

TOWER NOTES NEWSLETTER

June 2018 Edition

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Methodist Church**

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Sermons Dates and Titles		Scriptures	Worship Leader	Sound Booth	Nursery Attendant
June 3 rd	<i>Graduation Sunday</i> Guest Preacher: Marc Middleton	2 Timothy 3:16-17			Julie Sherman
June 10 th	<i>Communion Sunday</i> "A History of Unity"	Psalm 133	Karen Nichols	Kris Frazier	Elizabeth Whiting
June 17 th	<i>Father's Day</i> "A New Law"	Luke 6: 6-13	Leslie Randall	Elizabeth Whiting	Nonie Lemmon
June 24 th	Guest Preacher: TBD		Jerry Mowl	Marc Middleton	Judi Lewis

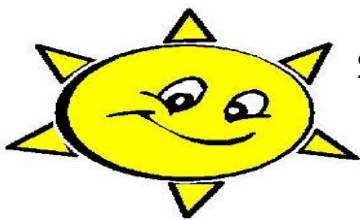
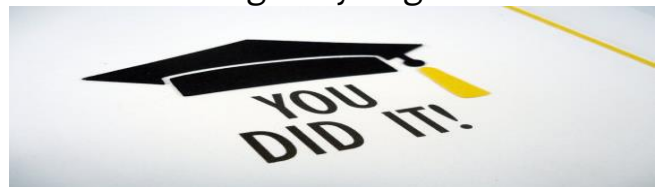
Word from our Ad Board Chair:

Did you know? if you will remind yourself at the start of every day that you God's servant, interruptions won't frustrate you as much, because your agenda will be whatever God wants to bring into your life.

Servants see interruptions as divine appointments for ministry and are happy for the opportunity to practice serving.

Congrats to our Clio Bethany UMC Graduate

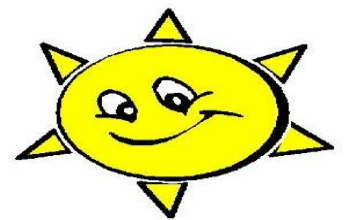
Our own Rachel Salzbrenner has graduated from Mott Community College with her associates in Arts and Accounting. She will continue her schooling at Northwood University to get her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Way to go Rachel!!



Summer Hours

Summer hours will begin Tuesday, May 29th.

Monday-Friday
9:00am – 2:00pm



Dear friends,

In the span of 7 days in late March, I found myself in two very different settings, in the midst of two conversations that seemed to be diametrically opposed to one another. I struggled in each of them, and reality requires that I treat them both as having truth, rather than seeing either one as fully right or wrong. They were settings and conversations related to safety.

Webster defines “safe” as: *protected from or not exposed to danger or risk; not likely to be harmed or lost*. Common synonyms are: *secure, shielded, guarded, out of harm’s way*. “Safe” has a high value among human beings, it is a component of survival, it is what we want for our children and other vulnerable persons. It is why we lock our doors, or turn on lights in the dark, or stop at red lights. We expect, we demand that our food, our cars, our medicines, and our appliances have high safety ratings. Safety is so important to us that we create an illusion of safety even where it does not exist, and we are shattered when that illusion falls short of reality. It is necessary to our physical, emotional and mental health to feel safe, and we cannot thrive in a continuous state of high anxiety or threat. Men and women who face constant unpredictable danger on active military duty often return home with PTSD and other stress-based illness. So it makes sense to want to be, or to at least feel that we are, safe.

I attended the ALICE training offered by the Flint Township police one Thursday (See the info about ALICE in this Newsletter) along with some others from our church. We learned some very practical ways to be more aware and better prepared to face a potential threat in our church building. We heard many non-violent ways of saving the most people from harm, along with advice for those who carry a concealed weapon and might choose to fire. We were told what to do when the police arrive, in order to help identify the intruder and avoid confusion. We were taught how to be as safe as possible in the midst of an unthinkable event.

The following Thursday, I joined the choir as part of the Living Last Supper. Although Jesus has very little dialogue in the drama, the words of his disciples rang loud and clear. Someone would betray him. Someone would deny knowing him. Most would flee, and Jesus would be crucified. Crucified – not because God demanded or orchestrated his execution, but because he challenged the power and control held by those in high places of government and religion. For three years, Jesus continued to speak the truth, to live a message of mercy and forgiveness, of equality and worth for all people. He not only turned over the tables in the Temple, he overturned the social structure, threatening those whose power and prestige rested in the status quo. Every day, he stepped out of the safe places and preached God’s justice and compassion to a world that did not want to change. Every day, he ignored the warnings of those who tried to silence and keep him safe. Every day, he gave up his personal safety and chose to heal and teach and love – to show us who God is. And then, one day, they arrested and tortured and crucified him. He did not back down or defend himself. He did not retaliate, he did not fight back, and he did not draw a sword. He submitted to the hateful violence of others, and offered forgiveness and mercy instead.

So, these two experiences leave me struggling with what God wants of me in the face of violence today. My heart and mind wrestle with many difficult questions: What does it mean to follow Jesus when it will cost me my life? After taking preventive and evasive steps to avoid an intruder, is a violent response my only choice? Or am I called to live, and to respond, differently because I have chosen to follow Jesus? Is how I live more important than the time / way in which I die? Is there peace to be found in giving up the illusion of complete safety and the chronic anxiety of searching for it? And, if I embrace a non-violent response for myself, do I have the right to impose it on others? As a community of faith, what response will we choose and claim for ourselves?

These are challenging and uncomfortable questions. In a day when physical, emotional and spiritual violence surround us, they are also very important questions. I hope that you will pray into them, that you will attend the **ALICE training to be offered June 10**, and that you will talk with me and with one another about your struggles and insights. We are called by God to do so, that we might find God’s wisdom together.

Shalom, Pastor Cathi

Whine and Dine

The Dead Creek is not really dead. Thirteen ladies and 3 guys made it a lively place to have lunch. We missed your jokes Pat Walker. We also had two new diners. Next month we will be trying another new eatery, Watershed Creek. It is the original Gracies in New Lothrop...June 12th. Remember to bring a friend, the more the merrier.

Sunday School Options (Last Sunday School: June 10th):

- Amy Dickinson teaches the younger children (Kindergarten – 4th grade) in room 4
- Marc Middleton teaches the youth (5th-12th grade) in room 3
- Sue Boyse teaches the adults in room 2 through a book study:
- 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

Choir:

No choir or choir practice on May 27th and June 3rd

Choir will practice on June 10th at 9:30am; this will be choir's last performance for the summer.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY moves to CHURCH

Gather in the sanctuary with me for 7 evenings of lively conversation this summer, as we study Wayne Muller's book **Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal and Delight In Our Busy Lives**. Second only to Scripture itself, this is the book that has saved my ministry, my spirit, and perhaps even my life. We will still meet from 7 – 8:30 pm. Pastor Cathi

Dates: June 6 and 13; July 11 and 18; August 1, 22 and 29

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY!

Continuing every Tuesday morning at 10am, there is a new women's bible study led by Donna West. The book is called "A Life Beyond Amazing (Living a God Inspired Life)". Topics include: love, joy, peace, endurance, compassion, generosity, integrity, humility, and self-discipline. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering room for those interested in the study and getting the study-book.

Any questions see Donna West.

Youth Opportunities



Upcoming Events:

- June 3rd – Graduation Sunday at 10:30am
- June 6th – CORE from 3pm-5pm

**Summer plans are being worked on,
but dates are TBD**

I want to send out a big thank you to Nola Thornton, Sue Hilgris, Jana Doolittle, Tom and Diane Hendricks, and Elizabeth Whiting for their help with CORE and 30-Hour Famine this past month. Without you guys, I wouldn't be able to have done these events and you all have been a great big help. 😊

Camp Scholarships

It is hard to believe, but in 4 months our kids will be headed to camp. We have approximately 8 to 10 campers this year. Soooo as usual, we are looking for some monetary help.

The cost for one camper is \$300.00 and we as a Church have supplied that for all campers. We want to say thanks to those who have contributed to the camp scholarship so far. If you would like to contribute and haven't yet, it's as simple as adding \$10 to your weekly offering or put in a pew envelope marked "Camp Scholarship." Imagine if everyone could do that, we'd pay for a camper in a week.

Camp is such a great experience and a time to learn more about Jesus and his love for us. Thank you in advance for all your help in making this happen again this summer.



The food pantry needs:

- Stewed Tomatoes
- Soup
- Saltine Crackers
- Syrup
- Pancake Mix

Donations can be dropped off in the box that is in the entrance wing by the offices!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS in JUNE

Grieving the death of a loved one is a long and painful process. Sometimes, it helps to talk with and listen to others who understand that sorrow from their own experience. With the support of our Stephen Ministry team, Pastor Cathi will lead a monthly Grief Support Group here at Bethany on the first Thursday of each month, from 7 – 8:30, beginning in June. Through a combination of Scripture, other readings and teachings about Grief, and open sharing among the participants, we will explore the struggles and the healing of grieving and rebuilding our lives after the loss of someone we love. Everyone is welcome, regardless of how recent or past your loss may be. Feel free to invite family members and friends to join you, for everyone has wisdom of their own to share.

Meeting dates for this year are: June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4 and Nov. 1



TRAVEL PLANS FOR THE PASTOR

Pastor Cathi has several work-related and vacation travel plans for this summer. Here is a summary of them, you can obtain additional information from her directly.

Work-related:

- Annual Conference in Traverse City, and Conflict Mediation Coaching Team meeting at Higgins Lake, MI
Leaving May 30, returning June 4. Preacher on June 3 – Marc Middleton
- “Healthy Congregations Workshop” Leadership Training in Lansing, MI
Leaving August 13, returning August 15

Personal Vacation:

- Beaver Island, MI
Leaving June 23, returning July 1; Guest Preachers on June 24 and July 1
- Lubbock, Texas
Leaving July 23, returning July 30; Guest preacher on July 29 – “Brother to Brother” with Matt Packer
- Wedding in Evart, MI
Leaving August 30, returning September 2; Guest preacher on September 2

FATHER'S DAY

This traditional holiday of Spring brings with it a multitude of emotions, both positive and negative. For some, it's a day of celebrating their role as parents, with family gathered close and gifts of flowers or gaudy ties. For some, it is a day of renewed grief over broken relationships, or histories of abuse / neglect, or the loneliness of family members too far away to visit, or the death of a parent or child. For those who are not parents, or who feel they have not been good parents, this may be a day of isolation, remorse, or pain.

How can the church recognize and care for such a wide span of experiences and emotions? At Bethany, we will use Remembering Trees. As on Mother's Day, you will be invited during Worship to take and tie a ribbon on one of the trees in memory of, or in honor of, all the men who have been nurturing to you. It's a way of celebrating those who have fathered you in various ways throughout your life: parents, foster parents, adoptive parents, grandparents, neighbors, teachers, coaches, friends, etc.

In addition, the Youth will have a small gift for all of the men who attend church that day So, come to church and give thanks to God for all the love you have received, whatever its source. We will gather in the name of the One who is both Mother + Father to all people, and who loves each one of us beyond all measure.

Aluminum and Steel Tabs and Bottle Caps

In support of Ronald McDonald House, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Den and I are collecting aluminum and steel tabs and bottle caps. These are found not only on pop cans, but also on other beverage containers. They are found on various canned goods, such as soup, vegetable, tuna, cat and dog food, even on cans of Spam! There is a blue Rubbermaid container on the coat rack in the church west hallway where these may be left.

The monies earned from this collection go to providing a place for families to stay at Ronald McDonald House, free of charge, while their children are being treated there. If you have more questions, please see us at church for more information. We appreciate and thank you for your support.

Dennis and Karen Nichols

Kristin Wesenick will be attending God's Treasures Camp at Lake Huron Retreat Center from June 19th until June 23rd. She really enjoys receiving mail while at camp. If you would like to sender her mail, the address is:

Kristin Wesenick
God's Treasures Camp
Lake Huron Retreat Center
8794 Lakeshore Drive
Burtchville, MI 48059-1115

Please send your cards and/or letters (as many as you'd like to send her), no later than Monday, June 18th. Thank you!

“A.L.I.C.E.” TRAINING for Church Security

In a day when the threat of violence crosses even the doors of our churches, finding an appropriate response is not easy. Many times, our religious beliefs, cultural expectations, and personal preferences may conflict with one another. We may feel vulnerable, unprepared, and frightened by the very thought of an attack in the places where we long to feel the most safe. While no one and no place is ever 100% safe, there are simple and important ways in which we can improve our levels of observation, communication and response.

On Sunday, June 10, we will host a potluck dinner following the Worship Service. After the potluck, Officer Schmidt will provide an A.L.I.C.E. Training here at Bethany. A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym for 5 ways in which group members can respond if faced with an armed intruder: **Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate**. The 5 options may be used in any order, depending on the circumstances of the moment. Officer Schmidt will explain A.L.I.C.E. and answer any questions. Please plan to attend Worship, the Potluck and the A.L.I.C.E. training. It is very important that we gather as many church members as possible for the training, so that we can work together should the need arise. Our schedule is:

Worship (10:30 – 11:15), Potluck dinner (11:15 – 12:00), and A.L.I.C.E. (12 – 2:00)

Upcoming Events to Watch for:

Progressive Dinner: Saturday, June 16th at 4:00pm; Cost \$2/person

Get to know the folks you worship with as you attend this fun evening, moving from house to house for the different parts of a shared meal. Everyone is welcome!
Contact Sally and Harlow Crawford (810-686-3302) or Jim and Carol Jones (810-744-1326) for more information

*Yard Sale and Baked Goods: Friday, July 27th from 12:00pm-4:00pm ☺
Saturday, July 28th from 9:00am-4:00pm*

Many attic treasures, books, furniture, etc. Donations are being accepted now. If you need assistance, or have any questions contact Richard Gray at 686-2937 or call the church office

Sound Booth Training

If anyone is interested in learning how to run the sound system on Sunday Morning during Worship or is interested in learning how it's set-up, please contact Marc Middleton and he will schedule a 1-on-1 appointment with you go over all the material. Please dedicate about an hour for the training. Any questions see Marc Middleton or email him at youth@cliobethany.org

Strawberry Brunch

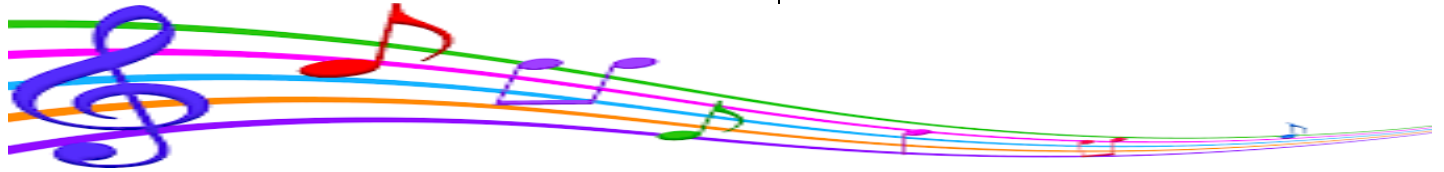
Join the Mission Committee on June 3rd for a celebration as we honor graduates and share in the fruit of the season. Gather in the fellowship hall after worship to enjoy the strawberry brunch. A free will offering will be received to support missions.

Kitchen Clean Up

Before anyone purchases anything for the kitchen (food, drinks, spices, etc.), please check the kitchen first to see if what you need is available before buying it. If there's any questions about what's being asked or about if things are in the kitchen or not, please contact either Cris Schipper or Debbie Wesenick.

Monday Night Concert Schedule Location: Clio Bethany UMC at 7pm

- July 2 - The Thurstons
- July 9 - Four One Quartet
- July 16 - Royalheirs
- July 23 - Justified
- July 30 - The Sheldons
- August 6 - The Calvarymen
- August 13 - The Sound
- August 20 - The Vaughns
- August 27 - The Forresters

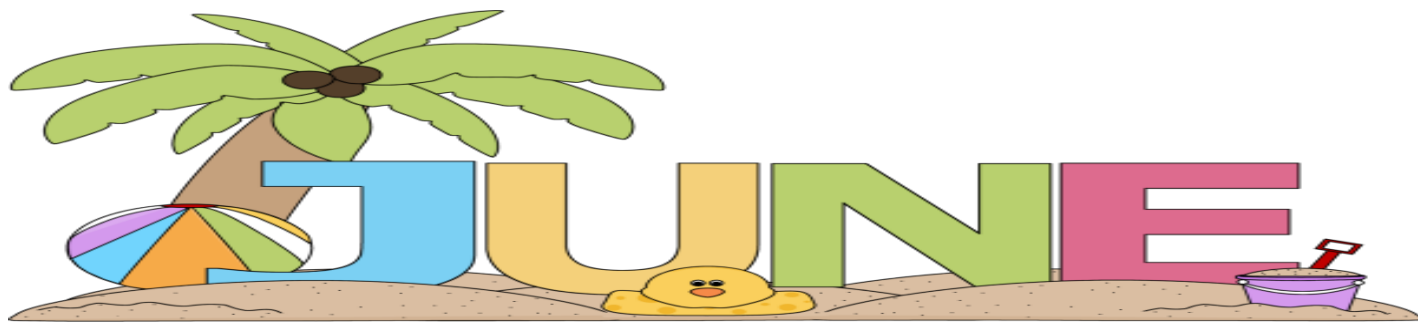


Scripture Study for June 2018

1 st	Psalm 119: 88-176	16 th	1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8
2 nd	Songs of Solomon 1-8	17 th	Proverbs 25-26
3 rd	Proverbs 1-3	18 th	Proverbs 27-29
4 th	Proverbs 4-6	19 th	Ecclesiastes 1-6
5 th	Proverbs 7-9	20 th	Ecclesiastes 7-12
6 th	Proverbs 10-12	21 st	1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chronicles 9
7 th	Proverbs 13-15	22 nd	Proverbs 30-31
8 th	Proverbs 16-18	23 rd	1 Kings 12-14
9 th	Proverbs 19-21	24 th	2 Chronicles 10-12
10 th	Proverbs 22-24	25 th	1 Kings 15: 1-24; 2 Chronicles 13-16
11 th	1 Kings 5-6; 2 Chronicles 2-3	26 th	1 Kings 15:25 – 16:34; 2 Chronicles 17
12 th	1 Kings 7; 2 Chronicles 4	27 th	1 Kings 17-19
13 th	1 Kings 8; 2 Chronicles 5	28 th	1 Kings 20-21
14 th	2 Chronicles 6-7; Psalm 136	29 th	1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18
15 th	Psalm 134, 146-150	30 th	2 Chronicles 19-23

A Word from the Stephen Ministers'

- What is Stephen Ministry?
 - Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system.
 - Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers – called Stephen Ministers – to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.
- How Stephen Ministry Works
 - The best way to understand how Stephen Ministry works is to learn about three groups of people involved in this ministry: Stephen Leaders, Stephen Ministers, and care receivers.
 - Stephen Leaders
 - Stephen Leaders established and direct Stephen Ministry in a congregation. They:
 - Build awareness of Stephen within the congregation and community.
 - Recruit and train Stephen Ministers
 - Meet with potential care receivers to assess their needs.
 - Match care receivers with Stephen Ministers.
 - Provide Stephen Ministers with ongoing supervision and continuing education
 - People learn to serve as Stephen Leaders by attending a Leader's Training Course – a one-week conference that introduces the resources used to lead Stephen Ministry, develop key skills, and gets people excited about this caring ministry.
 - Most congregations begin with 2-4 Stephen Leaders, typically including a pastor, possibly another church staff person, and one or more lay leaders.
 - Stephen Ministers
 - Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times.
 - A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour.
 - Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education.
 - Care Receivers
 - Care receivers are people – congregation members and others in the community – who receive care from a Stephen Minister.
 - These are people struggling through a difficult time in life – experienced grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other life crisis.
 - Some important guidelines for this caring relationship protect both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister:
 - The relationship between a care receiver and a Stephen Minister is confidential
 - Men are matched with men; women with women
 - When a care receiver's needs exceed what a Stephen Minister can provide, the Stephen Ministry team makes a referral to an appropriate mental health professional or other community resource.



Birthdays

- 5th – Rachel Salzbrenner, Judi Lewis
6th – Morgan Reip, Art Bigelow, Sandi Witmer
10th – Debbie Morgan
11th – Claire Smith
12th – Aria Luna Doolittle
13th – Lloyd Massey
15th – Del Lee
16th – Beverly Bower
19th – Wayne Wesenick, Marilyn Laycock
22nd – Aiden Roney
23rd – Judy Peters
26th – James Brouker
27th – Amy Langdon
29th – Julie Sherman

Anniversaries

- 7th – Larry and Sally VanHorn
13th – Bill and Cris Schipper
15th – Art and Chip Miles
17th – Gary and Mary Langdon
19th – Wayne and Debra Wesenick
20th – Jim and Carol Jones
22nd – Dave and Gloria Sheaffer
24th – Bill and Nola Thornton
30th – Tom and Diane Hendricks



<p>Donna Clevenger Maple Wood Manor 1317 Clio Rd Clio, MI 48420</p>	<p>Leona Doolittle Cranberry Park 1354 W Vienna Rd Clio, MI 48420</p>	<p>Faye Helsel Angel Manor 9219 Elms Rd, Clio, MI 48420</p>
<p>Peggy Hott 292 Smith St. Apt. 223 Clio, MI 48420</p>	<p>Don Hutchison MediLodge 9317 Vienna Rd Montrose, MI 48457</p>	<p>Jean Marsden Abbey Park #321 3221 E Baldwin Rd Grand Blanc, MI 48439</p>
<p>Judy McDougall Wellspring Lutheran Service 725 W Genesee Frankenmuth, MI 48734</p>	<p>Floyd McGillivray Durand Senior Care and Rehab Center 8750 E Monroe Rd. Durand, MI 48429</p>	<p>Mary Ellen Morse 3052 W Wilson Rd Clio, MI 48420</p>
<p>Lucille Mutch Genesee Gardens 4495 Calkins Rd. Flint Twp, MI 48532</p>	<p>Marge Schoeppach Gross Assisted Living 1417 W Vienna Rd Clio MI 48420</p>	<p>Emma Wagner Independence Village #281 255 Mayer Rd Frankenmuth, MI 48734</p>
<p>Junis Wildfong 3062 Field Rd Clio, MI 48420</p>		
<p>Rob Houghton is not able to receive visitors, but the family would be happy to bring him cards or notes sent to their home at 3365 Andrea Court, Clio MI 48420.</p>	<p>Dale Vuillemont is not able to receive visitors, but the family would be happy to bring him cards or notes sent to their home at 2410 E Tobias Road, Clio, MI 48420</p>	