

The Messenger

Mio United Methodist Church Newsletter

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**Hey! Hey! Hey! It's a "Hay Day" VBS
So! Let's Get Mooooooovin'.....**



"Moccille"

Saturday, August 8th

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Special presentation during worship on Sunday, August 9th

Get all the children, grandchildren, and neighborhood children together for a great time.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

How much have you learned today? My dad was a pretty wise man and he always told me to continue getting my education because it was something no one could take away from me. I am still learning something new every day. Someone once said, ***Commit yourself to lifelong learning. The most valuable asset you'll ever have is your mind and what you put into it.*** So what are you putting into your mind today?

Jesus never stopped teaching so obviously it was important to Him that people learn the right things to do and the right ways to act and what to believe. Where would we be without the Bible to guide us on our way through life? Aristotle, a wise man, once wrote, ***What we have to learn to do, we learn by doing.***

School will be starting soon and I am going the end of August to the School for Pastoral Ministry for 3 days. I am looking forward to a new learning experience. I like to learn new things that I can share with the congregation, often through the morning message. I'm not sure who said it but I saw these words, ***The people around you become your teachers and their lessons are ones that either inspire you to grow or they keep re-teaching the same lesson until you get it.***

At a meeting recently where we were talking about attendance numbers someone said something that I firmly believe. He said that the physical numbers didn't really matter. What mattered was if the congregation was growing spiritually. I think that is what God is more interested in. It is what He continues to do in our lives, teach us and shape us into the image of His Son, Jesus.

In September we are going to begin a DVD study by Andy Stanley called "Christian". I hope that you will all plan on coming. It is for 8 weeks but Andy Stanley is an excellent Bible teacher and he keeps it interesting and humorous at times. We hope to have more people out to be part of this learning experience than we had last year. I don't think any of us can say we know everything we need to know about God and His world and His people. It will be a good opportunity to learn something new. Someone once wrote, ***If you are not willing to learn no one can help you. If you are determined to learn no one can stop you.***

Are you still learning and growing spiritually or have you let other things become more important than growing? Let's learn together in the days ahead.

May we be a blessing to each other as we travel this journey together.

Blessings,

Pastor Brenda



CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

Ad Council Info Items:

- *Forms are being prepared by SPRC and the Finance Committee for Charge Conference.
 - *Mission Committee needs more members.
 - *Aug. 16th will be a special service with lots of music.
 - *Aug. 23rd at 4 pm is the service at Fairview Nursing Home.
 - *Trustees are making progress on the kitchen remodel project. \$8200 is the estimated cost. (See "Trustees Report in this newsletter.)
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Click on "Newsletter".***

PLEASE PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 26TH



Hosted by Churchill UMC w/ 3 other churches present.

SPRC will meet with District Superintendent, Rev. Jeff Maxwell at 2:00 pm.
Charge Conference will begin at 3:30 pm.

All persons interested in the Mio United Methodist Church are encouraged to attend.
Members only may vote on all action items presented. Please plan to attend!



Pastor Brenda will be in East Lansing for the School for Pastoral Ministry from August 24th thru August 26th. Any emergencies can be left on her cell phone and she will check messages on break times.

Mio United Methodist Church Trustees Report

This report is to keep you up to date on the projects that your trustees have finished, are working on, and also are considering for the future.

These have now been completed at the church and parsonage over the past year.

- 1) Installed 4 new furnaces & thermostats.
- 2) Fixed the electrical outlets & switches.
- 3) Put in 2 dawn to dusk pole lights in rear parking lot.
- 4) Installed a key lock box in the office.
- 5) Repaired Mailbox post.
- 6) Bought 3 new roasters for kitchen.
- 7) Bought a new vacuum, carpet cleaner & buffer scrubber.
- 8) Repaired roof leaks.
- 9) Put a ceiling light in Fellowship Hall.
- 10) Replaced the east side yard light.
- 11) Put in new & re-keyed old door locks for north front door & office.
- 12) Put in a "Pastor's Parking" sign.

With all of this we also kept up on the regular maintenance of the church and parsonage.

A "Spruce Up Your Church Day" was held when the trustees and some of the congregation came out to help "spruce up the church." We had doughnuts and coffee in the morning to get started and a hot dog lunch for all who worked. There was also a lot of work accomplished.

Jobs completed were:

- 1) Power washed the church building
- 2) Washed windows
- 3) Dug up the old flower garden in the back
- 4) Cleaned out a closet & toy room
- 5) Repaired play ground equipment
- 6) Pulled out old & dead bushes & trees

The best thing was the fellowship that we shared. Enough for one day!

The trustees also completed many projects at the parsonage. Before Pastor Brenda could move in we had the parsonage painted, the carpets cleaned, and the furnace checked. After she moved in the sump pump, a door lock, a broken window, the garage door opener, and dryer were repaired or replaced. Also bushes and trees were trimmed and a mailbox was replaced. A new dishwasher, water conditioner, garage steps, and a small deck at the back of the garage were installed. Problems were solved with the telephone, smoke detector, and bees just to mention a few things.

The trustees are now in the middle of some new projects. The kitchen counters and back splash will be replaced at the cost of \$8200. This will be funded with a \$7500 gift from the Russell and Beatrice Simmonds estate and the remaining from the general fund. (Any donations to the project may be given to Dawn Hall or Dennis Kann or put in the offering plate with the word "kitchen.") Also in the works are putting limestone in the rear parking lot, installing overhangs over the 2 back doors, replacing the carpet in the front entrance way, repainting the exterior doors and getting the electrical outlets fixed in the sanctuary.

On the list for future projects are sanding and re-staining the kitchen cabinets, sealing the brick on the church building, removing the big pine trees in the front (due to roof damage), and planting new bushes on the north side of the church. Another "Spruce Up Your Church" day will be scheduled. We have been busy!

Submitted by Dawn Hall, Trustee chairperson



Churchill UMC will be doing the worship service at the Ogemaw County Fair on August 19th at 7:00 pm. We will also have people there hosting the church site for 6 hours during the day. All are invited to come and share in the remembrances of days gone by and new days to come.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 8th – HAYDAY Vacation Bible School, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

August 23rd – Worship service at Wellspring nursing home in Fairview, 4:00 pm

August 29th – Church Picnic at Churchill at 12:30 pm

Sept. 26th – Charge Conference

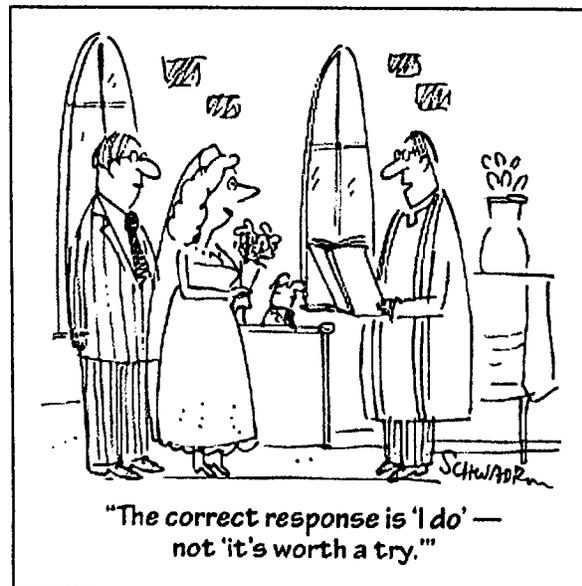
Oct. 4th – World Communion Sunday—special offering

Oct. 4th – Missionary David Paye Guinkpa from Liberia will be at Mio UMC for a potluck at 6:00 pm and presentation at 7:00 pm. Churchill and Rose City Trinity will be invited.

October 15th – 17th – Annual Apple Pie Sale at Churchill UMC. Advance orders will be necessary.

The road of life

God of our life,
there are days when the burdens we carry
chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;
when the road seems dreary and endless,
the skies gray and threatening;
when our lives have no music in them,
and our hearts are lonely,
and our souls have lost their courage.
Flood the path with light,
turn our eyes to where
the skies are full of promise;
tune our hearts to brave music;
give us the sense of comradeship
with heroes and saints of every age;
and so quicken our spirits
that we may be able to encourage
the souls of all who journey with us
on the road of life,
to your honor and glory.



—St. Augustine

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Gary Sidebottom, Sr
8 - Sandy Brown
12 - Gary "Boomer" Sidebottom
18 - Will Olsen
31 - Betty Baker

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

3 - Bud & Lois Ryckman
11 - John & Marty Smith
14 - Lynn & Roma Galbraith
14 - Bob & Susan Hegel
25 - Rick & Lori Knepp
25 - Jim & Vi Ward
30 - Larry & Shar Lee
31 - Larry & CarolLynn VanNorman

AUGUST LECTIONARY

August 2

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 9

2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35,41-51

August 16

1 Kings 2:10-12
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 23

1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11, 22-30,41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 30

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our church
Wayne Agosa
Joe Beard
Mary Ellen Boehringer

Richard Briggs
Dan Butler
Al Emery
Jeannie Gravner
Greg Green
Julie Hershberger
Jerry & JoAnn Katona
Bill & Marietta Kusey
George Lawson
Joan Long
Carolyn McNeeley
Sue Moore
Tim Morgan
Nancy Oliver
Charlotte Peters
Gail Powers
Brad Scymanski
Hannah Sherwood
Lena Sherwood
Delores Siefert
Katie Spears
Mark Starr
Norma Strickland
Austin Tarkelson
Ralph Terry
Nancy Trew
Joan Troyer
Linda Wagner
Dick Whaley
Doreen Wiegand
Rick Wilson
Tyler Wilson

At The Brook - West Branch

Dick Valley

At Wellspring - Fairview

Kim Stitt

At Home

Bev Sparks

Military

Brandon Clouse
James Derrick
Dennis Ray Kann, III
Justin Nash
Josh Petrik
Lars Scheid
James Schneider
All Armed Forces

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Lynn and Roma Galbraith

We want to celebrate our 50th by thanking YOU for being a part of our lives, supporting us in times of "falling" off ladders and just being a part of our church family. A light luncheon will be held after church on August 16th so please plan to stay and fellowship. At this time it is uncertain if Bob and Susan Hegel will be joining the celebration as they are also celebrating their 50th as we were married on the same day, August 14, 1965.



As for us, we are requesting NO GIFTS.

Lynn and Roma



Churchill UMC has invited all the Mio UMC congregation to a Church Picnic on August 29th at 12:30 pm at the Churchill Church. Meat and drinks as well as plates, etc. will be provided by Churchill. Just bring a dish to pass and yourselves. There will be some type of fun activity after dinner. Please come and meet your sister church members.

“THANK YOU”



A Big "Thank You" to all who worked so hard to make our Vacation Bible School happen this year!



What is the story about?...

HAVE THINE OWN WAY LORD

Words by Adelaide A. Pollard, 1862-1934

An elderly woman at a pray meeting one night pleaded, "It really doesn't matter what you do with us, Lord, just have your way with our lives." At this meeting was Adelaide Pollard, a rather well-known itinerant Bible teacher who was deeply discouraged because she had been unable to raise the necessary funds for a desired trip to Africa to do missionary service. She was moved by the older woman's sincere and dedicated request of God.

At home that evening Miss Pollard meditated on Jeremiah 18:3, 4: *Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels, and the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter, so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.* Before retiring that evening Adelaide Pollard completed the writing of all four stanzas of this hymn as it is sung today. The hymn first appeared in published form in 1907.

Often into our lives come discouragements and heartaches that we cannot understand. As children of God, however, we must learn never to question the ways of our sovereign God—but simply to say: *Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.*

Breathe this ancient prayer (updated in modern English): "I am willing, Lord, to receive what You give, to lack what You withhold, to relinquish what You take, to surrender what You claim, to suffer what You ordain, to do what You command, to wait until You say, 'Go'."

(From the book, "Amazing Grace" by Kenneth W. Osbeck)



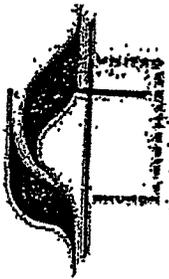
Quote: "I often wondered why somebody doesn't do something. Then I realized I am somebody." (Lily Tomlin)

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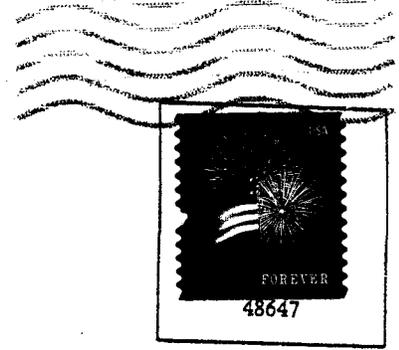
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9 ☛ 9:30 AM Worship ☛ 10:45 AM Kids' SS	10	11	12	13 ☛ 7:00 PM Ad Council	14	15
16 ☛ 9:30 AM Worship ☛ 10:45 AM Kids' SS ☛ 11:00 AM Galbraith 50th	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 ☛ 9:30 AM Worship ☛ 10:45 AM Kids' SS ☛ 4:00 PM Nursing Home Service	24 ☛ 6:00 PM UMW	25	26	27	28	29 ☛ 12:30 PM Church Picnic at Churchill UMC
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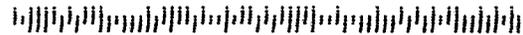
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For fun

Feeling footloose and frisky, a featherbrained fellow forced his fond father to fork over the farthings and flew far to foreign fields and frittered his fortune, feasting fabulously with faithless friends.

Fleeced by his fellows in folly and facing famine, the fellow floundered as a feed-flinger in a filthy farm. Fairly famished, he fain would have filled his frame with foraged food and fodder fragments. "Fooy, my father's flunkies fare far finer!"

The frazzled fugitive forlornly fumbled, frankly facing facts. He fled forthwith to his family. Falling at his father's feet, he forlornly fumbled, "Father, I've fruitlessly forfeited family favor."

The farsighted father, forestalling further flinching, frantically flagged his flunkies to fetch a fatling from the flock and fix a feast. The fugitive's fault-finding brother frowned on fickle forgiveness of the former folderol. But the faithful father figured, "Filial fidelity is fine, but the fugitive is found! What forbids fervent festivity? Let flags be unfurled! Let fanfares Flair!"

-The Treasury of Good Clean Church Jokes