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Pastor Jack's Corner

July 2019

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.

Psalm 136: 1-3 (NIV)

Greetings, friends, in the profound name and grace of God, our Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

One of my favorite Psalms is Psalm 136, the first three verses of which are quoted above. The full Psalm continues for 26 verses, with each verse containing a worshipful remembrance of who God is and what God does, followed by what is probably an ancient responsive reading: the leader offers the first line, the congregation offers the second, "His love endures forever." I have experienced that when life is at its most stressful, most heart-breaking, most difficult, the words of Psalm 136 bring everything into the proper perspective: The things of this world may be difficult, but God's love endures forever. Words of grace and words of promise; words of comfort, words of peace. I encourage you to spend time with Psalm 136 over these next few days and weeks, friends, and see if you, too, don't experience what I experience by them.



***Exploring The Bible: The Dickinson Series
II: Introducing the Old Testament***

Speaking of spending time in the Bible: We are already into the fifth week of the first study in the Exploring The Bible Series: *Introduction to the Bible*. Those who have participated, either in our weekly group studies, or reading on their own have had very positive things to say about it. They have learned many new things. Most of these persons have already purchased the book for the second study: *Introducing the Old Testament*. If you have not been able to participate in the first study, please consider joining with us for the second one. We will continue to meet at 10 AM, Tuesday at Fife Lake. (Some folks from Williamsburg are attending that one!) We will also meet at 6:30 PM, Wednesday at Williamsburg. Our discussions are lively, enlightening, and usually pretty entertaining. If you would like to participate, either in group or privately, you can purchase the book in one of two ways: You can let Janet know in the church office right away, so that we can get the books on time, or you can order the book yourself at amazon.com. (The price is \$14.00.)

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Pastor Jack's Corner.....continued



Our New District Superintendent, Rev. Jodie Flessner

Although Jodie is not yet officially our D.S. (that happens July 1), she has already hit the ground running to get to know the churches and people of the big Northern Waters District. She began on Thursday, June 27, visiting Gaylord UMC, Ossineke UMC, Alpena UMC, Spratt UMC, Hillman UMC, and Onaway UMC on the Lake Huron side, and will continue to be conducting a “Whirlwind Tour” of each church in the district through the rest of June and the July. (And she has not even moved into the district superintendent’s parsonage, yet. She is staying at Lake Louise Camp!) On Tuesday, July 23, Jodie will be visiting Fife Lake (at 9:45), South Boardman (10:30), East Boardman (11:15), Moorestown, Merritt, Houghton Lake, Roscommon: Good Shepherd of the North UMC, Mickelson Memorial (Grayling) UMC, Kalkaska UMC and rounding out the day at Williamsburg UMC at 6:15. Of course, all times are approximate: This IS Northern Michigan in the summer), and Jodie plans to spend only about ½ hour at each church. These visits are informal meet and greet times, no special preparations required, though I am sure she would appreciate some LIGHT refreshments here at Williamsburg at the end of a long day. Come and meet Jodie. She is a wonderful Christian leader.

OTHER EVENTS WITHIN THE PARISH:

July 9, 7 PM: “Evergreen” Irish (Gaelic) music concert on the lawn at Fife Lake UMC. Freewill offering and food available to purchase. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. (Indoor if the weather does not cooperate.)

Vacation Bible School at East Boardman UMC: “ROAR,” July 14-18 (evening), followed by the family camp on the East Boardman grounds July 19-21. Call Cindy Larson, 231-620-6299 for more information.

May the peace of Christ abide with you! “His love endures forever.”

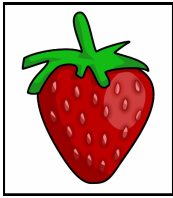
Pastor Jack



ACTIVITIES

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

**See Pages 4-5 for more
info!**



Ladies Summer Outing and Potluck
at
Marcy Block's home:
5605 Millbrook, Williamsburg
RSVP to Marcy 267.5466
Tuesday, July 30, 2019
Come Anytime - 6:00pm Dinner!!



We are still looking for people to sign up to help with Sunday School! There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, thank you!



**JULY'S NOISY
OFFERING—Spirit Journey
(Northport Indian Mission)**
Spirit Journey is a non-profit organization that empowers Native American youth to reach their potential...emotionally, mentally, spiritually and physically by offering comprehensive programs throughout the year.

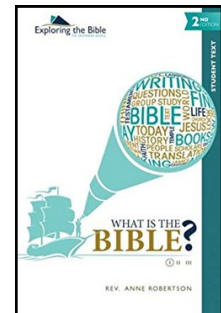
Blood Pressure Check by Parish Nurse, Last Sunday of Every Month – Thank you Sherry!

**“Evergreen” Irish Concert (July 9)
7pm @ Fife Lake UMC**

VBS “ROAR” @ EBUMC (July 14-18)

Family Camp on East Boardman grounds (July 19-21)

Bible Study Schedule:
**Tuesday's @ 10:00am @ FLUMC
**Wednesday's @ 6:30pm @ WUMC



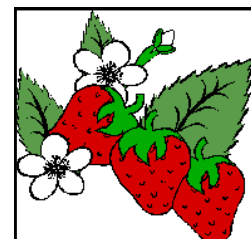
JULY CELEBRATIONS!

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| 1st Pastor Jack & Pattie Conklin's Anniv! | 20th Judy & Tom Jenkins' Anniversary! |
| 2nd Donavan Ochs | 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 | |
| 16th Evie Huver | |

JULY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Bible Study 10am @ FLUMC</i>	3 <i>3pm All Faith Service @ Samaritas Bible Study 6:30 @ WUMC</i>	4 	5	6
7 <i>10:15am Worship Service & Communion</i>	8	9 <i>Bible Study 10am @ FLUMC Evergreen Concert (7pm) @ Fife Lake UMC</i>	10 <i>3pm All Faith Service @ Samaritas Bible Study 6:30 @ WUMC</i>	11	12	13
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21 <i>10:15am Worship Service Family Camp @ East Boardman</i>	22	23 <i>Bible Study 10am @ FLUMC</i>	24 <i>3pm All Faith Service @ Samaritas Bible Study 6:30 @ WUMC</i>	25	26	27
28 <i>10:15am Worship Service</i>	29	30 <i>Bible Study 10am @ FLUMC Potluck at Marcy's 6pm</i>	31 <i>3pm All Faith Service @ Samaritas Bible Study 6:30 @ WUMC</i>			
					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 high bidders!
- Who chatted with those around you—whether you knew them or not!

It is a very important time for our church family—and for those who 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 them and tell them THANKS!

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| Altonen's | Corner Druggist | Acme Fire Dept. |
| Chef Charles | Urban Diversions | Wildflower Soapworks |
| Flour Pot Bakery | Swanny's Market | Hair Depot |
| Bak Specialties | Sleep Inn | Naturally Nutty |
| O'Reilly Auto Parts | Fustini's | The Granary |
| Burger King | Hopscotch | Elk Rapids Cinema |
| Northwoods Soda | Ginop Sales | Mr. C's |
| Don's Drive-In | Jimmy Johns | State Savings Bank |
| Ace Hardware | Nature Connection | Woodland Creek |
| McLean's | Pro-Nails | Harbor Wear |
| Tropical Café | That'sa Pizza | Culver's |
| Domino's Pizza | Arby's | Bob Evans |
| Ebel's | Little Caesar's | Independent Bank |
| Bill Marsh | G's Pizzeria | Twin Birch Golf |
| Subway | McGee's | Big Boy |
| Family Fare | Betsy Krogel | Tractor Supply |
| Music House | Dennos Museum | Send Bros. |
| Oryana | Classic Farm Equipment | Advance Auto Parts |
| Boar's Head | Meijer | Barker Creek Nursery |
| Carol Reamer | N. MI Vet Hospital | Husband's Barber Shop |
| Stoney Cabin Toys | Klump Flowers Scent Shop | |
| Square Deal Country Store | | |
| Gr. Lakes Equestrian Festival | | |
| Butterfly House & Bug Zoo | | |
| Renee's House of Quilting | | |
| Mike & Darlyn Jacobsen | | |

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

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| Sherry & John Boucher | Buelalee Gumper | Jan Donkers | Marcy Block | Wagon Wheel |
| Farm | Donn & Jerri Hubbell | Doris Norton | Rod and Kim Kuncaitis | Darlene Renzema |
| Ron and Jean Ridge | Thrivent Action Team | Dave Galligan | | |



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