



WUMC Community Pathway

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It is hard to believe fall is almost here, school is starting, and soon the leaves will begin to turn. This summer has been one we will never forget and this fall will most certainly be one like none other. Since the middle of March schools from elementary through college have shut their doors. From the looks of it, reopening them will be an ongoing work in progress. Our prayers continue to go out to the teachers, administrators, support staff, and students during these difficult times. We also find ourselves facing social and political unrest, as well natural disasters that continue to affect our country. It seems like we are facing unprecedented struggles.

In Ecclesiastes chapter 3, it tells us there is a time and a place for everything, a season for every activity under heaven. The passage is familiar to many from the 60s folk song, *Turn, Turn, Turn*, by *The Byrds*. It begins by saying there is a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to harvest; the list concludes with a time for love and a time for hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Many of the things on that list seem reasonable. They are part of our natural life cycle. We understand that we are born into this world and there will come a time when we will die. Sowing and reaping are necessary for our survival. However, there are other things listed that we struggle to understand. Is there really a time for hate and a time for war?

I do believe we are called upon to hate and fight against the evil, sin, and injustice of this world; while continuing to love those that persecute us. However, we can only do that when we accept God's gift of love and grace. Once we do that, we can begin to experience true peace, the peace that comes from Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the coming months ahead we have an important opportunity to plan for a new season within our church parish as we prepare for our charge conference. It is a time to evaluate where we are and where we believe God is leading us. We have an opportunity to establish short term goals and build a long term vision for the future of our church. To accomplish this, it is my hope and prayer that each of us can take some time to discern where God is leading and how we can effectively use the gifts and talents God has given us. By working together as the church, we can continue to make a difference in this world by fighting against the evil and injustice of this world, while sharing Christ's love that brings true peace into a broken world.

May God's continued peace be with you,
Pastor John

Church Picnic
Monday September 14th at 6 p.m.
Please come for a time of fun and fellowship!

Menu: Brisket and Pulled Pork Sliders,
Baked beans, coleslaw, Potato Chips and a Cookie

Invite your friends and neighbors!!

ACTIVITIES

BEULAH LAND QUARTET



Where: *Fife Lake United Methodist*
On The Lawn
 When: *Sunday, Sept. 13*
 Time: *6:00 P.M. Bring A Chair*

September's Noisy Offering is supporting The Crop Walk

This community-wide event is sponsored by [Church World Service](#) and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. It will be held virtually this year, see Carol Hockin for me information.



If you would like to send cards to Shane and Holly, you can send them c/o:

The Barrett Family
 1457 E. Grant Rd.
 Ithaca, MI 48847-9697

Please continue to keep Holly in your prayers. Thank you.

Pastor John is hosting a church picnic at Williamsburg UMC!
Monday, Sept. 14 @6pm
All are welcome, invite your friends and neighbors!



Thank you church family to everyone who donated school supplies to ACTS Families!



A BIG thank you to everyone who helped with VBS and to Sherry and Darlene for organizing it! The kids had a great time!



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS!

2nd Stephen Donkers, Jr.
 12th Clint Drummond
 13th Tom Bloxsom
 14th Brad Ochs
 17th Dirk Renzema
 20th Pastor Nate Starkey
 21st Chelsea Lloyd
 27th Kim Kuncaitis
 28th Sara Ochs



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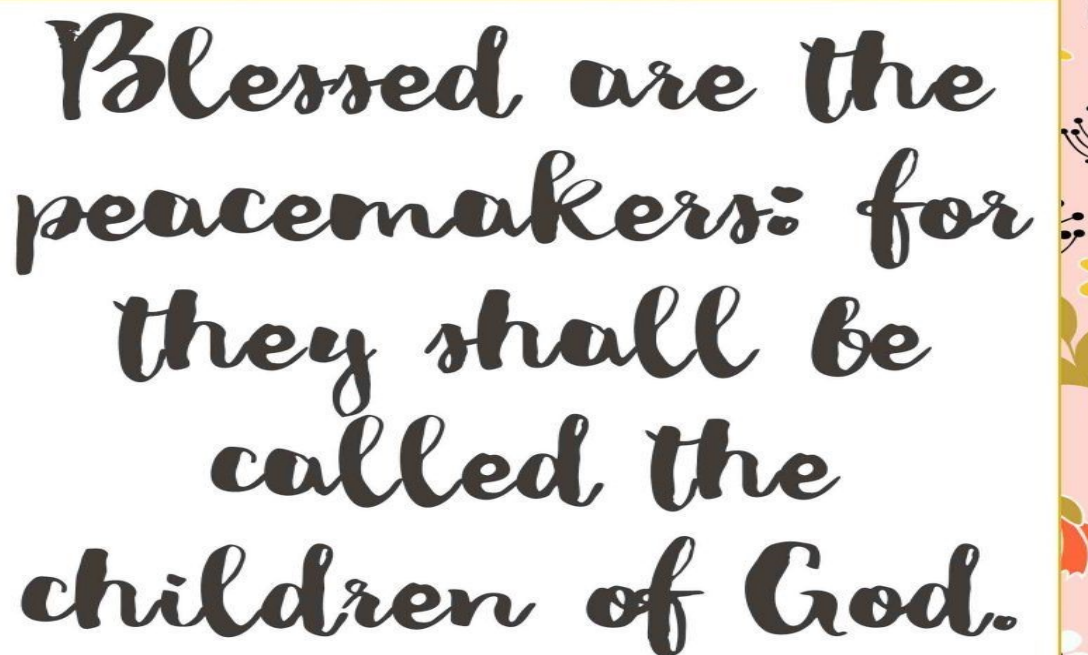
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6 10:15 Worship/ Communion	7 Labor Day!	8	9 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	10	11	12
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13 10:15 Worship Virtual Crop Walk Beulah Land Quartet 6pm@ Fife Lake UMC	14 Church Picnic 6pm @ WUMC	15	16 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	17	18	19
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20 10:15 Worship	21 AD Council Meeting 6pm @ WUMC	22	23 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	24	25	26
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27 10:15 Worship	28 UNIFIED Parish SPRC meeting 6pm@SBUMC	29	30 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Samaritas			
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Blessed are the
peacemakers: for
they shall be
called the
children of God.

Matthew 5:9

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