

The Messenger

Mio United Methodist Church Newsletter

November, 2017

Pastor Brenda Klacking

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ON THIS SUNDAY



NOVEMBER 5TH

*** We will remember loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord.



NOVEMBER 19TH

Thanksgiving In-Gathering

We request that you bring paper products on this day that will be given to Together We Can Food Pantry – a local Oscoda County Charity for those in need.



NOVEMBER 12TH

Veterans' Recognition Day

We will honor all those who have served in the Armed Forces and take a special offering in appreciation of their service. It will be sent to Wounded Warriors in their honor.



NOVEMBER 26TH

Hanging of the Greens

Immediately after worship service the church will be decorated for the Advent and Christmas season. You are encouraged to stay for fellowship and fun as the church is transformed for this special season.

*** "We" refers to you with the guidance of the Worship Team.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

October is Pastor Appreciation Month each year. Many of you have given me gifts and cards and verbally told me that I am appreciated for what I do for the church. And it is always nice to know that we are appreciated but I started thinking about the persons I appreciate in the church and I hope I don't leave anyone out.

I appreciate the people who clean our church. I can always walk in to a beautiful church that is ready for people to worship. I appreciate the people who decorate our churches with banners and paraments and flowers and other creative things at times as well as provide what we need to celebrate Holy Communion. I appreciate the Trustees and all their helpers who keep our church in great shape and when others walk in to our church they can tell that our church is very important to each of us. I appreciate those who take care of the lawns in the summer and the driveways and sidewalks in the winter. I appreciate the people who provide the music for our worship services and those with more tech savvy than I have to add extras to our worship hour. I appreciate that the pianist/organists are willing to accept a change of hymns at the last minute and never grumble loud enough for me to hear at least! ☺ I appreciate the people who are involved in our Sunday School for their willingness to share their time and talents. I appreciate those who open the doors each week so the Pastor doesn't need to fumble with her keys on top of everything else she carries.

I appreciate the people who are the ushers each week and the candle lighters. They keep us all reminded of the importance of tradition and welcoming. I appreciate those who greet others when they enter the church or soon after. We are God's family and it is important that all feel welcome in His house of worship. I appreciate those who are willing to stay after the service to count the offerings and do the necessary paperwork. I appreciate all the people who are involved in the fundraisers for the church. I appreciate all those who are willing to take different positions within the church committees and I appreciate all the work that gets done as a result of these meetings. I appreciate the treasurer and financial secretary who do so much more than just pay the bills. I appreciate those who are involved in missions that continue to provide us with opportunities to give to those who are facing disasters of many kinds. I appreciate all of those persons in our church who give of their time and talents within our community. I appreciate those who work so hard to provide great dinners for our church and for our community. It is an outreach that shows how much God's people care about others. I appreciate those who work to put a monthly newsletter in the hands of our congregation and beyond. I appreciate those who attend our Bible studies as we share our thoughts together to learn from each other.

Perhaps most of all, I appreciate all the people who faithfully attend the worship services each week and the people who pray for their pastor, who encourage me in so many ways, and those who are always willing to try something new! God knew we would all need each other to do the work He wants us to do. I am so thankful that I get to do that work with all of you.

Blessings,
Pastor Brenda

CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

- Apportionments are paid in full.
- Trustees have overseen much work at the church and parsonage: power washing, painting of cross and flame, ductwork repair, and much more.
- 2018 budget was approved and sent to Annual Charge Conference.
- Accountable Professional Reimbursement for Pastor Brenda was approved and sent to Annual Charge Conference.
- Pastor Brenda will be on vacation Nov. 22nd – 28th.
- Pulpit exchange with Rose City UMC Pastor Nate Jeffords on Nov. 19th.

Direct Your
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with Family Fare Receipts

*Save the sales slips
from Family Fare.*

Our goal is \$150,00 in receipts. Drop them in the basket provided in the narthex. Must use Glen's card and be a complete receipt. We will receive \$1000 if this is accomplished.

\$104,000.00

Current total is **\$61,000.00**.

PRAYER CONCERNS CHANGE

The Prayer Concern list will be cleared at the end of 2017. If you want someone left on the list please tell La Nita or Marlene or leave a message on the church phone.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



UMW Sending Christmas Cards to the Military

The UMW missionary group would like to let our active military know we are thinking of them, proud of them, and keeping them in our prayers by sending Christmas cards to them. We are asking you to give us any family member's, friend's or acquaintance's name and address. Also include any information that could help us personalize a Christmas card. Example: how long have they been in the service, how old are they, and if they are married or have children, etc. These cards are going to be sent out in November so please give this information to Linda Atherton.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

November 12th through the 23rd is pick up time for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

If you haven't filled a box yet and still want to do that please feel free to pick up a plastic shoebox sized tub and "How To" brochure in the Fellowship Hall. You may want to join with a friend to fill a box or help yourself to the box of "freebies" to help fill in some space but you do not need to have the box packed solid. You may also drop off a partially filled box and your Mission's committee will fill in what is needed. Be sure to have it to the church early if you plan to do that.

Operation Christmas Child partners with churches worldwide to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After receiving shoebox gifts, many children are disciplined through Samaritan's Purse's Bible study course, The Greatest Journey, where they learn to become faithful followers of Christ and share their faith with others.

Put some love in a shoebox for a needy child and then pray for that child.

Galatians 6:9 *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

Advent Envelopes

Every Advent we include Advent Offering Envelopes with the church newsletter. These are a reminder of our special push at this time of the year to share the blessings of Jesus Christ with others; material blessings as well as spiritual. As the Apostle John has said, *"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."* (1John 3:18). Jesus himself has told us, *"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."* (Matthew 10:42)

The Advent and Lent offerings all go into the Missions fund. From there, we are able to fund the major program of food and gifts for Christmas, along with those given via the Christmas tags. ***This past Lent the envelopes were inadvertently omitted from the Newsletter so please be generous in the Advent envelopes.***

DISASTER RELIEF



Help those in need

ITEMS for HURRICANE VICTIMS

are needed.

- 5 gallon buckets with lids
(Cat litter buckets are great.)

HYGIENE KIT MATERIALS

- 1 Hand towel 15"x 25" to 17"x27"
Kitchen, cleaning & microfiber towels not acceptable
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Comb
Needs to be sturdy and longer than 6"
No pocket combs or picks
No emery boards
- 1 Bath Size Soap
- 3 oz or larger sizes only
- No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content
- 1 Toothbrush
Adult size only
Do not remove from original packaging
- 6 Adhesive bandages
¾" to 1" size
Common household Band-Aid
- 1 gallon size sealable bag only
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste
- 1 Nail file or nail clippers

Individual items or kits can be placed in the box in the Fellowship Hall.

2018 GIVING ENVELOPES

Your 2018 Giving Envelopes are in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up the one with your name. They should not be used until the first Sunday in January 2018. If you want envelopes and do not find one with your name, take a box with no name and add your name to the list under the number of the envelope. Any questions see Dave Gordon



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGES

Saturday, November 4th

Remember to "fall back"!

(Turn your clocks back or you will meet everyone else leaving church when you arrive.)

Christmas Adopt A Family Project

The Mission's Committee here at Mio UMC will again be organizing our Adopt A Family Project. We will buy Christmas gifts for needy families in our community. The families who apply for this program are vetted by the Department of Health and Human Services and we are then assigned families to buy gifts for. We have done this for several years now and have made a wonderful difference for both adults and children who may not have such a Merry Christmas if we did not participate so I encourage you to participate again this year. There will be gift tags to pick up with the name, age and requests of those to buy a gift for by the time of Hanging of the Greens. Be Blessed by being a blessing to those in need.

Thank You from your Mission's Committee

SPECIAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

"Surviving the Holidays"

*Help and encouragement to make it through the holidays
after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend.*

Saturday

Nov. 11th

1:00 – 3:00 pm

at

Mio United Methodist Church

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Luke Olsen
6 - Glen Hall
8 - Don Peters
11 - Carol-Lynn
 VanNorman
22 - Marlene Gordon
23 - Marge Bryant
25 - Olive Derrick

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8 - Ken & Sharon Lantz
24 - Don & Ellen Peters

NOVEMBER LECTIONARY

November 5

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thess: 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

November 12

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1Thess.4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 19

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thess. 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 26

Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Eph.1:15 -23
Matthew 25:31-46

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Church
Hurricane & Fire Victims
US Response Teams
Brett Borton
Marge Bryant
Joseph Caretti
Mona Carter
Ed Clark
Pat Colley
Karen Crane
Janet Deyarmond
David Habersack
Dawn Hall
Bob Hegel
LaRita Heike
Mert Keith
Tom Klacking
Marietta Kusey
Jim Lantz
Baby Lillian
Joan Long
Mike Long
Michelle Mathy
Peggy McCarthy
Diane Morrison
Rob Nagy
Ron Owen
Nancy Pierce
Carol Radke
Mary Reynolds
Bonnie Rhoads
Jennifer Sano
Billy Schneider
Gene & Marie Schneider
Mike Shea
Hannah Sherwood
Marilyn Schultz
Gabriel
Kimberly Smith
Mark Smith
Susan Starhura
Susan Stein

Debbie Stoglin
Ralph & Darlene Terry
Roseann Voltmer
Debbie Wadsworth
Andrea Walz
Linda Winnie
Brian Woodiwiss

At the Brook - W.B.

Dick Valley

At Wellspring

Kimberly Stitt

At Home

Olive Derrick
Joan Long
Charlotte Peters

Families of:

Roy Boerner
Jjm Stone

Military

All Armed Forces
River Gershaver
Corey Brown
Harley Foust
Dennis Kann III
Whitney Kann
Lars Scheid
James Schneider

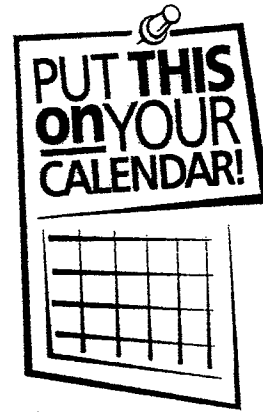


**PASTOR BRENDA'S
NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

*Pastor Brenda will be at the Circuit Riders Workshop on November 6th – 8th for continuing education requirements. She will check her phone at break times.

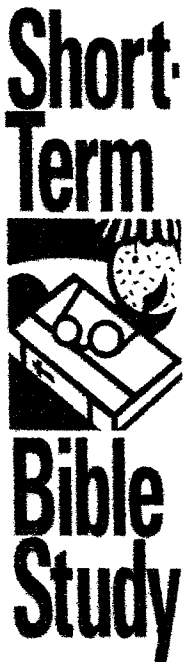
*On November 19th Pastor Nate Jeffords and Pastor Brenda will be doing a pulpit exchange where Pastor Nate will do the worship at Churchill and Mio while Pastor Brenda will do the worship at Rose City and Whittemore.

*Pastor Brenda then will go on vacation from November 22nd – 28th. Emergency messages can be left on her cell phone during this time.



Even though Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year there will be regular morning service at 9:30 am and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 pm.

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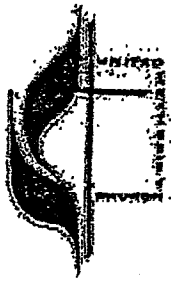
"Down to Earth"
Advent study written by Michael Slaughter will be on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend and bring a friend!

Sometimes it is hard to fill an entire newsletter with worthy news of the church; so in this blank space how about you fill in the blanks by following the old song: "Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God has done."

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November 2017

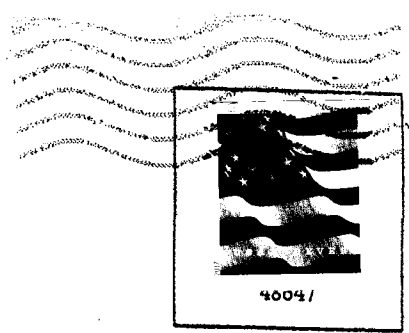
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Love is a fabric that never fades, no matter how often it is washed in the water of adversity and grief. --- E.C. McKensie</p>			1	2 5:00 PM Grief Share	3 9:00 AM UMM	4
5 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Trustees 10:45 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Charge Conference	6	7 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	8 7:00 PM Ad Council	9 5:00 PM Grief Share 6:00 PM Football Banquet	10	11 1:00 PM "Surviving the Holidays" Special Grief Share
12 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School	13	14 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	15 1:00 PM Prayer Bears	16 5:00 PM Grief Share 6:00 PM Volleyball Banquet	17	18
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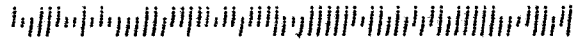
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Mio United Methodist Church Mission Statement

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.