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PASTOR'S CORNER

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Hello friends!

If you were in church on Sunday, March 8, you heard one of your representatives to the parish Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) announce that Pattie and I have been appointed to a new adventure—as pastor of the **Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church in Charlotte, MI, beginning on July 1**. The current pastor at Lawrence Avenue, Rev. Gary Wales (who also once served the Fife Lake/Boardmans Parish) is retiring and I have been called to step in in his stead.

While Pattie and I will certainly miss everyone here, this is a good move for us—to a fully accessible parsonage, with great medical facilities within a short distance. Lawrence Avenue is also single-point charge, which will allow me to focus all of my attention on growing that church, which has seen a significant reduction in attendance over the past several years and desires to reach out to new populations in order to grow. We have accepted the challenge this new appointment requires, with some trepidation on my part, but trusting in our Savior and Lord to provide all that we need.

There will be opportunities for us to spend time together in fellowship and worship between now and the time we move—which will probably be mid-June. We look forward to these times.

That all said, there are a couple of important things we should do together, soon. The first is a **MOVIE NIGHT**: We have purchased a license to show the new Christian movie, **“Overcomer.”** We will offer this as a public movie event, a wonderful opportunity to invite friends who are not currently attending a church. **This movie event will happen the week after Easter, Apr. 19th (Sunday) at 4 p.m. at Williamsburg UMC.**

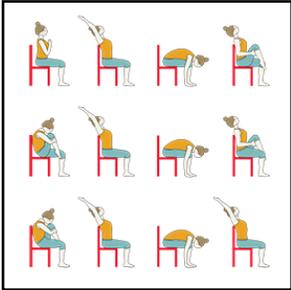
This past Saturday, a special session of the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church, held in Albion, voted by an overwhelming majority to send and sponsor the legislation, **“Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation”** to the General Conference, in May. This legislation, also sponsored by the Sierra Leone Annual Conference, is one of five plans regarding the future of our denomination which will be dealt with at General Conference; seeking to resolve the impasse of the United Methodist Church over the issues of the authority of Scripture and, specifically, human sexuality.

It behooves all of us to **be aware of the options** the conference will be debating and adopting. I have a presentation of these options to present to you. I would like to invite you **to one of two sessions** I have scheduled to do this presentation. The first will be at **Williamsburg UMC on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m.**, the second will be at **Fife Lake UMC on Thursday, March 26 at 7 pm**. I hope you will join us at one of these two sessions. Depending upon which legislation is passed at General Conference, churches will have some important decisions to make in the coming months and years.

Many things going on, in a short amount of time but, remember, beloved friends, that God is in control of everything and will bring us all through to glory, in His name.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Jack

Community Yoga Class @ WUMC!
 Every Wednesday 11-12pm in the Sunshine Room! All are welcome!



Check the calendar for the Lenten Lunches Schedule!
 CWU 2020 Lenten Luncheon Series 11:30-1pm each Thursday during Lent @ TC Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall (701 Westminster, TC)



Ladies Night Out!!
Monday, March 16th @ 6pm
 All women of the church are invited, feel free to bring a friend or daughter
 Joyce will be taking reservations. Her number is 231.938.1568



Blood Pressure Check the Last Sunday of Every Month After the Service in the Sunshine Room, Thank you Sherry!



Save the Date! Strawberry Social Saturday, June 13th from 4-7pm (More info Coming)



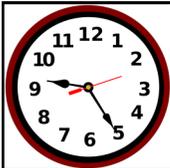
Upcoming Dates in APRIL:
 Sun. 5th—Palm Sunday
 Sun. 12th—EASTER SUNDAY
 Mon. 20th—6pm Unified SPRC Meeting @ South Boardman
 Wed. 22nd— Unified Parish Council Meeting @ South Boardman

Save the Date for WUMC's Vacation Bible School with God's Helping Hands! August 10th, 11th & 12th 5:00-8pm



Sunday, March 8th

- **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS! (spring forward)**
- **POTLUCK AFTER CHURCH!**


In March, our Noisy Offering is supporting UMCOR Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). This mission empowers families and communities to identify their water, sanitation and hygiene behavior goals and decide solutions that will ensure continued access to clean water and healthy disposal of waste to improve health. More information on the Missions Board in the Narthex!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:15 Worship Communion Coffee Fellowship	2	3	4 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Sa- maritas	5 11:30am Lenten Luncheon @ TC Pres. Church	6 World Day of Prayer	7 Set your clocks For- ward tonight! 
8 10:15 Worship Potluck	9	10	11 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Sa- maritas Ad Council Mtg @ 6pm	12 11:30am Lenten Luncheon @ TC Pres. Church	13	14
15 10:15 Worship Coffee Fellow- ship VBS Meeting	16 6pm Ladies Night Out @ The Cottage	17 St. Patrick's Day!	18 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Sa- maritas	19 11:30am Lenten Luncheon @ TC Pres. Church First Day of Spring!!	20	21
22 10:15 Worship Coffee Fellow- ship	23	24	25 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Sa- maritas	26 11:30am Lenten Luncheon @ TC Pres. Church	27	28
29 9am Womens' Fellowship Mtg 10:15 Worship Blood Pressure Checks BRUNCH!	30	31 Strawberry Social Meeting @ 7pm		AA SCHEDULE Monday, 7:30pm Wed. Women Only, 7pm Saturday, Men Only 10am; Saturday, everyone, 7pm		

March Celebrations!

4th Gracelyn Hamilton

5th Stanley Goss

8th Holly & Shane Barrett's Anniv!

9th Neil Morrison

10th Lexi Hamstra

12th Jan Donkers

12th Callie Thomas

13th Rod Kuncaitis

15th Judy Jenkins

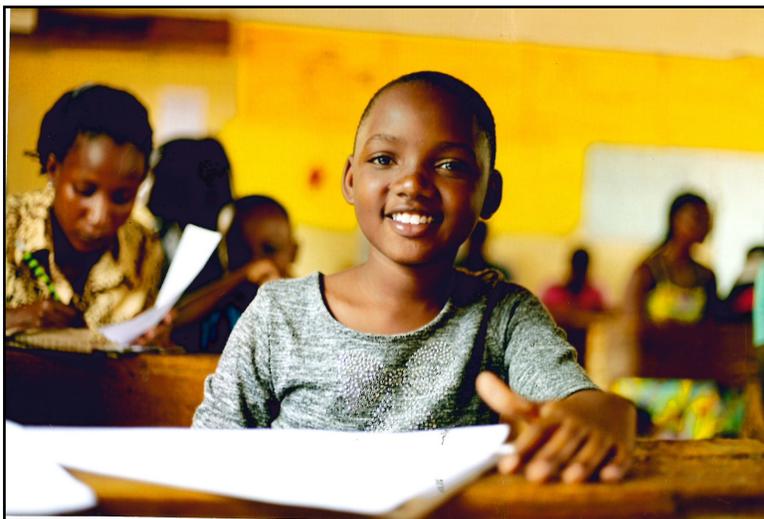
15th Pattie Conklin

17th Dana Kuncaitis

21st Dwain & Wanda Provins' Anniv!

26th Wendy Walter

26th Carol & Jim Hockin's Anniversary!

Let me introduce you to "Gift" from Uganda!

The WUMC Women's Fellowship Group is sponsoring a year of education for Gift AGAIN this year! This child was first introduced to us through Mary Taylor from the Kids First Uganda program. She gave a presentation at our Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Banquet last May. We collected scarves and jewelry from our Congregation and donated them to Kids First Uganda. Many unique items have been made with these donated items and are being sold at various craft shows and are also available at Old Way Heirloom Design located at 515 W. Fourteenth Street in Traverse City (231.421.5300). Proceeds support Kid First Uganda. More information can be found on their website kidsfirstuganda.com





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