

TOWER NOTES

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Bethany United Methodist Church

Road Trip!!

- Sept. 4 Guest Preacher – Jerry Mowl
Galatians 5:22-23
- Sept 11 “In Pursuit of the Pearl of Great Price”
Communion Sunday
Colossians 1:15-20 Matthew 13:45-46
- Sept 18 “A Risky business Trip”
Acts 27:9-20
- Sept 25 “Signs Along the Way”
Luke 7:18-23
- Oct 2 “Some Country We’ve Never Seen Before”
Communion Sunday
1 Corinthians 13:1-8a



Mark Your Calendar:

October 1st 9:30 – 12:30

All-church Planning Day. Gather in the Fellowship Hall as we seek God and plan together for intentional ministry in 2017 and beyond. All church means ALL church and that means YOU, church!

October 9th Dewitt Redeemer UMC

Gather at 3:00 p.m. with United Methodists from across the Michigan area for a joint service of installation to welcome three new District Superintendents:
Saginaw Bay: Rev. David Kim
Crossroads: Rev. John Hice
Kalamazoo: Rev. David Bagley

October 16th Crossroads District Annual Conference and meeting of the Board of Missions

Flint Hope UMC will host the annual gathering for district conference this year. Time TBD.

October 27th Bethany UMC Charge Conference

6:00 SPRC meeting with Rev. Hice
7:00 Conference

All who worship at Bethany are encouraged to attend. All members have voice and vote as we celebrate 2016 and look ahead to 2017 and beyond.

Bethany Harvest Supper September 29th 4:30 – 6:30



Swiss Steak, Potatoes and Gravy
Assorted Vegetables
Homemade Pies and Cakes

Donations at the door
Everyone come and enjoy!

For more info, call the church office
at 810-686-5151

Service Opportunity – Calvary UMC on Flushing Rd. in Flint needs to help pack and distribute lead combatting food to the Flint City Community. on Monday September 12, 2016. Feel free to show up or call the church that you plan on coming. Office phone is [810-238-7685](tel:810-238-7685).

Pastor's Page

Vision is essential to a church. Vision informs the way in which we live out our common mission: **to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.** A church's vision gives a snapshot moment in the broad scope and span of the unchanging mission of the Church. The vision will need to be renewed, adapted, and adjusted to the cultural context in which the congregation lives. Take for instance, an urban church that used to have lots of folks come to worship from the surrounding community. As the years pass, more and more people move out to the suburbs, but still want to drive in to their beautiful church. The worshippers no longer live in the community, and too often those who do live in the community don't feel welcome within the walls of the church. The mission is still to make disciples, but the vision of how that mission is realized in the community where God has planted the church must be adapted to the changing neighborhood.

God-given visions guide congregations. We find guiding visions sprinkled throughout scripture. God caught Abraham's attention with his vision for him in Genesis 12:1-3. God used Moses to communicate the vision for his people in Exodus 3:7-8 and Deuteronomy 8:7-10. It is possible that the "joy" set before Jesus while enduring the cross was the vision of his reunion with the Father in Heaven, or the picture of the joy of the redeemed as we enter salvation in Jesus name (Hebrews 12:2).

Vision gives us purpose and unifies our focus, encouraging us to **work together toward a greater cause.** If we aim at nothing, we will hit that target every time! We need to work together with a focus that keeps our energy flowing in the same direction if we are to accomplish anything good for Jesus Christ. "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-13). "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (Ephesians 4:16).

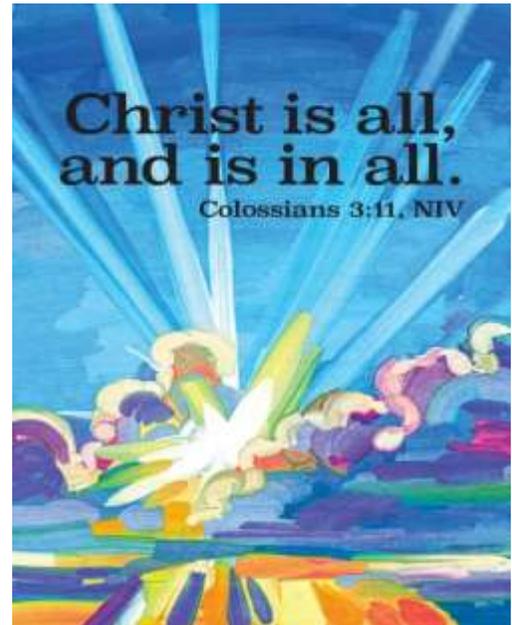
Not much happens when there is no vision. Not much was happening in Nehemiah's day. Jerusalem lay in ruins, and no one was motivated to do anything about it. The people had no vision. (Nehemiah 1:3). Then along came Nehemiah with a vision from God to rebuild the gates and the walls of the city. The people caught Nehemiah's excitement; they were energized and their spirits ignited! Understanding our purpose gives meaning to life and supplies the fuel that lights the fire in our hearts.

Nehemiah's vision reminded the people of who they were, and reconnected them with God who had called them to be a light to the nations. We too are called to be a light – to demonstrate that being a part of Bethany Church means we are making a difference and are impacting the lives of people in our community and our world. We should be attempting and accomplishing great things for God! It is Jesus who said, **"I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father"** (John 14:12).

On October 1st we will gather for an all-church planning day as we begin to vision together and to seek God's purpose for the people and ministries of Bethany Church. Mark your calendars!

Grace and Peace be with you.

Pastor LuAnn



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Sunday School continues at 9:00 a.m. this fall for children youth and adults. The children meet in room 4, led by Amy Dickinson, youth in room 3 led by Marc Middleton.

Two adult classes meet on Sunday morning at 9. Sue Boyse leads a book study group currently finishing up their study of Joel Osteen's book titled Break Out! 5 Keys to go Beyond Your Barriers

and Live an Extraordinary Life. They meet in room 2. You do not need to purchase the book or read lessons before coming on Sunday morning. We listen to the book on CD and discuss it as we go. Come and enjoy some coffee or juice with us and enjoy our Sunday School fellowship time. Jerry Bradow leads the Pathfinders class in the lounge (room 1). They do a book by book study of the bible. All the Sunday School rooms are in the entrance wing of the church across from the main office.

CORE continues this fall as the youth gather on Wednesday after school for food, fellowship and faith formation.

Attention: Men of Bethany Church

Men's Night Out resumes on September 13th at 6:00 p.m. We will continue with a video and discussion to follow. We will start with the KFC and Jet's Pizza with a free will offering for the food. Let's plan on a group discussion about how we want to do the Men's night out program, such as date and time preferred, food and drink to be served, and of course, what kind of video or Bible Study would be in the program. I'm looking forward to this fall's program! Blessings! - Jerry Mowl

WHINE AND DINE Great summer day for a potluck! 16 ladies sat in Les Randall's garage chatting and eating an awesome potluck lunch. Thank you ladies for the wonderful dishes! Sept. will find us going to Frankenmuth to dine at DaVincis. **Join us on Sept. 13 at 1:00, or meet at the church to car pool at 12:30.**

Mugs of Love success! Thank you to all who helped make our recent Mugs of Love donation a success. We were able to sent 56 mugs up to the Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Saginaw. Each mug contained hotel sized shampoo, lotion, body wash, a toothbrush, travel sized toothpaste, a pocket comb, a razor, deodorant, washcloth, and pair of socks. Thanks to all who wrote a personal note that was put into each mug for the recipient, and a special thanks to Sue & Bill Hilgris who delivered the mugs to Saginaw for us.



We also sent 130 toiletry sets to Carriage Town Ministries. These were not in mugs, but were zip-lock baggies containing a washcloth, a comb, and 2 each of hotel sized shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and bars of soap. Special thank you to Donna West for delivering these into Flint for us.

Our next event will be to create Christmas Mugs for Veterans in December, and valentine mugs for Carriage Town Ministries. Donations of hotel sized toiletries are still welcome. Put them in a baggie and leave them in room number 2. Donations of mugs are welcome as well, and can be left in the same room. A nice letter of appreciation has been received from the Saginaw Veteran Center and is posted on the Sunday School Classroom door.



Your help is needed to restock our food pantry! Items can be left in the box between the doors at the office entrance, or delivered to the office. We especially need: macaroni and cheese, crackers, jello / pudding, syrup and pancake mix, soup, canned fruit, instant potatoes, pork&beans, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned pasta, and canned tomatoes.

Worship Servants for July and August: If you have a conflict with the date you are assigned, please trade with someone, and then contact the church office to let us know who will be serving on a particular date. Thank you for your service in the name of the Lord.

	<u>LAY READERS</u>	<u>Nursery Attendants</u>
September 4 th	Karen Nichols	
September 11 th	Marc Middleton	Diane Hendricks
September 18 th	David Martin	
September 25 th	Vicki Neelands	
October 2 nd	Ron Lemmon	

Note from Ad Council Chair Jerry Stadler – During the course of a single day thousands of thoughts flow through our minds. Some of them give us life as they build us up while others tear us down and steal our hope. You were not created to be ruled by negative thoughts. God’s desire for you is to take control of your thoughts and live life to the fullest, experiencing His goodness, favor, and blessings no matter what you are facing.

Scripture Study for September

1 st	Micah 6:6-8	16 th	Acts 28:11-16
2 nd	Galatians 5:1-15	17 th	Acts 28:17-31
3 rd	Galatians 5:16-26	18 th	Matthew 5:1-12
4 th	1 Samuel 1:1-20	19 th	Matthew 5:13-26
5 th	1 Samuel 2:1-11	20 th	Matthew 5:27-42
6 th	1 Samuel 3:1-21	21 st	Matthew 5:43-6:4
7 th	2 John	22 nd	Matthew 6:19-34
8 th	3 John	23 rd	Matthew 7:1-12
9 th	Matthew 11:1-19	24 th	Luke 7:18-23
10 th	Matthew 13:44-52	25 th	Matthew 7:13-29
11 th	Colossians 1:15-20	26 th	1 Corinthians 1:4-18
12 th	Acts 27:1-12	27 th	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
13 th	Acts 27:13-26	28 th	1 Corinthians 12:12-31
14 th	Acts 27:27-44	29 th	Psalm 84
15 th	Acts 28:1-10	30 th	Psalm 96



Remember our Homebound in prayer. Send a card and say hello!

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September 2016

28	29	30	31	1 AA 7:00	2	3
4 No Sunday School 10:30 Worship	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 6:00 Nominations 7:00 Intercessory Prayer	7	8 AA 7:00	9	10
11 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	12 9:00 pack food at Flint Calvary 10 am Exec Bd UMW	13 6:00 Men's Night Out 7:00 Trustees 7:00 Intercessory Prayer	14 CORE 2:45	15 AA 7:00	16	17
18 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	19 10 am Esther Cir 7:00 Finance	20 10 a.m. Women's Study 6:00 Men's Night Out 7:00 Intercessory Prayer	21 10 am Tabitha Cir CORE 2:45 7:00 Ruth Cir	22 AA 7:00	23	24 10:30 Welcome Event for Bishop Bard Waterford Central UMC
25 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	26 7:00 Ad Board	27 10 a.m. Women's Study 7:00 Intercessory Prayer	28 CORE 2:45	29 4:30 Harvest Supper	30	1 All church Planning Day 9:30 – 12:30