wagons, filled with all the tents, side show, seats, rigging, transformers, and paraphernalia needed to run the circus.

We model our circus day through accurate historical re-creation, like a show from the 1930's. We begin when the train arrives into town, unload the train with the horses doing most of the work, set up the cookhouse (as the real circus would), and hold true to the motto: "no one eats until the cookhouse is ready, and the 'flag' is up." This was a "secret" signal around the circus lot letting the workers know "the food was ready, come & get it!"

Our circus day begins at 7:00am, and ends after midnight; when the last train car is loaded and ready to move on to the next town for tomorrow's show.

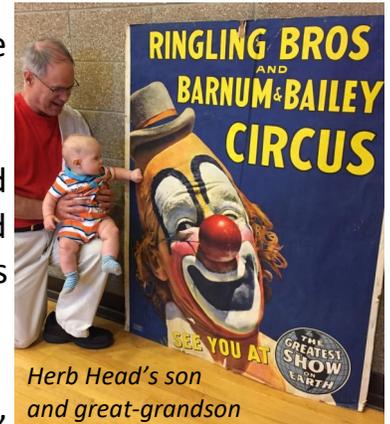
Herb Head's circus started out with fewer train cars, less tents, and not quite so many spectators. The circus used to be set up by Herb alone, and then he needed his two sons, Herb III and Ken.

Now, with all the added circus acts, animals, and wagons, it takes the entire Head family to make circus day happen on schedule.

Thank you for showing an interest in this life-long hobby of a retired GM electrical engineer, who loved the circus so much that he wanted to create one of his own.



Light plant supplies the power in exact 1:12th scale



Herb Head's son and great-grandson



Legendary circus stars hand-carved by Herb Head

At the UMW Picnic, we brought a tiny sample of this incredibly unique display, which usually is set up outside on the grass, rain or shine. We absolutely loved sharing some unknown details about the circus, some wagons, an elephant, and our lives

with the amazing group of people that came to the picnic that evening.

Thank you so much for your many comments, questions, and interest in the life of Herb Head, our lives, and the legacy of Head Bros. Circus.



Hand-carved, animated animals in cages: hippo, polar bears and tigers

United Shore Professional Baseball League



PLEASE JOIN US



You and your family are invited to join us for an evening of fun, entertainment and baseball at Jimmy John's Field!

Each guest will enjoy Dearborn brand hot dogs, Better Made potato chips, along with unlimited Pepsi Brand soft drinks, ice tea, lemonade, or water. Adult guests will also receive two drink tickets good for Bud, Bud Light or wine.

Group perks include:

A group photo on the field, welcome message on the scoreboard, meet and greet with the mascots, coach chalk talk, player autographs and much more.

Yes, I want to reserve my tickets for the Troy First UMC
Jimmy John's Field Outing at 7171 Auburn Rd., Utica on:

Saturday, August 4, 2018 - 7:05 pm, Gates open at 6:00pm

_____ game tickets @ \$25.00 each (Includes, hot dogs, chips, unlimited Pepsi Brand soft drinks, ice tea, lemonade, water. Adult guests will also receive two drink tickets. ALSO, group photo on field, welcome message on scoreboard, meet and greet with the mascots, coach chalk talk, player autographs, and much more!! Bring your kids and grand kids!!!)

I/We want to carpool from church at: 5:30pm yes no

Name _____

Total Enclosed _____

Email _____

Make checks payable to Laurie Urbach & mail
to: 3960 Donley, Rochester Hills, MI 48309
or drop at church office

Phone _____

Tiny Homes Progressive Tour



The Tiny Homes Community will once again host a progressive tour as we show off the 6 newest homes before residents move in.

Tours will take place August 30th and 31st and September 1st and 2nd. The cost is \$75.00 per individual. A second person can be included on the same ticket for an additional \$25.

The fee includes a progressive meal featuring Cass Catering chef Matt Prentice, one of Cass Community Publishing House's 4 available titles including Tiny Homes in a Big City by Rev. Faith Fowler and a donation to the Tiny Homes project. To reserve your time, please visit our website www.casscommunity.org.

United Methodist Women – July 2018 Activities

Activities are open to all women. You do not need to be a member of UMW to attend. If you have questions on any of the events please call Marie Watson 586.942.7836.

Thursday, July 19

11:30 am – Fellowship Luncheon at The Jagged Fork at the Village of Rochester Hills. Back by popular demand, we are going to return to The Jagged Fork. Please call Donna Klungle and get your name on the list.

Spring Used Book Sale

WOW!! The book sale was a huge success!! \$505 was raised for Methodist Summer Camp Scholarships. The unsold books were donated to two other charitable causes. Jennifer Fry collected children's books to send to Africa and Gloria Freeland took the rest for a book sale that raises money for college scholarships.

Thank you to all who donated a great assortment of books, to those that stocked their bookshelves and especially to those who set up, sold books and packed everything up when it was over. In UMW all of the ministries we support are done through service and that requires a personal and physical involvement in fund raising. Thanks for being such willing workers!!

HEALTH PROS

Summer Safety

When preparing your family for a day at the beach or at a pool, our thoughts probably tell us to pick up our swim suits, beach towels, sunscreen, sun glasses, beach chairs, lunch and possibly insecticide. All of those are good things but there are other things that we should be considering as well.

We are all probably aware that any young child around water should be wearing a floatation device. It only takes a few seconds for you to be distracted by another child or just good conversation for a small child's head to go below the surface of the water. A properly fitting floatation device will keep heads above water and give you time to get to the child who is no longer just playing in the sand at the waters edge. Make time in your busy schedule to see that members of your family have swimming lessons. All passengers (and the captain) in a boat should be wearing life jackets regardless of their ability to swim.

If you have an above ground pool always remove the ladder and take it a distance from the pool so that children can't get into the pool. If you have an inground pool, it should be fenced with an alarm on the gate or a specially made netting over the entire pool. Every year we hear of children drowning in their backyard pool because the child exited the house and entered the pool while the responsible adult's back was turned.

If you are going to a lake or a pool, is there a life guard on duty and is the life guard scanning the waterfront with his or her eyes or are they having a good time with other life guards? If at a pool or lake, look at how many life guards there are in comparison to the number of people at the pool or lakeside. If there is a designated swim area, swim

there. Make sure they have life rings available.

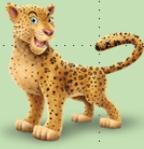
One thing we usually take for granted is that the pH of the pool is being checked regularly and appropriate levels of chlorine exist. Any community pool should be able to show records of the times of testing and results. They should also have an electrician examine the electrical equipment regularly.

We often forget that water and chlorine are excellent conductors of electricity. Faulty water pumps or deteriorated electrical systems can cause fatalities. Being exposed to even small amounts of current can cause a swimmer to become immobilized which can cause drowning. Swimmers should know that if they feel tingling sensations or an unusual pain, they should exit the pool immediately without touching metal (which usually includes ladders). If a swimmer suddenly becomes motionless in the water, suspect electrical issues and do not jump into the water but use a fiberglass shepherd's hook or rescue hook to get the individual out of the water. Make sure any pool you go to has this device for the safety of all. OSHA requires grounding via GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters) in and around water. There are now some devices that float on the water that detect and give warning about electrical current in the water.

A frequent saying in my childhood home was "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." That applies to keeping the mosquitos away, preventing sunburns and sun damage to the eyes, and preventing water safety problems.

Have a great, safe summer!





REGISTER NOW FOR

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 30-August 3 9:00 a.m. - noon

Calling all children, teens & volunteers

Join our interactive island adventure

Games Projects Music Videos Snacks and More!



Questions? Contact Nancy Dolehanty

REGISTRATION

The First United Methodist Church of Troy Vacation Bible School

Cost: \$30.00 per child (family rate of \$75 for 3 or more children)

VBS welcomes 3 year olds through incoming 6th graders in the fall

Preschool Program for 3 and 4 year olds

Nursery care provided for children of parent volunteers

***Please complete and turn in a form for each child in your family along with payment**

Write checks to FUMC of Troy (notation VBS) **Registration Deadline is July 23, 2018**

Questions? VBS Coordinator: Nancy Dolehanty 248-709-6260/248-659-8337

ndolehanty@wowway.com

Vacation Bible School Registration Form - Complete One Form for Each Child

Detach and return to church office or mail to Troy FUMC, Attn: VBS, 6363 Livernois, Troy, MI 48098

Child's First & Last Name: _____

Child's Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade Next Fall: _____

Parent(s) First & Last Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____

Parent/Caregiver's Cell Phone: (____) _____ Emergency Contact # (____) _____

Home Email Address: _____

Allergies (including food allergies) or Other Medical Conditions or special needs:

ACTIVITY	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
GREETERS	Joyce Bauman Barbara Strozynski	Jane Egermann Jan Peacock	Laurie & Brian Urbach	Bernona & Jennifer Fry	Youth Mission Trippers
USHERS	Terry Pritchett Mary Smith Doug Smith Scott Williston	Jeff Olesen Pamela Olesen Tom Stevens Scott Williston	Patti Aurand Andy Barnes Laura Barnes Brian Urbach	Jo Hornbeck Lyle Pushman Roger Steiger Kristin Truelove	Youth Mission Trippers
LITURGIST	Laurie Urbach	TBD	Mark Bauer	Pam Olesen	Sara Matthews
ACOLYTES					
BIBLE CARRIER CRUCIFER					
SOUND /VIDEO ENGINEERS	Sara McNett Steve Olsavsky	Claire Matthews Krista Williston	Jane Egermann	Joe Meek	Rebecca Hartrick Claire Matthews
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	UMW	Men's Group	Kelly & Rick Maldonado	Bellissima Handbell Choir	Brenda & Jerry Michaux
MONDAY COUNTERS	Mary Jo Johnston Bunny Schultz Sharon Smith	Brooke Hartrick Mary Jo Johnston Tim Teagan	Jane Egermann Bev Holmes Jayne Saeger	Chris DeVilling Marie Watson Michelle Williston	Janice Drager Jan Garrett Chris Guillion
TRUSTEE ON DUTY	Art Conley	Gale Blair	Mike Leverenz	Jon Bertolet	Mike Leverenz
FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S TABLE	Cathy & Jim Gaul in honor of Del Eckert's birthday	Gerri Hoffman in memory of Ben	Cathy & Jim Gaul in memory of Bill Baier	Diane Martin for Glory to God	Pam & Jeffrey Olesen/Sherry & John King wedding anniversaries
SPIRIT SEEKERS K-5TH GRADES	No Spirit Seekers	Movie	Movie	Movie with Brooke Schocke	Noisy Sunday Grace Space with Laurie Urbach
NURSERY (NEWBORNS AND CRAWLERS)	Please Volunteer!	Please Volunteer!	Please Volunteer!	Please Volunteer!	Please Volunteer!
TODDLERS (WALKERS-2 YRS.)	Please Volunteer!	Please Volunteer!	Please Volunteer!	Please Volunteer!	Please Volunteer!
3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS	Please Volunteer!	Please Volunteer!	Please Volunteer!	Please Volunteer!	Please Volunteer!

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	David Drake	16	Cheryl & William Russell, Mary & Patrick Smith
2	Sheila & Alan Partington	17	Lisa & Ken Head
3		18	Ann Stevens, Jan & Michael Melcher
4	Renee Scheuerman, Bob Schultz	19	Sheila Julian, Penny Laws, Bradley Williston
5	Del Baier, Barbara Strozynski	20	
6	Steve Olsavsky	21	
7	Ian Luttrell, Morgan Michaux	22	Julie & Steve Olsavsky
8	Mark McNett	23	
9	Marilee Kartje, Jeremy Rahn, Ann & Dan Sobey, Michelle & Jeff Schmitt	24	Lou Wassel
10	Bill Wesp, Kristin & Ralph Truelove	25	
11	Karen Hursin, Rose Joseph	26	Joyce Henn, Nicholas Sands
12	Dan Cardiff	27	Kevin Jakobiak, Sophie Magnatta, Terri Watson, Pam & Jeff Olesen
13	Jeff Stover	28	Joyce Berard, Millie & Ken Engelmann
14	Daniel Dooley, Fay Steiger	29	Tom Geggie
15		30	
		31	Brian Carl, Tristan Justice

If we missed your birthday or anniversary
please call the office at 248.879.6363
or email Jayne at jaynekocsisfumc@gmail.com

New Tidings Deadline is the 2nd Monday of each month, 1pm

August Tidings Deadline: July 9, 1pm

Please email all articles and information *as early as possible*
to Jaynekocsisfumc@gmail.com

Thank you, earlybirds! We appreciate you!!