

# Williamsburg United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## May 2016

Greetings to you in the name of our Risen Savior! I think it is finally safe to say spring is here. I can't promise it won't snow again, but I will venture as far as to say it won't stick. I love this time of year. The budding plants and chirping birds are awesome reminders, not just of God's Awesome Creative Powers, but especially God's Amazing and Gracious ability to restore the dead to life!

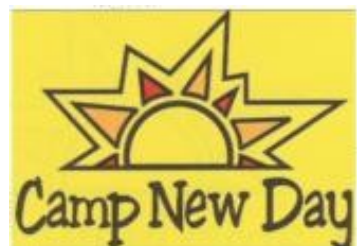
As we continue to celebrate this Easter season, and begin looking forward to Pentecost, I pray you find yourself surrounded by that same Restorative Power. I hope you'll consider engaging with nature in this season that you might deepen your perspective on all God has offered us in this world. And we pray you'll consider engaging with us, this community of believers, through worship and the many events you'll find offered in the letter, that you might broaden and nurture your faith in Christ, and share him with the world.

Grace and Peace to You,

**Pastor Nate Starkey**

**Camp New Day: May's Noisy Offering** Camp New Day at Albright Camp near Reed City, at the crossroads of US10 & US131. Open to individuals, families, and churches -- EVERYONE is WELCOME. Grand Rapids, Ludington, Midland-Saginaw, and the Traverse City area are all less than an hour and a half away. The area was first used as a campground in 1897 for EUB revivals. It is located on the banks of the Hersey River and is bounded on the north by Rails to Trails. Canoeing, kayaking, tubing, biking, and hiking are all activities which are available at the camp. The campground is open from mid-May through the end of the year and hosts special events during the winter months. Albright is a Christian, family focused camp promoting an alcohol free environment. There is a prayer-meditation garden, a meditation fire bowl, and chapel area available, and a 500 person tabernacle, along with over 1.5 miles of shaded walkways with benches. Albright Camp has both cabins that can accommodate up to 140 people and 32 RV camp sites with water and electric, 2 outdoor pavilions, a dining hall, mtg. rooms, bunk house, swimming pool. This is a great place for family and individual camping and church camp. The Hersey-Reed City area offers many recreational and tourist attractions. The Old Rugged Cross Museum, the Cadillac recreation area is only ½ hour from Camp, the Hersey River is adjacent to the camp is the Rails to Trails path. There is a golf course just to the north of the camp for golfers. There are several 4 month long permanent Flea Markets in the area. Website: [www.albrightcamp.org](http://www.albrightcamp.org). Thank you for your help!

### *Noisy Offering*



# May 2016

Quilting day and time for the next few months! This will be Potluck – bring a dish to pass. Table service provided. No experience necessary! Everyone invited!

- Monday, May 23, 2016 - 4:30PM to 7:30PM
- Monday, June 20, 2016 – 4:30PM to 7:30 PM
- Monday, July 18, 2016 – 4:30PM to 7:30PM
- Monday, August 22, 2016 – 4:30PM to 7:30PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Communion 10am Service L: Darlene R	<b>2</b> <i>Jack Braden's BD</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Wanda Provins' BD</i>	<b>4</b> 3pm Hope Village All Faith Svc.	<b>5</b> *Nat'l Day of Prayer 10am Bible Study 11am CWU <i>Pete Morrison's BD</i>	<b>6</b> 6pm Mother Daughter Sister Friend Banquet <i>Nick Lloyd's BD</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Hannah Reinhold's BD</i> <i>Brandon Gualtiere's BD</i> <i>Nate Graham's BD</i>
<b>8</b> Mother's Day 10am Service <i>Pam Hamstra's BD</i> L: Jean R.	<b>9</b> <i>Amy Starkey's BD</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 3pm Hope Village All Faith Svc.	<b>12</b> 10am Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Scott Graham's BD</i>
<b>15</b> 10am Service <i>Jan Bassett's BD</i> L: Tom S.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Nicole Buchan's BD</i>	<b>18</b> 3pm Hope Village All Faith Svc.	<b>19</b> 10am Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Erin Gogolin's BD</i>
<b>22</b> 10am Svc. Women's Fellowship Meeting after church <i>Jim &amp; Bonnie Brinks' 56th Anniv.</i> L: Rich H.	<b>23</b> 4:30-7:30 Quilting Potluck! Everyone invited!	<b>24</b> <i>Rod &amp; Kim Kuncaitis' 13th Anniv.</i>	<b>25</b> 3pm Hope Village All Faith Svc.	<b>26</b> 10am Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10am Service L: Tom J. Brunch after church!	<b>30</b> Brunch after Memorial Day Parade in Fellowship Hall <i>Connor Rouse's BD</i>	<b>31</b>	* Community Prayer Service at Elk Rapids Gov't Center, 12:15pm		AA Schedule: Mon. 8pm everyone welcome Wed. 7pm Women only Sat. 10am Men only, 7pm everyone welcome	

*More details.....*

**Church Women United**  
**Thursday, May 5**  
**11am-12:30pm**  
 Northport Indian  
 Mission Church  
 Potluck lunch  
 Program: May  
 Friendship Day  
 Speaker: Pastor Terry  
 Wildman  
 Music by Pastor Terry  
 and Darlene  
 In Gathering: Canned  
 goods for Church Food  
 Pantry

***It's a Tea Party!***  
 Mother Daughter Sister  
 Friend Banquet  
 Friday, May 6  
 6-6:30pm Fellowship  
 6:30pm Dinner followed by a  
 program  
 Have a special tea cup or  
 teapot? Bring it with you to  
 display! If it has a special  
 story, maybe you'd be willing  
 to share it!  
 Please rsvp to Joyce  
 Burrows at 231-938-1568  
 by May 2nd.



**Strawberry Social**  
 June 11th 4pm  
 Silent Auction 4-6:30pm  
 Live Auction begins @  
 7pm  
 Strawberry shortcake  
 and Sundaes 4-7pm  
 (free-will offering for  
 goodies)  
 Sign up (in hallway) to  
 help with this fun social!



**Q: What type  
of bee can't  
make up its  
mind?**

**A: A maybe.**

**HOW DO YOU KNOW CARROTS ARE  
GOOD FOR YOUR EYES?  
YOU NEVER SEE A RABBIT WEARING GLASSES!**

**Special Sunday  
 May 22—Peace with  
 Justice Sunday  
 Equipping The United  
 Methodist Church to Do  
 Justice in Jesus' Name**

When you give on Peace  
with Justice Sunday, your  
gift makes possible our  
critical kingdom work in the  
world. Because you give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities
- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issue
- Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad

These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give.  
**Thank you!**

***Happy Mother's Day!***  
***May 8th***  
***Things My Mother Taught Me***

My Mother taught me LOGIC..."If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me."  
 My Mother taught me MEDICINE..."If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way."  
 My Mother taught me TO THINK AHEAD..."If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job!"  
 My Mother taught me TO MEET A CHALLENGE..."What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you...Don't talk back to me!"  
 My Mother taught me how to BECOME AN ADULT..."If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."  
 My mother taught me about my ROOTS..."Do you think you were born in a barn?"  
 My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION..."Just wait until your father gets home."  
 And, my all-time favorite - JUSTICE..."One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like YOU -- then you'll see what it's like."

Middle School Softball Schedule—Lexi Hamstra's Schedule!  
 Middle school home games are at Carlisle Rd. Field. Call Rebecca if you have questions! [231-357-5874](tel:231-357-5874)

4/20	@ TC West	4:30 PM
5/4	vs. Benzie White	4:30PM
5/9	vs. SEAS	4:30 PM
5/11	@ Benzie Red	4:30 PM
5/18	Kingsley	4:00PM
5/24	vs. TC Christian	4:30 PM
5/26	@ Glen Lake	4:30 PM

Travel Softball Schedule:

May 7- 8	Richmond, MI (NSA) BAT BUSTERS
May 21 - 22	Port Huron, MI (NSA) BAT BUSTERS
June 11-12	Traverse City Spring Splash TC THUNDER
June 17-19	Traverse City Northern Classic TC THUNDER
June 24-26	Mt. Pleasant TC THUNDER
July 8-10	Traverse City Softball Spectacular TC THUNDER
July 18-24	Evansville, Indiana [World Series (NSA)] BAT BUSTERS
July 29-31	Alpena Thunderstruck TC THUNDER
August 4-7	Petoskey BAT BUSTERS



**No Church Garage Sale this year, so remember to take all your "goodies" to A.C.T.S.!**



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