



# WUMC Community Pathway

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Dear Williamsburg Church Family,

On August 4, we will be joining Traverse Bay UMC for worship at 11 am as we celebrate the baptism of my son, Amadues. Rev. Margie Crawford, District Superintendent of the East Winds District, will be presiding over the baptism.

But how do we understand what United Methodists are doing in baptism? The introduction to "The Baptismal Covenant I" points the way. The pastor or deacon says,

*Brothers and sisters in Christ:  
Through the Sacrament of Baptism  
we are initiated into Christ's Holy Church  
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation  
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.  
All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.*

Through baptism, we are born anew by the free gift of God and placed within this family called church. As with most families, we inherit a narrative, in this case God's mighty acts narrated in scripture. The narrative we inherit is not only one of the past, but one into which we are now invited, and the Spirit empowers us to embody it in our own lives, here and now. Through baptism, we become part of that unfolding narrative of God's grace.

Although we say, "all of this is God's gift" that does not mean there is nothing left for us to do, nothing expected of us. One of the greatest gifts we can offer to those we love is the opportunity to do something significant, and perhaps even more, the opportunity to accompany us on such tasks. So it is with God. With that in mind, in the baptismal covenant the church gives us three questions to help us grow in a lifetime of discipleship.

*On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:  
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?*

*Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?*

*Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church, which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?*

To each question, baptismal candidates and/or their sponsors respond, "I do." Our response is not merely for that service on that day. It is a first response to a lifetime of cooperating with God's saving and sanctifying grace. That is why we return to these questions at confirmation, at congregational or individual reaffirmations of the baptismal covenant, and, as The Book of Discipline mandates, each time a person unites with the church by profession of faith, including those who transfer their membership from other denominations.

Baptism in the establishment of God's covenant with each individual and between the church and the family. I hope you all come out and celebrate with us, and to reaffirm your own baptismal vows.

Blessings,  
Pastor Matthew

## **BACK TO SCHOOL TIME**

**IT'S THAT TIME of year again to collect  
SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR A.C.T.S**

**Many Sales are going on right now!!**

**Below is a list of needed items**

- \* Spiral Notebooks-College Ruled (Most Popular)**
- \* Spiral Notebooks -Wide Ruled**
- \* Crayons (24 pack)**
- \* Colored Pencils**
- \* Glue Sticks**
- \* Scissors (Blunt tip)**
- \* #2 Pencils**
- \* Pencil Cases**
- \* Yellow High Liters**
- \* Rulers**

**We appreciate any items that you can donate.**

**Money can be donated to buy supplies  
if you would rather not shop. See Darlene**

**Supplies due to the church by August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**There will be a bin in the Narthex**

**THANK YOU !!**

## A C T I V I T I E S

Again this year, we are collecting school supplies to be donated to ACTS. To the Right is a list of items that are most needed. A container will be in the Narthex. We ask that all donations be turned in by August 18th. Thank you so much!

### \*\*Reminder\*\*

**NO Sunday Service  
@ WUMC on August  
4th. A Combined  
Service @ Traverse  
Bay UMC will be held  
at 11am!  
(Baptism of  
Amadeus)**

### Usher List for August/ September:

8/11- Jan Donkers  
8/18- Rich Hargreaves  
8/25- Suzette Cooley-  
Sanborn  
9/1- Jim Hockin



**Communion will be  
August 11th**

Our Noisy Offering for  
August is Supporting Fer-  
ris Wesley House!



**ACTS is Always looking  
for  
volunteers!  
Please see Carol!  
Thank You!**



## A U G U S T C E L E B R A T I O N S !

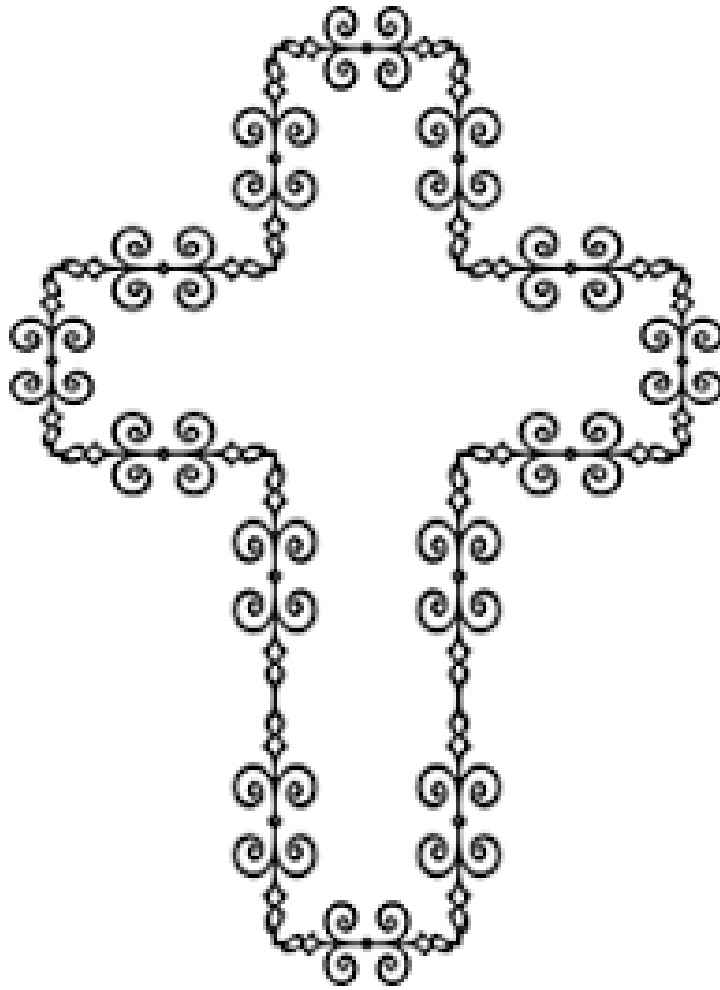
1st Brook Goss  
9th Diana Wright  
14th Carol Hockin  
15th Joe Huver  
18th Daisy Goss  
19th Mark Hamilton



# ▶ August 2024

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<div>AA SCHEDULE Monday, 7pm Saturday, 7pm</div>			31 Harbor Days!	1 Harbor Days!	2 Harbor Days!	3 Harbor Days Parade @ 12pm Fireworks!
4 NO SUNDAY SERVICE @ WUMC 11AM WORSHIP SERVICE @ Traverse Bay UMC Baptism of Amadeus	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9am Worship Communion Coffee Fellowship	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 9am Worship Coffee Fellowship School Supplies Deadline	19	20	21 AD Council Meeting @ 9am	22	23	24
25 9am Worship Coffee Fellowship	26	27	28	29	30	31



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