



FROM THE PASTOR

"The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped. "
Proverbs 11:25 (MSG)

This week I found myself standing on a beach, my youngest daughter strapped to my chest, blissfully asleep, while I watched my two younger daughters and wife dip their toes into



Violet Mallory 6/2
Jonny Comiskey 6/7
Jerry Sampson 6/7
Rachael Dunlap 6/9
Austin Leader 6/13
Kerwin Leader 6/20
William Butler 6/27
Cathy Jenkins 6/28

the still slightly chilly waters of Lake Erie. As I watched the scene play out, the warm sun shining down, the sound of the waves crashing in on the shore, the squeals of delight as the water reached their little feet, I realized just how blessed I am. I am blessed to live my life with my people, Team Pteranodon as we like to call ourselves. I am also blessed to serve with and alongside such wonderful people here at Emmanuel. As this newsletter goes to print in July it will have officially been 4 years that I have been here. In some ways it still seems like it was just yesterday that I took to that pulpit for the first time, in other ways that pulpit feels so familiar and comfortable, it's almost like home to me now. I hope you have similar feelings about the

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past 4 years of ministry that has taken place. I truly believe we have done much good in our community and throughout the world as a part of Christ's church. While I may be feeling a bit nostalgic I am not looking to the future with rose colored glasses on. I fully recognize the difficulties that lie before us. As a denomination and as a church here in Blissfield. We have done great things together, but we must continue to look to the future and how best to be that beacon of light that Christ called us to be.

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Yes there are challenges to face: financial, our building, people to fill volunteer positions, and of course the ongoing denominational struggles.

But, even with those unknowns in our future I still find myself full of hope for the people we call Methodists here in Blissfield, MI. I find hope because this is a church that strives to bless others, a church that strives to help those in need.

We do not have endless resources, but I truly believe we have made great use of what we have in the past, and we will continue to do so into the future.

Thank you for walking this path with me. Thank you for your continued commitment to Christ's church. Thank you for being a blessing to this world.

May God's abundant blessings be with you now and always,

Pastor Devin

2019 CHARGE CONFERENCE

Add them to your calendar now...This years Charge Conference dates are:

SPRC meeting with Rev. Hill Saturday
September 21 at Noon at Erie UMC
Charge Conference Sunday September 22
at 2pm at Lambertville UMC



DUNK A PASTOR!

Come one, come all! Pastor Devin will be in the dunk tank at Movies on Lane Street, Thursday, July 18.

Not only is this a chance for great fun, but we'll be passing out VBS invitations as well. If you're available to help, please let Pastor Devin know.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

For the month of July, the Blissfield Area Food Pantry is asking for donations of mac & 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 is in need, please call the food pantry Monday-Friday at 517-486-2404 to make arrangements for assistance.

GOOD NEWS BOARD

Do you have any good news to share? Birth announcements, graduation, anniversaries, milestones, special achievements, newspaper articles or photos? Feel free to post them on the red bulletin board in the education wing outside the nursery.



“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
- Nancy Jenkins
- Cathy Jenkins
- Jim Tipton
- Kate Noelanders
- Mary Roback
- Ruth Rodesiler
- Our covenant missionaries, Mary Glastone-Highland and Kristen Brown
- Our nation, state and local community and those in leadership positions

RIVER RAISIN FESTIVAL PARADE

This year's festival parade is on Saturday, July 13 at 10:30am. Anyone who'd like to ride the church float and pass out candy is welcome to join us! Which leads us to...

CANDY DONATIONS

If you would like to donate a bag of candy or small toys for the parade, please leave them in the church office by Friday, July 11.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be August 5-9, from 5:30-8:00 pm.

Registration for children is now open at
www.BlissfieldEmmanuel.com.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

There will be a meeting for all helpers on
Wednesday, July 8, at 6:00pm.



SUPPLIES NEEDED

We are collecting:
long cardboard tubes,
paper towel and toilet paper tubes,
20 oz soda or water plastic bottles,
pool noodles, particularly in shades of green (but we can use colors, too),
any kind of paint in any color,
white "Christmas" lights.

There are also yellow tags on the bulletin board in the education wing with needed items on them.
Please take a tag and leave it with the item in the church office.



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WoW Helper Schedule:

July 7—Beverly & Lawson Crane

July 14—Beryl McHenry & Patty Hamann

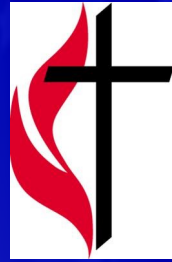
July 21—Brian & Elizabeth Comiskey

July 28—James Bowser & Judy Sampson

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	Annual Conference		
7 Adult Sunday School 9:15 Worship at 10:30	8	9	10 VBS Planning Meeting 6:00 pm	11	12	13 River Raisin Festival Parade 10:30 am
14 Adult Sunday School 9:15 Worship at 10:30	15	16	17	18 Movies on Lane St. And Dunk a Pastor	19	20
21 Adult Sunday School 9:15 Worship at 10:30	22	23	24	25	26	27 Craft Day 10am-??
28 Adult Sunday School 9:15 Worship at 10:30	29	30	31	1	2	3 



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Making disciples of
Jesus Christ.**



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