

TOWER NOTES

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Bethany United Methodist Church



February 5 th	"The Way of Faith" Romans 3:21-28	Pastor LuAnn Holy Communion
February 12 th	"Called to Holiness" 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1	Pastor LuAnn 1 Peter 1:13-16
February 19 th	"A Compassionate Mission" Luke 13:10-21	Pastor LuAnn
February 26 th	"What About Your Transfiguration" Jerry Mowl Preaches	Matthew 17:1-9

March 1	Ash Wednesday	"Remember ..."	Romans 6:6-11
March 5	1 st Sunday in Lent	Holy Communion Pastor LuAnn	"He Came to show us the Way" John 3:1-8
March 12	2 nd Sunday in Lent	Pastor LuAnn	"He Came to Bring us Life" John 4:43-45
March 19 th	3 rd Sunday in Lent	Pastor LuAnn	"He Came to Start a Revolution" Luke 7:36-50
March 26	4 th Sunday in Lent	Jerry Mowl	"He Came to Lift us Up" John 3:14-21



Missions Beef Stew Lunch February 12th

Stay after worship for a great lunch and support a great cause. Our missions committee supports community projects as well as global ministry in the name of Jesus.

Roller Skating

We're still rolling through the winter every Tuesday 6:30 – 7:30. Come on in for a good time on wheels!

Men's Soup and Salad Luncheon February 19th

Lots of great eats opportunities this month! The men are raising funds to support the Home Plate event at Comerica Park coming in April. Enjoy the soup and donate to support the cause!

Worship servants:	Reader	Sound Booth
Feb 5	Tom Hendricks	Pat Rourke
Feb 12	Marc Middleton	Kris Frazier
Feb 19	Karen Nichols	Elizabeth Whiting
Feb 26	Otis Stout	Marc Middleton
Mar 5	Ron Lemmon	Pat Rourke
Mar 12	Leslie Randall	Kris Frazier
Mar 19	Tom Hendricks	Elizabeth Whiting
Mar 26	Vicki Neelands	Marc Middleton

Whine and Dine

The January lunch was a repeat of the year before. The roads were nasty and it was cold, however 6 of us braved the elements and had a wonderful lunch at Billy's. AND shared Pat Walkers birthday!
 We are NOT meeting in February. Too many lucky snow birds. So stay in and keep warm. The next Whine and Dine will be at the Black Horse on **March 13th**. Hope to see you there! (Whine and Dine is a group of widowed women who meet to share a meal and find support in the company of friends).

From the Trustees: The board of Trustees are planning to continue our blacktop resurfacing project this summer at a cost of approximately \$20,000. We are in need of funds to accomplish this. If you would like to contribute to this project, mark your donation 'parking lot' and place it in the collection plate or turn it in to the office. All donations are appreciated.

Pop Tab Missions – from Karen Nichols

On behalf of a family member, Den and I collect the aluminum tabs from the tops of cans. She and her husband take hundreds of pounds of these tabs for recycle and the monies earned go to the the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor. This money is used to pay for families to have a place to stay while family members are being treated there. We would appreciate our church family helping us with this project and leaving tabs in the blue container on the coat rack near the Sunday School rooms. A note from one of our sister-in-law's Christmas letters outlines some of her successes. Her first grandchild was treated at Children's Hospital so this is an ongoing focus for her and her family. She even picks up tabs from the ground wherever she goes! Thank you, Karen and Den Nichols.

Community

Opportunity

Responsibility

Every day

CORE is for all middle and high school students what want to do something after school on Wednesday. From 3:00 – 5:00 we meet for homework time, fun, and bible Study and snack. At 5:00 CORE connects with Wednesday Night Live so there are service and study opportunities, with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Contact Marc Middleton for more information at 810-686-5151.



Thoughts from your Ad Council Chair Jerry Stadler

GOD BLESSES CHURCHES THAT ARE UNITED

What are you doing personally to make your church family more warm and loving? There are many people in our community who are looking for love and a place to belong. The truth is, everyone needs and wants to be loved, and when people find a church where members genuinely love and care for each other, a lot of people would want to be a part of it.

HELP WANTED We are looking for someone willing to serve the church as a volunteer newsletter editor. Please contact Pastor LuAnn if you are willing to take this on as your ministry.

Pastor's Page

The people of God have always been journey people. We are called to walk by faith, as God called Abraham to leave the familiar things and follow to a place that God would show him (Genesis 12:1). We walk by faith, not by sight, in the assurance that God has a plan as Jeremiah assured the exiles: "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

After the announcement of my appointment to serve Port Huron First beginning July 1, 2017, I shared in worship and fully believe that God has given the church every good gift needed for the equipping of the saints for ministry and the calling of unbelievers to faith. The church is larger than just this body of believers, as you know. In the UM church we are a connectional system. As God calls servants to lead the local churches and the cabinet and bishop deploy us, doing their best to line up gifts with the needs of local churches. Although my time to use my gifts here at Bethany did not last as long as we thought it might, I am first and always will be first and foremost a servant of Jesus Christ. He called me out of the context of the United Methodist church. In the United Methodist Church pastors move.

Pastor Bill Wright is retiring from his service to the church and I will follow him into ministry to the community of Port Huron. As I move from this place, another pastor will follow me to be in ministry among you. Let's make it practice to begin to pray for these transitions, for while we all serve within the same system, we also have families, and friends, and connections within communities that have to be set aside. Let's pray for the cabinet and the bishop as they discern who will be assigned to Bethany church and the community of Clio.

We have a long time of transition with the early announcement of this change. Let's make the most of it! Reflect on the past several years of the life of Bethany Church, and begin to dream about what God might be preparing to do here in the next several years. Begin now to pray for Bethany's next clergy leader and seek God's wisdom and guidance for a healthy transition.

We have begun some good work together and that will continue. Here are some good questions to continue to ask ourselves: In light of the mission of the church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world – or in simpler terms – to deepen our personal relationships with Jesus and call unbelievers to faith – where are we making progress? Where do we need to change direction? What is God calling us to do and to be to reach those who have not yet known and believed that God loves them? What is the Spirit saying to us as a congregation? What work needs to be done in us so that God can better work through us?

Most importantly, never underestimate the power of prayer. Begin to pray for your new pastor. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and recognize how God works in seasons to accomplish his purposes. Ask God to reveal what God is doing here and now. Ask God to prepare you for what is to come. Above all, trust that God is working for good in all things, and remain positive – look for the good and you will see the beauty.

Continue to pursue the mission of God for Bethany church in the Clio community. Examine your motives and seek that Jesus is lifted up and glorified in every thought word and deed. I will continue to walk with you, to support and encourage as you prepare for what and who comes next for Bethany Church!

In prayer and in peace,
Pastor LuAnn



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

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Scripture Study for January / February

February

1 1 Peter 1:1-12
2 1 Peter 1:13-25
3 1 Peter 2:1-10
4 1 Peter 2:11-20
5 1 Peter 2:21- 3: 7
6 1 Peter 3:8-22
7 1 Peter 4:1-11
8 1 Peter 4:12-5:14
9 2 Peter 1:1-15
10 2 Peter 1:16-2:3
11 2 Peter 2:4-22
12 2 Peter 3:1-13
13 2 Peter 3:14-18
14 1 John 1:1-10
15 1 John 2:1-11
16 1 John 2:12-23
17 1 John 2:24-3:6
18 1 John 3:7-12
19 1 John 3:13-4:6
20 1 John 4:7-16
21 1 John 4:17-5:5
22 1 John 5:6-21
23 2 John
24 3 John
25 Jude 1-10
26 Jude 11-25
27 Revelation 1:1-11
28 Revelation 1:12-20

March

1 Revelation 2:1-17
2 Revelation 2:18-29
3 Revelation 3:1-22
4 Revelation 4:1-11
5 Revelation 5:1-14
6 Mark 1:1-28
7 Mark 1:29-45
8 Mark 2:1-27
9 Mark 3:1-12
10 Mark 3:13-35
11 Mark 4:1-29
12 Mark 4:30-41
13 Mark 5:1-20
14 Mark 5:21-43
15 Mark 6:1-29
16 Mark 6:30-56
17 Mark 7: 1-23
18 Mark 7:24-37
19 Mark 8: 1- 21
20 Mark 8:22-37
21 Mark 9:1-32
22 Mark 9:33-50
23 Mark 10: 1-16
24 Mark 10:17-31
25 Mark 10:32-52
26 Mark 11:1-19
27 Mark 11:20-33
28 Mark 12:1-27
29 Mark 12:28-44
30 Mark 13:1-23
31 Mark 13:24-37



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FEBRUARY 2017

			1 2:45 CORE 5:00 Wed Night Live	2 AA 7:00	3 6:00 Rehearsal	4 3:00 wedding
5 9:00 Sunday School &Choir 10:30 Worship Staff Appreciation Lunch	6 7:00 Trustees	7 6:00 Men's Night Out 7:00 Intercessory Prayer	8 2:45 CORE 5:00 Wednesday Night Live	9 10 a.m. Missions AA 7:00 7:00 Flint Concert Band	10 6:00 Rehearsal	11 3:00 Wedding Valentine's Dinner at Walli's
12 9:00 Sunday School &Choir 10:30 Worship Missions Beef Stew Lunch	13 10 a.m. UMW Exec Bd	14 6:00 Men's Night Out 7:00 Intercessory Prayer	15 11:00 CORE 7:00 Ruth Cir	16 MWA 7:00 AA 7:00	17 Wesley	18 Foundation Retreat
19 9:00 Sunday School &Choir 10:30 Worship Men's Soup and Salad lunch	20 7:00 Finance	21 6:00 Men's Night Out 7:00 Intercessory Prayer	22 10 am Tabitha Cir 2:45 CORE 5:00 Wed night live	23 AA 7:00	24 25 Pastor on vacation	
26 9:00 Sunday School &Choir 10:30 Worship	27 Scouts 4:00 – 8:00 F.H. 7:00 Ad Council	28 6:00 Men's Night Out 7:00 Intercessory Prayer				
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