

## *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

There is a hymn in *The Faith We Sing* that has bubbled to the forefront in my prayer time, it is titled “In the Midst of New Dimensions,” it is number 2238.

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways. Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?*

[Refrain] *God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.*

*Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair, Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?*

*As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes, Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams*

*We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.*

*Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again.*

Words and Music by Julian Rush (1985)

In many ways we are in the midst of new dimensions, as the universal church, the denomination, world, local church as we all figure out what it means to be Christ’s church following a pandemic, a time and location that has been filled with deep division, poverty, and war, a world that longs for hope and peace—to experience God’s grace. We are in the midst of new dimensions as we begin exploring what the Co-operative Parish will look like and how both congregations will be stronger because of this new partnership.

This song reminds me of our call as God’s people to lead the way in lifting the olive branch and light the flame of care for the people in our congregation and for the people in our community who need to experience healing and hope. This is not always an easy task. I wonder how you are already responding to God’s call and how God might be calling you to shift gears and be open to what the Spirit is empowering you to do in the midst of these new dimensions?

In the midst of these new dimensions, I am surrounded by boxes (broken down and still full) that are being unpacked at the parsonage. I am preparing to leave on vacation for a few days to camp and find a little rest from unboxing things! In the midst of new dimensions, I have cried some tears of joy for becoming a Full Elder in the UMC and I have experienced a rollercoaster of emotions since conference. There have been tears for the relationships that I’ve built with people in Freeland that are transitioning to something new. There are many memories that I have been sifting through. I am looking forward to making similar memories with each of you! I am excited to see God revealed in this community, and am excited to be joining you in a few days as your Pastor.

As I prepare to join you, my tentative office hours for the summer have been set. If you wish to meet with me one on one, please contact me directly to set something up. You can contact me via email [revkaylaroosa@gmail.com](mailto:revkaylaroosa@gmail.com), office phone, or cell phone 989-948-1390 (you may text as well). A boundary that I do my best to uphold is that between 9pm-9am, I try my best to avoid church related communications, unless there is an emergent need. This enables me to care for myself and my personal relationships. Fridays will be my Sabbath day.

**Bethany:** Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9-2

**Otisville:** Wednesdays, 9-2



I would also like to extend an invitation to you to join me for Tea on Tuesdays at Ten in the Lounge at Bethany. The first 3 will be July 5th, 12th, and 19th.

My first Sunday in worship will be July 3rd, I will be presiding for Holy Communion. My first Sunday preaching will be July 10th.

July 22-30th I will be leading a high school kayak camp through Lake Michigan Camp and Retreat Center with two colleagues. We will be traveling to Lake Superior Provincial Park in Canada. During this time I will be out of communication. Rev. Scott Sherrill will cover Pastoral Care for me while I am away. If you have a need for Pastoral Care, please contact Kory at the church office or Elizabeth (810-610-2229) and they will contact him. When I return on July 31st, you will hear my reflections from the water, how I have encountered God in the week prior and the role camp and retreat ministries has had on my faith journey.

Friends, I am grateful for the ways you are already receiving me as your Pastor—for the work the Trustees and others have done at the parsonage to get it ready for me and for the hospitality you have shown me since I was introduced to your SPRC. I am looking forward to building more relationships with you as I get settled, and I look forward to dreaming God sized dreams with you as we live into the new Cooperative Parish!

Together we serve,  
Pastor Kayla

# Tea on Tuesdays

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Ten



Join Pastor Kayla for tea on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Lounge at Bethany for an opportunity to connect and build relationships!

July 5, 12, 19th at 10:00am

## PRAYERS FOR THE SUMMER

Part of what we do during the summer is send our calendar to the Conference so that they can compile a list of every event from all churches to keep a conference and district-wide calendar. This also includes praying for other church's events. In June, we had the chance to pray for Georgetown UMC and Eaton Rapids UMC for their events, leaders, workers, attendees, and for God's presence to shine through them all. As of this writing, we haven't gotten our prayer list for July and August. Yet, I want us and encourage you to pray for all events happening this summer for the glory of God. This is truly one of the first summers that we've had the freedom to do what God's calling us to do without any or minimal restrictions. I invite you to keep this prayer handy all summer long and go back to it every so often. Not only to pray for our events (because we'll need it), but to also pray for our church families across Michigan. Let's pray:

*Holy and wonderful God, we want to celebrate you! We are so excited to launch into this season with the fun events and Vacation Bible Schools that are happening or are being planned this very minute! We are so excited to be able to host these events in Your house! We are so excited to see the faces of Your children of all sizes face-to-face once again. This excitement has been building for 2 years now and we thank you that we can share this excitement with the world. We pray that Your glory shines through it all. Through the lessons, the activities, the leaders, workers, and volunteers, we hope to share the love and grace that you give to us to the world. We know that the world is still dealing with chaos and unrest, but we pray that the events happening this summer will allow people to see the good that the world can provide. We hope that the church can be a safe, loving, and caring environment for all who come to it this summer. We lift these churches and the people inside of them to you Lord. It is in your loving and holy name, we pray this prayer. Amen.*

# *CORE Student Ministry Happenings*

Happy Summer everyone! School's out and the fun can begin, right? I mean...some of us still have to work, but fun can still happen. It just requires balance. Most family's schedule opens up during the summer, yet the summer can be the busiest time of year because we try to squish 9 months' worth of fun events that we couldn't do during the school year into three months of summer fun! I hope Clio Bethany UMC will be on your radar this summer because COE and I have a LOT...and I mean a LOT...of fun stuff planned for all families of all kinds this summer. From movie nights to games, VBS to VIBE, among other events, we are going to be a happening place this summer. (Do people still say happening? I'm an old soul, so forgive me.)

It's so exciting to see everything planned this summer! We haven't been this busy in 3 summers now. We haven't had this consistency of events in what feels like a long time! Is it exciting? Yes. Is it stress-inducing? Yes! Does it come with fear as well? Yes! This summer for me will be hosted by a myriad of emotions. While it's full of excitement, energy, and hope from all the different things that we've planned, I'm reminded that this summer isn't about JUST that. We're getting a new Pastor this summer as well. This transition comes with new joys and some hesitations because it's change. Change always seems to be followed with those two emotions: happiness and hesitation. It's exciting, yet scary. Plus, we see the Cooperative Parish system with Otisville come into action. That as well, comes with it both happiness and hesitation.

To recap: this summer, from my perspective, includes the following emotions: excitement, energy, hope, happiness, hesitation, fear, anxiety, and others that are lying under the surface of everything. It's going to be a summer to remember, I believe. God's presence is going to be flowing with us all summer long. From the different events to the different emotions, to the different volunteers, to the different attendees, and to the overall atmosphere. We are welcoming God's presence here with open arms. We are going to be the light in the community that shines in the chaos of the world. We will be the safe and loving place that the church should be to all who come.

With all that, let's get into what July and August have in store for us!

## Online Ministry Stuffs

### **CORE STUDENT MINISTRIES ONLINE**

#### **Weekly Episodes on YouTube**

**(Starting July 5)**

Minute Motivators - Tuesday at Noon

#SelfCareSummer - Wednesdays at Noon

Moments With Marc - Fridays at Noon

We have migrated over to YouTube as our hub for all of our videos. For our main channel (the lesson videos), the schedule is listed on the image to the left. Note a couple changes:

- Minute Motivators move to Tuesdays at Noon instead of being on Wednesdays at 6pm. This was to make room for #SelfCareSummer!
- Moments with Marc come back on July 15 as Marc returns to the Sunday morning stage on July 10 with Pastor Kayla.

Our Gaming Ministry will expand this summer. We will stream two days a week (Saturday and Sunday) starting July 2. This will continue through the end of August!



*There will also be a major video at the end of August on our main channel (CORE Student Ministries) explaining future plans of our online ministry for the fall and beyond. Stay tuned for that!*

## *Movie Night Under the Stars*

*July 16 and August 27*

*Gather at 8:30pm;*

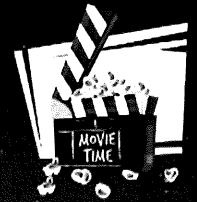
*Movie to start approximately at 9pm*

Let's gather outside in front of the church to watch movies this summer! Bring your chairs, drinks, and snacks that aren't popcorn (We're serving that!) and enjoy this time together outside and under the stars. We will have some games and activities available before the movie starts as well! This is a FREE community-wide event that families of all ages and all types are welcome to join!

## **Movie Nights Under the Stars**

**July 16: Encanto**

**August 27: Turning Red**



**Gather at 8:30pm in front of the church!**

**Movie will begin approx. at 9pm**



## *Outdoor Family Game Nights*

*Tuesdays from 6pm – 8pm*

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Here is just a FEW things we're offering

**BASKETBALL** **BADMINTON** **BOARD GAMES**  
**VOLLEYBALL** **CORNHOLE**

We are gathering at the ballfield behind our church for all kinds of fun! When I say ALL kinds of fun, here's just a snapshot of what we're going to do: basketball, cornhole, badminton, chalk drawing, snow cones, cotton candy, volleyball, and MORE! This is a FREE community-wide event for families of all ages and all types to come up and join! Bring your own games as well if you'd like! We will be hosting this event all summer until Tuesday, August 24 (and we have a special surprise for the last event, but I'm keeping that a secret!)

**\*\*\* Please note that there will not be a Game Night on August 9 due to our Vacation Bible School! \*\*\***



**Vacation Bible School**  
**August 8, 9, 10, 11**  
**6-8pm**

**FREE**

We want to invite you to join our Science Team this year for VBS! We will conduct some experiments to attempt to understand some of the miracles Jesus performed a little better. Registration is live! Tell your friends, family, and neighbors that we're having a VBS this year! This VBS is for all Kindergartners - 5th graders.

**Registration Link:**

<https://cliobethany.org/children-youth-ministry/gods-wonder-lab-vbs-2022/>

**Summer VIBE**  
**July 6, 20; August 3, 17**  
**6pm – 8pm**

Our Youth asked for our gatherings to continue, so who says that fun and fellowship have to stop for the summer! We will continue our VIBE programming on an adjusted schedule for this summer. This is a time for all Youth (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) to join us for fun, fellowship, and experiencing God's presence all at once! You do not have to be currently attending or a member of Clio Bethany UMC to join us for VIBE!

**Summer VIBE**  
**July 6 and 20; August 3 and 17**  
**6pm - 8pm**

**GAMES, FELLOWSHIP,  
AND FUN DOESN'T QUIT  
FOR THE SUMMER, YA'  
KNOW!**

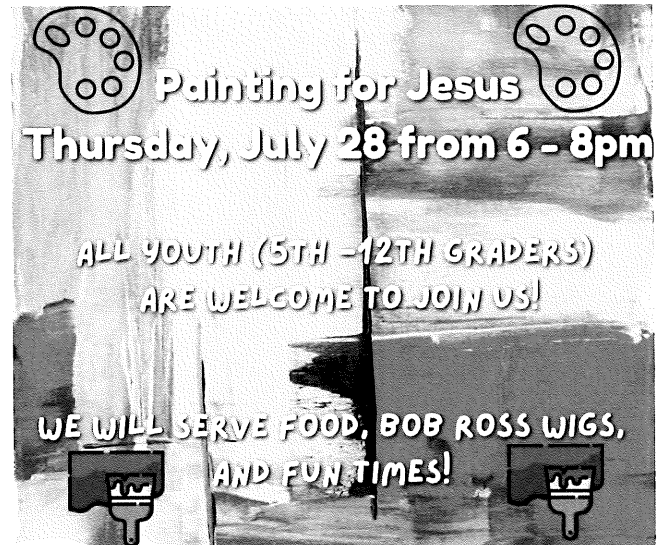
**WE ARE NEEDING  
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP  
WITH SUPERVISION  
THOUGH!**





*Painting for Jesus*  
*Thursday, July 28 from 6 – 8pm*

You may have heard me talk about doing a Bob Ross Night the last few months. We are going to pivot from that due to unforeseen circumstances. We still are going to paint. We still will wear some Bob Ross wigs. We are just changing what we're going to paint. After a conversation with our Youth, we talked about some painting topics, but the final decision is still being decided. We may just come to the church to paint whatever Jesus puts on our hearts. We will also have some kind of food served at this event.



All youth (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) are welcome to come to the church for this event! It's a free event for all youth in the community. You do not need to be a member of Clio Bethany UMC nor affiliated with us at all. If you have any questions, please let me know.



*Youth Laser Tag Night*  
*Thursday, August 25 from 6 – 8pm*

To close out the summer, we will be hosting a Laser Tag Night for our Youth! We need to send the summer out with a bang! We will either gather outside or in the Fellowship Hall for the Laser Tag arena! All youth (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) are welcome to come to the church for this event! It's a free event for all youth in the community. You do not need to be a member of Clio Bethany UMC nor affiliated with us at all. If you have any questions, please let me know.

# JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship Service 11:15a.m. Communion	4 Office Closed <b>HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY—BE SAFE!</b>	5 Tea with Pastor Kayla 10:00a.m. Outdoor Family Night 6-8p.m.	6 Doll Group 10:00a.m. COE 2:00p.m. Summer VIBE 6-8p.m.	7 VBS Meeting 2:00p.m. Worship Design 6:00p.m. AA 6:30p.m.	8	9 Janet Smith Birthday Party (90th) 12:00noon
10 Worship Service 11:15a.m. Pastor Kayla a Birthday Party for Kristin Wesenick (SHH, it's a surprise!)	11 Worship Design 5-7p.m. (to be decided)	12 Tea with Pastor Kayla 10:00a.m. Outdoor Family Night 6-8p.m.	13	14 AA 6:30p.m.	15	16 Movie Night under the Stars 8:30p.m.
17 Worship Service 11:15a.m.	18 Bridge Team 5:00p.m. Worship Design 5-7p.m. (to be decided)	19 Tea with Pastor Kayla 10:00a.m. Outdoor Family Night 6-8p.m.	20 Rummage Sale Setup Summer VIBE 6-8p.m.	21 Rummage Sale Setup AA 6:30p.m.	22 Rummage Sale Pastor Kayla on vacation	23 Rummage Sale
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# AUGUST 2022

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

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			COE 2:00P.M. Outdoor Family Night 6 -8p.m.		Doll Group 10:00a.m. Summer VIBE 6-8p.m.		VBS meeting 2:00p.m.				
7 <i>Worship Service</i> 11:15a.m.	8 <i>Vacation Bible</i> <i>School 6-8p.m.</i>	9 <i>Vacation Bible School</i> 6-8p.m.	10 <i>Vacation Bible School 6</i> -8p.m.	11 <i>Vacation Bible</i> <i>School 6-8p.m.</i>	12	13					
14 <i>Worship Service</i> 11:15a.m.	15	16 <i>Outdoor Family Night 6</i> -8p.m.	17 <i>Summer VIBE 6-8p.m.</i>	18	19	20					
21 <i>Worship Service</i> 11:15a.m.	22	23 <i>Outdoor Family Night 6</i> -8p.m.	24	25	26	27					
	<i>Kory on vacation</i>	<i>Kory on vacation</i>	<i>Kory on vacation</i>	<i>Kory on vacation</i>	<i>Kory on vacation</i>	<i>Kory on vacation</i>					
28 <i>Worship Service</i> 11:15a.m.	29	30	31								



# HAPPENINGS AROUND THE HALL

## VOLUNTEERS

Do you sew and/or quilt? Volunteers are needed for a church project such as creating banners using the emblems from our old church paraments and making pillow-cases from their satin linings. These items can be found on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. For any questions/suggestions, please see Laura Gray or Karen Nichols.

## THANK YOU

Dear Bethany Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards and letters last month while I was at camp; I really appreciated it. I would look forward to the mail every day, wondering who I would hear from next. I am truly blessed to belong to such a loving and caring church.

Again, Thank you!  
Kristin Wesenick

## Thank you

Elizabeth and I would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Celebration for Pastor Cathi such a success!!! All of that confetti and the streamers were so much fun, the food was beyond delicious, and the decorations were “danelicious”, too! I want to assure you that the scrapbook containing all of the messages that were “floating” on the wall for Pastor Cathi have a new home in her beautiful scrapbook made with using some of our retiring paraments—so she will always have a piece of us! Everyone who helped make this day so special is what is so special about Bethany—our love and caring for each other. Thank you for all of your help and for all of your love! Diane

## ROTATIONAL LIBRARY

In addition to the book shelves across from the church office, we now have some beautiful shelves in the Gathering Room. Feel free to take a book from those shelves to enjoy, and you are also welcome to leave a book/books for someone else’s enjoyment! Pastor Cathi has also added books from her personal library that she would like to give a new home! You may keep any of her books that you would like—or share them with others. These books are located on the table outside of Kory’s office. Thank you, Pastor Cathi!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS planning is underway. We will be getting very science-y with “GOD’S WONDER LAB” this ! This VBS looks at the miracles that Jesus did during His ministry and after His time on earth. We have begun our VBS Volunteer Drive as well! The information is on the bulletin board near the basement VBS will be held August 8-11 from 6-8p.m. If you have any questions, let Marc know!

## VACATION TIME

Just so you know, Kory will be on vacation from July 20th through July 27th, BUT there will be someone around the church if you need help with something!

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy being able to be outside—go for a walk or take a bike ride, BUT.....BE SAFE! See you in September!!!!

# HAPPENINGS AROUND THE HALL

## JUSTIFIED

Oh, my Lord! If you missed hearing this wonderful quartet—well, let's just say that you missed a unique experience!!!! I have been attending this church and worshipping in this sanctuary since it was built and there have only been two other times when I have been so in awe of the voices that FILLED our place of worship with such BEAUTIFUL sounds—once was hearing Marge Robbins sing and the second was hearing Jeri Hunjo sing. Sooo, you KNOW those amazing voices were in very good company!!! There were tears and laughs and prayerful sighs (and some head bobbing!)—all because of the beautiful message from JUSTIFIED—and, indeed, they are!!!! (I think that is a perfect name for their group!) They truly are the voices for and of the Lord! And I am sorry you missed them, but I bought all of their CD's and you can borrow them!!!!

## STRAWBERRIES!!!

And, wasn't that the best strawberry shortcake EVER????? Those strawberries were so sweet and the biscuits were so flaky and the ice cream and whipped cream—oh, I'm getting hungry!!!! But, if you missed this, too, I really am sorry because it was DELICIOUS!!! And a very huge THANK YOU to the ladies who made it all possible.....

## THANK YOU!!!

Oh, and do you deliver, I mean, like to my house?????!!!! Thank you so much, Ladies!

## CHECK YOUR CALENDARS

FOR:

Change of Worship times—11:15a.m.  
Outdoor Family nights—July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, August 2nd, 16th, and 23rd—6-8p.m.

Movie Nights—July 16th and August 27th—starting at 8:30p.m.

## A Sad Ending

Stephen's Ministry at Bethany has ended, but their legacy lives on in each of us. While life has changed for so many of us and we, at Bethany, have strived to make adjustments, many things have come to an end. We want to acknowledge all who have made this such a meaningful endeavor for our church and to thank them for their care and concern for others. Please know that your efforts have been well received and are very much appreciated. Thank you and God bless you all.

## HAVE YOU SEEN...?

There is a new addition to the Memorial Garden in front of the church!!! It is a wonderful gift from Pastor Cathi—A PEACE POLE! It was unveiled on June 12th after Worship Service. Pastor Cathi told us a little about it's history and indicated that there is even a Flemish "side" to it! (Her mother's history!) If you haven't seen it, please stop by and take a look! It really is beautiful!

## In Your Prayers

Pastor Kayla  
Jerry and Kathleen Stadler  
Rex Stout  
Ruth Ackerman  
Norma Gillett  
Shooting victims  
Ukraine and Afghanistan  
Any one who touches your heart

## JULY DAILY BIBLE STUDY

- 1- Obdiah; Psalm 82-83
- 2- 2 Kings 1-4
- 3- 2 Kings 5-8
- 4- 2 Kings 9-11
- 5 - 2 Kings 12-13; 2 Chronicles 24
- 6 - 2 Kings 14; 2 Chronicles 25
- 7 - Jonah 1-4
- 8 - 2 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 26
- 9 - Isaiah 1-4
- 10 - Isaiah 5-8
- 11 - Amos 1-5
- 12 - Amos 6-9
- 13 - 2 Chronicles 27; Isaiah 9-12
- 14 - Micah 1-7
- 15 - 2 Chronicles 28; 2 Kings 16-17
- 16 - Isaiah 13-17
- 17 - Isaiah 18-22
- 18 - Isaiah 23-27
- 19 - 2 Kings 18:1-8; 2 Chronicles 29-31; Psalm 48
- 20 - Hosea 1-7
- 21 - Hosea 8-14
- 22 - Isaiah 28-30
- 23 - Isaiah 31-34
- 24 - Isaiah 35-36
- 25 - Isaiah 37-39; Psalm 76
- 26 - Isaiah 40-43
- 27 - Isaiah 44-48
- 28 - 2 Kings 18:9-37; 2 Kings 19:1-37; Psalm 46, 80, 135
- 29 - Isaiah 49-53
- 30 - Isaiah 54-58
- 31 - Isaiah 59-63

**It's a SURPRISE!! SHHHHHHHH!**

### **PARTY TIME!!!**

What: A SURPRISE card party in honor of KRISTEN WESENICK's 40th birthday!

When: July 10th, following Worship

Where: in the Fellowship Hall

\*\*\*\*There will be cupcakes (made by Barb Nickerson!), coffee, tea, and punch.

Hope to see you there, BUT remember, it's a SURPRISE!!! So no giving it away!!! And bring her a card!!!

## AUGUST DAILY BIBLE STUDY

- 1 - Isaiah 64-66
- 2 - 2 Kings 20-21
- 3 - 2 Chronicles 32-33
- 4 - Nahum 1-3
- 5 - 2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35
- 6 - Zephaniah 1-3
- 7 - Jeremiah 1-3
- 8 - Jeremiah 4-6
- 9 - Jeremiah 7-9
- 10 - Jeremiah 10-13
- 11 - Jeremiah 14-17
- 12 - Jeremiah 18-22
- 13 - Jeremiah 23-25
- 14 - Jeremiah 26-29
- 15 - Jeremiah 30-31
- 16 - Jeremiah 32-34
- 17 - Jeremiah 35-37
- 18 - Jeremiah 38-40; Psalm 74, 79
- 19 - 2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36
- 20 - Habakkuk 1-3
- 21 - Jeremiah 41-45
- 22 - Jeremiah 46-48
- 23 - Jeremiah 49-50
- 24 - Jeremiah 51-52
- 25 - Lamentations 1; Lam. 2; Lam. 3: 1-36
- 26 - Lamentations 3:37-66; Lam.4; Lam. 5:1-22
- 27 - Ezekiel 11-4
- 28 - Ezekiel 5-8
- 29 - Ezekiel 9-12
- 30 - Ezekiel 13-15
- 31 - Ezekiel 16-17

### **A CELEBRATION!!!!!!**

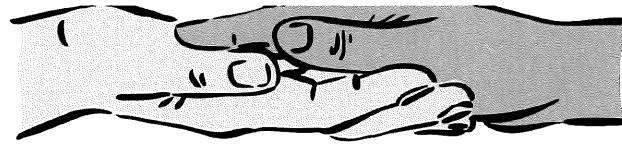
You are invited to join the SMITH Children in celebrating the 90th Birthday of our mother, JANET SMITH!

When: Saturday, July 9th from 1-4p.m.

Where: Bethany United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Snacks and cake will be served!

\*\*Please, no gifts!



## Member Care

**MEMBER CARE:** There are two different addresses for Madelon Sipler, the first one is temporary and the second is permanent.

**TEMPORARY (until 7/9/2022)**

Madelon Sipler  
Regency at Grand Blanc  
1330 Grand Pointe Ct.  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439  
810-695-8829  
Visitors are welcome

**PERMANENT (after 7/9/2022)**

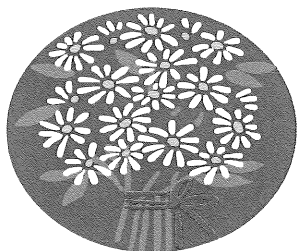
Madelon Sipler  
Brookdale of Grand Blanc  
Rm. D11  
5130 E. Baldwin Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442  
810-687-0248

Visitors, cards, and calls are welcome



\*\*\*\*Calling all Bakers\*\*\*\*

The UMW will be holding a bake sale during the church's Yard Sale on Friday and Saturday, July 22 & 23; 9-4, both days. PLEASE bring your baked goods to the church by Thursday, July 21, 2 p.m., and leave them in the kitchen on the butcher block table. If there are any nuts in the baked goods, please indicate that on the item(s). Please, no muffins, cream pies, or chocolate. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.



### WELCOME PASTOR KAYLA PLANS!

"Please check the website at [ClioBethany.org](http://ClioBethany.org) for details about Pastor Kayla's welcome!!! The plans are in the works!!!!

WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR!

## Bethany United Methodist Church — Thank You!

I am seldom at a loss for words, as you surely know, but June 12 brought me close!

Your thoughtfulness and creativity made the celebration of my retirement a day / a season I will never forget. My own Red Wings jersey, a light toss of confetti, dandelion jelly at coffee time, a field of bright yellow in the pews, a sprinkle of confetti, and whimsical dandelion wishes, clearly showed that you have taken the time to know my heart. Oh, and confetti. Did I mention the confetti? I have never been so gleefully ambushed and showered by confetti!!! Not one, not even two, but THREE surprise attacks of confetti streamers, shiny stars, and pieces of the rainbow!!! I was so tangled in the streamers that I couldn't walk up or down the aisle — I was brushing confetti out of my hair and clothes for the rest of the day — while grinning ear to ear!!! But, my favorite memory is the mischievous smile on each and every face as you covered me in love.

Yes, love. After all the confetti and delicious food and surprise visits from family and friends who traveled to join us; after all the cards and gifts and blessings and wishes; after all the tearful hugs and “I will miss you”s and “I’m not going to say good-bye”s; my only words are: You made me feel loved. And I am deeply grateful. I am thankful for our years of ministry together, for your kindness and trust, and for our shared growth in knowing and loving and serving God. And we will continue to grow in new places and in new ways. I have already told Pastor Kayla that she will be greatly blessed by you, and I confidently place you in her care as I wait to see what God will show me in this new segment of my life.

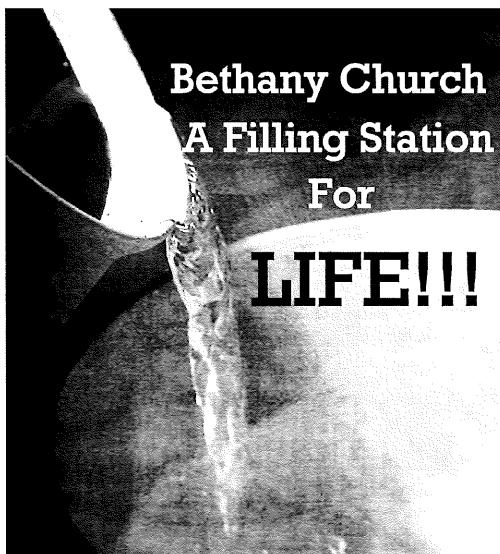
Shalom,  
Cathi

“I want to be like the dandelions, because they never stop growing.”

# Tower Notes

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“There are no strangers among us, only friends we have not yet met.”



**Sunday Worship Service  
11:15 AM**

**Church office hours  
Mon.—Thurs. 9 a.m.—2 p.m.  
Fri.—Closed**

**Our goal is to motivate and equip all people to:**

- **Accept Jesus as the Son of God and choose Him as their personal Savior**
- **Engage in a lifelong relationship with Jesus**
- **Use all means to share the love of God with others**

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