

Tower Notes

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June 2023

From the Pastor's Desk



Please join the Bridge Team and every member of Otisville and Bethany churches in praying the following prayer, either at 8:30a.m. or 8:30p.m.—or Both!—as we send a communal prayer to our Lord and Savior to be with all of us as we dream a Jesus sized dream for our Cooperative Parish. Please be in prayer for us as we continue on this journey for both churches.

"Guiding Spirit, FILL us with YOUR fire, LEAD us by YOUR light, UNITE us in YOUR calling. Amen"

"Brother, sister let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you, pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too." The Servant Song TFWS#2222

At the end of April there was a very quick announcement made, with about a ten day window for people to sign up for Narcan Training. Narcan is the brand name of the drug used to help people out of narcotic overdoses. Used commonly for drug overdoses, but can be used on people of all ages and causes no harm to your body, aside from the meds that are already in your body. It was an informative night that 30 people participated in, 20 from Bethany, 4 from Otisville and 6 from the community and beyond. Each person received a Narcan kit including a CPR Mask. I received many comments from community members about the great need for the training and much gratitude expressed for engaging in the hard conversations that are realities for our community members. In order for us to best serve our community, it is important that we begin expanding the resources that we have within the body of Christ. One of the ways that we are engaging in asset building is by providing trainings for the congregation to engage in. We are a Red Cross Facility, admittedly, I'm still learning what all that entails, however, we also host many community groups and it is important for us to be prepared with basic skill sets as we seek to serve the community and be the best neighbors we can be. Being good neighbors means taking and sharing responsibility, to share the load that others are carrying and to equip ourselves for doing the work of ministry effectively. Marc has been hosting trainings for our Church Protection Policy, sharing the process of reporting abuse witnessed or heard about in our events and on our property from a child OR

an adult. This is hard and sacred work and we must be ready, for we never know what situation will land in our laps. In June, you will have a chance to sign up for AED/CPR/Basic First Aid Training at the church. There is a cost for this training, however, you will be certified for 2 years on each area. There are two training opportunities. See further in these pages for additional information and if you have questions, please contact Marc.

As I type this, I am also in the midst of preparing for a week of holy conferencing at the Michigan Annual Conference, where it will be good to be with the people of We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say "It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem."

Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.

FRED ROGERS





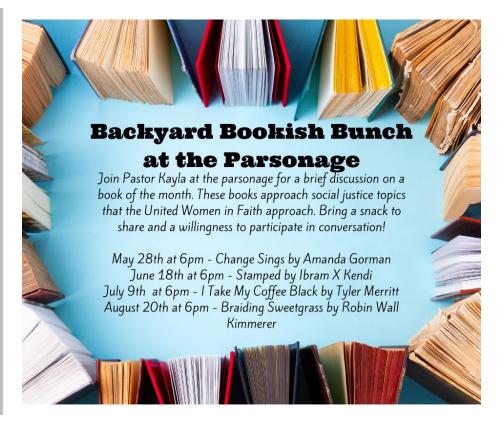
the Michigan Area United Methodist Church again.

This year will be full of emotion. I celebrate my colleagues and dear friends who I will witness being commissioned and ordained as I remember what a whirlwind last years conference was for me. I will be standing behind a table for After The Storm, seeking and building relationships with sustainable donors for the nonprofit I am the Vice Chair of that specializes in disaster response, where work is currently being done in Detroit from the 2020 and 2021 Floods that occurred through a FEMA grant. The connectional ministry that is done through that organization allows us to serve the least of these. It is heartbreaking to hear the stories and a celebration to know that UMCOR dollars and FEMA dollars get put to good use after all local resources have been exhausted. It is a beautiful process of resurrection that is experienced through my participation.

While I know it will be good to be back with my connectional body, to have quality time with Elizabeth Whiting (Bethany's Representative to AC) and Diane Weaver (District Equalization Representative), the week will be filled with heavy feelings. Our conference has had to make some difficult decisions, cutting the budget \$2.1 million. Colleagues and friends have left jobs, many have been appointed to local churches, some are still searching for jobs. Our conference structure has been simplified and we are in a season of transition. It is challenging and overwhelming while we also say goodbye to colleagues and congregations who have chosen to leave the denomination and join the Global Methodist Church. I love and respect my colleagues who have chosen this path, however, their presence and their ministry will be greatly missed. I expect that part of practicing being a good neighbor will mean having tissues in my bag with me to share as we navigate the emotions together. As we continue expanding our understanding of what it means to be a good neighbor, I encourage you to join me in the backyard of the parsonage throughout the summer for the Backyard Bookish Bunch. The dates and books are listed below. You should be able to get the books from the library, Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Read at your own pace, come with an open mind and willingness to listen and learn from one another. When we listen to one another's stories (and even read them) we begin the work of transformation within ourselves! I look forward to a tremendous summer with you all!

Pastor Kayla

THANK YOU
PHIL SANBORN
For your assistance with custodial responsibilities! We love you and will miss you as you transition north to your new home in the woods!



Wednesday June

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1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

Sue Boyse and Diane Weaver made an executive decision!!! We will continue to have COFFEE HOUR throughout the summer! We want to hear all your travel adventures, who came to visit, and what cookouts you went to, so we are continuing with the happy time of sharing that Coffee Hour brings to us all!!! See you there!





Office Hours

Mondays: 9am—4pm Tuesdays: 1pm—8pm Wednesdays: 1pm—7pm Thursdays: 9am—4pm

Schedules may change due to meetings and other events. Call the church office first to check with my availability.

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The summer is almost here and it's about to be busy, fun, and fruitful around the church. Our Outdoor Movie Nights and Family Fun Nights are returning alongside our Hero Hotline VBS. Our Summer VIBE crew has got a fun and exciting event lineup and Bible Studies awaiting them as well. The summer is one of my favorite seasons because of all the fun and exciting ways faith formation can happen. Make sure you set aside some time to come up and enjoy some hot dogs and games or catch a movie with some popcorn. You'll hear more information about all this later on in this newsletter, but my excitement is hard to contain about all of it. I hope you're as ready as I am.

~~~Marc Middleton Director of Youth and Children's Ministries



RAISING For the month of June, we will be looking at the concept of being wise. This concept comes from the story of Jesus in the Temple at Passover found in Luke 2:41-52. Wisdom can mean different things to different people, but here's a definition we'll work with: "Make good, positive decisions; capable of being trusted or depended on." Here are four ways you can help your children become wise:

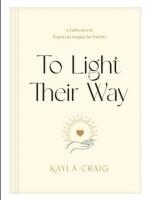
Help your children tune in to their feelings and their bodies. Children from an early age process every bit of information through all their senses. The knowledge that they obtain through their senses is their wisdom. As they grow up, it's our job to help them understand how they feel and to help them notice how these feelings show up. You practice through their feelings as they come up.

Teach your children how to detach with love. Detach is a coping skills that helps us remove ourselves from potentially hurtful situations. It's taking a step back and giving us the space to see ourselves and then make better choices.

Read everything! Stories allow us to imagine new and amazing futures for ourselves and the world. Surround your family with books and media that give your children stories to aspire to.

Encourage curiosity. Children have an innate drive to explore, figure out how things work, and ask lots of questions. Curiosity helps develop wisdom, compassion, empathy, and faith. When they ask you why for the MILLIONTH time, don't be frustrated. They're using their sense of curiosity to make sense of the world. Remind yourself that your child is growing the wisdom needed to be a healthy, well-adjusted human.

This month, I share with you two prayers about graduation. Whether your child is graduating high school or college or moving from the elementary to the big-kids school. Share this prayer with them and for them.



*You were there for every* Newborn squeal and first step and lost Remind us that You are with them now, too, As our child looks ahead And wonders what is to come.

We pray for an emboldened generation That refuses to accept the systems they've inherited. And we pray that we will support them As they use their imagination and energy,

passion and creativity To love the world You made and the people in lit.

# **Bethany Happenings**



VIBE is meeting on Wednesdays, 2:30-5:30PM. from (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE) This is for all 5th-12th graders who are looking for a safe place to hang out, play games, do homework, and enjoy the company of each other. Our last VIBE session for the school year is June 7th.

CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING will be held on June 10th and June fourth Thursdays that are held 13th from 12-4:30pm each day. at Otisville UMČ. All are wel-We would like to invite all that come who are struggling with are interested to sign up for a a loss of any kind. class. The cost is \$36 and each Marc Middleton.

MOVIE NIGHTS UNDER THE STARS return on June 10th and they get signed up. July 22nd beginning at 8pm. We will gather out front under TEEN SUMMER BIBLE STUDY ity time together. The June 15th at 3pm. It will be a 4-week 10th movie will be SONIC THE series based on the hit game movie shortly thereafter. If contact Marc Middleton. you have any questions, contact Sue Hilgris.

offering hot dogs and chips as ers to Leaders Mission Project, well as bringing back your favorite water games! We'll have gram for K-12 students and a fun time and we look forward to seeing all of you again!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

**GRIEF GROUP AT BETHANY** Carmen Belin is facilitating a Grief Group at Bethany in the fireplace room the first and third Thursdays of month, at 6:30. This is in AD-DITION to the second and

class caps at 16 people. Sign- SUMMER VIBE kicks off on up sheets will be out soon! If June 22nd with a walking trip you're interested, please see to Dairy Queen and a prayerful walk back to the church. If your youth is interested, give us a call and we'll make sure

the portico and enjoy the qual- will begin on Thursday, June HEDGEHOG! We'll gather for Fortnite. If you have any guesgames at first and begin the tions about our study, please

FAMILY FUN NIGHT will return STRAWBERRY BRUNCH will be this year on June 21st at 6pm June 11 after church in the Felwith some new activities along lowship Hall. The funds from with the classics. We will be this event will be sent to Reada 6 week summer literacy prowill be held at Bethel UMC in

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

All are invited to the Open House Celebration for Mars Robinson on Sunday, June 11th from 3-7PM. Drop in at Bethany UMC Fellowship Hall for a time of celebrating Mars' accomplishments. We'll



be having a taco bar, a bit of music and lots of conversation.

WEDNESDAY **COMMUNITY DINNER** Come join us for a tasty meal on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM. Our last three meals are coming before us and we would love to have you here to celebrate the fruitfulness of the ministry. There is no cost to join us. Just bring your appetite and a smile.



| 1.  | John 12:1-26  | 11. Joh   |
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| 2.  | John 12:27-50 | 12. Joh   |
| 3.  | John 13:1-20  | 13. Joh   |
| 4.  | John 13:21-38 | 3 14. Joh |
| 5.  | John 14       | 15. Act   |
| 6.  | John 15       | 16. Act   |
| 7.  | John 16       | 17. Act   |
| 8.  | John 17       | 18. Act   |
| 9.  | John 18:1-18  | 19. Act   |
| 10. | John 18:19-40 | 20. Act   |
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| 11. John 19:1-22  | 21. Acts 5:1-21  |
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| 12. John 19:23-42 | 22. Acts 5:22-42 |
| 13. John 20       | 23. Acts 6       |
| 14. John 21       | 24. Acts 7:1-21  |
| 15. Acts 1        | 25. Acts 7:22-43 |
| 16. Acts 2: 1-22  | 26. Acts 7:44-60 |
| 17. Acts 2: 22-47 | 27. Acts 8:1-25  |
| 18. Acts 3        | 28. Acts 8:26-40 |
| 19. Acts 4:1-22   | 29. Acts 9:1-21  |
| 20. Acts 4: 23-37 | 30. Acts 9:22-43 |
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Please remember these wonderful members of Bethany's congregation. Give them a call or send them a card letting them know that we are thinking of them and sending them our love! Cards are available in the Gathering Room or ask Kory, if

there aren't any on the table next to the coat room!

If you know of someone who is not a church member, but would just like to receive a card or a message, please get them to



## **Remember in Your Prayers**

- ⇒ The family of Tim Lewis
- ⇒ Ben Wildfong and Amy
- ⇒ Nola and Lloyd Massey
- ⇒ Nola and Bill Thornton
- ⇒ "Erica"
- ⇒ Dave Bower
- ⇒ Karen Nichols
- ⇒ Carol Bookout and family
- ⇒ The family of Beverly Williams
- ⇒ Pastor Kayla's mom and dad
- ⇒ Virginia Heller
- ⇒ Diane Westling
- ⇒ Victoria Faith

Please continue to pray for anyone who crosses your mind or heart-we all need everyone's prayers in our world today.

And PRAISE God for all He does for all of us every day! Amen

Diane Weaver and she will add them to the list. Everyone is welcome to be on our list and needs a kind word.





LOOK WHAT'S NEW

Through your participation of generosity with Mission Banks, that are handed out on Mother's Day and returned the week of Thanksgiving, the Missions Team is able to deploy our resources faithfully. The gifts collected through your donations support various missions throughout the state, nation and globe. Year to date, the Missions Team has already supported the following organizations:

Michigan Projects: Asbury Community Development Corporation, Methodist Children's Home, Haiti Covenant Partnership and Liberia Ministry Partnership. National Projects: National Justice for Our Neighbors. Red Bird Mission. Henderson Settlement, Red Bird Christian School and Red Bird Clinic Community Health Center. International Projects: Heifer International Living Gifts, Church World Service Blankets and Tool, Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic, Haiti Artisans for Peace International, Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village and Water for Life. Mission Personnel: Randy Hildebrandt (God's Country Cooperative Parish). As the Missions Team continues to meet. additional giving will be determined for UMCOR and Local organizations such as Family Promise, Love Christian Services, Clio Human Services and more. Thank you for your faithfulness and prayerful support! Let's pray: God, help us to be your living witnesses through our gifts of change and dollars. May these gifts inspire, empower and strengthen the people who receive them for Your ministry throughout the

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held from July 18 through July 20th from 5—8pm each night. We are doing the Hero Hotline VBS and teaching our young ones how they can be a hero in their communities every day. We are looking for volunteers to help lead group, lead classes, cook a meal, help with registration, help in the kitchen, and decorate. See Marc Middleton with any questions.

**EDUCATION CLEAN UP** will happen again on July 15th from 10am to 1pm. Our Committee on Education needs extra hands and feet to help organize our supply room, youth and children's Sunday School rooms, and potentially the nursery. Lunch will be provided! If you are interested in coming, please see Marc Middleton or Sue Hilgris.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The United Women of Faith are currently planning to host the HARVEST SUPPER this year. The date is Thursday, September 28th, 4:30 -6:30 PM. We are still in the planning stages regarding this event, so, watch the Tower Notes and the Sunday Announcement sheet for future updates! If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Wesenick! (YUMMY meal and one I hope you won't miss! I can't wait!!! Thanks, UWF!)

**Town Hall Potluck** on June 21 at 6pm. Bring a dish to pass. All are welcome to attend to hear, respond to and ask questions regarding the work the Bridge Team has completed with the guidance and facilitation of Rev. Sarah Heschles. Sarah will be presenting a report to the Bridge Team at 12pm in Otisville, staying there for an all church meeting and then will join Bethany at 6pm to discuss our next steps. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Kayla.

Dear Church Family, I will be attending God's Treasures Camp @ Lake Huron Retreat Center from 6/20-6/24 and would really enjoy hearing from you while there. Please send as many of your cards &/or letters as you'd like, anytime, but no later than **Friday, June 16th**, to the address below:

Kristin Wesenick God's Treasures Camp Lake Huron Retreat Center 8794 Lakeshore Drive Burtchville, MI 48059-1115 Phew! Well, graduation is almost here and the summer can now start (I hope!)! So, remember that July and August Tower Notes will be <u>one edition</u> and please get your info to Kory or Diane asap! We hope the weather cooperates for all of your summer plans and you have a glorious time. Remember—sunscreen!!!



# **Gprinkle** and split

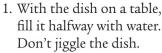
A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



#### What you need:

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

#### What you do:



- 2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
- 3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
- 4. Read Psalm 103:8-12. How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
- 5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.



# Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

**Directions:** Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

| God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)       |
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| The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)                  |
| What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)                   |
| God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)                 |
| God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)    |
| The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)             |
| The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)                  |
| The heave_s declare theloryfod; the ski_srocaim the wok of his hads. |

Answer: number, fingers, host, govern, offspring, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, MIV

PSALM 19:1, NIV

| Sun                                                                                         | Mon                           | Tue                                     | Wed                                                                                     | Thu                                                     | Fri                               | Sat                                                           |
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| Summer Office hours<br>9am-2pm Mon-Thurs                                                    | Annual Conference<br>June 1-4 |                                         |                                                                                         | Backpacking Noon<br>Grief Support<br>6:30pm<br>AA6:30pm |                                   |                                                               |
| 4 Sunday School 10:00am – Last one for                                                      | 5                             | 9                                       | 7<br>Doll Group 10:00am<br>Missions 10:00am                                             | 8<br>Last Day of School                                 | 6                                 | 10<br>Strawberry Prep<br>9:30am<br>CPR/IST Aid Train.         |
| Worship 11:15am                                                                             | Trustees 7:00pm               | Ministry in Action<br>5:30pm            | VIBE 2:30-5:30pm<br>Community Dinner<br>5:30                                            | VBS Training<br>5:30pm<br>AA 6:30pm                     |                                   | ing12-4:30pm<br>Family Movie Night<br>"Sonic the Hedgehog"    |
| Communion/<br>Graduation Suday<br>11:00am<br>Strawberry Brunch<br>Mars Open House<br>3:00pm | 12                            | 13<br>CPR/1st Aid Training<br>12-4:30pm | 14<br>COE 10:00am<br>Community Dinner<br>5:30pm                                         | Teen Bible Study 3:00pm Grief Support 6:30pm AA6:30pm   | 16                                | 17                                                            |
| 18 Worship 11:15am Backyard Bookish Bunch at Parsonage 6:00pm                               | 19                            | 20                                      | 21 12pm Bridge Team Meeting at Otisville 6PM Town Hall Potluck Family Fun Night 6- 8 pm | Teen Bible Study / VIBE Dairy Queen 6:00pm AA6:30pm     | 23<br>Wedding Rehearsal<br>5:00pm | 24<br>Wedding—Erin and<br>Greg—4:00 PM!<br>M&M's Potluck 6:00 |
| 25<br>Worship 11:15am                                                                       | 26<br>Ad Bd 7:00pm            | 27<br>Pastor Kayla on<br>vacation       | 28<br>Family Fun night 6-<br>8pm                                                        | 29<br>Teen Bible Study<br>3:00pm<br>AA 6:30pm           | 30                                |                                                               |



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Guiding Spirit, FILL us with YOUR fire, Lead us by YOUR Light, Unite us in YOUR calling......Amen

OTISVILLE UMC WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 am

BETHANY UMC WORSHIP SERVICE 11:15 am

Pastor Kayla holds her primary office hours at Bethany.

Please call to schedule an appointment with her if you wish to talk with her.

# 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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