

August, 2017



Loving God. Loving Others. Making disciples of Jesus Christ.

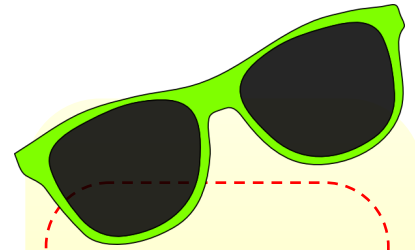
From the pastor:

But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.
--1 Samuel 12:24

The last week of July I found myself in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee for a family reunion/get together. 30 people ages 7 months to 81 years all together in one house. If you happened to catch my sermon on July 23rd you know that vacationing with 3 children isn't quite the relaxing vacation most of us dream of. However at some point during the drive home the mountains were in my rearview mirror and all three children were simultaneously napping, there was a period of quiet I found myself looking back at the previous week. Sure it was crazy, it was loud, it was chaotic, but it was also wonderful. To be able to spend that time with family laughing and enjoying one another's company was a great gift. In looking at the Scripture from 1 Samuel it made me realize that one of the great things that God has done for me is provide an absolutely amazing family to love and support me and my family.

Often it is easy to start to take those things for granted and just accept them as normal and the way it is. But the Scripture from 1 Samuel provides a reminder for us as to how we should respond to God's blessings in our lives. We are to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all our hearts.

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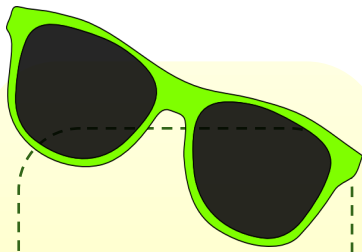
Happy Birthday!

Amy Leader 8/9
Anna Bragg 8/13
Natalie Gordon 8/13
Judy Sampson 8/17
Chris Hernandez 8/19
Glendora Klump 8/25
Bruce Loar 8/29

Happy Anniversary!

Earl & Beryl McHenry
8/5
Howard & Tammy
Butler 8/6
Wendell & Alice
Goetz 8/31





Baby Blankets for Tiny Purpose

Local girl scouts Katie Hight and Alex Roberts are collecting 18in. X 18 in. gender-neutral baby blankets for Tiny Purpose, an organization that supports parents through the grieving process of the loss of a child through miscarriage, still birth, or birth defects. The blankets go in a keep-sake box with the baby's handprints, and other items. If you would like to make blankets to be donated, they can be left in the church office up until the end of August. More information about this project is available on the flyer in the church entrance area.

From the Pastor (Continued)

Don't get hung up on the word fear in that Scripture, the original Hebrew word can be translated as fear, respect or reverence, it has a very positive quality, not how we generally view fear today. Samuel is imploring the reader to have a proper respect for the Lord our God and to serve faithfully. That is my hope for us as a Church as we begin a new month on the calendar. We have a lot of events and things that will be happening in the coming weeks and I pray that if you feel led to participate DO IT! There are so many different ways to help and things to be done that I promise we will have somewhere for you to help that will make use of your skills and talents. When I look at all the great things that God has done for and through Emmanuel UMC I can't help but rejoice and give thanks to our heavenly Father.

I hope you will join me this month in giving thanks, in giving praise, in worshiping and in serving the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

God Bless,
Pastor Devin

Free Blissfield Community Dinner



Wednesday August 2, 2017
Doors open at 5:00 pm.
Dinner is served from
5:30-6:30.

Menu:
rigatoni, green beans, salad, and
dessert.

Bring a friend and join us!

If you'd like to volunteer to help with set up, serving, or cleaning, please speak with Pastor Devin.



August Memory Verse

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Cookies On Sundays

If anyone would like to bring cookies or other treats to share after worship on a Sunday morning, please let Patty Hamann or Judy Sampson know.



Triad of Lenawee: Seniors, Safe, Sound, and Secure

Friday, August 18 9:00 am—2:00 pm

A free event for Lenawee County older adults to learn ways to protect themselves, money, home and health. Light breakfast, lunch and prizes included.

Held at the Human Service Building—1040 S. Winter St., Adrian

RSVP to 517-264-5258 by August 4.

Food Pantry Donations

For the month of August, the Blissfield Area Food Pantry is asking for donations of cream of mushroom soup, applesauce, canned pears and paper towels.

Donations may be left in the church entrance area. We will see to it that they get delivered to the food pantry.





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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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					VBS Decorating 3pm	Craft Day 10pm—?	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Adult Sunday School 9:15 Worship at 10:30	VBS 5:30-8:00 pm						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
Adult Sunday School 9:15 Children's Service 10:30 Lunch Party 11:30am					Craft Day 10am—? Triad of Lenawee: Safe, Sound, Secure conference—9am -1pm at Lenawee Human Services Building		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
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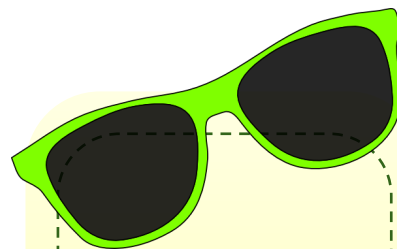
August 7-11, 2017 at Emmanuel UMC

All children ages 0-5th grade are invited to join us for VBS the week of

August 7-11 from 5:30-8:00pm.

Pre-registration is open! The link to the form can be found at www.blissfieldemmanuel.com.

Want to come and decorate with us? We'll be meeting at the church at 3pm on Thursday, August 3 to get everything ready. There will be music and duct tape—it's bound to be awesome!



Children's Sunday

On Sunday, August 13, during our 10:30 am worship

celebration we are going to have some extra special praise music and reflect on the lessons we learned during VBS.

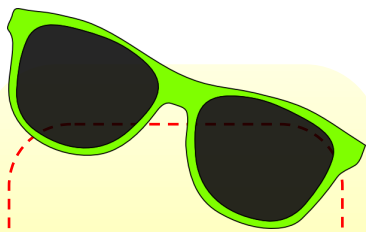
After church we will have lunch together in the fellowship hall. Hotdogs will be provided. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share.



“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” -1 Timothy 2:1

Those needing continued healing and strength:

- MaryAnn Leader
- Wendell & Alice Goetz
- Cathy Jenkins
- Jim & Millie Tipton
- Kate Noelanders
- Lyna Mae French
- David Dexter
- Mary Roback
- The children and leaders involved in VBS
- Zayne Warren
- Our covenant missionaries, Mary Gladstone-Highland and Kristen Brown
- Our nation, state and local community and those in leadership positions



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