

The Second Mile

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

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NOVEMBER NEWS

On Sunday October 22, I officially announced my plan to retire, effective July 1st next year. It is a very heartfelt and prayerful decision that Patricia and I have made together. We are experiencing mixed emotions. But, we have peace about the decision.

We increase our prayers for all of you and our ministry together. God will continue to bless and provide during the transition. We ask your continued prayer for us, for God's direction and calling into our next chapter.



Meanwhile, we have much to do in ministry and mission together. We begin preparation for our Christmas musical entitle *Three Wee Kings* to be performed in worship on Sunday December 17.

We are once again doing *Operation Christmas Child*— the filling of shoeboxes with gifts that are sent to boys and girls all over the world—in partnership with *Samaritan's Purse*.

Plus, we look forward to our traditional holiday dinners on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day!

As this is published, Pat & I are in Minnesota with family for vacation and attending revival services at Christ Community Church in Waseca, MN.

Thank you Emily Bell and Doris Huntoon for providing leadership in worship—Missions Sunday October 29—sharing about their Haiti trip.

Thank you in advance to Lay Speaker Bob McCormick who will bring the message on Sunday November 5.

Then on Sunday November 12 we will celebrate Holy Communion. Also, we will honor the saints who have passed away the previous year, in the reading of their names, the sounding of the bell and prayer.

So, we continue walking by faith. And, praying at all times in the Spirit!

Faithfully yours, *Pastor Dave*

ANNUAL REPORT OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 2017

(This report was published in the Church Conference hand-out. The report was written by Doris Huntoon who serves as an officer of the United Methodist Women at the District Level.)

The Marlette UMW has again been a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church. We are a group of twenty, more or less.

Besides our monthly meetings, we have hosted a Harvest Dinner for the community, a Christmas dinner, and many funeral lunches. Some of our members went to the UMW Annual District Meeting, Mission u, and the Prayer Breakfast at Kingston UMC. We have signed and sent out numerous Christmas, Easter, Get Well, Sympathy, Birthday (for over 90-yr-olds), military, and Thinking of You cards. We have voted to continue the Lamb Ministry, started by member Dianne Herpolsheimer, in memory of her mother, member Irene Atkins. One hundred more lambs were purchased.

Since UMW is all about mission, we have given to the following projects: Free Lunch at our church, United Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids, the Food Bank, a water filter in Haiti, the Legacy Fund, UMCOR for Haiti Relief, Senior Citizens Christmas gifts, Tree of Shining Love in honor of member Laura Brown, and missionaries Dan & Suzie Potter and Jason & Emily Atkins & family.

Some of our members have participated in the quilts for Senior Citizens and knitted slippers as Christmas gifts; sweaters, hats, mittens, socks

and underwear for the local elementary school; and shirts, pants, socks, and underwear for school uniforms for Cass Community Social Services. We may be a small group, but try to do our part in mission work. Ladies of the church, we welcome new members. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Sunday, November 5, 2017

Greeters: Mary Lou Prowse

Ushers: Ralph Hunt, Joe and Kyle Abbott

Nursery: Kristy Naracon and Grace Decker

Children s Church: Christmas Play Practice

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Greeters: Dick & Kim Schell

Ushers: Brock Welshans and Lon Dunsford

Nursery: Helen and Logan Abbott

Children s Church: Christmas Play Practice

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Greeters: Wayne & Chris Bell

Ushers: Mike Hutchens, Jon Keys and Ted Patrick

Nursery: Sarah Kady and Emily Bell

Children s Church: Christmas Play Practice

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Greeters: Scott & Norma Bohms

Ushers: Dick Schell, Jim and Isaac Seaman

Nursery: Kristie and Arlayna Seaman

Children s Church: Christmas Play Practice

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

Prayers for Healing & Protection



- For Dan and Suzie Potter who are in the Philippines working with youth. They plan to be in Marlette later in November.
- For travel mercies for Pastor Dave and Pat as they vacation in Minnesota. They will be visiting family as well as attending revival services.
- For all of us who are facing mental health problems including suicide ideation. Help us all be there for those who suffer depression and other mental health diseases.
- For Jill Thomas as she continues her battle with cancer
- For Joe Ruchy, Penny's father-in-law, who is undergoing chemotherapy,
- For Dave Vasbinder who had his last in a series of chemotherapy treatments and is now at his home in Florida.
- For Shawna Lester's dad who went to Saginaw by ambulance with heart problems. Pray for healing and wisdom for doctors.
- For Terry Warner who needs heart surgery.
- For Janet Bloor's sister, Melanie Ross, who was in a motorcycle accident on September 24th. She is now in rehab and is making progress but is still in need of prayer.
- For Helen Abbott's niece Hannah who had surgery for a brain tumor on October 20th.
- For Bill Ricker who is recovering from successful back surgery.
- For Mike Hadley who has heart issues; he's only 42.
- For the Schell family.
- For Jeff Brown, Deb Wilson's brother-in-law; cancer is causing many complications.

- For Ilene Smit, Judy Hostetler's sister, who continues to deal with cancer.
- For Erica Deam, Thelma Marsh's granddaughter, who will be having surgery for cancer on November 6th.
- For Judy Bohms, Scott's sister, who is has been placed under hospice care.
- For Jane Grant who continues to reside in Sandusky at the Medical Care Facility.
- For Brison Ricker, grandson of Bill Ricker's brother, whose brain tumor is not improving.
- For Don Phillips who is now living at the Sanilac Medical Care Facility in Sandusky.
- For Mike Southall, Jan Wilson's brother who is facing more complications in his fight against cancer.

Heaven Sent to Host Food Pantry Distribution on November 16th

Volunteers from our church as well as other churches will meet at the Heaven Sent Community Ministries building on Main Street on Thursday November 16, 2017 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 winter wardrobe for the right price. Check out the selection; remember it changes all the time! Drop-offs can 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.

HIGHLIGHTS



Of the Administrative Board
Meeting September 12, 2017

In **Attendance**: Pastor Dave Mulder, Scott Bohms, Ted Huntoon, Mike Hutchens, Sarah Kady, Gerry Smith, Mary Ann Fick, Doris Huntoon, Linda Warner, Pat Ross, Krissa Welshans, Mary Lou Kraft and John Tapson.

Chairperson Sarah Kady called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Using Betty Kiteley's Bible, Pastor Dave read the Emmaus story in the King James version. He then prayed and offered communion to the group assembled.

Gerry Smith presented printed treasurer's report to date and an unreconciled balance sheet for August, 2017. **Gerry pointed out that we are still carrying a negative balance of 5,417.75.** (This is much better than the negative balance we were carrying last month--\$16,000. She explained a single substantial donation made the difference.)

The finance committee recommended that we not pay the district apportionment which is now due (\$2,916). Scott Bohms moved and Mike Hutchens seconded that we follow the finance committee's recommendation. Motion carried.

A discussion of the budget for 2018 followed. Scott Bohms moved and Doris Huntoon seconded that the Ad Board accept the proposed budget as submitted with the understanding that adjustments may have to be made. Motion carried.

Linda Warner reported that approximately 30 kids were served at the first **Mid-week meal**. She expects about 20 tables to be filled at the **Crafters' Palooza** to be held at the church Saturday, September 16th. Linda noted that the Homecoming for the school had been changed to October 13th. She said that the Boy Scouts are

planning a chili supper that night in our Fellowship Hall.

Linda continues to work with the school on **Smart Snacks**.

The women bought turkeys from Ben's this year and they did get a deal. Squash are just getting in season and are not extremely cheap as sometimes they are. The women plan to glove up and serve the meal this year avoiding people helping themselves to extremely large helpings causing the women to run out of turkey last year.

Scott Bohms reported that the **Trustees** are considering a visual and tactile barrier to mark the uneven step down between the overflow room and the sanctuary. They plan to improve the ventilation in the kitchen with a new window and changing the exhaust system so the hot air is distributed outside. He reports that the new boiler is partially installed and should be finished before the cold weather sets in.

Gerry Smith reports **the UMW** had met today and they are getting ready for the Harvest Dinner on Friday. Helping Hands continues to make mittens etc. for the school.

Pastor Dave reports that he will going to Minnesota in October and will be gone on November 5th. He asked for ideas on lay speakers. Doris Huntoon suggested that the group that traveled to Haiti may have a slide presentation that could take place on of those Sundays. Krissa Welshans suggested contacting Tom Harmon.

Pastor plans to incorporate messages about stewardship in upcoming Sundays in October and November.

It was suggested by the finance committee that training be provided for those who are willing to count the offering so it is done consistently.

**Carl Nicol celebrates 85 years
November 8th.**

If you get hungry this month...

*******Harvest Dinner** serving roast turkey and all the trimmings on Friday, November 3 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Sandusky United Methodist Church on Lexington Street Adults \$10.00 Ages 6-12 \$5.00 Under 5 Free. Carry outs are available.

*****We're invited to a Community Supper on Saturday, November 4th from 4-7 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church on Juhl Rd. Meal includes creamed turkey over biscuit, coleslaw, pickles, beverage, and home-made pie. Cost: \$8 children under 5 free. Baked goods for sale. (See flyer on the bulletin board in Kilgour Street lobby.)

Join Us

Dinner at our Church Thanksgiving Day



11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
November 23rd

Sponsored by area churches
Donations accepted but not expected!

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- For Emily Bell, Doris Huntoon and Steve Shifflett who reported on their trip to Haiti this summer during our worship service October 29th.
- For the healing of Bill Ricker's back. He and Nan were in church on the 29th.

- For Carl Nicol who celebrates his 85th birthday November 8th. Let's send a card! His address is 5655 E. Marlette Rd., Marlette, MI 48453.
- For Troy and Laura Patriquin who were married at our church last Saturday. Blessings.
- For the generosity of the congregation who gave an additional \$135 towards the hurricane cleaning kits. We were able to combine that with a \$50 gift card and a very successful shopping spree helped fill the order.
- Thank you to the congregation for their prayers and concern. Last radiation this Monday. Looking forward to sunny Florida to recover. Dave Vasbinder.
- For Laura Brown who celebrated her 99th birthday October 15th.
- For Orpha Thompson who celebrated her birthday October 15th also.
- For the life of Florence Dunsford whose life we celebrated September 3rd.
- Dave and Barb Vasbinder are thankful that no one was hurt when a tornado clipped their and their neighbor's house. Thankfully there was no serious damage.
- For Adam Maher who just became a priest in the Catholic Church. Adam attended *Standing Against the Tide* events here at our church as well as going on an Emmaus Walk.
- For Don and Cora Jean Atkins who hunkered down in their home in Fort Myers, Florida and survived the wrath of Hurricane Irma.
- For Janice and Don Hatto, sister and brother-in-law of Pat Ross, who rode out the storm in Tavares, Florida and are doing ok.
- John Tapson thanks his church family for all the prayers, cards and expressions of concern and support during the recent back surgery and his continuing recovery.
- For the healing of Don Potter after a serious oral surgery this week. He is doing very well!



Volunteers pack necessities for Puerto Rico

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church (UMC), a non-profit 501(c)3 organization operated under the auspices of the General Board of Global Ministries.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (“UMCOR”) exists to assist United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need through programs of relief, rehabilitation, and service, including issues of displaced persons, hunger and poverty, disaster response, and disaster risk reduction; and to assist organizations, institutions, and programs related to annual conferences and other units of The United Methodist Church in their involvement in direct service to such persons in need.

Continue to support victims in Texas, Florida, California and Puerto Rico.

Pray- continue to pray for all those who have been displaced and injured. Pray for the first responders and emergency personal who are still on the scene.

With UMCOR, 100% of your donations will go towards the relief efforts.

If you would like to give to these projects, place your check in the offering plate with UMCOR in the memo line. Our church will see that the donations get to UMCOR.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****Dan and Suzie Potter will be at our church in the Fellowship Hall on **MONDAY, November 20, 2017** at 7 p.m. to meet with the Bell and Tapson Small Groups. They welcome the rest of the church family who would like to greet them.

*****Copies of the *Upper Room* for November/December are now available on the table in the Fellowship Hall or in the windowsill in the Sanctuary. Help yourself and take one for a friend. Large print versions available in the same locations.

*****Pastor John Allan will be available for consultation until the end of November when he and Karen will be returning to Florida for the winter. His office hours are 10 until 12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call for an appointment or just drop in.

*****Stay tuned for details about a COACH Model Coaching Course which will be presented by Dan and Suzie Potter on Saturday November 18th in Imlay City. See Don or Sherryl Potter for details. Book for course costs \$20.

Mary Ellen Linton wants to thank her church family for all the support and prayers she received during Ken's illness and passing.



2017 Annual Conference of First United Methodist Church of Marlette Held at Brown City United Methodist Church on October 22nd

District Superintendent Elizabeth Hill reviewed the written reports generated by the staff and lay leadership of our church last Sunday in Brown City. She announced that Pastor David G. Mulder had declared his intention to retire from the ministry as of June 30, 2018, and thanked him for his faithful service. The district is now aware that Marlette will be seeking a new pastor.

A packet of information including the reports mentioned above is available for the asking in the church office.

John Tapson prepared the Membership Audit which shows that our church membership went from 250 to 178 due to the removal by the 2016 Conference of 65 members who no longer attend the church as well the deaths of seven **members**: Ila Cook, Florence Dunsford, Donna Flannigan, Karren Harneck, Vivienne Huntoon, Kenneth Linton and Justin Marshall. (The members removed are listed in the formal report. They can be reinstated if they return to this church.)

Pastor Dave's formal report of the State of the Church follows:

MID WEEK FAMILY NIGHT—KIDS CLUB

We continue our mid-week ministry with a free dinner and a one-hour program for children that includes music, craft, recreation and chapel time. We have a roster of 30 students and ten adults. Major highlights include our annual Christmas pageant, caroling at Hannah Wolf retirement home and the Marlette Regional Hospital Extended Care Facility. The program also includes mission offerings from the students that go toward the shipping cost of "Shoe Boxes" for Operation Christmas Blessing. And, this year we have added a drive to collect coats, hats, gloves, mittens, shoe & boots to be given to local schools.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our church is blessed with gifted musicians: an organist, five pianists, guitarists, singers and a trumpeter too. We offer a contemporary segment of praise & worship songs along with traditional hymns. Special music offerings include classical music, gospel favorites and contemporary songs.

We sponsor and participate in benefit concerts that raise funds for local missions and United Hospice. Also, pastoral visits to nursing homes, retirement homes and care facilities in Marlette, Sandusky, Mayville, Caro and Brown City regularly include musical programs and worship opportunities.

CARE & VISITATION

Our congregation shows faithfulness and care through lots of prayer. We are committed to visitation for those in the hospital, hospice, retirement homes, nursing homes and the home bound. We participate with Marlette Ministerial Association meeting needs in the community. We also participate with Heaven Sent Ministry and Caring Hearts Health Clinic

GOD'S WORD

The Good News of Jesus Christ is proclaimed here. We strive to express and live out the love of our Lord. We hold to traditional orthodox beliefs reflected in our church's Discipline. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:15-17

2017 Annual Report of Local Missions

by Linda Warner



Last Saturday Free Lunch

Last Saturday Free Lunch

continues to serve the local community. We serve up a yummy meal but we also provide people to sit and visit with

those that need to talk. This is a mission field that is local and very beneficial for us to work in.

Under the leadership of Mary Lou Kraft we have been able to come up with a variety of menus that everyone has enjoyed. We average about 150 people each month. The drive-thru food giveaway that Heaven Sent sponsors helps keep those numbers growing.

Our food mostly comes from Eastern Michigan Food Bank, but we do receive a large donation each year from Brown City Camp when they close. To purchase at EMFB we receive many donations; our canister at each meal collects coins and paper and all goes right back into the program. We do also host Crafters' Palooza twice a year as a fundraiser.

We do help families with food also; no one should go hungry! There are always hugs and sometimes tears, but we share. The Salvation Army here in Marlette uses us as their food pantry. No need to double up on pantries!

Out of our supplies we also prepare the supper on Wednesdays for Family Fun Night. The most popular menu there is hot

dogs with mac and cheese. We average 30 people there.

Another part of this mission is Smart Snacks at our Marlette Elementary School. For this we purchase individually wrapped bars and crackers as well as drinks. We have a set of shelves at the school that we keep stocked and any student that forgets a snack, or says they are hungry, the teacher can send them down there to pick something out. Whole classes sometimes get a snack also.

New this year is the **Red Raider Mall** at the High School. A classroom has been turned into a store of sorts, for kids that are basically raising themselves. Everything in there is offered free. We provide the food—snacks to eat quickly and things to take home to cook and eat. When the need was there for a small freezer for food, Mary Lou Kraft provided it! Clothing, school supplies and personal care items are coming for all the community members. Needy kids have a place to go for help of all kinds!

Thank you from the Dunsfords

To our loving church family,
Where do we begin to say thanks for your love and support during Florence's illness and passing? Your outpouring of support, food, gifts and cards were overwhelming and we thank you very much.

May God Bless You All,
Paul and Lon
Jeff & Tammy & family
Darlene & Dave & family

◀ Oct 2017		November 2017					Dec 2017 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers UR 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands in UR MID-WEEK FAMILY NIGHT 5-5:30 p.m. Out door Recreation 5:30-6 Free Meal 6-7 p.m. Kids' Klub	2 7 p.m. AA in Basement 7 p.m. SG @ Tapson's	3 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study @ Scharla's 4:30-6:30 p.m. Harvest Dinner at Sandusky UMC \$	4 4-7 p.m. Community Supper at Juhl @ Hope Lutheran Church \$	
5 TIME CHANGE 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 1-4 p.m. Marlette Historical Society Program in FH	6 7 p.m. SG @ Chris & Wayne Bell's	7 1 p.m. UMW in FH 7 p.m. Little Women NO Trustees this month	8 6:30 a.m. Promise Keepers UR 9:30 a.m. Helping Hands in UR MID-WEEK FAMILY NIGHT 5:5:30 p.m. Outdoor Recreation 530-6 Free Meal 6-7 p.m. Kids' Klub	9 7 p.m. AA in Basement 7 p.m. SG @ Tapson's	10 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study @ Scharla's	11	
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