

# Williamsburg United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## A Look Ahead with Pastor Nate

Greetings to You! And Peace, in the name of the Risen Lord our God!

It seems too soon, but as we wrap up our school supply drive this week, the reality is upon us: summer is coming to an end. Though I love summer, and the freedom and exploration it offers in this area, I am looking forward to getting back on to a schedule, with my children and the church. I am especially excited about the curriculum we will be offering in September, in Bible Study and in Worship.

**Thursday Bible Study** (at 10am and 7pm, in the newly redesigned Sunshine Room) will reconvene **September 10th!** We will be taking a look at a work by Adam Hamilton called "Why? Making Sense of God's Will". This study series tackles some of faith's most challenging questions; questions that I imagine have been asked, even if only internally, by every person that has explored their faith; questions that, when mis-answered, can derail one's faith journey; questions like "Why do the innocent suffer?", "Why do my prayers go unanswered?", and "Why can't I see God's will for my life?". I hope you'll consider joining us for this essential exploration into God's Will.

In **Sunday Worship**, September 6<sup>th</sup> will kick-off a sermon series I am calling "**Stewards of Creation**". In worship planning, I always find myself making connections between the Old and New Testament. In particular, God has shown me in recent months that **being a good steward of All He has Created goes hand-in-hand with living out the Greatest Commandment**. It is a correlation that God has been turning over in my head for quite some time, and I think it is finally fit for public consumption. If we truly love God with all our hearts, minds, and strengths we must care for all God has created; If we truly care for all of Creation, we must care for our neighbor as ourselves! As the new school year starts off, we will start this series, each week exploring A New Day of Creation and how the Stewardship of that Creation corresponds to the Life of a Christ Follower! What a blessing it will be to see You there!

*Pastor Nate Starkey*

**Blessings in a Backpack**  
Feeding The Future Of America

**August Noisy Offering:** This little girl is smiling since she no longer has to fight hunger pangs each and every day. Along with Katie\*, 16



million kids across America leave school on Friday, not knowing if they will have food to eat that weekend. That is one in five children. Across America, 69% of public school children, including Katie, are fed by the free and reduced meal program during the school week. **But who will feed them this weekend?** At Blessings in a Backpack, we not only feed hungry kids, but we let them know that others value them. The bag of food that children receive from Blessings in a Backpack as they leave school on Friday tells each child that their community cares about them. That we are here to help them through life's most difficult times. That's where you come in – help us feed more than 76,000 children, like Isabel, across the country this weekend by investing in Blessings in a Backpack today. Childhood hunger is a problem, but it is one we can solve together. Join us in showing children across America that we are here to help. Thank you very much for your continued investment in feeding the future of America.

**September Noisy Offering: Native American Church (Northport and Kewadin)**

The Mission Highway is not a one-way street. It's a multi-cultural, multi-colorful path that brings people together in community and in ministry. Lane 5 introduces the 17 racial-ethnic local churches in West Michigan. African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic and Native Americans bring new faith understandings and spiritual depth to The United Methodist family in West Michigan. We celebrate their presence among us!



**Northport Indian Mission United Methodist Church**

8626 North Manitou Trail  
Northport, MI 49670

**Kewadin Indian Mission**

13735 Indian Road  
Kewadin, MI 49648

# August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> <i>Courtney Dye's BD</i> <i>Kyle Hershberger's BD</i> 10am AA men 7pm AA everyone
<b>2</b> 10am Worship Svc.	<b>3</b> 8pm AA	<b>4</b> Pastor Nate on vacation thru 11th ↓	<b>5</b> Harbor Days Begins! <i>Everts' 27th Anniv!</i> 7pm AA Women only	<b>6</b> <i>Pat Erway's BD</i>	<b>7</b> Church Garage Sale 9a-4p	<b>8</b> 10am AA men 7pm AA everyone welcome
<b>9</b> 10am Worship Svc.  <i>Diana Wright's BD</i>	<b>10</b> 8pm AA	<b>11</b> <i>Jim Dye's BD</i>	<b>12</b> Last Eve. On River Street! 7pm AA Women only	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Carol Hockin's BD</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Joe Huver's BD</i> 10am AA men 7pm AA everyone welcome
<b>16</b> 10am Worship Svc.	17Mem. Svc. for Shirley Hamilton at TB UMC <i>Brandon John's BD</i> <i>Doug Bronkema's BD</i> 8pm AA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Evie Peters' BD</i> 7pm AA Women only	<b>20</b> <i>Beckey' Bush's BD</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10am AA men 7pm AA everyone welcome
<b>23</b> 10am Worship Svc.  <i>Wright's 46th Anniv!</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Alice Sinko's BD</i> 8pm AA Starkey's on vacation thru ↓	<b>25</b> <i>Ernie Orchard's BD</i>	<b>26</b> 7pm AA Women only	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10am AA men 7pm AA everyone welcome
<b>30</b> 10am Worship Svc. Brunch  Pastor Nate on vacation  <i>Judy Avitts' BD</i>	<b>31</b> 8pm AA					

# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*more info in newsletter		1	2 7pm AA Women only <i>Stephen Donkers' Jr BD</i>	3	4 DelMac Bike Tour <i>Ivan Welch's BD</i>	5 10am AA men 7pm AA every- one welcome
6 10am Worship Svc. Communion <i>Isaac Gogolin's BD</i>	7 Labor Day 8pm AA	8	9 7pm AA Women only	10 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	11 <i>Ernie &amp; Barb Orchard's 67th Anniv!</i>	12 * <i>Spaghetti dinner for W'burg Emerg. Svcs. Aux.</i> 10am AA men 7pm AA everyone <i>Birthdays: Tina Braden Clint Drummond Seth Gogolin</i>
13 10am Worship Svc. <i>*Potluck &amp; Hay- ride at Walter's after church Tom Bloxam's BD</i>	14 8pm AA <i>Brad Och's BD Ron Reinhold's BD</i>	15 <i>Jane White's BD</i>	16 7pm AA Women only	17 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study  <i>Dirk Renzema's BD</i>	18	19 10am AA men 7pm AA every- one welcome
20 10am Worship Svc. <i>Nathan Starkey's BD</i>	21 8pm AA <i>Chelsea Lloyd's BD</i>	22 <i>Linda Slopsema's BD</i>	23 7pm AA Women only	24 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	25 <i>Pearl Morgan's BD</i>	26 <i>*Acme Fall Festival</i>  10am AA men 7pm AA every- one welcome
27 10am Worship Svc. <i>Brunch Women's Fellowship Meeting</i>	28 8pm AA  <i>Carolyn Slopsema's BD Sara Ochs' BD</i>	29	30 7pm AA Women only			



## About River Street.....

TATTOOS!  
 SCAVENGER HUNT!  
 ELEPHANT EARS!  
 LIVE MUSIC BANDS!  
 KETTLE CORN!  
 SIDEWALK CHALK!

These are definitely all just a part of Wednesday Nights on River Street in Elk Rapids!

We had so much fun meeting kids and their families, and putting tattoos on little hands,

arms and faces!

Every Wednesday from June 24th to August 12th, from 6pm -9pm, we handed out pens with our church name on them, business cards, and candy. A total of 260 people returned their scavenger hunt and we had approx. 30 people sign up for our electronic newsletter.

We think next year we will get a larger collection of tattoos, continue with the sidewalk

chalk, (a big hit with all ages!) and have more tables and chairs for folks to sit at while they eat and visit!

Keep this fun mission in mind for next summer! We would love to have more peeps represent the church to the community AND you get to wear a very cool t-shirt!



## HAYRIDE!

Sunday,  
 September 13th!  
 Come to the **Church Hayride and Monthly Potluck** at Chuck and Carol Walter's farm, 6584 Bates Rd., right after church!

Hamburgers and hot-dogs and condiments furnished. Paper plates, silverware, and cups furnished. Drinks furnished. Please bring a dish to pass. There will be games for the kids!

Wear your hayride clothes to church so you are comfortable at the hayride.



## LABOR DAY



Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. On June 28 of 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each

year a legal holiday. More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers. Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor workers. But many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist,

founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.





# ACME FALL FESTIVAL

**Saturday September 26th, 2015  
at Flintfields**

**Bates Rd. Williamsburg, MI**

**Festival Times  
10am - 4pm**



♦ **Craft Show and Live Demonstrations**

♦ **Silent Auction & Raffle**

♦ **Farmers Market & Bake Sale**

♦ **Chicken BBQ Dinner 11am - 4pm**  
*(Tickets may be purchased in advance at Woodland Sweets & Ace Hardware in Acme)*

♦ **Kids Activities** *including Pumpkin Decorating, Pony Rides, Bounce House, and more.*

♦ **Food Tent** *including, local Cherry Brats, Hot dogs, and other yummy treats*

♦ **Wings of Wonder Live Raptor Show and other live entertainment**

♦ **Apple & Cherry Pie Contest**  
*Pies must be delivered by 10am, judging begins at 2:30pm*

♦ **Classic Car and Tractor Show**

**Come Rain  
or Shine!**



Donations will be accepted for parking.

A portion of festival proceeds to benefit local charities.



For more information about the festival please visit:  
[www.DiscoverAcme.com](http://www.DiscoverAcme.com)



**The Whitewater Emergency Services Auxiliary will be hosting its Annual Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner on Sat., September 12, from 4-8:00pm at the Williamsburg United Methodist Church, 5750 Williamsburg Rd, W'burg.**

Great food, yummy desserts, *Door Prizes* and great community will be the highlights of the evening. Proceeds will be used to outfit the water rescue equipment in Whitewater Township.

***The commitment is great, but if it were not for dedicated members, we would not have local emergency services.***

Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Take-outs are also available!



### *Lay Servant Training Events*

Basic Course: This course is the foundation for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in

their discipleship. Please order your own book "Lay Servant Ministries" by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson at Bookstore.UpperRoom.org or 800.972.0433  
Product Number: BDR634  
ISBN978-08817-7634-8  
And also available for Kindle.

1.) **Sat., Sept. 12 and Sept. 26 at Cadillac UMC**

2.) **Sept. 19 and Oct. 3 at Lake Ann UMC**

9AM-4PM

Participants must attend both sessions. Lunch is included.

\$20

Please let Pastor Nate know if you're interested!



### *Fall and Halloween are coming up!*



We are planning a "Trunk or Treat" event in our church parking lot in Oct (date to be determined)! Come and decorate your trunk and give out treats to trick or treaters! Games, food, all sorts of family fun! More details to follow!



**CROP WALK IS COMING ON Sun., OCT 11TH at the Grand Traverse Civic Center!** We are looking for people to walk or rock or pledge! Please see Amy Starkey for more info.



**Emergency Services Halloween Party** at the Whitewater Fire Station in October (TBD) from 6-8pm. Looking for volunteers, donations and attendance. Please see Rod info!





**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES!**

It's so amazing what we can do when many of us participate in a project. This is what we donated to children at A.C.T.S.! awesomeness.....

**Paper:**

- 1 5 subject notebook wide rule
- 5 3 subject notebook wide rule
- 106 1 subject notebook wide rule
- 21 1 subject notebook college rule
- 5 manuscript tablet Pre K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- 5 writing tablet K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- 13 150 sheets filler paper college rule
- 2 100 sheets filler paper college rule
- 2 500 sheet filler paper college rule
- 7 150 sheet filler paper wide rule
- 2 500 sheet filler paper wide rule

**Pencil cases:**

- 20 flat cases
- 10 boxes

**Crayons:**

- 74 boxes of 24 per box

**Rulers:**

- 71 rulers

**Colored Pencils:**

- 4 10 per pkg.
- 35 12 per pkg.
- 4 24 per pkg.
- 5 1 120 per pkg.

**Glue Sticks:**

- 1 1 per pkg.
- 13 2 per pkg.
- 8 3 per pkg.
- 3 12 per pkg.
- 4
- 43 1 per pkg.
- 12 2 per pkg.

**Scissors:**

- 43 1 per pkg.
- 12 2 per pkg.

**Pencils:**

- 4 6 per pkg.
- 9 7 per pkg.
- 18 8 per pkg.
- 2 12 per pkg.
- 6 20 per pkg.
- 6 24 per pkg.
- 4 30 per pkg.

**MISC.**

- 4 pencils
- 8 pointed tip scissors
- 6 pencil sharpeners
- 60 erasers
- 1 pkg. of ten pens
- 2 loose glue sticks
- \$20.00 check

**WOW!**



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