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PASTOR'S CORNER

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:34-36 (NLT)

And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new! Rev. 21:5 (NLT)

A NEW THING...

Your church council has had several discussions regarding the taking of our weekly offering. Whether you know it or not, we have persons who do their giving to the church through electronic giving. Others give monthly, based on when they receive their income. Others give twice a month based on the same reason. The point is that not everyone gives weekly, as has historically been the practice—but isn't that one of those "human constructs" we talked about in our discussion about Passionate Worship? We are used to having ushers come, pass plates, and then bring them to the pastor, where they are prayed over and then placed on the altar. But there is nothing sacred about that event, it is just what we have always done.

But, if you are a traditional weekly giver you may not realize how uncomfortable this time is for those who do not give every week. When the plates come by, it is obvious to the others in that pew (at least) that that person is not giving that week. For guests, especially those to whom the entire idea of tithing is as foreign as if we were speaking an obscure African dialect, this is one of those things that could cause them to not desire to attend a church ever again. Tithing is a Christian discipline that is learned, and it needs to be gently taught!

We have discussed having cards in the pews in which people can mark different reasons for not giving that week (like "electronic giving," etc.) which can then be placed into the baskets, but we that, too, can be awkward for others, addition to its being an unnecessary new expense to the church.

So, we are going to try something totally different, beginning on Sunday, September 2nd: There will be a "treasure chest" at the entry to the sanctuary, where you can deposit your giving (securely!) as you enter or as you leave. We will have another container in which the "Noisy Offering" can be placed (like a pail, or something else.). The offering will still be prayed into God's keeping, probably during the time of the Pastoral Prayer.

A NOT-SO-NEW THING...

It is once again the time of year where we begin preparations for our annual Charge/Church Conference. That means that several of the teams and committees of the church will be very busy preparing reports and setting goals for the coming church year. The Church Council and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (a parish-wide committee) will begin their evaluations of the church and its mission, the pastor(s) and their work, and setting pastoral compensation recommendations for the parish for 2019. The Committees on Nominations and Leadership Development will be determining whom God is leading us toward to step into new or continuing leadership roles for the coming year. Please pray for these groups, pray for our church, prayer for our "Unified Parish," and pray—if you are asked to serve in a leadership role—about saying yes, trusting God to make it all work out.

Here are the important dates regarding our Charge Conference:

Wednesday, August 29:

Pastor's One-On-One meeting with the District Superintendent: 11 am, Alden UMC.

Parish SPRC meeting with the District Superintendent: 5 pm, Alden UMC

Sunday, September 23:

HUB Charge/Church Conference, 3 pm, Merritt-Butterfield UMC, (There will be several opportunities for us to interact with other churches at this event, including our own church conference, at which all full members of the church have voice and vote.) We will also be sharing a meal together and worshipping jointly with these other UMC's: Lake City, Grayling, Manton and Roscommon. (We do not have the complete event schedule for this time, yet. The things I mentioned above are things that have happened in the past.) (Merritt- Butterfield is just off of M-55, a few miles west of Houghton Lake.)

A TOGETHER-THING:

Our Unified Parish leadership has been seeking opportunities for us to come to know one another a bit better, and what better way to do so than with an evening of fun at the ballpark:

On Wednesday evening, August 8, we will enjoy a double-header baseball game at Wuerful Park in Traverse City, as the Beach Bums take on the Schaumburg (IL) Boomers. Gates open at 4:00, game starts at 5:05, and seats for the games are \$10.00. Betty Crim from Fife Lake UMC is organizing this outing. Please contact her at 231-369-3480 to reserve your seat. See you at the ballpark!

I am continually amazed at how much you have blessed me in this appointment. I will confess that I was intimidated by the prospect of leading four churches, when I first received the appointment, but I thank you that you continue to "bless my socks off." You are a joy to serve and I pray, every morning, that God will guide and show me how I can best serve you.

May God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ continue to guide and bless you by His Holy Spirit!

Love one another! In Jesus' Name!

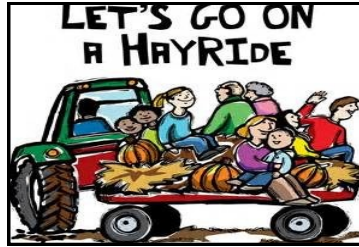
Pastor Jack

ACTIVITIES

BACK TO SCHOOL

School Supplies are in stock! With lots of sales going on, we can help local kids! Again this year, we are donating supplies to ACTS. The Blue Bucket for items is in the front hallway. Sunday, August 5th will be last day of collection.
Thank you!

Save the date – All Church Hay Ride! Sunday, September 9th @ the Walter’s



Beach Bum's Double Header
 Wednesday, August 8
 5:05pm
 Gates Open @ 4:00pm
 Chair Back Seat—\$10.00



AUGUST'S NOISY OFFERING
 August "Noisy Offering" will help





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Save The Date for VBS!

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

Registration Now Open

www.vbspro.events/p/wumcvbs18

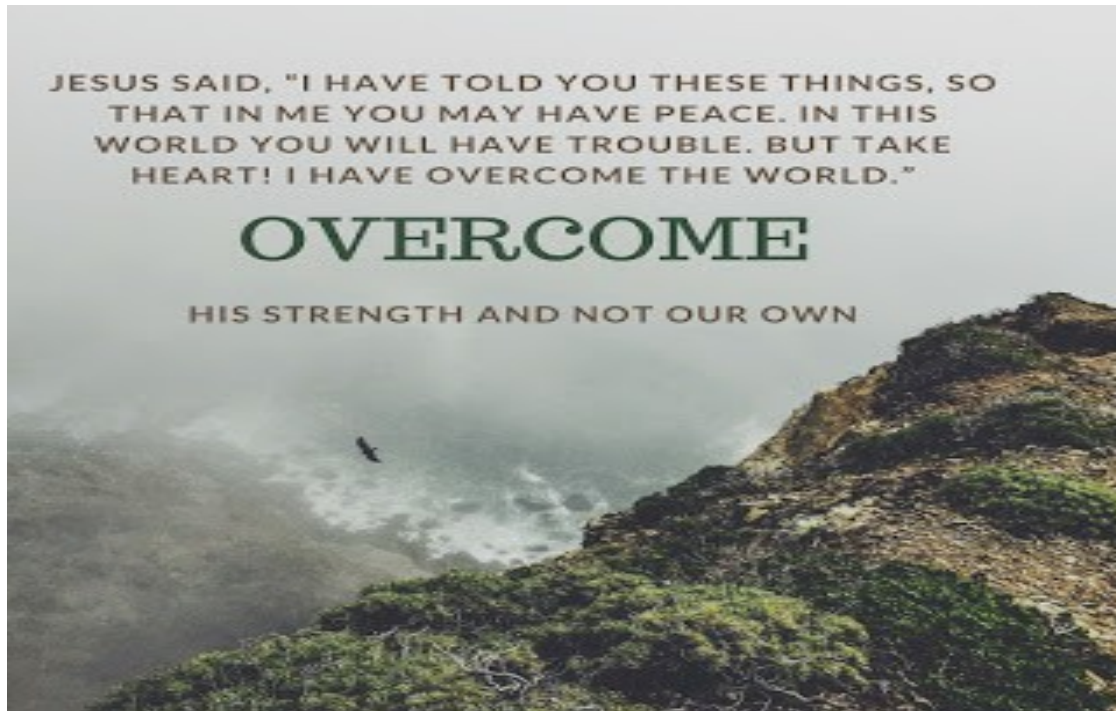


AUGUST CELEBRATIONS!

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| 1st Kyle Hershberger | 23rd Diana and Jim Wright's Anniversary |
| 1st Brook Goss | 24th Alice Sinko |
| 5th Vonnie & Larry Evert's Anniversary | 24th Ben Sexton |
| 9th Diana Wright | 25th Ernie Orchard |
| 14th Carol Hockin | 30th Judy Avitts |
| 15th Joe Huver | |
| 17th Brandon John | |
| 18th Daisy Goss | |
| 19th Evie Peters | |

AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Faith's Service @ Samaritanas 3:00pm	2	3 WORK BEE 9am	4
5 Worship 10:15 Ladies Pack School Supplies after Church	6	7	8  All Faith's Service @ Samaritanas 3:00pm	9	10	11
12 Worship 10:15	13 VBS 5:30-8:00	14 VBS 5:30-8:00	15 VBS 5:30-8:00 All Faith's Service @ Samaritanas 3:00pm	16 VBS 5:30-8:00	17	18
19 Worship 10:15 Ad Board MTG after church	20	21	22 All Faith's Service @ Samaritanas 3:00pm	23	24	25
26 Worship 10:15 BRUNCH	27	28	29 All Faith's Service @ Samaritanas 3:00pm	30	31	AA SCHEDULE Monday, 7:30pm Wed. Women Only, 7pm Saturday, Men Only 10am Saturday, Everyone, 7pm



JESUS SAID, "I HAVE TOLD YOU THESE THINGS, SO THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE. BUT TAKE HEART! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."

OVERCOME

HIS STRENGTH AND NOT OUR OWN

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