

# Greetings from your EUMC Family!

July, 2018

## FROM THE PASTOR

“When you search for me, you will find me;  
if you seek me with all your heart”  
Jeremiah 29:13

I am writing this on what up to this point has been the hottest day of the Summer. Temperatures topping 90 degrees, humidity at just about the same numbers, it is hot out there. Right about now the only thing that most of us are seeking is a room that has the A/C cranked up, or a nice cool pool.

I do hope you were able to find one of those two during this stretch of hot days. However, I also recognize that finding that cool space will really only care for our physical needs, it will do little for our spiritual ones. To tend to those needs we must search in a different way, a way that often doesn't require us to move at all.

The verse from Jeremiah that I shared above is a snippet of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent to those who were living in exile in Babylon. These were a people who were struggling with their faith. They didn't know who they were or what the future held for them. Jeremiah knew of the struggles they faced so he wanted to encourage them to not lose hope. His message was simple, God has not forgotten you, so don't forget about God. He wanted the people to know that even with the hardships they faced God was with them, they only needed to search for him with all of their heart and they would find him.

Few of us know what it is to live in exile...but all of us know what it is to go through hardships and to feel like God is not there. The summer months are an easy time to half-heartedly search for God. To not get the response we want and dismiss it as God is not there. My friends, I want to remind you, like

Jeremiah reminded his people all those years ago, that God is still there. God is always there.

God has not turned his back on you, on me, or on the church. I want to encourage all of us during these hot, sweaty, sticky summer months to continue to search for God. Invite that presence into your life so that it can tend to all of our needs, physical, emotional and spiritual.



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tim Jacobs 7/5.

Earl McHenry 7/7

Cheyenne Jacobs 7/9

Lynne Gafner 7/15

Larry Cruz 7/20

Howard Butler 7/29

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Austin & Taylor Leader



Dancing at the 2018 talent show!



## FROM THE PASTOR (Continued)

Make it a point to spend time in the Scriptures, in prayer, in song, in fellowship, however it is that you experience God don't let the summer months slip by without searching for a deeper relationship. I'm willing to bet that when you find that presence, when you find God, you will feel refreshed in a way that no A/C or pool can ever compare.

Blessings,  
Pastor Devin

[More photos from our  
2018 Talent Show.](#)



### VBS

We are excited to be partnering with First United Methodist Church this year for Vacation Bible School!

VBS will be in August and information for helpers and attendees will be available soon. Keep an eye out so you don't miss the fun!



### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

As our Wednesday night program wraps up for this school year we do begin to make plans for next year. Our Wednesday nights have been a blessing to the community and our neighbors for many years. A large part of that is because of the people who volunteer to lead and help in the classes. To those who have helped in the past and will do so in the future, thank you.

Looking to next year we have a few spots to fill in those classrooms. If you are willing to help, even if it is on a part time basis, we have a spot for you. Our classes run from pre-school age through the high school and adults so we have a place no matter where you might want to plug in. Contact the church office or Pastor Devin and we can discuss how to best put your talents to work.

**"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:**

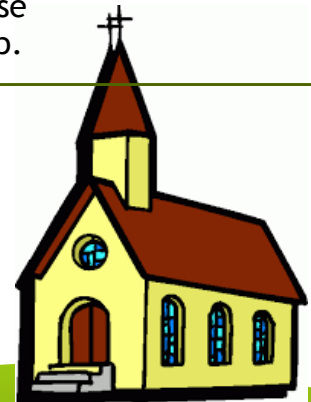
- Wendell & Alice Goetz
- Cathy Jenkins
- Jim & Millie Tipton
- Kate Noelanders
- Lyna Mae French
- David Dexter
- Mary Roback
- Zayne Warren
- Our covenant missionaries, Mary Glastone-Highland and Kristen Brown
- Our nation, state and local community and those in leadership positions

### FOOD PANTRY INFO

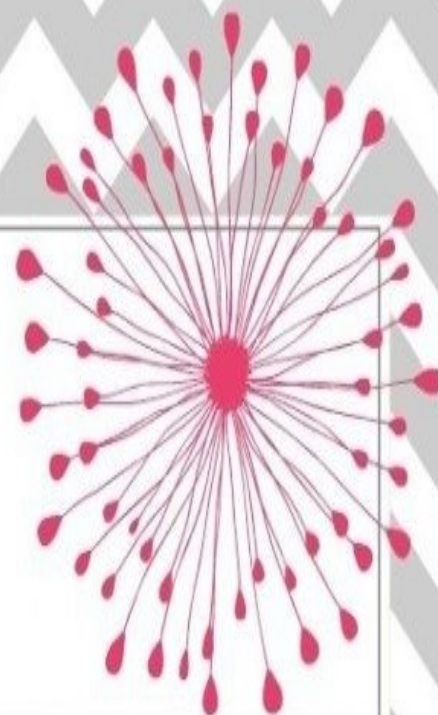
For the month of July, the Blissfield Area Food Pantry is asking for donations of boxed mac and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, and jelly.

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

If you or anyone you know of is in need of food or personal items please contact St. Paul's Church at 517-486-2404 to arrange a time for pickup.



# July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Adult Sunday School 9:15</b> <b>Worship at 10:30</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7 <b>Craft Day 10am-10pm</b>
8 <b>Adult Sunday School 9:15</b> <b>Worship at 10:30</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14
	River Raisin Festival					
15 <b>Adult Sunday School 9:15</b> <b>Worship at 10:30</b>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 <b>Adult Sunday School 9:15</b> <b>Worship at 10:30</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28
	VBS at Lambertville United Methodist					
29 <b>Adult Sunday School 9:15</b> <b>Worship at 10:30</b>	30	31				
Notes						

## W.o.W. Helper Schedule

July 1—Patty Hamann  
 July 8—Kendra Goetz  
 July 15—Beryl McHenry  
 July 22—James Bowser  
 July 29—Denise Smith



**Loving God. Loving others.  
Making disciples of Jesus Christ.**



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