



WUMC Community Pathway

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Pastor Jack's Corner

October 2018

"I am the true vine and you are the branches...If you remain in me you will bear much fruit. (John 15)"

Wow, October already? It seems as though we just started the summer season and now we are closing in on Halloween, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. Kids, and some adults, have returned to school, some are making plans to trek south for the winter...in fact some have already departed. We are all adjusting to the no-longer-summer schedule. I know many of you can relate to this but it seems to me as though the older I get the more swiftly the years pass.

Thanks to Chuck and Carol Walter for another **great hayride and picnic**. It was a great day, with lots of fun and folks. Although I was unable to attend I have heard a lot of great things, also, about the Acme Fall Festival...looking forward to it next year.

On Sunday, September 23, we had our annual **Charge/Church Conference at Merritt UMC**. I was so pleased by the turnout from our parish. We had, I believe, 17 folks come. We met with people from nine other churches in the "Southeast Hub" of the Northern Waters District and we had the opportunity to meet with D.S. Anita Hahn (for the final time!) to share the victories and the challenges each church, and we as a combined parish face. It was a valuable time. A few of new things happened this year: a soup and pie luncheon put on by the great folks at Merritt, a pie completion that was judged by the Wesley Fellowship (Methodist student fellowship) from Ferris State University, each church was asked to bring information about their community: "Why Would Someone Visit Your Town/Community?," and pastors were asked to select a person from each congregation that is in some way the face of ministry at that church—"**Our Best of Show**." If you were here on September 23, you helped me select and celebrate the many ways that **Darlene Renzema** has led and guided us this past year: council chair, parish council secretary, fill-in for a vacancy on the Staff/Parish Relations Committee, member of our Vital Church Initiative "outside team," guide to Janet Goss during her first couple of weeks as our new church secretary, and a go-to help for me as pastor. Darlene is our "Best of Show." Other "BOS" selectees within our parish are AL & Audrey Galloway from Fife Lake, Elwin Hall from South Boardman, and Deb Sieting and Cindy Larson from East Boardman. **(After Anita read the names of our selectees, she also reported on what we have done as this new parish experiment and called our parish, her "Best of Show!")** Thank you to all who have agreed to serve in leadership roles for the coming year. Your work may seem thankless sometimes but I thank God for you every day.

On a personal note, I want to—once again—thank all of you who have supported me and are continuing to support me, not only as your pastor but also in the fulfillment of a dream—the visit the Holy Land! I realized this weekend that the journey will begin in just a few short weeks. During the journey we will visit **I will leave from Grand Rapids on Monday, November 12 arriving in Tel Aviv on the 13th**. Capernaum and the Sea of Galilee, then travel to the Jordan River, the several days in and around Jerusalem—the Western Wall, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Via Dolorosa (the path that Jesus probably took to the cross), the so-called Garden Tomb and more. At the end of the regular journey I have the additional opportunity to travel into the southern Jordan mountains, to visit what may be the oldest city in the world, Petra, a city completely built into the red stone walls of the mountains, there. If you ever saw the movie, "Raiders of the Lost Ark," with Harrison Ford, you saw the most famous place in Petra, the treasury, which is shown here. This massive structure is completely contained within the mountain, itself. Following the visit to Petra we will travel to the Dead Sea and then back to Tel Aviv for our journey home, arriving in Grand Rapids on the 24th. Our group, which is being led by Bishop David Bard and his wife Julie, will consist of about 150 persons, traveling in four busses. I look forward to bringing you lots of pictures and many wonderful new discoveries.

During this fall season, I pray that your lives will be richly blessed, that you will find rest in your spirits after the busy summer we have had and renewal of your faith and life in Christ.

Grace and peace in His Name!

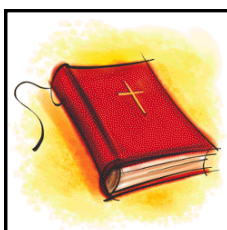
Pastor Jack



ACTIVITIES

Tuesday's

Bible Study at WUMC! led by Rev. Stan Hayes, this bible study focuses on The Book Of Job 11-12:30 in the Sunshine Room



RADA Cutlery!!!

Contact Carol Walter or call the Church!



Fundraiser for Women's Fellowship!
Thank you!

Mark your calendars! Saturday, November 10th 9am-3pm. Long Lake Craft Show! The Women's Group will have a booth there with RADA



CROP WALK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

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



October Noisy Offering will Support Keys To Freedom



Halloween Party @ Whitewater Township Park Saturday October 13th! 5-8pm Trick or Treat!



Sponsored by The Williamsburg Emergency Services Auxiliary

ACTS
Acme Christian Thrift Store & Pantry
8925 M-72 East
Williamsburg, MI 49690
231.938.2990
acmechristian.org
Grand Re Opening
Saturday October 6th @ 10-3
Ribbon Cutting @ 10am

Sunday, October 28th
3-6pm
TRUNK OR TREAT
WILLIAMSBURG UMC
PARKING LOT!

Hot dogs, chips & drinks,
Trick or Treet & Games!



CARE PACKAGES

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

Please provide names to Kim Kuncaitis (kuncaitiskj@aol.com or 231.409.2298), 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 11/4 after church.

THANK YOU!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 11am Bi- ble Study @ WUMC	3 3pm All- Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	4	5	6 VCI Mtg @ 9am WUMC (AA) upstairs ACTS Grand ReOpening 10am
7 10:15 Worship Svc Communion	8	9 11am Bi- ble Study @ WUMC	10 3pm All- Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	11	12	13 *5-8pm Hal- loween Party @ Whitewater Twp Camp- ground
14 10:15 Worship Svc. POTLUCK! Crop Walk @ 2pm	15	16 11am Bible Study @ WUMC	17 3pm All- Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	18	19	20
21 10:15 Worship Svc.	22 Unified SPRC 7pm @ WUMC	23 11am Bible Study @ WUMC	24 3pm All- Faith Svc. @ Samaritas Unified Parish Council Mtg 7pm @ WUMC	25	26	27
28 Womens Fellowship Before Svc. NO Brunch 	29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 	AA SCHEDULE Monday, 7:30pm Wed. Women Only, 7pm Saturday, Men Only 10am Saturday, Everyone, 7pm		

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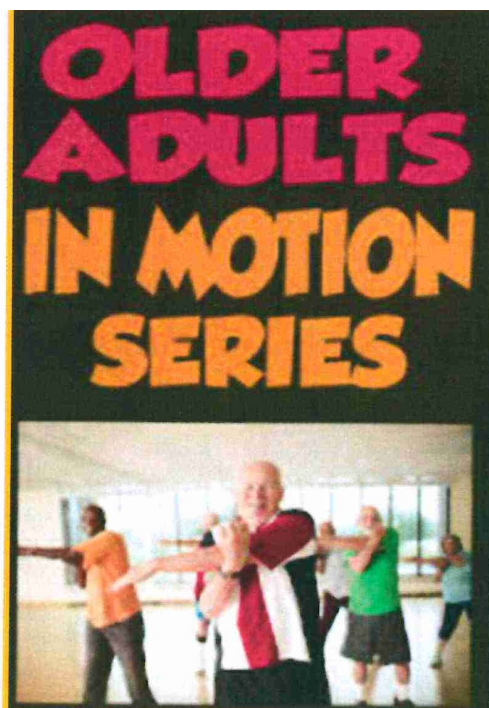
4th	Mark Walter	19th	Jim Hockins
4th	Grant Hamilton	20th	Jo Purdy-Kieft
5th	Sue & Pete Morrison's Anniversary!	22nd	Marcia Clone
6th	Evaline Sexton	25th	Jean Ride
10th	Kim Likins	26th	Dave Galligan
12th	Shane Barrett	28th	Gabrielle Gualtiere
15th	Brook & Janet Goss' Anniversary!	30th	Kaitlynd Hamstra
16th	Whitney Braden		
17th	Dennis Aurand		

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?



THURSDAYS

11am

at the Lighthouse

**THE LIGHTHOUSE
COMMUNITY CENTER**
503 Elm Street, Elk Rapids MI 49629



- **Fall Prevention** September 27
- **Chronic Pain Relief** October 4
- **Proper Exercise Technique** October 11

with Dr. Angie Keas, Chiropractor
and Beth Pryde, Exercise Specialist
from InMotion Center for Chiropractic Care
& Exercise Therapy

This is a **FREE** series
Registration required

Call (231)252-2800 to Register and for more info.

**PLEASE WEAR COMFORTABLE
CLOTHES AND ATHLETIC SHOES**

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