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## West Michigan Conference Wrap Up

### ...A New Chapter

The Rev. Anita Hahn, Superintendent of the GT District, shared a report on behalf of the Cabinet. She began by noting how the Detroit and West Michigan Conferences have moved beyond "serious dating" and are "making life together work toward eventual marriage." She observed, "Now we all need to let go so God can fully fill our hands." Acknowledging that each District "runs a little different," Han then listed six things "solid on our hearts that we are passionate about": 1) building relationships with pastors and churches; 2) to be a companion that guides, leads and loves; 3) offering training that equips and empowers local congregations; 4) providing conference forms that create solid ground and solid questions; 5) the love of young adults and their empowerment for leadership; and 6) the empowerment of clergy to use the gifts God has given. She concluded her report, "I pray you have intentional conversations and listen to one another's hearts."

### MI AREA GIVES BIG

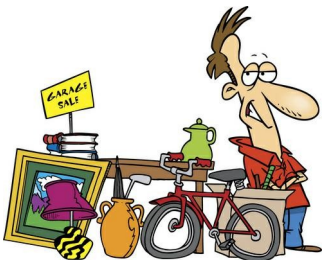
Some info that might be of interest from the new North Central Jurisdiction Mission Advocate, Stephen Quigg: "Congratulations to the Detroit Annual Conference for giving well over \$1 million to missions through The Advance in 2015. An even bigger shout-out goes to the West Michigan Conference which was the conference with the highest percentage of churches giving to The Advance (83%) and the highest per capita giving (\$19.20) in the North Central Jurisdiction. Well done, New Michigan Conference, very well done indeed!"

### ENDING ON A HIGH NOTE

After adjournment, Bishop Deb asked if she could play one last piece for The West Michigan Conference. "This is my offering, my hope, my dream and my prayer for you," she said. Then concludes with her fingers on the keys: *Bind us together, Lord, with cords that can never be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with love.*

***"Christ has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit."***

*2 Corinthians 3:5*



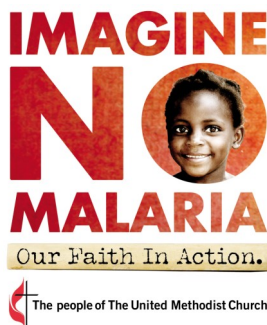
No Church Garage Sale this year, so remember to take all your "goodies" to A.C.T.S.!

# Special Missions and Offerings

**June “Noisy Offering” will help support Traverse City Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Boomerang!**

We won't have baby bottles for coin collection this year, but all “Noisy Offerings” will go toward this very important cause! Help us raise funds to support the ultrasound ministry. Last year, 49 churches participated!

Help expectant mothers see the life that is inside; help them choose life!



**July’s “Noisy Offering”** funds help support “Imagine No Malaria”. In 2008, The United Methodist Church as a denomination committed to join the global fight against malaria, embarking upon a \$75,000,000 fundraising campaign. To date, The Global Fund has received over \$9.6 million in payment from this campaign. UMCOR has directly implemented over \$6 million for malaria programming. As the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church, Global Ministries is called to cultivate partnerships and implement malaria control programs across Africa. MCOR’s Imagine No More Malaria!

# Women’s Fellowship

**\*Tuesday, July 19th—Summer Outing and Potluck at Marcy Block’s home!**

Come anytime—dinner is at 6:30pm

All women are welcome!



**School Supplies for ACTS!**

Mid to late July are when sales begin!  
A list of items needed will be in the bulletin soon!



**Save the dates!**

**Saturday, September 24th  
ACME FALL FESTIVAL**



**Saturday, November 12th  
Long Lake Craft Show**

**Hockey this weekend at Centre Ice Arena, West Rink!  
Hayden Thomas plays for *The Bay Reps!* No Cost! Dress Warmly!  
Jo Purdy’s grandson, Zach Reese plays for TC West!**



<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 16,</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>TC Central vs Bay Reps (V)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 17</b>	<b>7:15pm</b>	<b>Bay Reps (H) vs Flint Powers</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Cheboygan Chiefs vs Bay Reps (H)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 19</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>TC West vs Bay Reps (V)</b>

# June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>AA Schedule:</p> <p>Mon. 8pm everyone welcome</p> <p>Wed. 7pm Women only</p> <p>Sat. 10am Men only, 7pm everyone welcome</p>			<p><b>1</b> 3pm All Faith Svc @ Samaritas (Hope Village)</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10am Bible Study</p>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<p><b>5</b> 10am Worship Svc. &amp; Communion</p> <p>L-Larry E</p>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<p><b>8</b> 3pm All Faith Svc @ Samaritas (Hope Village)</p>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<p><b>11</b> 4pm Strawberry Social</p>
<p><b>12</b> 10am Worship Svc.</p> <p>L-Carol H</p>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<p><b>15</b> 3pm All Faith Svc @ Samaritas (Hope Village)</p>	<p><b>16</b> 10am Bible Study</p>	<p><b>17</b> FYI only: 5pm Mervau rehearsal</p>	<p><b>18</b> FYI only: 4pm Mervau Wedding</p>
<p><b>19</b> 10am Worship Svc. Father's Day!</p> <p>L-Holly B</p> <p>Father's Day</p>	<p><b>20</b> 3pm Graveside Svc. For Gene Lewis @ Yuba Cemetery, luncheon to follow at WUMC</p>	<b>21</b>	<p><b>22</b> 3pm All Faith Svc @ Samaritas (Hope Village)</p>	<p><b>23</b> 10am Bible Study</p>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<p><b>26</b> 10am Worship Svc.</p> <p>BRUNCH (grilled chz &amp; tom. Soup)</p> <p>Ad Council Mtg</p>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<p><b>29</b> 3pm All Faith Svc @ Samaritas (Hope Village)</p>	<p><b>30</b> 10am Bible Study</p>		

**June Birthdays and Celebrations!**

4th Bruce Gualtiere  
 5th Lisa Surowitz  
 6th Merle Morgan  
 8th Steve Donkers  
 13th Kyle and Kayla Hershberger's 3rd Anniv  
 14th Krissie John  
 15th Kayla Hershberger  
 18th Beth Bronkema  
 19th Grace & Tom Bloxsom's 67th Anniv

20th Walt Williams  
 20th Chuck and Carol Walter's 52nd Anniv  
 22nd Darlene Renzema  
 22nd Bonnie Brinks  
 29th Bill and Judy Avitts' 59th Anniv  
 30th Joe Kuncaitis

**July Birthdays and Celebrations!**

2nd Donavan Ochs  
 3rd Larry Everts  
 3rd Linda Belcher  
 5th Forrest Barrett  
 5th Pete Peters  
 7th Sam Starkey  
 8th Shirley Lewis  
 13th Rebecca Hamstra  
 13th Panzer Rouse  
 14th Bob & Jan Bassett's 13th Anniv  
 15th Ned VerHage



16th Evie Huver  
 19th Tom & Linda Slopsema's 31st Anniv!  
 20th Tom & Judy Jenkins' Anniv  
 21st Ron & Jean Ridge's 48th Anniv.  
 22nd Chuck Walter  
 24th Jael Reinhold  
 24th Sue Whitney  
 28th Holly Barrett  
 28th Sami Aisthorpe  
 30th Denise Graham

**The Fourth Of July**

The Fourth of July is more than just a celebration of summertime — it's a time to celebrate our freedom and how far we have come.

- The Declaration of Independence began as a letter to King George to explain why the Continental Congress voted to declare independence from Great Britain.
- The Declaration of Independence was started on July 2, 1776 and the Continental Congress approved the final wording on July 4.

The American colonies were declared free and independent states.

- The first Independence Day was celebrated on July 8, 1776 and the official signing took place on August 2.
- 56 people signed the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson wrote the majority of it.
- The first Independence Day on July 8, 1776 took place in Philadelphia. The White House celebrated Independence Day for the first time in 1804.
- The Declaration of Independence has five parts. They are: the Preamble, the Statement of Human Rights, Charges Against Human Rights, Charges Against the King and Parliament, and the Statement of Separation and Signatures.
- According to census.gov, 2.5 million people celebrated the first Independence Day, compared to 316.2 million people today.
- July 4 was officially declared a holiday in 1870, nearly one hundred years after the Declaration of Independence was written.
- Currently, the oldest Independence Day celebration in the U.S. is held in Bristol, Rhode Island.
- 2016 marks this year as the 240<sup>th</sup> Independence Day.

# July 2016

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31 10am Worship Svc. Brunch						