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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 51st 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 27th** (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 South Boardman, Fife Lake, East Boardman, Williamsburg, 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.

ACTIVITIES

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

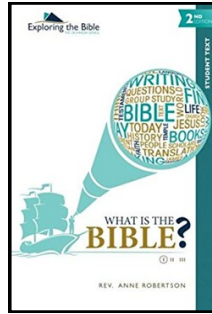
Saturday June 15 4-8pm

- 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



JUNE CELEBRATIONS!

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| 4th Bruce Gualtiere | 20th Walt Williams |
| 6th Merle Morgan | 20th Chuck & Carol Walter's 55th Anniv! |
| 8th Steve Donkers | 22nd Darlene Renzema |
| 8th Clara Moon | 22nd Bonnie Brinks |
| 13th Janet Goss | 22nd Kyle & Kayla Hershberger's 6th Anniv |
| 14th Krissy Kackman | 30th Joe Kuncaitis |
| 15th Kayla Hershberger | |
| 18th Beth Bronkema | |
| 19th Tom & Grace Bloxsom's 70th Anniv | |



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 CONFERENCE GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT	1
2 ANNUAL CONFERENCE	3	4 Bible Study 10am @ Fife Lake UMC	5 All Faiths Wor- ship Service 3pm @ Samaritas Bible Study 6:30pm @ WUMC	6	7	8 Clean Up Day for Whitewater Township @ Mill Creek
9	10	11 Bible Study 10am @ Fife Lake UMC	12 All Faiths Wor- ship Service 3pm @ Samaritas Bible Study 6:30pm @ WUMC	13	14	15 Strawberry Social 4-8 @ WUMC 
16 Happy Fathers Day!	17	18 Bible Study 10am @ Fife Lake UMC AD Council Mtg for WUMC @6pm	19 All Faiths Wor- ship Service 3pm @ Samaritas Bible Study 6:30pm @ WUMC	20	21 First Day of Summer! 	22
23	24	25 Bible Study 10am @ Fife Lake UMC	26 All Faiths Wor- ship Service 3pm @ Samaritas Bible Study 6:30pm @ WUMC	27	28	29/30



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