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June 2022 Newsletter

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Doug's Discoveries—

I've discovered that 2,000 clergy and lay members of The Michigan Annual Conference will meet June 1-4, 2022 in Traverse City. Milford UMC is sending three clergy; two Lay Members: Ann Koss & Debbie Bonnewell; and two members representing The Heritage District: Nancy Weeks & Bette Knedgen. We'll worship with 2,000 other disciples, receive

excellent training for ministry, enjoy fellowship meals, ordain new clergy, celebrate retirements, and grieve the members that we've lost in the past year.

We'll consider resolutions (proposals from individuals or groups): #1-3, 14, and 15 address clergy compensation; #4- "Readers to Leaders," a conference wide fundraising campaign for literacy programs in Liberia and Detroit; #5- to advocate for student debt cancellation; #6- to recognize the Wesleyan Covenant Association as a source of information about the protocol for reconciliation and grace through separation and about The Global Methodist Church; #7- Reduce the number of Districts in Michigan from 9 to 7; #8- ask our people to advocate on U.S. budget priorities that improve the general welfare of Americans instead of overspending on military budgets; #9- Affirming three statements for the Future of The United Methodist Church: A) Covenant to Build Beloved Community (from The North Central Jurisdiction); B) A Call to Grace (from the coalition of General/Jurisdictional Conference and other leaders; C) A Narrative for the Continuing United Methodist Church (from the Council of Bishops); #10- support for immigrant driver's licenses and State I.D.'s in Michigan; #11- advocate for the "Good Time" Ballot initiative on our November ballots, from www.LibertyAndJusticeForAllCoalition.org; #12- recognize the unborn baby as a full human person from the moment of conception; #13- clarify procedures to elect officers in our various conference committees.

Please pray for our United Methodist Church all across Michigan as Bishop Bard leads our Michigan Annual Conference.

I love you all,
Pastor Doug McMunn



Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 5

Honor Graduates
Sermon: Talking About
God in Today's World

Sunday, June 12

Holy Communion, Trinity
Sunday, Peace w/Justice
Sunday

Saturday, June 18

UMW Salad Luncheon

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day, Juneteenth

Sunday, June 26

Sermon: Passion Fruit

Thursday, June 30

UMW Picnic in the Park



Time

—by Pastor Marianne

Psalm 145:4 “One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts ...”

The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, “I’m grateful to God, whom I serve with a good conscience as my ancestors did. I constantly remember you in my prayers day and night . . . I’m reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I’m sure that this faith is also inside you.” (II Timothy 1:3,5)

I am so grateful for my Christian heritage! This month, Doug and I will be traveling to Kansas to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of my grandmother, Rosie Weidner Mugler’s immigration from Hamburg, Germany, through Ellis Island in New York. She settled in Clay Center, Kansas. My grandparents’ story has inspired me all through my life. In 1922, they were just teenagers, but they left their homeland and their families, largely because the political/religious atmosphere was changing, and they experienced religious freedoms slowly being taken from them. Their families supported them in this great change. I really cannot imagine making such a courageous move as they knew they would probably never again be with fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers and friends. Their trust and faith in God was deep. Our family in the United States is beyond grateful. Grandpa and Grandma Mugler left a faith legacy that continues on through this day . . . and is still being passed on to the next generations.

O God, thank you for those who have shared your love with us and have challenged us to live as citizens of your kingdom. Help us share our faith with the next generations that “your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Amen.



United Methodist Women News

Salad Luncheon — The Milford United Methodist Women will be holding a Salad Luncheon on Saturday, June 18, 2022, 11am-3pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 10 and under. The group would like help with supplying salads, cookies and bar cookies for the event. A sign up sheet will be available at the welcome center in the Commons.

Picnic at the Park — Women are invited to join in fellowship at Milford Central Park by the Huron River on June 30 at 11am. Bring your favorite brown bag lunch and enjoy!

Holy Baptisms in May

In May 2022, we celebrated 3 baptisms at MUMC!

-Hudson Liam LaBush, son of Darcie (Delaney) and Anthony LaBush, grandson of Marvin and Karen Delaney.

-Richard Leibler, son of Bob and Margaret Leibler. This baptism was unique because it occurred here in the sanctuary, just after Margaret Leibler's funeral.

-Atticus Quinn, son of Tommy and Amanda Quinn. Tommy is the drummer in our praise band. We rejoice with each baptized disciple of Christ and with their families. We want to surround you with a community of love and forgiveness.



In Memory of Margaret Leibler

Margaret Leibler, a longtime member of MUMC, died May 2, 2022, at the age of 89. She is survived by her husband, Bob Leibler. They were married for 70 years!

We always enjoyed the flowers that Margaret planted, tended, and so often brought to the church altar and shared with others in their times of trial and tribulation. The homily at her funeral was titled, "Tending Glory," in celebration of her ministry through flowers. We again extend our sympathy to Bob and to their whole family.

Africa University Celebrates 30th Anniversary

United Methodists started a wonderful university in 1992 in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe. The anniversary will be celebrated in October, 2022. We contribute through "Ministry Shares," our fair share of all United Methodist connectional mission and ministry everywhere. Some U.M. churches and conferences give extra gifts to AU. East Ohio just raised \$1.5 million to build a new residence hall for 90 female students. This will improve the education and wellness of gifted young women who will be key leaders in Africa in their various fields.

AU is doing crucial research on Malaria, supported by major grants from USAID and from our U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH). Young leaders from many African nations are getting an education together at AU. They learn the perspectives of other African nations, and they learn to collaborate for the future of all nations. These graduates are making a difference in many fields, helping to improve life across Africa. They lead their nations to more clean water, literacy, sustainable agriculture, better health care, healthy churches, etc. United Methodists invest in long-term solutions to global problems. Thank you for your support of the good work that we do together!

Mission Giving through MUMC

Last year, our congregation not only gave enough to pay our Michigan Conference Ministry Shares (\$34,301), we also gave extra for a ministry in Michigan. Namely, \$1,000 for Cass Community Social Services in Detroit and \$861 for connectional ministries of The Heritage District (110 churches surrounding Ann Arbor, Jackson, and Milford). We can do this because of your regular and special gifts. Thank you for giving!

Peace with Justice Sunday, June 12

Your gifts advocate for peace and justice in the U.S. and globally. Empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children. Create opportunities for freedom and equal opportunity.

July 17 Octogenarian Celebration- please submit names, etc. by June 15

If you are 80+ years old, or you know someone in that distinguished group, we invite you and your distinguished friend to be with us on Sunday, July 17, 2022, for our Octogenarian Celebration. Join us for worship at 9:30am (with choir and organ) or 11am (with praise band), and don't miss the group photo at about 10:25am, or as soon as the first service is dismissed. Please send us your name and date of birth by June 15 so we can publish it in the July newsletter, and we'd love it if you'd also lend us a photo of yourself that we can share on our big screens. It could be a photo from any stage of your life. Questions, please contact the church office.

Required Minimum Distributions

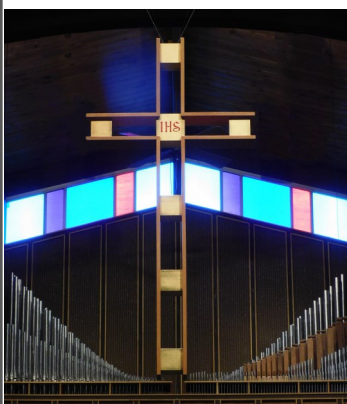
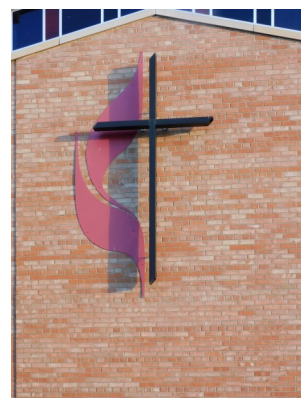
Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) are withdrawals from tax-deferred investment accounts such as an IRA. If you reach the age of 70 ½ in 2020 or later, you must take your first RMD by April 1st of the year after you reach the age of 72. Many people with RMD requirements can reduce their tax expenses by donating assets from their retirement accounts directly to the church. Ask your tax advisor if you are required to make Required Minimum Distributions each year and if you could lower your taxes by giving directly from that retirement account to the church. Never make a withdrawal from these type of investment accounts without first consulting your tax advisor.



Heritage Sunday Celebration

Editor's note: Heritage Sunday was celebrated at MUMC on May 15. Nancy Ebert, Church Historian, shared the following information at that time:

For the Heritage Sunday Celebration, I will talk briefly about three crosses that are important to our church. The first is on the side of the church facing Atlantic Street. The cross and flame, whose construction was conceived and led by Al Worrell, is in memory of Al's father, Albert Worrell, Sr., and his crew, whose plane went down on July 23, 1945 on Ni'ihau Island, Hawaii. There was one survivor. The cross and flame was dedicated in July, 2008.



The second cross is hanging here and was given in memory of Grace Moffat by her husband John. This cross was made by Juanita Roger's brother-in-law, Howard Armstrong, in 1966, the year Grace died. That was also the year that the church moved into the newly constructed building on Atlantic Street. After Grace's death, John traveled the world as a cruise dance host and wrote and directed plays here at the church.

The third cross has been on the altar since the early 1950's. It was given in memory of Gail Bourns' grandmother Grace Forshee, who died in 1952, by Gail's mother Bernice Baur and her friend Sue McFarland. Grace played the saxophone and sang in a church quartet. Norm and Gail were married in front of this cross, their three children were baptized and married in front of the cross, and all 4 grandchildren and one great grandchild were baptized in front of the cross.



The Ambassadors Big Band

MUMC's members and friends were treated Saturday, May 21 to an early evening concert by The Ambassadors Big Band which played a host of varied songs made famous by greats such as Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, and the Glen Miller Band. The music was well-received by nearly 65 people who enjoyed not only the music, but singing by Patti Kilgore and Kathi Letovsky, a member of MUMC's choir and Praise Band. The 18

member Ambassadors, directed for nearly 30 years by Mike Letovsky, who plays in MUMC's own Praise Band, have performed throughout Michigan keeping the Big Band and Swing Tradition alive and well!!! We thank them for a wonderful evening of entertainment!

We've received thank you notes:



Thank you from the Family of Holly Mikolajczyk

Thank you everyone for your kind thoughtfulness and prayers, and for the Memorial Service and the beautiful funeral luncheon.

Patsy Mikolajczyk

From Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic: The New Year has now launched and we are excited to see the things that God will do through the ministries of Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic in this second century of service in these mountains. Your financial partnership and prayers in 2021 were vital to our success, and we pray you will continue to stand with us in 2022.

Yours in Christ,

Tim Crawford
Development Director

From Church World Service: Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of unprecedented challenges, you are standing with them. Now more than ever we are grateful for your generous support. Thanks to your compassion, we can--and will--change lives.

Sincerely,

Rick Santos
President and CEO of CWS

From MCHS: On behalf of the Methodist Children's Home Society, thank you for your support, faith, and trust in our mission and vision this past year. Despite the challenges we faced in 2021, our services never missed a beat thanks to you and our amazing community of supporters.

All the best,

Kevin Roach
Chief Executive Officer



Thursday Coffee and Community
11am-noon each Thursday at Milford United Methodist Church

Let's talk! We invite you to drop by for coffee and open conversation on Thursdays from 11am to noon. Since we love building community, and since we've added a new coffee bar at our facility, we want to share some time there with people. Please bring your favorite mug if you like. We'll brew the coffee, and we'll have spare mugs on hand.

Who's Coming? We hope you are! It's open to anyone, so feel free to come and meet people in a relaxed setting. You might bring a question if you like. It could brew into an interesting conversation at your table or even become the talk of the town!

2022 Graduates



Cristiano Bruletti graduated this year from High School, the YSC Academy, in Marietta Georgia. He plans to attend the University of South Carolina where he will continue to play soccer. Cristiano is the son of Emanuele & Tracy Bruletti.

Charlie Harris graduates from Riverview High School in Riverview, Florida. Charlie lived in Japan 6 years and wants to live where it snows. He will attend Hope College in Holland, Michigan. He is the son of Eric & Bobbie Harris and the grandson of Phil & Barb Harris.



Cole McKane received his Master of Arts in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University. He has accepted a job offer from BGSU starting July 1st. Cole is the son of Matt & Kecia McKane.

Rachel Watson will graduate from Woodcreek High School in Roseville, California. She will work as a lifeguard this summer and attend Sierra College in the fall. Rachel is the daughter of Keith and Amy Harris Watson and the granddaughter of Phil & Barb Harris.



Congratulations 2022 Graduates!



6/1/68 Larry & Carol Shaver
6/14/86 Bruce & Maureen Bonhard
6/14/68 Roger & Judy Clemens
6/14/75 Frank & Carol Cronk
6/16/61 Norman & Gail Bourns
6/16/73 Gary & Linda Herwick
6/18/66 Bob & Sally Schiemann
6/19/99 Bill & Karen Antrim
6/19/76 Wayne & Pat Loder
6/20/87 Todd & Christina Rockwell
6/22/18 Tim & Katie (Loder) Jones
6/22/13 Ron & Jessica Harris
6/23/73 Leon & Mary Wenger
6/25/00 Mike & Nancy Bassett



6/1 Carla Gorton
6/1 Tyler Katchever
6/3 Ann Godwin
6/3 Grace Thomann
6/6 Katy Weeks
6/7 Sue Shove
6/8 Karin Dee
6/9 George Rogers
6/11 Evelyn Rose Whitlock
6/12 Bill Lorenz
6/12 Jeff Weeks
6/16 Logan Kirwin
6/16 Doug Klingensmith
6/21 Carson Kidd
6/28 Maureen Bonhard
6/28 Laura Moffat-Shoberg
6/29 Marianne McMunn
6/30 Frank Cronk

Stitching for Others meets on Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm. All are invited to come and help. There is a job for



everyone! No experience necessary. Needed: knitters, crocheters, sewers, cutters, ironers, etc. For more information call Thesia Wolf, 248-310-8798.



Casual Coffee with the Church Council

On the third Sunday of each month Church Council

members will be available to answer your questions or discuss ideas with you. Grab a cup of coffee and join the members in the Commons between services.



Noisy Offerings in June

In June, we invite your spare change for Carriage Town Ministries. This is our United Methodist urban mission in Flint, MI. We distribute food and household necessities, run youth programs, and provide critical housing for people in crisis.

Church Staff

Ministers—All members of the church
Lead Pastor— Rev. Douglas J. McMunn
Associate Pastor—Rev. Marianne McMunn
Deacon—Rev. Sherry Foster
Worship Leader/Music Director—Keith Prestridge
Friends Preschool Director—Tammy Rittmueller
Office Manager—Pat Loder
Custodian—Margie Butson
Nursery Attendant— Lesa Tribble

June, 2022 Sermon Themes and Worship Features

June 5 Pentecost/Holy Communion delayed to June 12

Psalm 104:24-34

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17

Sermon: "Talking About God in Today's World"
SPARK: An angel frees Peter

June 12 Holy Communion

Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday

Genesis 15:12-15 (Abram) "You shall go to your ancestors in peace."

Romans 5:1-5 Now we have peace with God.

John 16:25-33 So that in me you may have peace

Sermon: "Peace WITH God, Peace OF God, Peace MAKERS"

SPARK: Paul's letters

June 19 Father's Day/Juneteenth

Psalm 42:1-8 My soul longs for you, O God.

Galatians 3:23-29 Imprisoned until faith.

Luke 8:22-25 Jesus Calms a Storm at Sea

Sermon: "Shift from Legalism to Spiritual Freedom"

June 26

Deuteronomy 24:17-22 care for the alien, the widow...

Galatians 5:13-25 Live by the Spirit... the fruit of the Spirit...

Luke 9:49-55 Jesus rebuked his disciples

Sermon: "Passion Fruit" – a sermon on the fruit of the Spirit

SPARK:

~Deadline for the July Newsletter is June 15~