



The Second Mile

The Newsletter of the First United Methodist Church of Marlette, Michigan

Εν Χηριστω = In Christ

It looks Greek to me. Yes. It is Greek, εν Χηριστω, to express “in Christ.” This is to define what it means to be Christian. In the Bible book of Acts, chapter eleven, verse 26 we are told that it was in a place called Antioch where followers of Jesus were called Christians for the first time.

This is a fascinating part of our faith history. And, it defines us. We are called “Christian.” What does it mean? Is it based on what we do? Or, is it based on who we are?

There are many labels used to define and quite often divide people. The names are for calling and categorizing. We see it in ethnicity, in politics and in religion.

When “Christian” is used simply as a religious label equivalent to other religious categories the true meaning is missed. The depth of definition is found in the person of God, God the Father, God the Son Jesus Christ and God the Holy Spirit.

The meaning of being a Christian is not wearing a label like a brand name. It is about a condition of our being transformed by being “in Christ!” And, Christ being in us!

Our being is transformed when we receive Christ into our hearts, when we choose to “put on Christ” and live for his glory. It is not the doing of religious acts that makes us Christian. It is the act of God our Father, through the saving grace of God the Son Jesus Christ and the fulfilled promise of God the Holy Spirit.

This condition of being in Christ is best defined in love. You know the words “God so loved the world.” And, “They’ll know we are Christians by our love.” Our, faith is also defined in newness. The so called “new commandment” given by Jesus says, “ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35)

So, being Christian means being in Christ. It means being in love with God and neighbor. It means being new! 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! “

Yours, εν Χηριστω Pastor Dave Mulder

Woman's Life Chapter 871
And the United Methodist Women of Marlette
Announce

High Tea & Fashion Show

Celebrating Heaven Sent's 10th Anniversary

Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 1-3 p.m.

At the Fellowship Hall

First United Methodist Church of Marlette



- ✓ Silent Auction
- ✓ Guest Speaker
- ✓ Concert Pianist
- ✓ Vocalist



Tickets: \$15 donation in advance

\$20 donation at the door until sold out

Woman's Life Insurance Society will match the first \$500 raised.



PSALM 100:2, ESV

**Sunday,
August 7,**

2016

Greeters First: Sue Brydon

2nd: Brian & Shari Hirsch

Ushers: 1st: Lon Dunsford

2nd: Joe & Nathan Abbott and Dan Edwards

Nursery: Amy King and Kyle Abbott

Children's Church: Rachel Bennett & Emily Bell

Sunday, August 14, 2016

Greeters First: Hugh & Rae Ann Ferguson

2nd: Randy & Judy Hostetler

Ushers: 1st: Paul Dunsford

2nd: Jason Bell & Mike Hutchens

Nursery: Kristie Seaman & Elizabeth Skakle

Children's Church: Cheryl Lewis & Grace Decker

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Greeters First: Jack & Dorothy Kelly

2nd: Mike & Susan Hutchens

Ushers: 1st: Tom Fritz

2nd: Shane Kady, Ben King & Gerald Foote

Nursery: Marty & Hunter Kelly

Children's Church: Byronna, Kirsten & Nicole Brydon

Sunday, August 28, 2016

Greeters First: Mary Lou Prowse

2nd: Shane & Sarah Kady

Ushers: 1st: Ralph Hunt

2nd: Tom & Tommy Skakle and Brock Welshans

Nursery: Linda Bush & Hannah Skakle

Children's Church: Melissa Findlay & Emily Schaub

***If you cannot serve at the time assigned,
please make arrangements for a sub or call the
office by Wednesday before the Sunday
assigned.***

Heaven Sent to Host Food Pantry Distribution August 18th



The Food Pantry provided many boxes of food for people at the July distribution.

Judy Hostetler prepared boxes which provided necessary groceries to prepare good meals. You would be proud of what our food pantry offers when compared to many pantries who pack the boxes with snacks and other less healthy foods.

Volunteers from our church as well as other churches will meet at the Heaven Sent Community Ministries building on Main Street on Thursday August 18th, 2016 for the regular distribution. If you would like to help with the distribution, show up at Heaven Sent at 4:30 that day.

Meanwhile the Second Chance Clothing Shoppe continues to operate from their building from 10 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 10-2 on Saturday.

Men, Women, boys and girls: Add to your summer wardrobe for the right price. Check out the selection; remember it changes all the time! Drop-offs can now be made at the back door.

Heaven Sent sponsors another food distribution on the last Saturday of the month at the VFW Hall Parking Lot in Marlette. Your volunteer help would be most appreciated. Call Gina at 989-635-0077 for details.

UMW PLANS AUGUST PICNIC AT PAT ROSS'

The UMW met July 5, 2016, at 1 p.m. in the fellowship Hall. Present were Mary Ann Fick, Acting Chair, Mary Ellen Linton, Elizabeth Snow, Gerry Smith, Orpha Thompson and Doris Huntoon.

The purpose was read by the members.

Secretary Report: We read the minutes for the June 7, 2016 meeting with corrections made: it read "mission Y ; it should have read "Mission U" and the date for the Women's Life/UMW Tea and Fashion Show was August 20, 2016 not August 8, 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Gerry Smith read the treasurer's report: we have \$2,462.30 for our ending balance for June, 2016.

Gerry Smith reported Jacob Nelson has raised almost \$800 toward his goal to remodel the small room in the Fellowship Hall. The windows are in and the fiberboard is off the walls. The trustees are working on the electric—replacing the wiring.

Mission U is having several retreats for the months of July, August and September. Gerry Smith is giving Scharla Tapson some information on a Bible Retreat starting September 17, 2016 put on by Beth Moore.

Gerry Smith has tickets for the Tea and Fashion show \$15.00 each for August 20, 2016. The money raised will help Heaven Sent.

Elizabeth Snow gave a report from *Response* magazine on climate control. The ozone layer is getting smaller and they think in ten years it should be closed. This is due to not using aerosol cans as much.

Gerry Smith is getting Elizabeth more stamps for the cards we send out.

August 2, 2016 will be our picnic for the summer. Everyone brings a dish to pass. It will be at Pat Ross's at 1 p.m.

Orpha Thompson said our closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Fick

Patrecia Ross submitted this poem written by
a Judge from Alabama for our consideration:



written by Judge Roy Moore from Alabama, who was sued by the ACLU for displaying the Ten Commandments in his courtroom foyer. He was suspended from the bench from 2001 to 2003, then again from 2013 until now.

America? the beautiful,
or so you used to be.
Land of the Pilgrims' pride;
I'm glad they'll never see

Too soft to place a killer
in a well deserved tomb,
but brave enough to kill a baby
before he leaves the womb.

Babies piled in dumpsters,
Abortion on demand.
Oh, sweet land of liberty,
your house is on the sand.

You think that God's not angry
that our land's a moral slum?
How much longer will He wait
before His judgment comes?

Our children wander aimlessly
poisoned by cocaine,
choosing to indulge their lusts
when God has said "Abstain."

How are we to face our God
from Whom we cannot hide?
What then is left for us to do
to stem this evil tide?

From sea to shining sea,
our nation turns away
from the teaching of God's love
and a need to always pray.

If we who are His children
will humbly turn and pray,
Seek His holy face
and mend our evil way,

We've kept God in our
temples; how callous we have grown
when Earth is but His footstool
and Heaven is His throne.

Then God will hear from Heaven
and forgive us of our sins.
He'll heal our sickly land
and those who live within.

We've voted in a government
that's rotting at the core,
appointing Godless judges
who throw reason out the door.

But, America the Beautiful,
if you don't, then you will see
A sad but Holy God
withdraw His hand from Thee.

Please
Pray
for...

- ❖ For the family of Joyce Nicol.
- ❖ For the family of Jim Fleming; Jim passed away July 18th..

Prayers for Healing

- ❖ For Florence Dunsford who continues to deal with health concerns.
- ❖ For Julie Klein's son who may need more surgery.
- ❖ For the family of Randa Matyas, a friend of Gerald and Priscilla Foote. She passed away in July.
- ❖ For Don & Sherryl Potter for a safe trip to Georgia and a productive 10 days as they help Dan & Suzie in their mission.
- ❖ For Ian Liebler for complete healing of his leg.
- ❖ For Laura Brown who has moved to Hannah Wolfe after falling in her apartment in Meadowridge.
- ❖ For Jeff Brown, a friend of Jill Bell; he just started cancer treatment.
- ❖ For Oliver Demaray, Linda Warner's grandson, who has been having seizures and is on new meds.
- ❖ For Aprille Stevens, Chelsey's aunt, who had knee surgery on July 14th.
- ❖ For Brison Ricker, a 15-year-old grandson of Bill Ricker's brother, who has a brain tumor.
- ❖ For Bill Watson, Sherryl Potter's cousin from Argyle who has stage 4 cancer and is now under hospice care.
- ❖ For John Mulder, Pastor Dave's brother, who continues to wait for a double lung transplant.
- ❖ For Marian Stieler who continues to live in Cass City at Medilodge.
- ❖ For Lori Nicol who has on-going health issues.

- ❖ For Patty Tatgenthorst who continues to deal with health concerns.
- ❖ For Jane Grant who continues to reside in Sandusky at the Medical Care Facility.
- ❖ For Jan Dral, a former Marlette teacher, who had a set-back in her recovery from pancreatitis and has to spend more time in Florida until she improves.

St Patrick's Annual



Festival and Dinner

Sunday, August 14, 2016
Clifford

Roast Beef and Pork Dinner

With all the fixin's from 11:30-3:30 p.m.

\$9 Adults \$8 Seniors \$5 Child (5-11
years) Under 5 Free

Carry outs available

- **Bingo Cash & Prizes**
- **Flea Market and Country Store**
- **50/50 Raffle**
- **Kids Games and Prizes**
- **FIRETRUCK EXHIBIT photos, "tour," activities**
- **Memorabilia Exhibit celebrating St. Patrick's 130th Anniversary**

All events on the grounds of historical St. Patrick's Church

THANKS!

A BIG thank you to **Pat and Debbie Wilson** for the use of their truck and trailer for our VBS float for the parade. A HUGE thank you to **the many people** who helped out at Vacation Bible School. We had an average of 38 kids for the week which made this a great success. A Special thank you to **Doris Huntoon** who shared her pictures from her REAL Safari. The kids and adults really enjoyed that. Thank you to all and for your prayers. I couldn't have done it without you. God Bless,
Priscilla Foote

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- ❖ For the life of Jim Fleming, Linda Warner's father.
- ❖ For the birth of Barrett John Bloor, grandson of John & Jan Bloor; parents are Jeremy & Cathy. Barrett was welcomed home by his brother, Jacob.
- ❖ For the excellent concert provided by Marlette's musical all stars: Dr. Patrecia Ross, Dr. John Landon, Cora Jean Atkins, Alijah Howard, Marlyn Caister, Jim Cook, Nancy Miu, Pastor

- Dave Mulder and others. They raised nearly \$500 for local missions.
- ❖ For the thought provoking message delivered last Sunday by Marlette's own, Dr. John Landon.
 - ❖ John & Jan Bloor gives thanks for a wonderful Alaskan vacation.
 - ❖ Chris Bell thanks her church family who kept her and her family in their thoughts and prayers during the time of her mother's passing (Phyllis Blatt).
 - ❖ For the healing in the life of Don Potter; he just celebrated the first anniversary of his open heart surgery and is doing well.
 - ❖ For Jacob Nelson who has undertaken the remodeling of the classroom next to the kitchen as an Eagle Scout project.
 - ❖ For all who helped with Vacation Bible School this year including Priscilla Foote, our fearless leader!
 - ❖ For Val and Cynthia Lemen who provided a wonderful concert on the lawn on July 14th.
 - ❖ For Helping Hands who continue to prepare quilts for those in need.



CONCERT ON THE LAWN SERIES

On the lawn of the parsonage
Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Picnic at 6 p.m.

Bring a dish to pass
Meat & drinks provided
presenting



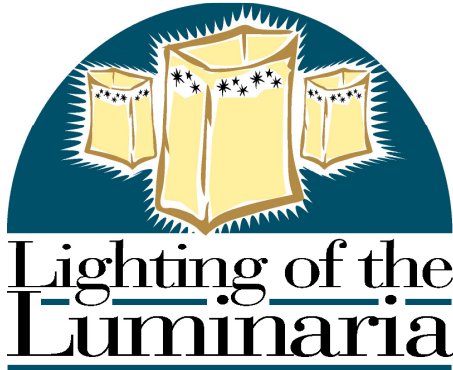
Krissa Welshans and Friends

Gospel and Blue Glass Music
Concert begins at 7 p.m.
Bring along a Friend.

NOTE: The next meeting of the Ad Board will be Tuesday, August 16th at 7 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Set that date aside and plan to attend.

Bringing Light to the Darkness

“Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness to pull another hand into the light.” Norman B. Rice



The Sanilac County Suicide Prevention Committee is very excited to share with you that plans are progressing for the first annual “Bringing Light to the Darkness: A Walk for Suicide Prevention Awareness” on Friday, September 23, 2016. This will be one of the many suicide prevention activities planned in September for Suicide Prevention Month.

The purpose of this walk is not only to promote suicide prevention awareness and raise funds for future suicide prevention projects in Sanilac County; but also to honor those we’ve lost to suicide. In Sanilac County over the last 5 years, there has been an average of 6

suicides per year; and those deaths are not specific as to a certain age group. They range in age from 15-72.

The Walk will start with a Community Presentation by Jeff Yalden, Motivational Speaker, at 7:00 p.m. at the Maple Valley School in Sandusky. Mr. Yalden (www.JeffYalden.com) has been impacting teen audiences, teachers, communities and youth conferences worldwide since 1992 and we are very excited to have him here in Sanilac County. Then, the walk registration will start at 8:00 p.m. with the actual walk starting at 8:30 p.m. We will walk from the school, around the Diamond Trail to the Sanilac County Courthouse. There will be a short ceremony at the Courthouse Gazebo with the lighting of luminaries to honor those lost to suicide. Those luminaries will remain there overnight. We will then walk back to the school for a closing ceremony and refreshments.

Walk Registration is at 8 p.m. on September 23, or register online at www.stopsuicidenow.mvevent.com

Survivors after Suicide Support Group

Provided by the Sanilac County Suicide Prevention Committee in the back dining room at McKenzie Health System 120 Delaware Street, Sandusky 7:00-8:30 p.m. last Tuesday of the month starting August 30, 2016.

For more information please call Laura Johnson at 810-583-0403.

Memorial Committee Adds New Members; Makes Decisions

Julia Robbins, Jackie Reid, Inez Stephens, Russ and Bonnie Liebler agreed to serve along with members Kay Severson, Mary Lou Prowse and Gordon Pabst on the Memorial Committee which has been relatively inactive recently.

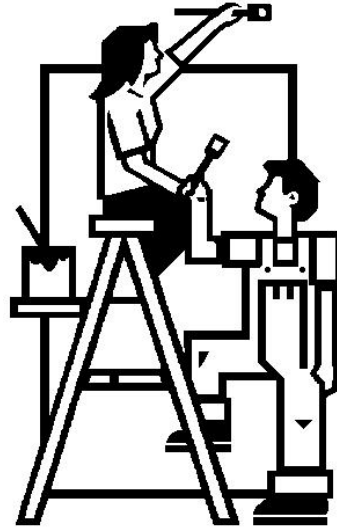
They approved purchasing new brass flower holders for the altar since the ones we have are stained and cannot be cleaned adequately. The flower holders are ordered but not yet delivered.

The committee also agreed to buy new pew pads for taking attendance on Sundays. The new pads will be in service on Sunday, July 31st.

Some of the funds donated in memory of Jim Brydon were dedicated to purchasing youth recreation and athletic equipment. These items were approved and have been ordered.

Additional funds were set aside to help the Trustees and Jacob Nelson with the classroom improvement project on the Senior Citizens classroom off the Fellowship Hall. Jacob has been approved to supervise this project through the Marlette Boy Scouts for his Eagle Badge.

The group is scheduled to meet again on Monday, August 15th at 7:30 p.m. The agenda will include how to make improvements to the kitchen island. This project would utilize some of the funds donated to the memory of Joyce Nicol.



Progress Made on Sunday School Room Project

New Vinyl Windows have been installed in the senior classroom off the Fellowship Hall. The electrical connections have been thoroughly reviewed and identified. Fiber board has been removed and new drywall has been hanged, mudded and sanded. The next step will be painting and molding the room.

Thanks to Jacob's incentive to finish the project, our trustees have been busy. A new French door will be added soon as the work progresses! Completion date? Hopefully before September, 2016!

August 2016						
◀ July 2016						September 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 ELECTION DAY 1 p.m. UMW Picnic @ Pat Ross' 2 p.m. Worship @ Sanilac County Medical Care 7 p.m. Little Women 7 p.m.. Prayer Service	3 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers 5:30-9 p.m. District Conference Training	4 7 p.m. AA in Basement	5	6
7 9 a.m. Traditional Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service	8 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Memorial Service for Christy Hines' Aunt Sharon Willis in FH	9 2 p.m. Worship @ Meadowridge 7 p.m. Little Women 7 p.m.. Prayer Service	10 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers	11 7 p.m. AA in Basement	12	13 1-4 p.m. Baby Shower in FH (Donna Mann)
14 9 a.m. Traditional Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service	15 7:30 p.m. Memorial Committee Meeting in FH	16 2 p.m. Worship @ Hannah Wolfe Residence 7 p.m. Little Women 7 p.m.. Ad Board in FH	17 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers 7 p.m. Concert on the Lawn (Krissa Welshans)	18 5-6 p.m. Food Pantry Distribution @ HS 7 p.m. AA in Basement	19	20 1-3 p.m. High Tea celebrating Heaven Sent's 10 th Anniversary
21 9 a.m. Traditional Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service	22 7:30 p.m. Lay Leadership Meeting in FH	23 7 p.m. Little Women 7 p.m.. Prayer Service	24 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers	25 7 p.m. AA in Basement 7 p.m. SG @ Tapson's	26 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study @ Scharla's	27 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Free Community Lunch
28 9 a.m. Traditional Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service	29	30 7 p.m. Little Women 7 p.m.. Prayer Service	31 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers	Notes:UMW=United Methodist Women, FH=Fellowship Hall, AA=Alcoholics Anonymous, HS=Heaven Sent, SG=Small Group,		

