



# WUMC Community Pathway

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## Northern Waters District “District Superintendent’s Whirlwind Tour,” July 23, 2019

### Jack’s Corner August 2019

Since early July our new District Superintendent, Jodie Flessner has been traveling to every one of the **77 churches in the Northern Waters District**. She visited all four churches in the Unified Parish (Williamsburg, Fife Lake, East Boardman and South Boardman) on July 23 along with several churches east of us (Houghton Lake, Morristown, Merritt and Grayling). She ended her tour at Williamsburg on Tuesday evening. I am so pleased that there was a great turnout at every church, including just a couple of our folks—as you can see in the picture above. Jodie took a “cheesy selfie” at each church and has been posting short descriptions of special things about each church on Facebook. As usual, Williamsburg had to be unique. In each other church Jodie was in the pic, but in Williamsburg we couldn’t fit everyone in, so Jodie took the pic while we stood there and attempted to smile on cue. We didn’t do too bad, did we? If you were not able to get here for this visit with Jodie, there will certainly be other opportunities. She has, as one of her goals, to visit each one of “her” churches and join us in worship.

For we Methodists, it is always easy to figure out when fall is on the horizon, because we begin preparing for our annual meeting, called the **Charge Conference**, to meet with the D.S., mingle with other area churches and take care of annual business like election of ministry leadership for the coming year and approval of pastoral compensation. We have a joint parish committee known as the **Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC)** that has primary responsibility for advising the pastor of ministry needs, as well as completing a joint evaluation process with the pastor and recommending pastoral compensation for the coming year. The SPPRC is just beginning the process of evaluation of pastors and ministry now and other church leadership teams and committees will begin evaluating and reporting on their own areas of church management over the coming weeks. In past years, these reports were all compiled and sent to the district office, whereupon the pastor and the SPPRC would meet with the D.S. and then we would have our charge conference, where the official recommendations of the different committees are approved. A few weeks after this, a District Conference is held where the budget, leadership and plans of the district are approved as well. This year, however, things must be done a bit differently. We must have an official **Installation service for our District Superintendent**, led by our Michigan Conference Bishop David Bard. That event will be held on **Sunday, September 29, 3-5 p.m. at Gaylord UMC** and all are invited. Our District Conference will be held at that same event. Because of that event, though, our Charge Conference meetings are being delayed this year. The schedule is as follows:

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**Tuesday, October 8**, I will meet with the D.S. for my “One-on-One” meeting where the SSPRC evaluation will be reviewed and Jodie will receive my assessment of celebrations, concerns, and goals for the coming year. My meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. The SSPRC will meet with her at 5 p.m. Kalkaska UMC and Manton UMC will have their One-On-One/SSPRC meetings on the same day at different times. This year’s One-on-One/SSPRC meetings for these three parishes will be held at Crossroads Farm!!

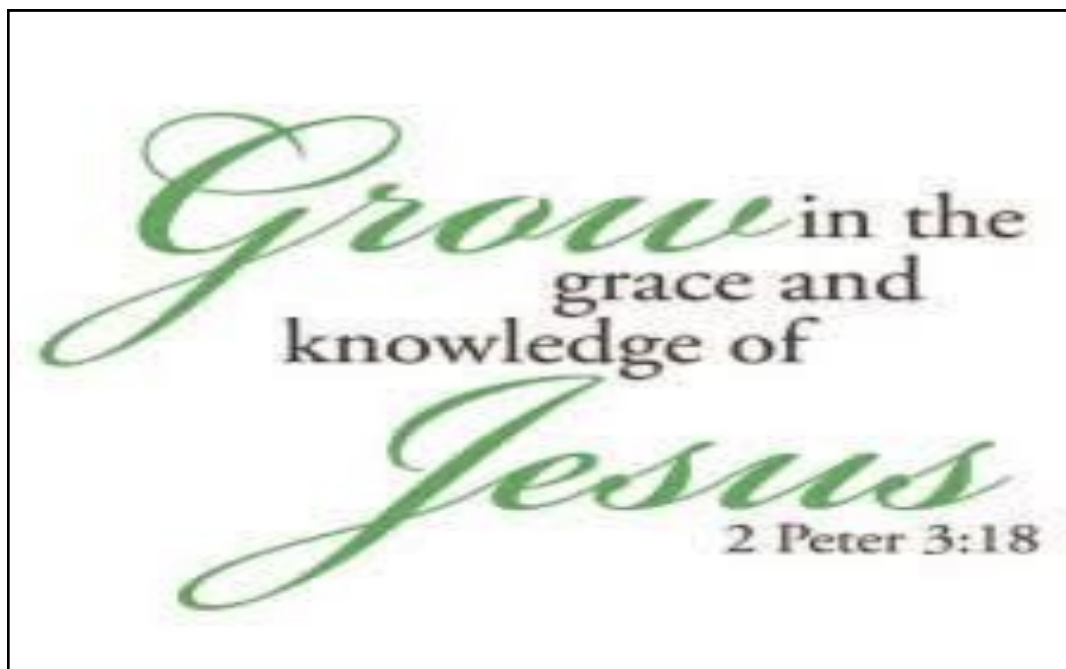
**Sunday, October 27**, we will gather with nine other church parishes (Houghton Lake, NE Missaukee Parish, Marion/South Community, Cadillac, Kalkaska, Roscommon, Manton, Grayling and Lake City. Half of these churches will have their Charge Conference early in the afternoon, while the other churches will be doing other things together. Afterward, the other five churches, including us, will have their Charge Conferences. These conferences will begin at 5:00 p.m. and usually take less than an hour. All churches have been asked to come with information about strong ministry partnerships we have with organizations outside our church. There will be food, great worship, and plenty of fun. This year’s Charge Conference, for us and our nine other neighbors, will be at Lake City UMC. Please plan to come and to celebrate ministry together.

I continue to be amazed by God’s wonder and grace. The “Whirlwind Tour” gave us all opportunity to realize all the wonderful things that are happening in each of our four churches in this parish. I am proud to be your pastor and look forward with anticipation to seeing what new adventures God will embark us on. We also, have some familiar things to prepare for in the coming weeks: School Supply In-Gathering for Acts, CROP Walk preparations, Crossroads Farm Sunday evening gatherings and much more.

And, as if that wasn’t enough: Please join us at Fife Lake UMC on Sunday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. for a **concert by the Beulahland (Southern Gospel) Quartet**. A love offering will be taken.

WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE! AMEN?

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 11th will be last day of collection.

**Thank you!**

**Pencils with erasers**  
**Colored pencils**  
**Glue Sticks (no liquid)**  
**Ruler—12"**  
**Blunt Scissors (no pointed!)**  
**Pencil Case**  
**Box of Crayons—24 pkg.**  
**Spiral Notebooks, Wide-lined**  
**Spiral Notebook Narrow-lined**

Save the date – All Church Hay Ride!  
 Sunday, September 8th  
 @ the Walter's



### AUGUST'S NOISY OFFERING

August "Noisy Offering" will support:

Robert Amundsen (Missionary at Red Bird)

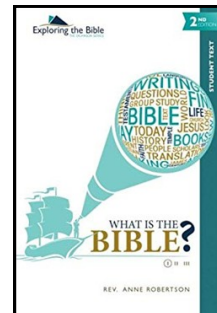


### Upcoming Events!

- Sept. 14th Spaghetti Dinner to Support WESA 4-8pm @ WUMC
- Blood Pressure Checks last Sunday of the month.

### Bible Study Schedule:

- \*\*Tuesday's @ 10:00am @ FLUMC
- \*\*Wednesday's @ 6:30pm @ WUMC



## AUGUST CELEBRATIONS!

1st Kyle Hershberger  
 1st Brook Goss  
 9th Diana Wright  
 12th Corey Sexton  
 14th Carol Hockin  
 15th Joe Huver  
 17th Brandon John  
 18th Daisy Goss

19th Mark Hamilton  
 19th Evie Peters  
 23rd Diana and Jim Wright's Anniv!  
 24th Ben Sexton  
 25th Ernie Orchard  
 30th Judy Avitts

# AUGUST 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>AA SCHEDULE</b> Monday, 7:30pm Wed. Women Only, 7pm Saturday, Men Only 10am Saturday, Everyone, 7pm				1 Harbor Days in Elk Rapids	2 Harbor Days in Elk Rapids	3 Harbor Days in Elk Rapids
4 Worship 10:15 Communion	5 Unified SPPRC mtg 7pm@SBUMC	6 Bible Study 10am @ FLUMC	7 All Faith's Service @ Samaritanas 3:00pm Bible Study 6:30 @ WUMC	8	9	10
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