

Greetings from your EUMC Family!

May, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."

-2 Corinthians 5:7

We take a lot of things for granted, don't we? We expect when we turn on the faucet that water will come out, and not just water but hot water will be ready on demand when we want it. We expect that when we plug something into the wall it will have power, that electricity will flow into it and allow us to use that device. We expect that when we put the key in the ignition the car will start and take us where we want to go. We expect when we tap those buttons on our phones we will be instantly connected to someone, anywhere they may be in the world. We could probably continue to list things we expect to happen until this newsletter was full. But the truth of the matter is that few of us understand how all those things actually are accomplished. We may have a basic understanding of some of those processes, but few of us understand all the intricacies of what makes those things possible. Even with our lack of knowledge we still believe that those things will happen.

When it comes down to it our faith life is not a whole lot different. We do not fully understand God and God's ways, yet we still believe. Sometimes that belief, that faith, doesn't come easy and we may struggle to believe. If you've ever felt that struggle you are not alone. If we want to be honest with ourselves we've all had that struggle at some time in our lives. However, I came across these words this week and they really struck me:



I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God even when He is silent.

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Pastor Devin and the WoW kids

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Randy Keller 5/1
Jim Tipton 5/4
Ruth Rodesiler 5/5
Mary Roback 5/7
Julie Keller 5/9
Kathy Whitman 5/9
Devin Smith 5/16
Millie Tipton 5/26
Walter Butler 5/29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Bob & Mary Roback 5/31

FROM THE PASTOR (Continued)

Those words were found scratched into a wall at Auschwitz. In one of the worst places, worst situations an individual could have ever found themselves. Yet whomever this person was still KNEW that God was with them, even if they couldn't feel it or hear it in that moment. That, my friends, is faith. Sometimes it goes beyond all reason or understanding. Sometimes those who don't have it or are struggling with it will think it is crazy to believe. But as Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "we walk by faith, not by sight." Sometimes all we can do is take the next step, not knowing where it will lead.

No, I do not fully understand God and God's ways. I don't have the processing power in my brain to do so. But I do have faith in God. A God who is good, a God who loves each and every one of us. Let us continue to hold tight to that faith, that belief in things we cannot see, even through life's valleys until we emerge on the other side into the light of God's love.

God Bless,
Pastor Devin

ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

It's that time of year again! Our annual spring talent show has become one of the highlights of the year.

If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, do poetry slam, make great sandwiches, tell a funny joke, or hop on one foot while playing the kazoo we want to celebrate your gift!

Join us on Wednesday evening, June 6 to celebrate the many varied talents God has given us.

CHURCH WEBSITE

If you ever need to check the church calendar, find our phone number, or if you just want to scroll through some great photos and videos, visit our website at www.BlissfieldEmmanuel.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

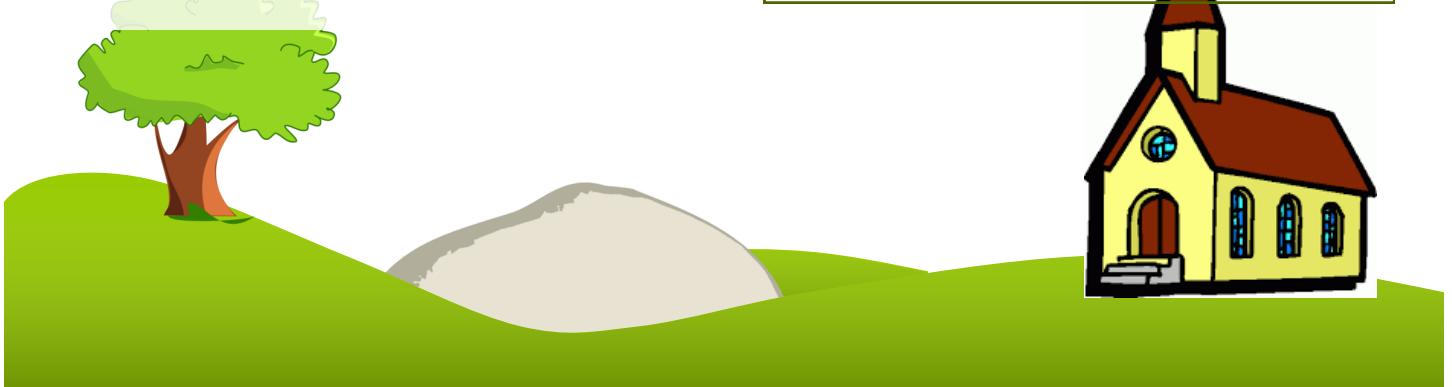
As the end of the school year draws near, we have a few important dates to highlight for our Wednesday night program.

Wednesday, May 2 will be taco night! Watch your email for a special sign-up for dinner and then come and enjoy some south-of-the-border feasting!

Wednesday, May 9, 16, & 23 we will have our usual meal together at 6:00, followed by classes for all ages from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Wednesday, May 30 will be our final week of regular meetings for the season.

Wednesday, June 6 we will have dinner together at 6:00, followed by our annual talent show from 6:30-?



ANNUAL CONFERENCE—

The Michigan United Methodist Churches will be joining together in Traverse City May 31-June 3 for Annual Conference.

Annual Conference is a time of worship as well as a chance for the church pastors and lay leaders to learn how God is moving across our state, get ideas for the best ways to serve our communities, meet others who may be interested in working together, and cast votes on business and practical matters involving the church.

Please be in prayer for all those attending, that God's Holy Spirit be present and His Will be done in all things.

**"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:

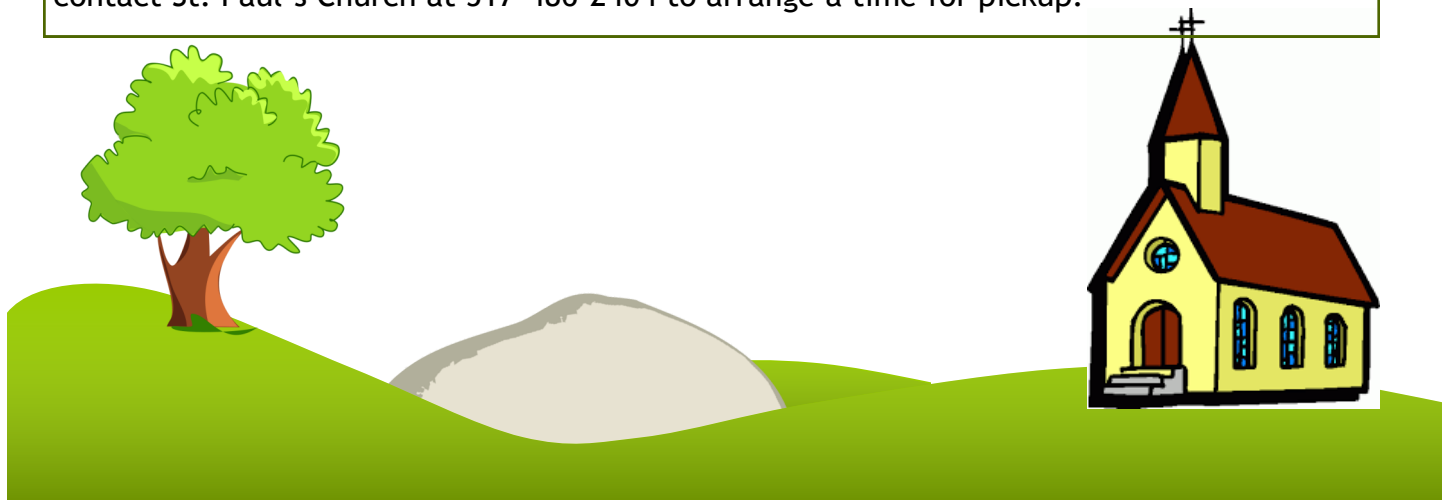
- Wendell & Alice Goetz
- Cathy Jenkins
- Jim & Millie Tipton
- Kate Noelanders
- Lyna Mae French
- David Dexter
- Mary Roback
- Zayne Warren
- Our covenant missionaries, Mary Gladstone-Highland and Kristen Brown
- Our nation, state and local community and those in leadership positions

FOOD PANTRY INFO

For the month of May, the Blissfield Area Food Pantry is asking for donations of spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, and canned ravioli.

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.





SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Taco Night 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	3	4	5 Craft Day 10am-10pm
6 Sunday School for all ages 9:15 Worship at 10:30	7	8	9 Dinner Together 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	10 SPRC meeting— 6:30pm Lead Team Meeting—7:00 pm	11	12
13 Sunday School for all ages 9:15 Worship at 10:30 Mother's Day	14	15	16 Dinner Together 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	17	18	19
20 Sunday School for all ages 9:15 Worship at 10:30	21 Victoria Day (CAN)	22	23 Dinner Together 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	24	25	26
27 Sunday School for all ages 9:15 Worship at 10:30	28 Memorial Day (US)	29	30 Dinner Together 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	31 Annual Conference Starts in Traverse City	W.o.W. Helper Schedule May 6—Patty Hamann May 13—Denise Smith May 20—Beryl McHenry May 27—James Bowser	





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Making disciples of Jesus Christ.**



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