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“Pledge A Friend” Campaign About To Kick Off At GUMC

Your Finance Committee is happy to report that 2016 and 2017 have been good years for the Church and we are financially capable of sustaining our annual programs and commitments. We are aware that in the past few years we have appealed to the congregation to give MORE money and we praise God for the generous Spirit in which the congregation responded to help us be in a healthy situation financially at this time.

This year, we are not asking you to give more money (though increased financial giving is always one sign of healthy spirituality). Instead, we are asking you to "Pledge a Friend". Just as important as being financially sound, it is critical for any church to have a growing membership. Therefore, this year we are asking each person to "Pledge a Friend", or two or more. We all know friends and family members who are not touched by Goodrich UMC on a regular basis and it could be that our effort is all it will take to change a family's life.

When we joined Goodrich United Methodist Church, we pledged to be disciples for Jesus Christ and spread the Word of God. This stewardship campaign is a chance for all of us to be good disciples. Members specifically pledge their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness for the Church of Jesus Christ and specifically for GUMC.

However, many of us are daunted by approaching our friends and neighbors or even our family members about our faith and about our church. It will take some mentoring for the entire congregation. The Church Board and Pastor Joel are fully committed to this Campaign and promise to give our congregation the chance to learn how to be good disciples. Pastor Joel will be addressing the elements named above during his sermons starting in October with mentoring classes to occur during two Sunday School periods in the coming months. Following is the planned roll out of the Campaign:

- October 15 Announce Stewardship Campaign. Focus on supporting the church through our “Prayers”
- October 22 Focus on supporting the church through our "Presence". Sunday School mentoring opportunity
- October 29 Focus on supporting the church through our "Service". Stewardship Express breakfast for both pledging a friend and committing financially
- November 5 All Saints Sunday - Focus on supporting the church through our "Witness". Sunday School mentoring opportunity
- November 12 Commitment Sunday - Pledges of funds and friends presented to the Congregation and God
- December 3 Open House Service - Bring your "pledged friends" to service
- December 10 Christmas Pageant – A second opportunity to bring your “pledged friend” or a great chance for "friends" to return to church.

See Invitation on Page 3



October Birthdays

- 1 Justin Main
- 2 Kortney Hill
- 2 Lindsay Hill
- 3 Stephen Harlow
- 4 Marie Hill
- 4 Bill Kelly
- 7 Sharon Hill
- 8 Cindy Noll
- 11 Andrea Davis
- 11 Sue Harlow
- 12 John Eddy
- 15 Camille Burny
- 17 Julia Keller
- 17 Steven Worley
- 18 Nita Bennett
- 19 Rebecca Smith
- 23 Abby Main
- 25 Scott Eddy
- 27 John Buckley
- 27 Howard Christian
- 29 Tom Dominick
- 29 Jackson Hamilton
- 29 Joy Rossman
- 30 Janet Elledge

Anniversaries

- 1 Mark & Kelly Sinclair
- 7 Joe & Beth Millerschin
- 16 Frank & Chris Bianchi
- 19 Dan & Michelle Hughes
- 23 Dan & Penny Hogan
- 25 John & Barb Birkner
- 28 Mark & Marie Schulte

Need To Make Changes?



If your address or phone number changes, you drop your landline, you use your cell phone number or you want us to send the Bell Notes and mailings to your children who have now flown the coop, please let the church office know. Your help in helping us remain current with information is the only way we can keep up with our fast-paced world. Call the church office at 810-636-2444. We thank you.



- Harry Sutherland** - Kathy Adair's uncle
- Caleb Fielder** - Frank Hecht's grandson
- Vinny** - friend of Cylia Villa
- Jackie Price** - Rob & Kathy Adair's friend
- Lisa** - Barb Maki's friend
- Cassie Rodgers** - Donna Eddy's friend
- Ann Marie Keck** - Scott Eddy's co-worker's sister
- Kaley Doublestein** - Walt Doublestein's daughter
- Chris Bennett and family** - Jeff & Madonna Bennett's son
- Gladys Marrow** - Beth Gray's aunt
- Lee Masters** - Kim Kaufman's father
- Ken Hecht** - Frank Hecht's brother
- Susan Stewart** - Leon & June Shelley's daughter
- Judy** - Sue Hockin's friend
- Paulette Martin** - John Martin's sister-in-law
- Greg Thomas** - Bob Fletcher's cousin
- Christine Hollenback** - Kathleen Schollar's sister
- Chrissy Dunn** - Cindy Eddy's sister
- Joel Taylor** - church member
- Mae Hagar** - Jerry & Nancy Provost's friend
- Mark Pierson** - Doug & Sue Hockin's friend
- Rob Adair** - church member
- Reilly Schellenbarger** - Student at Goodrich High School
- Lynn Wagner** - Joy Rossman's brother
- Ed Noll** - church member
- Jackie Hamilton** - church member
- Joe Popa** - Donna Haiderer's step-father
- Leah Troyer** - church member
- Ed Gibson** - Effie Armstrong's brother
- Virginia Sutherland** - Val Brinker's sister
- Ivan Densham** - church member
- Carolyn Walls** - church member
- Pam Jowski** - church member
- Phylliss Nesmith** - church member
- Vicky Relitz** - church member

THANK YOU * APPRECIATION * CARING * LOVE

Dear GUMC: The prayer quilt is beautiful. My wife and I love it. ~Ken Hecht

Dear Church Members & Group Members of Prayers & Squares: Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt you made for me. As I use it each day I can feel the love, the prayers for healing and all the caring sent to me with this lovely quilt. I cannot begin to tell you how much comfort and hope you have given to me as I walk this journey with my Lord. Forever grateful, love from Sarah Wilson

SCRIP—Gifts, Everyday Use, You Name It!

Have you ever ordered from Scrip? This is a way that the United Methodist Women support the making of their Ugly Quilts. These quilts, which are creatively sewn into sleeping bags, are taken to Flint and are then distributed by agencies to the homeless. You may order gift cards from popular stores and eateries, who commit to contribute a certain percentage of the cost of each card to our ministry. You can order and pay on the first Sunday of each month and receive your gift card order on the second Sunday. Start thinking of good Christmas gifts to buy! See Phyllis Nylander if you have questions.

Pause With Pastor Joel . . .

The day after our wedding, Megan and I sat down to open wedding gifts. One gift was a card from a friend from seminary. This was a friendship that started from a class project, when we were placed in the same group. While we had grown close enough that we had invited this friend to our wedding, I was still surprised when inside the card we found a check for \$500.

This was one of the largest gifts we received and certainly the largest gift we received from someone who was not our family. It is a gift that has stayed with me. I was astounded that this friend could be so generous to us. I'm the type of person that is usually wondering what to spend on a gift - is \$50 dollars enough?

It was the type of gift that left me feeling humble. Interestingly, it was also the type of gift that left me feeling that in the future I wanted to pass this kind of love on to other people if I could. I do not have the resources to give \$500 for a gift at every wedding I attend. However, such an extravagant gift has changed the way that I give to others at their weddings.

The 1st Letter of John 4:19 says, "We love because he first loved us." I often think of this verse when I think about giving. In many senses, I give because I first received. The gift at my wedding certainly had that influence: it made me more of a giver to others.

It's the time of year when we ask people to consider the gifts they give to the church. The same way that I responded to that generous wedding gift is how I respond when considering my gift to the church. I give because I first received. Here I'm speaking not about gifts from others, but from God. I have received so much from God. I have received scholarships that enabled me to go to school; I have received gifts that enabled me to become a pastor in order to make a living; I have received the gift of a sense of humor that helps

me to get others to laugh. Those are just a few examples.

I have been richly blessed and because of that I give in accordance to those gifts. I hope that you feel the same way. I hope that you give because you recognize God's gifts in your life. I pray you are aware of how richly blessed you are by God. I hope that this season as we ask you to consider your giving for next year you will be inspired to give in proportion to your blessings.

In Christ,
Pastor Joel

Invitation from Page 1

Inviting others to church and into a relationship with Jesus Christ is by no means a one-time event. Moving forward, we will have regular opportunities to invite people to church and to learn more about Jesus Christ. Through this, we grow our own faith through faithfully living as a disciple.

So, get excited! Prepare for the 2017 Stewardship Campaign! We are bound for a new walk in our spiritual lives and it will not be without trepidation. But it will be worth it, my friends, it will be worth it.

Yours in Christ,
Jeff Bennett
Finance Chair



All women are welcome to the Thursday, November 9 United Methodist Women's meeting at 10:00 AM in Room 215. We will share our thoughts about always rejoicing and how we are thankful. We will take up a thank offering; half will go to feed the hungry and half will start off the Christmas giving of gifts to the mentally challenged at Cass Community.

Notice: Board Meeting on Thursday, November 2 at 10:00 AM You do not need to be on the board to come and vote. We will decide on dispersing our mission monies.

Restoration Place Update

I want to give all of you who have so generously donated to Restoration Place an update. It is a huge project to build a home for girls between the ages of 7 and 18 who have been rescued from human trafficking. The little plastic cloth covered jars you have been filling have helped make this project a reality, FINALLY!

I was able to meet the founder at the property; it is one of the prettiest most serene places I have been. Perfect for what Amy and her board of directors are trying to accomplish.

The county zoning commission and the community are behind Amy 100%. An architect has donated his time and has gotten plans approved. Two brothers, who are builders, are building this entire project pro bono. God definitely has a plan for this house and all the girls who will live here and heal.

Since it will soon be time to fill jars again, I wanted to let you know where your money is going and what progress has been made. Questions: Amy at amy@restorationplace.org or give me a call at (810-625-5111).

Thank you,
Lynn Hoffman

**MYF
HOOPLA
Coming
Up**

Youth Sunday Sign Up

Youth Sunday is on November 26 and your talent is needed to help make this service geared towards youth. If you have a talent, such as singing, playing an instrument, or would like to be part of the service with a reading, please see Jeannine Page-Tear.

Superhero Costumes Needed:

We are in need of superhero costumes for an upcoming project. We are looking for a couple of Superman, Wonder Woman, Spiderman, Hulk, Batman, and Cat Woman costumes. Please see Jeannine Page-Tear for more information.

Volunteers Wanted: Anyone who would like to help with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 19 may volunteer for Saturday, November 18 or on Sunday, November 19. Volunteers will be needed to help the youth set up on Saturday and prepare and serve the dinner and clean up afterwards on Sunday. Join with our youth as they seek to serve our community.

The Official Calendar for Hoopla

October 2017

- October 7, 11:00 AM—Corn Maze @ Porter's Orchard—meet at the church
- October 15, 6:00-7:00 PM—games at the church
- October 22, 6:00-7:00 PM—games at the church
- October 28—11:00 AM-1:00 PM Pumpkin carving/painting at the church
- October 29—Congregation vote for pumpkin carving—prizes given

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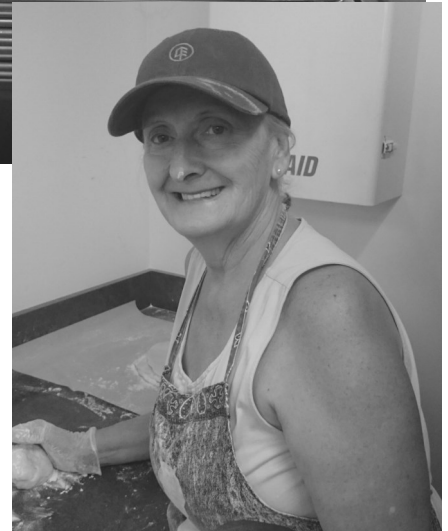
- November 5, 6:00-7:00 PM—games at the church
- November 11—Escape Room-meet at church-watch for time
- November 18, 2:00 PM—shopping for Thanksgiving meal
- November 19, 12:30-7:00 PM—Thanksgiving community dinner prepared and served by MYF

Pastie Making Fun— There's Room For You!

Wonderful People!
Wonderful Ministry!



Next Making Date: November 10



The Reveal

Secret Prayer Partners will be revealing their Prayer Partner on Saturday, October 14, 2017. We'll meet at 10:00 AM in the dining room at the church. Please remember to bring a small gift to give to your S.P.P. Light refreshments will be served followed by a short program. The cost for the day is \$5. Please let Shar Rogers know if you can attend. (810) 658-6786.



A Ringer of An Opportunity

You may not want to be a ding-a-ling but you may want to be part of our wonderful bell choir, Ringspiration. This group is open to those who are high school age and older. We are in need of one more ringer to fill out the choir for the remainder of the year. Are you that person? Do you want to be that person but are afraid you might not be able to do it? In either case, talk to Linda Compeau, the group's director, and she'll help you decide if it's a good fit for you. This awesomely fun group of people practices on Thursday evenings. Call Linda at (810) 636-2705.



Open Co-ed Volleyball Is Back

The action will start on Monday, October 16 from 7:00—9:00 PM in the gym. Anyone High School age or older is welcome to join the fun. Volleyball will be offered every Monday evening through April of 2018. See you there!

D.O.G. NIGHT

"Diggin' On God"

Please join us every week for a great dinner, wonderful fellowship and learning as we grow/mature into more faithful Christians.

Following dinner, from 6 to 7:30 PM: Recreational activities in the gym for children and youth and classes for all ages.

For more details and to sign up for dinner: Please see our bulletin board by the FLC (gym).

This session, the following classes are being offered: (Please see Sun. bulletins or the D.O.G. Night bulletin board next to FLC entrance for more information.)

The AWANA PROGRAM will be used this year for children ages 3 years old through High School

An Adult Class will be offered.

Schedule

- 5:15 Dinner
- 6:00 Pre-school Cubbies—Class time
- K- Grade 2 Sparks - Class time
- Graces 3-5 TNT—Class time
- Grade 6-12 - Class Time
- Adult Class: "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" —
Carol Dew, facilitator
- Songsters Choir practice
(Grades 3-8)
- 6:45 Grade 2-5 - Recreation for all
- 7:00 Chancel Choir practice
(High School—Adult)

*Nursery provided beginning at 6:00 PM

OCTOBER MENUS & THEMES

October 4

Meatballs w/Noodles & Gravy / Ravioli
Carrots, Oriental Salad
Pears, Biscuits
Dessert Combo, Gluten Free & Sugar Free

October 11

Chicken Pot Pie / Baked Mac & Cheese
Salad, Madarin Oranges
Dessert Combo, Gluten Free & Sugar Free

October 18

Pork Chops, Baked Potatoes, Chicken Nuggets
Green Beans, Cole Slaw
Apples, Cornbread
Dessert Combo, Gluten Free & Sugar Free

October 25

Salisbury Steak w/Gravy on Rice / Baked Mac & Cheese
Carrot/Mushroom/Onion, Salad
Peaches, French Bread
Dessert Combo, Gluten Free & Sugar Free

Peanut Butter & Jelly Every Week



Join us for dinner and eat for just a dinner donation!

ALL ARE WELCOME

Singles, Couples & Families

October Ministry Assistants

Greeters

1	D. & K. Wilks	J. & E. Hill
8	J. & D. Norgaard	B. & B. McCormick
15	C. Dew, A. Davis	L. Wolff, R. Gill
22	D. & P. Hogan	J. & M. Bennett
29	R. & R. Powers	B. & S. Rogers

Visual Media

1	E. Jowski, B. Fletcher
8	F. Huizenga, D. Yocum
15	W. Doublestein, B. Fletcher
22	D. Yocum, F. Bianchi
29	W. Doublestein, E. Jowski

Announcers

1	S. Monczunski
8	S. Nesbitt
15	E. Jowski
22	P. Plant
29	M. Schulte

Liturgist

1	J. Page-Tear
8	B. Maki
15	Z. Jowski
22	A. Braun
29	C. Dew

Sound

1	E. Moe
8	T. Haiderer
15	M. Schulte
22	E. Moe
29	W. Moore

Nursery

1	H. Eddy, K. Hughes
8	J. Hill, A. Moe
15	D. Eddy, M. Martin
22	B. Gray, S. Moe
29	J. Elledge, R. Page-Tear

Ushers

1	B. & S. Rogers
	C. Huizenga, T. Blackburn
8	K. & T. Bechtel
	F. Bianchi, D. Kallin
15	S. Koon, J. Slade
	C. Perry, J. Taylor
22	D. Brinker, B. McCormick
	R. Powers, H. Christian
29	J. & M. Bennett
	S. & J. Eddy

Acolytes

1	C. & M. Martin
8	R. & M. Kallin
15	N. & J. Keller
22	K. Bohlen, Z. Hall
29	A. Densham, J. Keller

Children's Message

1	J. Page-Tear
8	P. Plant
15	J. Bohlen
22	K. Bechtel
29	B. Millerschin

Communion

8	S. Koon, J. Hill
	E. Hill, Pastor Joel

Note To Ministry Assistants: we appreciate your willingness to volunteer for this important ministry. However, **if you are not going to be available on the date assigned to you, please make arrangements with another volunteer to cover for you, and then notify the office of the change.** Thank you for your help to cover these positions of service in our church.
-Worship Committee

**November
Newsletter
Deadline:
October 15**



Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts

October—Congregational Care Team
November—United Methodist Women

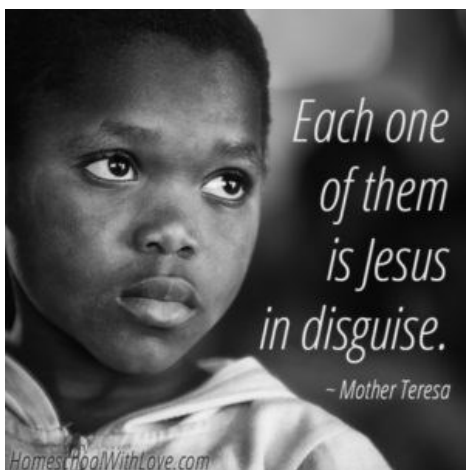
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 SCRIP Orders Due World Communion 9:45 am Worship 11 am Sunday School for All Ages 12 pm Chimes Choir	2 9 am Ugly Quilts 6:30 pm SPRC	3 8 am Homeschool	4 9 am Prayers & Squares 5:15 pm D.O.G. Night 6 pm Songsters 6:30 pm LDT 7 pm Chancel 7:40 pm Open Men's Basketball	5 Noon-5:45 pm Blood Drive 6:45 pm Bell Choir	6 10 am Co-ed Badminton 7 pm AA	7 11 am Gambler's Anonymous 11 am MYF Corn Maze
8 SCRIP Orders Pickup 9:45 am Worship 11 am Sunday School for All Ages 12 pm Chimes Choir	9 9 am Ugly Quilts Church Office Closed 6:30 pm Finance 7 pm Trustees	10 6:30 pm All Team Meetings	11 5:15 pm D.O.G. Night 6 pm Songsters 7 pm Chancel 7:40 pm Open Men's Basketball	12 9 am Card Making Workshop 6:45 pm Bell Choir	13 10 am Co-ed Badminton 7 pm AA	14 10 am Secret Prayer Partner Reveal 11 am Gambler's Anonymous
15 Newsletter Deadline 9:45 am Worship 11 am Sunday School for All Ages 12 pm Joyful Ringers 6 pm MYF	16 9 am Ugly Quilts 7 pm Open Co-ed Volleyball	17 8 am Homeschool 6:30 pm Church Board	18 9 am Prayers & Squares 5:15 pm D.O.G. Night 6 pm Songsters 7 pm Chancel 7:40 pm Open Men's Basketball	19 10 am UMW 6:45 Bell Choir	20 No Co-ed Badminton 7 pm AA	21 11 am Gambler's Anonymous
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Prayground Under Development



In Matthew 19:14 we hear, "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'" Some churches have begun to create what they call a "Prayground," a space for children in worship. Studies have found that if children are in worship, even if they are playing, that they are usually paying attention. Our prayground offers a space for children to be a vital part of our worshipping congregation.

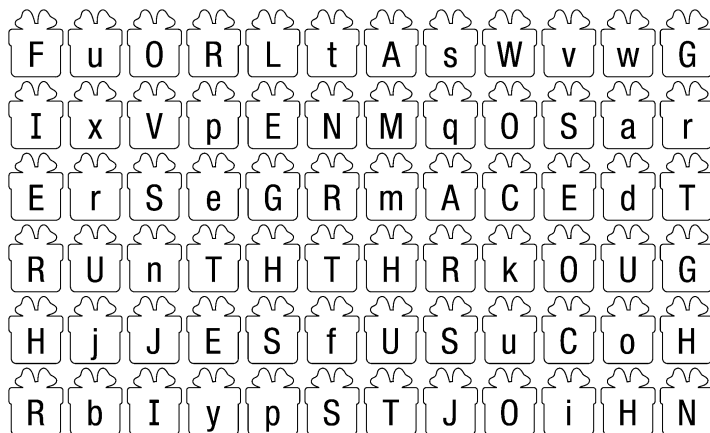
We have heard concerns about its placement and we have moved it to the front. Parents, this area is intended for children to play and worship. To other adults in the congregation, it may be noisy at times and for this we apologize. That is the cost of having children as part of our community. If you have a hard time focusing because the children are playing, go and join them. You will never go wrong if you try to become more like a child. Most likely, Jesus would love it.



The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.



" _____ the _____ was _____
through _____ ; _____ and
_____ came _____
_____ ."
_____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV

The P.E.T. Pie Sale Is Coming Your Way

Your annual opportunity to buy handmade pies ready to bake for your Thanksgiving dinner is coming up once again! This popular annual sale supports the efforts of the P.E.T. Project which helps people worldwide regain mobility. People from our church and others in the area meet at Ed Noll's workshop regularly to help in this effort. The pie sale helps defray cost for operations.

Ric Noll (810-695-4539) will be taking orders at our church beginning mid-October. This year apple, cherry, blueberry and peach pies will be offered. Pick up will be from 1:00-6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 21.

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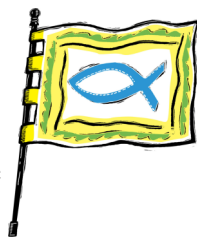
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“Goodrich UMC’s mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

“Seams” Like Prayers & Squares Could Use Your Contributions

Do you love to work with fabric? Our Prayers & Squares Group is in need of some more people who like to sew. Don't get scared if your first thought is that you are not a quilter. You don't have to do the quilting. If you can make squares, or needlecraft designs on cloth, or could even put together a top for a quilt but don't really want to do the finish work, that would be a tremendous help to the Group. They can find the backing and finish up the quilting part of the project which will then go to cover someone in distress with the prayers of people from our church. Val Brinker (810-636-7429) is part of the group and would love to talk to you about how you might be able to help even if you can't make their twice monthly meetings.



Remember you DO NOT have to be a quilter to serve in this ministry! We all “seam” to have “sew” much fun keeping each other in “stitches.” You only need a heart for service, so come join us!

Doing Church Conference In A New Way—Be In The Zone

This year, our church conference will be held in cooperation with other churches in our Mission Zone which has been formed by our Crossroads District. This year we will meet at Clarkston UMC on November 18 from 10:00 AM – Noon. This is an exciting opportunity to hear what other churches are doing. We'll begin with a short time of worship and then all the churches will break off into their own church conferences. Our District Superintendent, the Reverend John Hice, will preside over ours. This is a time for us to take stock of our church and see where we might be headed for the future. For those who would like to carpool down to Clarkston, come to the church parking lot at 9:15 AM and arrange to group up with the others who arrive.