

The Second Mile

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

Sweet Cider for Sale

From the fruit of the vine to venues of feasting, God provides. God blesses. From summer's sultry season to fall's chilly change, God dresses up all nature in reds and orange. We behold. We benefit. In response we bless.

And, bless we must! For it is our God given trust—our bounden duty, our divine identity. We bless according to our inherited holy gift of grace. It is a gift guiding us to give. And give we do!

Generously we give of our time in worship, in fellowship, in celebration, witnessing to our Loving God. Cheerfully we give of our treasure because of God's great treasure, witnessing to our Living God. Creatively we give of our talents, sharing from the abundance of God's creative gifts, (because in the image of God we are creative beings), witnessing to our everlasting God.

We give because of grace. Grace is a free gift, (not cheap!), that shows God's will for the care of our lives, the care of Christ's church, the love and care for the world! "For God so loved the world, he gave..." (John 3:16)

The outpouring of God's grace through Jesus Christ happens to us and through us. This is what we are all about. Our life as the Church, the Body of Christ is a life of grace. Jesus is our source of being, our source of identity.

So, here and now in the artistry of God's autumn, what's up with the "Sweet Cider for Sale"? Another fund raiser? Well, no. There's really none for sale here at church at all. I know it has been and will be served at fellowship time after worship services. Also, it is simply a symbol.

Instead of "for sale," how about "sweet cider served to the saints!" Consider sweet cider as a symbol of grace. It is not for sale. It can't be bought. It is never earned, never deserved. Yet, it is received in abundance! For the Bible tells us so:

"In him [Jesus] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding." Ephesians 1:7-8

Apples are an area agricultural resource. Sweet apple cider is seen all about in abundance. It is referred to here to profess that First United Methodist Church of Marlette is a local spiritual resource flowing with the abundance of God's abundant love and sweet grace.

In the hymn writer's words,

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word
Just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him; how I've proved him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus; O for grace to trust him more

(Louisa Stead, 1882)

Gracefully yours,

Pastor Dave Mulder

Woman to Woman

God is Faithful

*Saturday November 5, 2016
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

*This is going to be a different kind of retreat!
Come expecting to laugh, fellowship and most of all know Jesus more.*

Brunch includes

Breakfast casserole
Fruits
Sweets
Beverages

Lunch includes

Homemade soup
Wonderful salad bar
Bread and Desserts
Beverages

Fun videos

Singing

Sherry! Potter and Deb Wilson will be sharing messages from their hearts.

No charge. Please register by calling the office 635-2075
or sign up in the Fellowship Hall

Living Victoriously Through Christ

Heaven Sent



to Host Food Pantry Distribution

November 17th

The Food Pantry provided many boxes of food for people at the October 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 November 17, 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. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 10-2 on Saturday.

Men, Women, boys and girls: Add to your fall 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.



**Sunday, November 6,
2016**

PSALM 100:2, ESV

Greeters First: Ralph & Chery Hunt
2nd: Chris Bell

Ushers: 1st: Scott Bohms

2nd: Jason Bell & Mike Hutchens

Nursery: Sarah Kady & Emily Bell

Children's Church: Melissa Findlay & Emily Schaub

Sunday, November 13, 2016

Greeters First: Jack & Dorothy Kelly

2nd: Jill & Jason Bell

Ushers: 1st: Lon Dunsford

2nd: Shane Kady, Ben King and Gerald Foote

Nursery: Amy King & Kyle Abbott

Children's Church: Brock & Krissa Welshans

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Greeters First: Mary Lou Prowse

2nd Rachel Bennett

Ushers: 1st: Paul Dunsford

2nd: Brock Welshans, Tom & Tommy Skakle

Nursery: Kristie Seaman & Elizabeth Skakle

Children's Church: Rachel Bennett & Emily Bell

Sunday, November 27, 2016

Greeters First: Don & Deb Smith

2nd: Dan & Alyson Edwards

Ushers: 1st: Tom Fritz

2nd: Dick Schell, Jim & Isaac Seaman

Nursery: Marty & Hunter Kelly

Children's Church: Cheryl Lewis & Grace Decker

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*******Prayer Shawl** available for your

comfort. (Located on the back row of chairs as you come in the Kilgour entrance). Use it and leave it. More shawls will be available if needed.

*******A New Youth Group** will meet each

Saturday at noon in the Fellowship Hall continuing November 5th. All youth and their friends are invited! Contact Kyle Abbott with question



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

Prayers of Condolence

- For the family of Frankie Jickling, including Bill & Charlotte Turner. Frankie passed away last week. There will be a memorial service for her at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 5th at 1 p.m.
- For the family of Justin Marshall. Justin died unexpectedly on October 13th. He is the son of Mary Marshall and grandson of Janet Marshall.
- For the family of Richard Heintz, George's brother, who passed away after a long battle with cancer.
- For the family of Tom Doherty; Tom, a cousin of Chris Bell, died unexpectedly at the age of 66.

Prayers for Healing & Protection

- For Ken Linton who continues to have health problems. Hospice is providing home health services.
- For Dale & Rita Mero's niece, Ming, who just turned 18 and ran away with her boyfriend.
- For Carol Sarles, Rodney Friday's aunt who is fighting cancer.
- For Kyle Abbott who is having problems with his shoulder.
- For Ryan Rich for health concerns.

- For Mike Wilson who is dealing with complications of diabetes.
- For Helen Abbott for relief from shoulder pain.
- For Julie Klein who is recovering from a fall that broke two of her ribs last week.
- For Duane Fischer, Jill Thomas' dad, who is recovering from surgery after injuring his hand in a farm accident. Prayers for no infection, healing and patience as he recovers.
- For Florence Dunsford who continues to deal with health issues.
- For Katelyn Smith, a half-sister of Jill Bell & Sarah Kady, who was just diagnosed with cervical cancer.
- For Marilyn Witucki & Mike Southall; Grant Wilson's sister Marilyn and Jan's brother Mike are battling cancer.
- For Steve Rettell, a friend of Tom & Olivia Fritz, who is dealing with Parkinson's disease.
- For Lori Nicol who continues to deal with health issues.
- For Brison Ricker, a 15-year-old grandson of Bill Ricker's brother, who has a brain tumor.
- For John Mulder, Pastor Dave's brother, who continues to wait for a double lung transplant.
- 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 Jill Thomas who continue to do well.

HIGHLIGHTS



Administrative Board Meeting October 17, 2016

In Attendance: Pastor Dave & Pat Mulder, Gerry Smith, Sarah Kady, Dick & Kim Schell, Chris Bell, Don Potter, Rita Mero, Julia Robbins, John & Susan Diel, Jason, Jill & Emily Bell, Mike Hutchens, Scott Bohms, Jenn Mason, Priscilla Foote, Scott Bohms, Scharla and John Tapson.

Treasurer Gerry Smith presented written financial report for August and September as well as to-date information for October.

We currently have had about \$9000 in expenses which are not covered by donations or the offering. We had a general fund balance of \$68,505.09 as of 9/30/2016. Gerry explained that we continue to pay 50% of the apportionments.

Trustee Chairperson Scott Bohms reported that the new large TV monitor has been installed and the Trustees are making final adjustments and connections. They hope to have the new equipment operational by Sunday, October 23rd.

Two projects just getting underway are a new pitched roof over the flat roof above the new bathrooms and the kitchen update project. The flat roof has leaked and there is some discoloration of the ceiling tile in the women's bathroom. Installing the roof will require removal and reinstallation of the A/C units which cool the church. The units are over 20 years old and may require replacement. Trustees will determine the necessary action.

The kitchen update project is planning to replace a refrigerator, update some cabinet fronts, possible remove an existing chimney which is no longer in use as well as expanding counter space where possible. This project will be done by professionals so that the project will be completed in a timely manner

Pastor Dave used his report time for an open discussion of the problem he had mentioned at the beginning of the meeting. He restated that his concern is that some United Methodist clergy have openly admitted a homosexual lifestyle which is in direct violation of the United Methodist Book of Discipline as well as the covenant between God and his people. Although we support an open door policy, being inclusive of all communities including the gay community, we note that filling positions of authority with practicing homosexuals—leaders of the church, clergy, teachers, etc. is against written policy

As a result of the discussion, Jenn Mason moved and Chris Bell seconded that we address the concern in the following manner:

1. The Ad Board will send a letter to the Bishop expressing our concern.
2. Our church will encourage members to write individual letters of concern.
3. Sarah Kady and/or Mike Hutchens will address the congregation explaining our concern.

The next meeting of the Ad Board will be Tuesday, November 29th at 7 p.m.

You're Invited...



Thanksgiving Day 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Our Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by Community Churches

Despite Successful 2016 Event

UMW Plans Adjustments to Harvest Dinner Next Year

Meeting was called to order by Doris Huntoon, Acting Chairperson at 1:10 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Present were Elizabeth Snow, Julia Robbins, Betty Kiteley, Orpha Thompson, Pat Ross and Mary Ann Fick.

Doris led the group in prayer followed by the UMW purpose.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved as read. Motion by Julia Robbins and second by Betty Kiteley; motion carried.

Doris Huntoon read Gerry Smith's treasurer's report for October 3, 2016. Income for Harvest Dinner from donations and dinners sold: \$3,139.00. Expenses were \$1,395.75 so far, giving us a profit of \$1,743.25. We have a total of \$6,079.17. This includes \$2000 designated for a new refrigerator and other expenses leaving us with a balance of \$4,079.17.

We signed 15 get well and birthday cards that Betty Kiteley will be mailing out.

Old Business: We discussed doing things differently for our 2017 Harvest Dinner. 1. We will be serving the people and we will make any to-go dinners 2. We will check with the Lamotte Pig Roast Committee and see if they would have their roast on a different Friday night than ours.

New Business: Doris read some information on what is happening at the Marlette Hospital: October 24, 2016 is a \$5 Jewelry sale from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the MRH Medical Office Building lobby.

There is also a Seniors Stretch & Exercise Class Monday-Friday mornings for 8:30-9:30. There are several other programs available to the public. A listing is posted above the piano in the Fellowship Hall.

For our November 1st meeting, Orpha Thompson will help with the devotion and Dianne Herpolsheimer will chair the meeting.

Doris showed pictures of her Kenya trip. Everyone enjoyed seeing her pictures along with Doris' explaining each one.

Mary Ann Fick, Acting Secretary

Prayers of Thanksgiving



- ✓ For the good news for Michelle Mulder; her lump is benign.
- ✓ For Christians to stand strong in the Lord.
- ✓ From one who has been healed! Glory to God!
- ✓ Marian Stieler has moved to the Tuscola Medical Care Community in Caro. Her address is Marian Stieler, 1285 Cleaver St., Caro, MI 48723. She would appreciate cards and visits.
- ✓ For Tom Skakle who has been leading an adult Bible study on Wednesday evenings during CLC in the Upper Room. The class finished Ephesians and the class will decide what to do next. Free feel to join this most inspirational study.
- ✓ For all those who attended or helped with the Harvest Dinner.
 - ✓ With all the bad going on in the world, praise God for those who open their hearts and homes and are willing to extend a helping hand to those in need.
- ✓ For Juki Hutchens, Jacob's wife, who received her visa to come to the USA.
- ✓ For Margie Ross who is able to take a break from her treatments to go on vacation with her son.
 - ✓ For Jacob Nelson, our soon-to-be Eagle Scout, who is putting the final touches on his project of refurbishing the Upper Room.

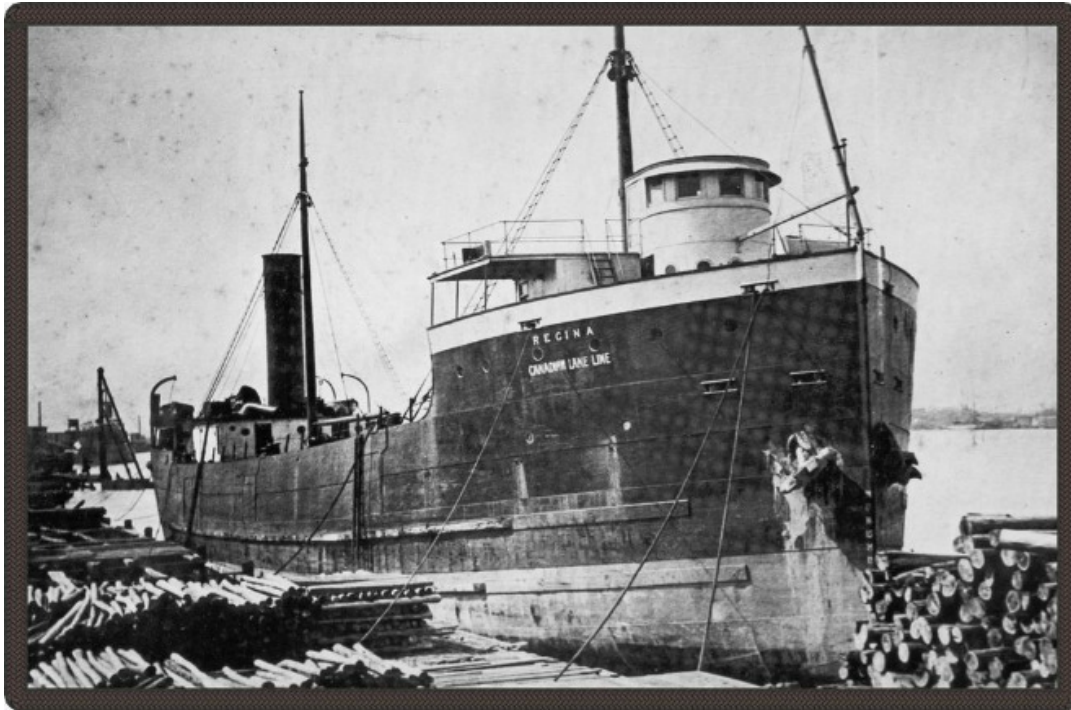
Marlette Historical Society

Presents

A special program

Sheriff Garry Biniecki

With the Story of the Discovery of the Shipwrecked *Regina*



**First United Methodist Church of Marlette on Sunday, November 20
2:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary; Free to the public
Set the date aside and plan to attend!**

The wreck of the *Regina* was discovered in 1986 in [Lake Huron](#) between Lexington and [Port Sanilac](#), Michigan.^[8] The wreck is largely intact but is upside down and in about 77–80 feet of water. It was discovered by Wayne Brusate, Garry Biniecki and John Severance. During a 1987 archaeological salvage expedition led by [underwater archaeologist](#) and shipwreck expert [E. Lee Spence](#), tens of thousands of artifacts, including hundreds of intact bottles of still potable [Scotch](#) and [Champagne](#) were recovered.

Note: The day of Free Community Lunch in our Fellowship Hall for November and December had to be changed due to Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The Free Community Lunch will be **Saturday, November 19th**; Free Community Lunch for December will be **Saturday, December 17th**.

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*****The *Upper Room* for November/December is on the window sill in the Sanctuary or on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please help yourself and take a copy for family or friends. The *Upper Room* is available in large print also at the same locations.

*******Community Supper** Saturday November 5 from 4-7 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church on Juhl Rd. Creamed turkey over biscuits Cost: \$8 Adults \$4 Children 5-12 and Under 5 Free. Baked goods for sale!

*******Fish Fry** at the Silverwood United Methodist Church on Friday, November 4, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Potatoes, salad and dessert. Donations: Adult \$10, Children 6-10 \$5 and Children five and under Free.

*****Please come to our **TURKEY DINNER**, Saturday, November 12th from 4-7 p.m. at the Shabbona United Methodist Church. (Corner of Decker and Severance Roads) Take-outs are available Call 989-872-8094 MENU: Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed potatoes & gravy, Squash, Corn, Salads, Rolls, Homemade pie. Free Will Offering Proceeds to send children to Bay Shore Camp.

Mid-Week Family Night

Wednesdays

You're invited! Please Come.

*5:30 P.M Free Meal- Kid Friendly Menu

*6:00 P.M. Recreation Time

* 6:30 P.M. Christian Life Club with games, music, crafts, devotions and all kinds of fun! Come join us for our season kick-off as our new program Christian Life Club or CLC meets Wednesday Night from 6:30 p.m. thru 7:30 p.m. throughout the school year. It's a great way to build strong faith and character in your children! Christian Life Club is for preschool thru 6th grade.

*6:30 P.M. Youth Group

*6:30 P.M. Adult Bible Study with Tom Skakle leading (Ideal for parents waiting for their kids!)



Shoeboxes for kids *Let's get involved*

Shoebox Gift Program to Celebrate Christmas

Don't forget to pack your shoebox before the deadline, November 14th. You can turn in your shoebox on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Indicate if the box is for a boy or a girl and the age range. Don't forget to include a check for \$7 for shipping.

Boxes are still available. See Priscilla Foote with questions.

November 2016						
◀ October 2016						December 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands 1 p.m. UMW in FH 2 p.m. Worship @ Sanilac Medical Care 7 p.m. Trustees in FH 7 p.m. Little Women 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting	2 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers 5:30 p.m. Mid-Week Meal 6:30 p.m. CLC 6:30 p.m. Youth Class 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study	3 7 p.m. AA in basement 7 p.m. SG @ Tapson's	4 10 a.m. Bible Study @ Scharla's	5 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Women's Retreat (Entire building in use) Noon Youth Group in basement Memorial Service for Frankie Jickling @ 1 st Presbyterian Church
6 Holy Communion Time Change! 9 a.m. Traditional Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service	7 7 p.m. SG @ Bells'	8 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands 2 p.m. Worship @ Hannah Wolfe 7 p.m. Little Women 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting	9 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers 5:30 p.m. Mid-Week Meal 6:30 p.m. CLC 6:30 p.m. Youth Class 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study	10 7 p.m. AA in basement 7 p.m. SG @ Tapson's	11 10 a.m. Bible Study @ Scharla's	12 Noon: Youth Group
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20 BIBLE STUDY 9 a.m. Traditional Service 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Service 2:00 p.m. Marlette Historical Society Program	21 7 p.m. SG @ Bells' 7:30 p.m. Memorial Committee Meeting	22 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands 7 p.m. Little Women 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting	23 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers 5:30 p.m. NO Mid-Week Programming	24 THANKSGIVING 7 p.m. AA in basement 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner @ FH	25	26

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