

## WUMC Community Pathway

## Williamsburg United Methodist Church

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JACK'S CORNER JUNE 2019

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5: 1-2 (ESV).

#### Greetings friends!

My apologies for getting this out to you so late. As most of you know, from Thursday through Sunday evening last week the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church held its 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference at the Grand Traverse Resort. About 2,000 clergy and lay delegates representing the over 400 churches in the Michigan Conference met to worship, debate and vote on different pieces of legislation and elect delegates for the General Conference (the chief legislative and governing body of our denomination) to be held next year. Additional delegates were elected to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference (our 13 state Midwest region), also to meet next year. I won't bore you with the details but can only say that this Annual Conference was the most contentious and stressful one I have ever attended. (I am glad I am close enough that I was able to commute, sleep in my own bed, and preach at Fife Lake and Williamsburg on Sunday. Most of the delegates were there for the entire conference, many staying right at the Resort, so they were there 24/7.) Since the conference ended, I have been wrestling with much of what happened, and simply needed to get my heart and mind and spirit settled before I wrote this to you.

You will probably hear much about what was done and said through social and other kinds of media. Some will be accurate, I am sure, and much will be inaccurate. I will only say that I have made clear to you my theology. I believe the Bible to be inspired by God to be our guide in matters of faith and practice. In other words, I believe the words of the Bible to be the accurate word and will of God. For those of us who hold this more traditional view, (and at this conference, we were outnumbered about 2:1) this Annual Conference was especially difficult and stressful.

On a day-to-day basis in the life of our church, the decisions made last weekend will have little impact. How they impact the future of the United Methodist denomination, only God knows, but our prayers are strongly needed. I cling to the call and the promise of the Holy Scripture and seek to live it every day. I encourage you to look not at all the hubbub but at words of grace. At the beginning of this letter I quoted a passage from the Book of Ephesians. This passage can be a good guide for us, and I encourage us to seek to follow it: **Regardless of what others may do or think, I choose to love!** 



This is **Rev. Jodie Flessner**. Jodie will be our **Northern Waters District Superintendent** beginning July 1. There are several events scheduled through which we can meet with and welcome Jodie. The first will be a **picnic** at **Ludington United Methodist Church** on Saturday, **July 27**<sup>th</sup> (More details as we receive them.) In addition, Jodie has planned "**Whirlwind Tour 2019: Northern Waters District**." She will do a ½ hour visit to every church on the district over nine days between June 27 and July 25.

Our turn will be on Tuesday, July 23. On that day she will visit <u>South Boardman</u>, <u>Fife Lake, East Boardman</u>, <u>Williamsburg</u>, along with Moorestown, Merritt, Houghton Lake, Roscommon: Good Shepherd of the North, Michelson Memorial (Grayling), and Kalkaska. We will get more information later.

On September 29, Jodie will be installed by Bishop David Bard at the Northern Waters District Conference, at Gaylord UMC. All are invited to attend.

For your information, I will be serving at a women's "Walk to Emmaus" weekend in Coleman, MI (near Midland) from Thursday, October 3-Sunday, October 6. There will be a men's walk the previous weekend. You have heard me speak of the "Walk to Emmaus" before. If you think you may be interested in attending, please let me know.

There are many things going on at each of our churches. We are working hard to make sure our weekly bulletins contain announcements about these things. Watch the announcements and try to spend some time with our sisters and brothers in the parish as often as we can!

Our **Bible Study series**, *Exploring the Bible: The Dickenson Series* began this week: Tuesday morning at 10 at Fife Lake and Wednesday evening at 6:30 at Williamsburg. It is not too late to join us. Books can be ordered through Amazon or through the church office. This study is designed to be valuable to persons at all levels of Bible understanding. You will need the appropriate textbook (see below) and a <u>Study Bible</u> in whatever <u>translation</u> (not paraphrase, please) you choose.

**Session I:** What Is The Bible? Six weeks: June 4/5 through July 9/10. Text is \$11.00 (plus tax).

**Session II:** <u>Introduction to the Old Testament</u>: Six weeks: July 16/17 through August 20/21. Text is \$14.00 (plus tax)

**Session III:** <u>Introduction to the New Testament</u>: Six weeks: August 27/28 through October ½. Text is \$15.00 (plus tax)

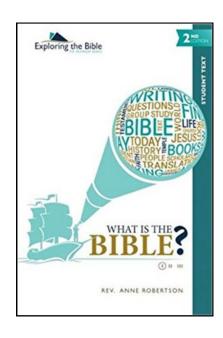
NOTE: You can choose to attend one or all three sessions of the study during this summer or, if there is enough interest, we can do each Session separately at other times during the year. Some have even purchased the text with the intent of reading it even though their schedules do not allow them to attend the group sessions.

May your June be "Bustin' out all over!" \* (Okay, I really dated myself there!)

Peace and blessings!

Pastor Jack

\*Song: "June is Bustin' Out All Over," "<u>Carousel</u>," musical by Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II, ©1945.



#### ACTIVITIES

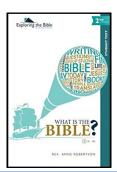
# STRAWBERRY SOCIAL Saturday June 15 4-8pm

- Silent and Live Auctions!
- Strawberry Shortcake
- Goodies to eat!
- Strawberry Sundaes
- Rada For Sale

Thank you for all who made donations and volunteer!

#### **Bible Study Schedule:**

- \*\*Tuesday's @ 10:00am @ FLUMC
- \*\*Wednesday's @ 6:30pm @WUMC

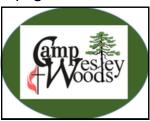


#### **Reminders:**

- Clean Up Day for Whitewater
   Township June 8th @ Mill
   Creek
- Father 's Day June 16th
- Tuesday, June 18 AD Council
   Meeting for WUMC @ 6pm
- No Potluck in June, July or August!

#### JUNE'S NOISY OFFERING

Camp New Day: Being held at Camp Wesley Woods this year. This program sponsors children with at least one incarcerated parent. Thank you for sponsoring this program!



The focus of CJAMM in the year to come is breaking the generational cycles of incarceration through educating not only our churches as well. Our motto is "Encouraging Children of Hope", a child of hope is a new term used to describe a child with at least one incarcerated parent.



ACTS is always looking for volunteers! Please give Carol a call for more information! 231.492.6952

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#### JUNE CELEBRATIONS!

4th Bruce Gualtiere
6th Merle Morgan
8th Steve Donkers
8th Clara Moon
13th Janet Goss
14th Krissy Kackman
15th Kayla Hershberger

18th Beth Bronkema
19th Tom & Grace Bloxsom's 70th Anniv

20th Walt Williams

20th Chuck & Carol Walter's 55th Anniv!

22nd Darlene Renzema

22nd Bonnie Brinks

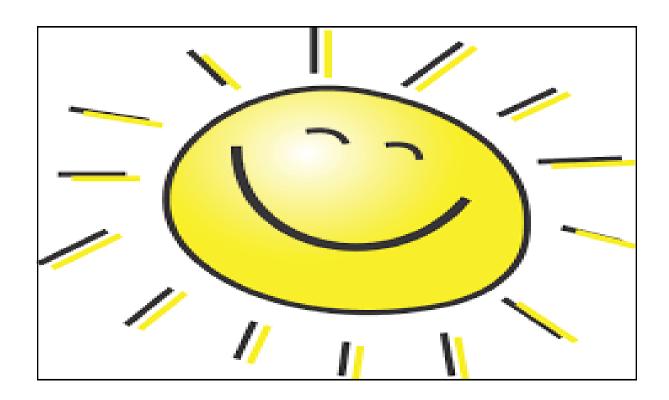
22nd Kyle & Kayla Hershberger's 6th Anniv

30th Joe Kuncaitis



# **June 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA SCHEDULE Monday, 7:30pm Wed. Women Only, 7pm Saturday, Men Only 10am; Saturday, everyone, 7pm					May 30  ANNUAL CON GRAND TRAVE	
2 ANNUAL CONFERENCE	3	4 Bible Study 10am @ Fife Lake UMC	All Faiths Worship Service 3pm @ Samaritas Bible Study 6:30pm @ WUMC	6	7	R Clean Up Day for Whitewater Township @ Mill Creek
9	10	Bible Study 10am @ Fife Lake UMC	All Faiths Worship Service 3pm @ Samaritas Bible Study 6:30pm @ WUMC	13	14	Strawberry Social 4-8 @ WUMC
I 6 Happy Fathers Day!	17	Bible Study 10am @ Fife Lake UMC AD Council Mtg for WUMC @6pm	All Faiths Worship Service 3pm @ Samaritas Bible Study 6:30pm @ WUMC	20	2 I First Day of Summer!	22
23	24	25 Bible Study 10am @ Fife Lake UMC	26 All Faiths Worship Service 3pm @ Samaritas Bible Study 6:30pm @ WUMC	27	28	29/30



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