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## **CHURCH NEWS & NOTES**

### **Ad Council**

On page 3 of this newsletter is a very important document. Please read it in its entirety. Many changes are coming in the near future for the world-wide United Methodist Church and this includes us. This resolution was composed by Bob Hegel after attending the Annual Michigan UMC Conference in Traverse City. It was a "sad" situation at Conference for those of us that consider ourselves "Traditionalists." Much happened that went against the Bible and the Book of Discipline. The \*Mio UMC Ad Council moved that this resolution be sent to Michigan UMC Bishop Bard and to those interested in the future of our church.

Any questions about the conference may be directed to Bob Hegel. Questions referring to the resolution can be answered by Bob (616-560-6082) or Dave Gordon (989-826-3788).

\* The Ad Council consists of those church members elected to represent everyone in the church and conduct the business of the church. It is the connection between the local church and the conference.

Signing the resolution were:

1. Marlene A. Gordon
2. David A. Gordon
3. Dawn J. Hall
4. Kristina L. Vaughn
5. Roma K. Galbraith
6. Nancy J. Crane
7. Susan Hegel
8. Barbara Butler
9. Jerald Doll
10. Glen G. Hall
11. Lynn F. Galbraith
12. Barbara Kann

Pray for our church and the world-wide United Methodist Church. You will find an appropriate prayer on page 4 for this newsletter. Cut it out and put it on your refrigerator. Each day stop and bow your head and read this prayer or give one of your own for the situation in the United Methodist Church.

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

Are things getting better or worse for you today? I recently read a devotion by Lynn Cowell. She is talking about Moses in Exodus 5 and 6. She writes: *As Moses listened to God's words, his greatest fears began to unfold. I picture a man, staring at a bush that's on fire, shocked in unbelief. Wait, what did you say, Moses may have thought. Yet in spite of his inner turmoil, Moses stepped out and obeyed, and that's when it happened. What he feared would happen, actually happened. Not only did Pharaoh say "No way" to the Lord's command, but his harsh treatment of the Israelites increased. The entire situation became a whole lot worse.*

*Are you serious, God? I think that may have been how I would have reacted. The Bible says, "Then Moses returned to the Lord and said, 'O Lord, why have You brought harm to this people? Why did You ever send me? Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done harm to this people, and You have not delivered Your people at all.'" Ah, Moses, I get you! Maybe you do too! Maybe you've also said, "Lord, this is what I get for taking that leap of faith? This situation...me...it's all worse than it was before I obeyed You!"*

*God goes on to respond to Moses' complaint. "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh. Because of my mighty hand he will let them go, because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country." God also said to Moses, "I am the Lord." It's a plain and simple truth. God goes on to tell Moses many other plain and simple truths: I will bring you out. I will free you. I will redeem you. I will take you as My own. I will be your God." After this encouraging conversation with God, and after all that God said He would do, things didn't get better for Moses immediately. In fact, the lives of the people actually got worse. Much worse. But the current situation wasn't the driving force of their future. God and His promises were. God said I AM. Period. No matter how bad the circumstances got—and they were about to get absolutely horrible—nothing changed about who God was and what He promised.*

*God has given you and me promises in His Word, promises for peace and a future with Him. Like Moses and the Israelites, for a season, life might get worse before it gets better. Sometimes worse is required to get a situation to better. But no matter how bad the circumstances, it doesn't change a thing in God's kingdom. Sometimes, like the account in Exodus, our situation gets worse before it gets better because God is setting the stage for His power to get the most exposure! For His glory to be seen the greatest.*

Right now we could say that the un-united Methodist Church is in Moses' sandals. It is unlikely that things will get better soon—instead they will probably get a lot worse before they get better. Sometimes worse is required to get a situation to better. When we trust in the Lord and read the promises in His Word, and see the examples of people like Moses, we can believe that things will get better because God is setting the stage for His power and glory to be seen at its greatest. The driving force of our future is God and His promises, not what is happening now. May our thoughts dwell on God and His promises as we walk on this journey of life together.

Blessings,

*Pastor Brenda*

Resolution for consideration for the Church Council (Administrative Council) of the Mio UMC at a meeting held on June 13, 2019 where a quorum was present.

Whereas:

1. The Mio UMC is a Local Church operating within the Michigan Annual Conference jurisdiction.
2. The Church Conference of said church has delegated administrative responsibilities to the Church Council (often referred to as the Administrative Council).
3. The Church Council has been made aware by the Lay Delegate to Annual Conference as well as publicly available reports, that the following acts of deliberate disobedience occurred at the 2019 Annual Conference gathering
  - a. The Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM) made public statements that it would ignore specific requirements for qualification for recommendation of Commissioning of Elders and Deacons.
  - b. The BOM did in fact recommend persons unqualified by reason of homosexual practice.
  - c. That the Bishop, acting on abovementioned recommendations, did in fact Commission said unqualified persons.
4. The Church Council does find that the Annual Conference and Bishop are therefor unqualified to exercise authority over this Local Church and its Church Council.

Therefor:

1. On account of such unqualified supervision, this Local Church shall suspend payment of, and place in a reserved status, all Ministries Shares requested by the Annual Conference except for:
  - a. Payments made for purpose of retirement plan funding of the Local Church Pastor
  - b. Payments made for the purpose of Health Insurance premiums for the Local Church Pastor.
  - c. Other payment requests that said Church Council deems suitable to retain Local Church financial support.
2. No less frequently than once each quarter the Church Council shall review the activities and consider any correspondence from the Annual Conference.
3. This suspension shall remain in effect until such time as the 2020 Annual Conference will have met and its actions have been reviewed by the Church Council.

Church Council Secretary attestation:

I, MARLENE A GORDON attest that the above resolution was presented and adopted by majority vote at a meeting of said Church Council on JUNE 13, 2019.

*Marlene A Gordon*

## **Prayer for Our Church**

Adapted from Kelli Mahoney's Prayer

Lord, thank you for all you do in our lives. I am truly grateful for all you have provided me. From my friends to my family, you are always blessing me in ways I can't imagine or completely understand. But I feel blessed. Lord, today I lift up to you my church. It is the place I go to worship you. It is where I learn about you.

Bless us with the resources to fulfill your mission for our church. Help us where you see fit to help. Most of all that you bless us with the resources to fulfill that mission. Give us the ability to be great stewards over those resources and guide our hand in using them.

Give us a strong sense of your spirit in our church. Fill our hearts with all that you are and direct us in ways that we are always living in your will. Bless us in our direction and point us toward how we can do more in you.

Lord, bless the wisdom of our church leaders. Guide the messages that come out of their mouths and may they set good examples to others. Continue to bless them with servants' hearts and a sense of responsibility to those they lead.

Lord, my church is one of the most important things in my life, because it brings me closer to you. I ask for your blessings on it, and I lift it up to you. Thank you, Lord for allowing me to be a part of this congregation --- and a part of you.

In your holy name, Amen

## **Missions Report**

Remember the words of John Wesley

*"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can."*

Our budget needs a boost so if you can help please continue to support our mission's program by giving a monthly donation. Besides our local missions we continue to send what we can to missions in the USA, Haiti and Liberia and to our Rafiki orphans.

One of our US missions is Red Bird in Beverly, Kentucky. Red Bird Mission provides among other services, rural dental care. They do this by using mobile dental equipment which allows them to travel to nursing homes, community centers and substance abuse centers. Local support comes from dental care partners who assist in helping fund the costs for dental care for many individuals and from folks like us who share in helping others provide services to those in need.

Let's continue to reach out to missions like Red Bird who are doing all the good they can.....to all the people they can.....

Thanks,

Your Mio UMC Mission Committee

## DIRECT \$\$\$\$\$

We are on the move again with Family Fare Direct Dollars. The count goes up every week and currently the thermometer is at \$20,000.00. Our goal is \$150,000.00 and then again we can collect a \$1000.00 check for our efforts. Turn in all receipts to Nancy Crane to move that number higher.

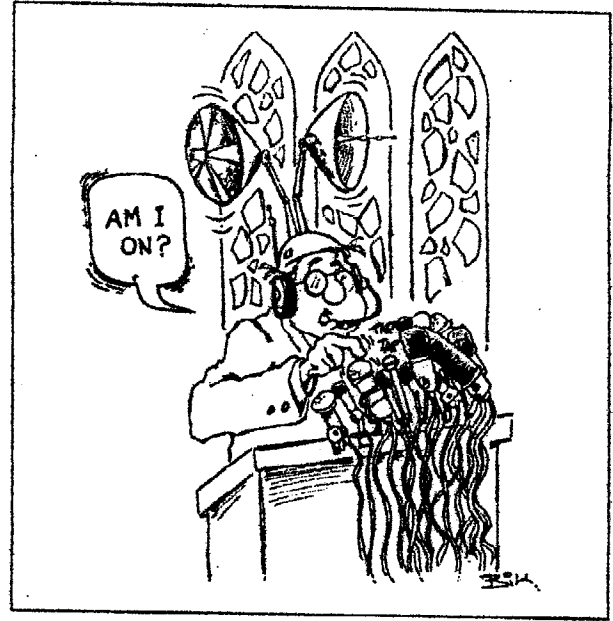
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## UMW & UMM WORKING TOGETHER

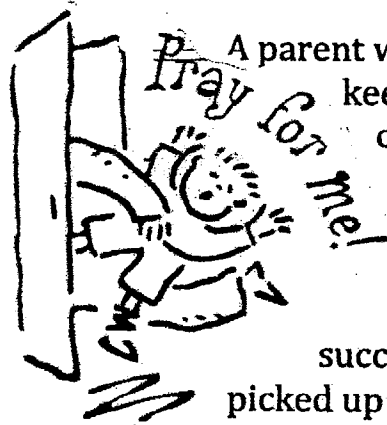
The United Methodist Women and Men have been at work again with a Yard Sale. The women garnered almost \$800 with the sale and the men \$100 by the hot dog sale. A large portion of this will be donated to local charities.

Thank you to all who participated in any way.

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## Sometimes a prayer request is in order



A parent was having difficulty keeping his five-year-old son quiet during worship. Finally, when he saw that he wasn't succeeding, he picked up the little lad and hurried toward the door. As they neared the exit, the boy yelled loudly: "Pray for me!"

---King Duncan in *Amusing Grace*

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# HAVE A GREAT 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7 - Joan Trim  
16 - Dorothy McGlynn  
21 - Ellen Peters  
27 - Hugh Galbraith

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

10 - Herb & Linda  
Atherton  
13 - John & Gloria  
Phillips  
14 - Gary & Becky  
Sidebottom  
17 - Gar & Colleen Keith  
25 - Will & Nita Olsen  
29 - Dennis & Barb Kann  
30 - Larry & Shar Lee

## JULY LECTIONARY

### July 7<sup>th</sup>

2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 6Ⓢ(1-6), 7-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### July 14<sup>th</sup>

Amos 7:7-17  
Psalm 82  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37

### July 21<sup>st</sup>

Amos 8:1-12a  
Psalm 52 or 82  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

### July 28<sup>th</sup>

Hosea 1:2-10  
Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)  
Luke 10:38-42

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Church  
US Response Teams  
Shut-ins  
Andrea  
Corinna Anderson-VanBeest  
Linda Atherton  
Linda's Father  
Sara Bartley  
Alex Burger  
Debbie Butler  
Sharon Contner  
Karen Crane  
Olive Derrick  
Janet DeYardman  
Molly Eastman  
Delores Faust  
Gary Frazho  
Lou Goss  
Jerry "Jed" Hager  
Dawn Hall  
Sarah Hegel  
Burton Juengle  
Janet Kann  
Renee Kann  
JoAnn Katona  
Mert Keith  
John Kent  
Gary Klacking  
Mitchell Klacking  
Dean Lewis  
Ron Owen  
Cody Pfaff  
Charlotte Peters  
Rafiki  
Harland Schultz  
Hannah Sherwood  
Tom Shoulders  
Velma Stout  
Andrea Walz

### At Home

Charlotte Peters  
Irene Miller

### At the Villa - Rose City

Joanie Maier

### At Wellspring

Kimberly Derry  
Bill McGlynn

### At The Brook - Grayling

Marge Bryant

### *Families of*

*Wilma Ziehl Thrasher  
Betty Hoffman  
Tim Morgan*

### Military

All Armed Forces  
River Grishaber  
Corey Brown  
Harley Foust  
Joe Johnson  
Dennis Kann III  
Whitney Kann  
Kalvin Kezeli  
Lars Scheid



If I have a

*faith*

that can move

mountains.

but I have not

*love*

I am nothing.

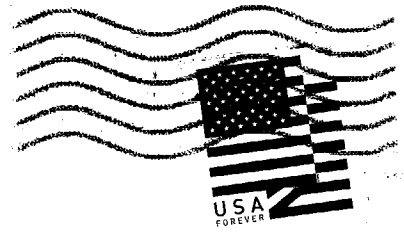
1 Corinthians 13:2

# July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Trustees 10:45 AM Sunday School	8	9 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	10	11	12	13 11:00 AM Wilma Ziehl Thrasher Memorial Service
14 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School	15	16 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	17 1:00 PM Prayer Bears	18	19	20
21 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School	22 6:00 PM UMW	23 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School	29	30 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	31	<p><b><i>Trying times are not the times To stop trying. --- Ray Owen</i></b></p>		

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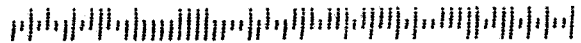
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### **Mio United Methodist Church Mission Statement**

As believers in God, thankful for the Father's faithful provision,  
The Son's loving sacrifice for our sins, and the Holy Spirit's  
Enabling presence in our lives we strive to:

- Worship, serve, and obey God
- Grow closer to God
- Teach the Bible
- Share God's love with others
- Be a community of fellowship and encouragement...

So that all may hear and receive the forgiveness and friendship of God.