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PASTOR JACK'S CORNER

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Eph. 3:16-18 (NIV)

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, friends!

It is hard to believe that it is already October, that we have been here with you for three months now. I pray that this new experiment of ministry has been a blessing to you and has drawn you closer to our Master and Savior.

As many of you know, the original structure of this four-church charge was that I would primarily preach at Williamsburg and Fife Lake each Sunday morning, except of one Sunday per month when I would offer the sacraments at East and South Boardman United Methodist Churches. Conversely, Ben Sexton is to be regular preacher at the two Boardman churches, preaching at Williamsburg and Fife Lake when I am at the other churches. Up till now, we have alternated each week, with the purpose of your becoming acquainted and comfortable with Ben and likewise me with the Boardman churches. I am the appointed pastor for the whole parish so it is important that the Boardman churches get to know me. We are now moving to the original structure, so I will be with you all but one Sunday each month and Ben will be with you once per month. Thank you for your patience as we have worked hard to figure all of this out. There is still much for us to discern but, with Christ as our guide and with hearts attuned to His power, I have no doubt that we will all be just fine. (continued on page 5)

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS!

4th	Mark Walter	19th	Jim Hockins
5th	Sue & Pete Morrison's Anniversary!	20th	Jo Purdy-Kieft
6th	Laurie Gogolin	22nd	Steven Surowitz
6th	Evaline Sexton	22nd	Marcia Clone
10th	Kim Likins	25th	Jean Ride
12th	Shane Barrett	26th	Dave Galligan
13th	Robin Merchant	28th	Gabrielle Gualtiere
16th	Whitney Braden	30th	Kaitlynd Hamstra
17th	Dennis Aurand		



ACTIVITIES

Tuesday's

Bible Study at Fife Lake UMC!

Written and led by Rev. Stan Hayes, this bible study focuses on making Job relevant to today and is an 8-week study. Please contact Rev. Stan to let him know if you're interested!
231-879-3884



Wednesday, Oct. 4,

5-7pm

Ham Loaf Dinner at
Kewadin UMC!

7234 Cairn Hwy, Kewadin.
Come and have a fantastic
dinner and visit with your
community!
Suggested donation: Adults
\$10, Ages 3-12 \$5, under 3 free

Saturday, Oct. 7th,
4-7pm

**Fundraiser Spaghetti
Dinner at Acme
Masonic Lodge**
for a kidney transplant for
a person in need.
Helping someone, great
dinner, no dishes=no
brainer!
See you there!
Silent Auction, too!

**CROP WALK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH**

TC Civic Center
1:30 Registration
2pm Walk begins

Sign up to walk or give a pledge
to a walker! Contact Holly Barrett
barrettholly07@gmail.com



Tuesday, October 10th
6:30-8:30pm

Keys to Freedom
Annual Fall Banquet.

TC Christian School
735 Emerson Rd. , TC
Please RSVP to
Marcy Block 267-5466
Free-Will Offering
Dinner, Program and
music!



Thursday, October 19th
1-4pm

Prayers to Squares Quilting
Everyone is welcome no mat-
ter your quilting or sewing ex-
perience! This is a fun group to
join and learn as you go!



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH AT
WILLIAMSBURG UMC
ALL CHURCHES**

7pm Parish Ad Board Meeting

Saturday, October 28th
Church Conference
At Mosaic UMC
4:15pm Events Begin
5pm Chili Cook-Off
6:30pm Meeting
Everyone is welcome!



Sunday, October 29th
3-5pm
**TRUNK OR TREAT HERE
AT**

**WILLIAMSBURG UMC
PARKING LOT!**
Hot dogs, drinks, games
and crafts!



CARE PACKAGES

For college students, military
folks and other youth who are
living away from the area.

Please provide names to Kim
Kuncaitis, Carol Walter or the
church office no later than 11/1 AM

Ways to help:

Bring 15-20 of the same items
(candy, popcorn, juice boxes, note-
pads, tea, hot choc., toothpaste, or
anything else you can think of)

Help pack boxes on 11/5

THANK

YOU!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:15 Worship Svc. & Communion	2	3 7pm Bible Study @ Fife Lake UMC	4 3pm All- Faith Svc. @ Samaritas <i>*5-7pm Ham Loaf Dinner @ Kewadin UMC</i>	5 *11am CWU Pot- luck/ Gathering 7pm EBUMC Choir Can- tata Practice	6	7 *4pm Spa- ghetti Dinner Fundraiser @ Acme Ma- sonic Lodge
8 10:15 Worship Svc. NO POTLUCK 1:30PM CROP WALK	9	10 *6:30PM Keys to Freedom Banquet 7pm Bible Study @ Fife Lake UMC	11 3pm All- Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	12 7pm EBUMC Choir Can- tata Practice	13	14
15 10:15 Worship Svc. /Ad Council	16	17 WUMC HOSTS D.S. MEETINGS! 6pm SPRC mtg 7pm Bible Study (Fife Lake)	18 3pm All- Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	19 1-4pm Prayers to Squares Quilting at WUMC 7pm EBUMC Choir Can-	20	21
22 10:15 Worship Svc. POTLUCK	23	24 7pm Bible Study @ Fife Lake UMC	25 3pm All- Faith Svc. @ Samaritas 7PM PARISH AD COUNCIL @ WUMC	26 7pm EBUMC Choir Can- tata Practice	27	28 *4:15pm Church Confer- ence! *5-8pm HAL- LOWEEN PARTY AT Whitewater Twp Campground
29 10:15 Worship Svc. POTLUCK *3-5PM Trunk or Treat at WUMC	30	31 7pm Bible Study @ Fife Lake UMC			AA SCHEDULE Monday, 7:30pm NEW TIME!!! Wed. Women Only, 7pm Saturday, Men Only 10am; Saturday, everyone, 7pm	

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
OCTOBER 5, 2017 AT 11AM
Northern Lakes Community Church
 5444 Herkner Road, Traverse City

The program will be presented by **Dr. Michael McGill, PhD** founder of Young Peacebuilders Clubs, an international initiative. **Young Peacebuilders Clubs** engage in social activities and initiatives, involving their peers to build peace and transform conflict in their communities.

Traverse City area has active Young Peacebuilders Clubs, <http://youngpeacebuilders.com/club/>. The Local Young Peacebuilders clubs are involved in helping unaccompanied refugee minors find housing in our area. They are working along with a local RAIN, Refugee and Immigration Network. <http://youngpeacebuilders.com/rain/>

INGATHERING: Non-perishable items for Church's food pantry.

POTLUCK LUNCH following the program: Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

For questions, please contact our president, Julia Deemer, jdeemer@centurytel.net

Agree to Differ, Resolve to Love, Unite to Serve

October's Noisy Offering

Keys to Freedom Ministries seeks to restore dignity to those affected by Crime and incarceration. Ministering inside the jails, our trained Chaplains and Program Providers introduce prisoners to hope available through Jesus Christ.

Working on the outside with Churches, para-church organizations and community ministries, our goal is to support those behind bars and their families looking for restoration and a path to wholeness. Our prayer is that ex-offenders can return to their families with restored relationships...to their community with a job....to their church with a desire to serve!

SAVE YOUR BOOKS AND MAGAZINES! Our Library needs books! Don't throw your books away. Give them to inmates to read! Just drop your old books/magazines off at WLJN Radio Station and one of our Chaplains will pick them up!

ENCOURAGE AN INMATE! Many of our incarcerated have little or no communication with the outside...this includes family. Would you please consider writing a note of encouragement to an inmate to let them know someone cares?

Charge Conference

October 28, 2017

Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Welcome and opening Prayer

1. Elect a Secretary
2. Ministry Celebration
3. Volunteers in Mission Report
4. Worship attendance and membership report
5. Nominations report
6. SPRC Committee Report
 - I. 2017 Pastor Compensation
 - II. Housing Allowance
 - III. Furnishings allowance
 - IV. Lay Servants
 - V. Certified Lay Ministers (N/A)
 - VI. Candidates for ministry (N/A)
7. Ministry Shares, Year to date

(Diana Wright or other)
 (Darlene Renzema or other)
 (Marcia Clone or other)
 (Carol Walter or other)
 (Pastor Jack/Ben)
 (Holly Barrett or other)

(Darlene Renzema or other)

Closing Prayer

(Pastor Jack/Ben)

With October upon us, we are now completing preparations of the multitude of reports that are mandated to us for our Charge Conference. **The Charge Conference will be held on Saturday, October 28, beginning at 4:15 pm.** The location will be at the site of **Mosaic United Methodist Church**, a new church-start which is where the old Traverse City Christ United Methodist Church was, at the corner of Garfield Road and Three Mile Road south of Traverse City. A special celebration will be a **Chili Cook-off!** If you have a great chili recipe, bring it to the conference. At 5 pm, everyone at the Hub Conference will have the opportunity to sample the chili recipes that are offered, and then make donations (as votes for your favorites). The winning chili recipe (most cash raised!) will result in the church represented by that recipe receiving the vote-offerings to go toward a ministry of its choosing. With all of the great cooks we have in this parish, I am confident of our chances. We will be sharing recipes with the other Hub Conference churches: Kalkaska, Kewadin, Bellaire, Kewadin Indian Mission, Mancelona/Alba, Old Mission, Traverse City Central, Kingsley, Alden/Central Lake, Grant/Grawn, and us. Our actual charge conference will be held beginning at 6:30 pm. All can attend and church members will vote for our future activities as a parish.

Speaking of which, we have already been asked about a new name for this parish. (I must admit that our current name, Williamsburg, Fife Lake, and Boardmans United Methodist Church is a mouthful!) I have asked the leadership to table this discussion until after the Charge Conference but put your creativity-caps on, sisters and brothers, and begin thinking of name suggestions.

The source of this name-suggestion question was a meeting of the new parish Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)—what Fife Lake and the Boardmans called the PPRC, as we were finalizing suggested priority ministry actions for the coming year. These four priorities are as follows:

Training of lay worship leadership in the purpose and their role in what we do in each portion of our worship. (We will also have sermons later in the new year, talking about these things.) With our new worship schedule—with me traveling from Fife Lake each Sunday, it is important that we have trained lay persons who can run with things until I arrive. The role we are most concerned with is the Liturgist/Worship Leader role. **If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please let Jean Ridge know.**

Developing a well-balanced and led curriculum of **Bible and other small-group study opportunities** hosted by each of the four churches, scheduled at differing times and days, and even possibly targeting differing groups, to offer solid discipleship growth opportunities that will work with new Christians, or Christians who have been disciples for many years.

Arranging as many opportunities as we can to **draw all four church congregations together**, so that we may get to know one another, learn from one another, and work together for the building of the kingdom in “our neck of the woods.” (Along these lines I am working on a plan to have a leaders-retreat at an off-site location, allowing your elected church leaders and the leaders of the other three churches to come to know and trust one another and to do some project and ministry planning together.)

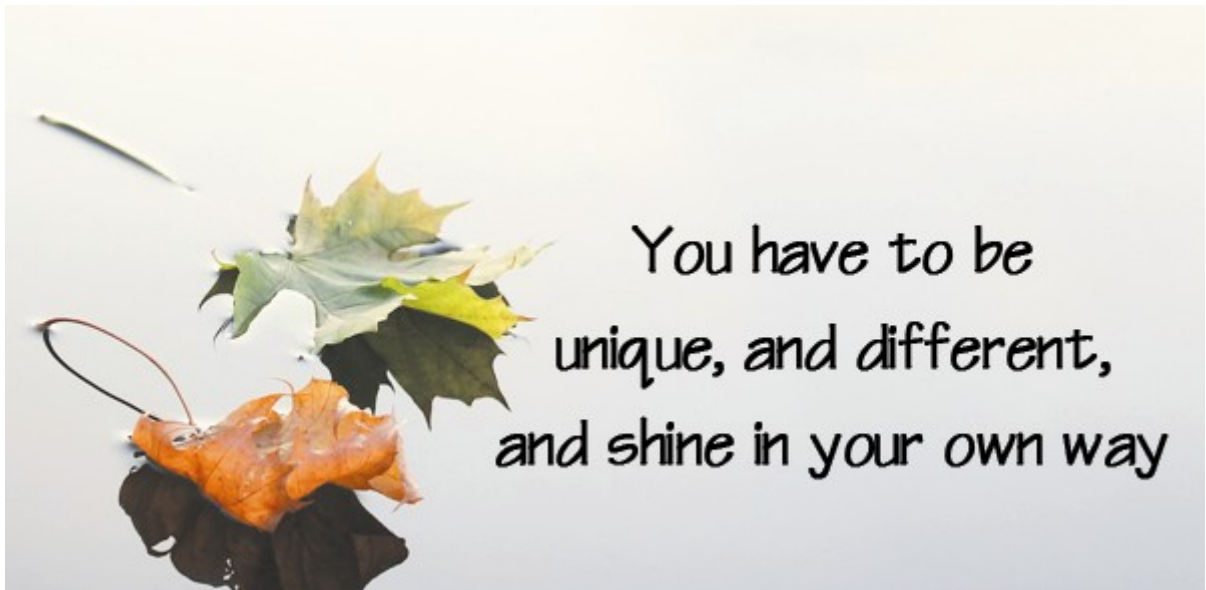
By the way, East Boardman UMC is practicing a Christmas Cantata, Thursday evenings at 7:30. Anyone interested in singing is welcome and encouraged to join us. For more information, contact Deb Seiting at 369-2966.

Developing of solid and well-led **youth ministry** (and helping Kayla to attract more children into the church as well) working in conjunction with other area churches. Our overall goal is to attract middle- and senior-high youth into our fellowship for their own spiritual growth but also to ensure the continuing ministry of this church into the future.

We will need your input and your support for the reaching of these objectives over the course of this next year. We will let you know how you can be a part of these things once we adopt them—prior to January 1st, we hope.

There are many things happening in the month of October. You will read about many of them in this newsletter. I pray that these events will warm your heart, quicken your soul, and draw you closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

In His Love & Service,
Pastor Jack



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