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4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 4-7(NIV)

Greetings, dear friends!

The passage from Philippians shown above is one of my favorites in the Bible. I thought it a very appropriate one for us to remember as we come, this week, to our Independence Day celebrations and as we continue to celebrate our life together in God's kingdom.

If you receive this newsletter on Sunday, July 1 you may not be aware that this is a special day in the life of our United Methodist Church connection. We have been part of the Grand Traverse District for many years—a district that covered a pretty impressive geographical area, from Mears and Hart in the southwest to Levering and Indian River in the north, from Lake Michigan's shoreline on the west to US 127-I-75 on the east. Beginning July 1, the Grand Traverse District is no more. Instead, we are now part of the new Northern Waters District. If anything, our new district is even more geographically impressive now—stretching from Ludington and Pentwater across to Pinconning on Lake Huron and north, not quite to the bridge (Mackinac City & Cheboygan are now grouped with the churches in the Upper Peninsula (now the Northern Skies District).

On January 1st our West Michigan Conference will be no more as we combine with the Old Detroit Conference to form the new Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church.

What does all of that mean for you? Not a great deal, although we pray that some of the changes wrought by these “combining's” and new forms of doing ministry will assist us in making a difference in the lives of those around us as we seek to fulfill our Christ-defined mission: To make disciples of all nations. It is from this mission statement, offered to us in Matthew 28: 28-10 that the United Methodist Church forms its own mission statement: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World. If these changes and the new structures will help us to reach more people with the gospel—the Good News—of salvation through Jesus Christ, I look forward to it. Regardless, though, we still have the same mission in our own backyard, so to speak, so I look forward to continuing to serve with you as we seek new ways to tell the “Old, old story of Jesus and His love.”

This newsletter also marks the first anniversary of Pattie and me joining with you—along with Fife Lake UMC, East Boardman UMC, and South Boardman UMC (and, yes Marcy Block, Samaritas as well). This year has been a whirlwind and a true adventure, often exhausting but at the same time exciting as I have the privilege of helping each congregation reach into the future and reach out to their neighbors in love and service. I look forward to seeing where it is that God is leading us into our future and our united futures together. (In case you missed it, our four churches are now called “The Unified Parish,” to visualize our work together to be the body of Christ in our neck of the north.)

I also wish to, once again, thank you for something I had never dreamed possible when we first met one another. Through your generosity and the generosity of the other three churches, I will have the opportunity to fulfill **a life-long dream this fall—a trip to the Holy Land: Israel, Petra (in Jordan) and the Dead Sea**, Nov. 12-24th. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart! I will try to take lots of great pictures and to share what I learn with you along the way.

It has also been a pleasure to work with Ben Sexton and to, to an extent, adopt his family as our own. Pattie and I have grown to love them and I know you have, too. For a young pastor-candidate with limited preaching experience, I think he has done a mighty fine job. Thank you, friends, for embracing the Sexton's so well.

What does the future hold for us? Only our Heavenly Father knows, but we also have a hand in that answer. We need to look at who is around us, what their needs are, and seek to find ways to meet their needs while we also seek to understand and hold to the things that are critical to our faith. That may mean that we will have to let go of some things we have done, but we also have the opportunity to seek new adventures in ministry together. Our church has a team that is working hard at this and has been for a while now. Williamsburg and Good Shepherd of the North United Methodist Church in Roscommon have been meeting together to work through the Vital Church Initiative (V.C.I.), a church renewal and reinvigoration process. Our “away” team (those who travel to Roscommon) is me, Ron Kuncaitis, Darlene Renzema, Kayla Hershberger, and Rich Hargreaves. We are working with a “home” team that—for now—includes Sherrie Bouchard and Carol Hockin. Together we read books on church renewal, study demographic information and do some visioning about our church's future. If you would like to know more about being part of either team, talk to me or to Darlene.

Friends, I was introduced to “Evening on River Street” in Elk Rapids last week. What a fun thing to do and what a great opportunity to meet new people and talk with them about our church. If you have time on Wednesday evenings (from 6-9), come and join us! Meanwhile, I suspect some of them are awaiting my arrival for tonight, so I will sign off.

Happy Independence Day friends, and remember, “Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again. Rejoice!”

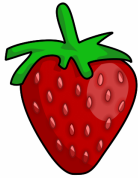
In Christ's love and prayers!

Pastor Jack

ACTIVITIES

**THANK YOU FOR
ATTENDING AND
WORKING AT OUR
STRAWBERRY SOCIAL!!**

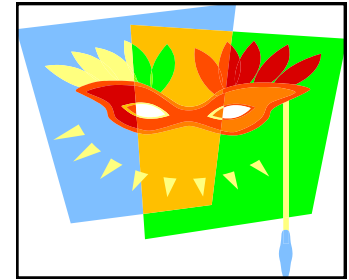
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info!**



Ladies Summer Outing and Potluck
at
Marcy Block's home:
5605 Millbrook, Williamsburg
RSVP to Marcy 267.5466
Tuesday, July 24, 2018
Come Anytime - 6:00pm Dinner!!



**Evening on River Street
in Elk Rapids every
Wednesday from 6-9!
We need volunteers to
work the tables!!**



JULY'S NOISY OFFERING—Right Tree

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JULY CELEBRATIONS!

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| 1st Pastor Jack & Pattie Conklin's Anniv! | 16th Evie Huver |
| 2nd Donovan Ochs | 20th Judy & Tom Jenkins' Anniversary! |
| 3rd Larry Everts | 21st Jean & Ron Ridge's Anniversary! |
| 5th Forrest Barrett | 22nd Chuck Walter |
| 7th Sam Starkey | 24th Jael Reinhold |
| 8th Shirley Lewis | 28th Holly Barrett |
| 12th Haley Sexton | 28th Sami Aisthorpe |
| 13th Rebecca Hamstra | 30th Denise Graham |
| 13th Panzer Rouse | |

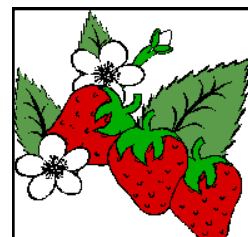
JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Every Wednesday evening: 6-9pm Evening on River Street in Elk Rapids!			1
1 <i>10:15am</i> Worship Service & Communion	2	3	4 No Samaritas 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 3pm All Faith Service @ Samaritas	12	13 <i>Family Camping</i> <i>Potluck begins at 6pm !!</i>	14 <i>Weekend @ East Boardman</i> <i>Quilt with Kathi 9-5 @ Samels Farm</i>
15 <i>10:15am</i> Worship Service <i>Quilt with Kathi 9-4pm @ Samels Farm!</i>	16	17	18 3pm All Faith Service @ Samaritas	19	20 <i>Samels Farm Appreciation Meeting 3-5pm</i>	21
22 <i>10:15am</i> Worship Service <i>Ad Council After Church</i>	23 <i>SPPRC (Parish) @ SBUMC @ 7:00</i>	24 <i>Ladies Summer Outing and Potluck @ Marcy's 6:00pm</i>	25 3pm All Faith Service @ Samaritas <i>Parish Board @ SBUMC @ 7:00</i>	26	27 <i>Beach Bum's Game!!</i>	28
29 <i>Brunch After Church!</i>	30	31			AA SCHEDULE Monday: 7:30pm Wednesday: Women Only, 7pm Saturday: Men Only 10am Saturday: Everyone, 7pm	

Another Successful Strawberry Social!!!

Many thanks to all of you who:

- Who worked the Strawberry Social in any way!
 - Who attended the Strawberry Social and ate!
 - Who attended the Live Auction and bought!
 - Who shopped at the Silent Auction and were the high bidder!
 - Who chatted with those around you—whether you knew them or not!
- It is a very special time for our church family --- and for who those come from the community and afar to join us.



**The businesses below are those that donated to the
Silent Auction, Live Auction and the strawberries!
Please patronize these businesses and tell them THANKS!**

Burger King TC Area
Dennos Museum
Barker Creek
Butterfly House
Bak Specialties
McClellan's Hardware Kalkaska
Ginop Sales
The Granary Elk Rapids
Send Brothers
Ebel's General Store Falmouth
The Music House
The Village Market Elk Rapids
Meijer
Elk Rapids Cinema
Mike Jacobson
Tractor Supply
Karin Flint
Square Deal Country Store
Renee's Quilting
Sleep Inn
Classic Power Equipment
Oryana
Naturally Nutty
Big Boy Kalkaska
McGee's
Twin Birch Golf Kalkaska
Little Caesar Kalkaska
G's Pizzeria Kalkaska
Bill Marsh Kalkaska
Arby's Kalkaska
Portside Treats Elk Rapids
Wildflower Soaps Elk Rapids
Corner Drug Store Elk Rapids
Tom's Food Market
Mullaly's Gallery Elk Rapids
Staci Style's Kalkaska

Ginger Snaps Elk Rapids
Stoney Cabin Toys Elk Rapids
Cone Corral Elk Rapids
Chef Charles Pizza Elk Rapids
Mr. C's
Flour Pot Bakery Elk Rapids
EZ Mart Subway Elk Rapids
Harbor Wear Elk Rapids
TJ Charlie's Elk Rapids
Elk Lake Floral
Ray's Signature Syrup
GeoCamo
American Solutions for Business
That'sa Pizza
Culver's
Red Mesa
Don's Drive-In
Subway - Acme
Jimmy John's
Siren Hall
Fustini's
Northern Michigan Vet Hospital
Pirate's Cove
Northwoods Soda
AIS
Advance Auto
Hair Depot Kalkaska
Hilbert's Honey
Boar's Head
Tropical Café
Bob Evans
Altenon's
Bigby Coffee
Wild Bird's Unlimited
Great Lakes Equestrian Festival
Wendy Walter

More Strawberry Social Info!

Thanks to those of our church family who donated items as well.

Doris Norton
Chelle Lints
Buelalee Gumper
Jean Ridge
Wagon Wheel Farm
Marcy Block
Jan Donkers
Jim Hockin

Sue Mull
Sherry and John Boucher
Rich Hargreaves
Rod Kuncaitis
Darlene Renzema
Donn & Jerri Hubbell
Carol Stites

Special event for the Northern Waters District
Pastors and Families, youth leaders and families, and
especially all youth (7-12 grades)
A night at a Traverse City Beach Bums baseball game!!



Friday, July 27, 2018
Gates open at 6 pm, Game begins 7:05
Gigantic fireworks display after the game!
Tickets are \$8.00 per person. In addition, \$8.00 for a meal voucher (hotdogs, brat, or kielbasa, chips and fountain drink at the concession stand)
(Parking is \$5 per vehicle)

More information and Reservation For m in the Narthex @ WUMC....or send a request for reservation form to: wumctoday@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendars!
Family Camping Weekend at East Boardman UMC
July 13th-15th



Registration forms available @ WUMC!



Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Save The Date for VBS!

August 13-16 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Registration Now Open

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