



THE FOLD

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

May 2015

New Covenant Partnership With Redford Brightmoor Initiative



As part of our local missions and ministries, Spark! recently voted to enter into a Covenant Partnership with the Redford Brightmoor Initiative in the northwest Detroit Brightmoor neighborhood. This non-profit is affiliated with Redford-Aldersgate United Methodist Church. The initiative is taking the actions to improve the quality of life and build relationships in one of the city's most economically depressed neighborhoods including cleanup, community gardens and the Brightmoor Free Store.

The Brightmoor neighborhood is less than 10 miles away from Good Shepherd but when considering statistics, it is a VERY long way:

- \$16,956 average household income
- \$6,798 average per capita income
- 79% below poverty level
- Over 90% single parent households
- 30% have not graduated from High School

Our Covenant Partnership involves supporting this initiative with our:

- **Prayers.** We commit to praying regularly for a spirit of renewal in the church and throughout the community outreach.
- **Presence and Service.** We commit to participating in at least one service opportunity during the year. Our fifth Sunday clothing drive will support the Brightmoor Free Store. (Donations will also continue to be directed to Baldwin Center in Pontiac.)
- **Gifts.** We commit to an annual gift equivalent to \$2 per member.
- **Witness.** We will share the stories.



Stay tuned for more information about this exciting opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in Detroit! Learn more about this ministry at: <http://www.readseedfeed.org/>

I will show you my faith by what I do. James 2:18



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for the
Flock in the
Dearborn area
since 1859

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Pastor

Rev. Dr. Douglas E. Ralston

Church Office Hours

Mon thru Thurs – 2 pm - 5 pm

Sunday Schedule

9:30 am: Sunday School:

Tweens

(4th – 8th grades)

Youth Encounter

(9th – 12th grades)

Willing Disciples

(Adults)

10:30 am: Worship Service

10:45 am: Sunday School for
Age 3 years - 3rd grade

11:45 am Fellowship Time

1:00 pm Oakwood Common

4:30 pm Hubbard (2nd Sun)

Wednesday

7-8 pm Choir Practice

Friday

Spaghetti Dinner on the first

Friday of the month from

5-7 pm.

United Methodist Men

Dinner meeting the first Monday
each month at 6 pm - Leon's on
Michigan Ave.

Dreaming Dreams

"I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions." Joel 2:28

What are our dreams for Good Shepherd? It's the kind of question that is asked every so often and typically we answer it in generalities. Often vision teams or focus groups are formed to ask and then answer the question.

The answers never seem to change. We dream of more young families joining our congregation. We dream of the sanctuary being full on Sunday. We dream of having no shortage of funds for our projects and missions.

Dreaming can be an enjoyable pastime, but in order to dream we have to be asleep. If we are asleep who will make straight the path so that the dreams can become reality?

I believe in dreaming dreams in the same way that I believe in prayer. We pray for healing, for strength, for clarity, for solutions, and for peace. It is good for us to pray, but if we then sit back, do nothing, and wait for God to take action on our laundry list of desired outcomes we have, in my opinion, not done our part.

Prayer is a conversation between the Divine and us. It is during that conversation that we are brought to an understanding of what it is that we must do. God's grace goes before us and the Spirit walks with us, but we must fully participate with God by acting on those things that have been revealed to us in prayer.

Dreaming or visioning is much the same. If all we do is dream, the dream will not materialize. Over the many years, that has been the consistent outcome.

However, if after we awaken from our dreams, we determine what it will require for the dream to become reality and remove any barriers blocking the dream then what we have dreamed is what we will have.

Springtime is a great time to dream. Good Shepherd has a bright and promising future, I dream about it on a regular basis.

Pastor Doug

LOOKING AHEAD TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE



On May 14-17 clergy and laity of the Detroit Annual Conference will

again gather at Adrian College to worship, to learn and to conduct conference business.

This year's focus is how to GROW disciples. Rev. Jorge Acevedo, lead pastor at the multi-site Grace Church in Southwest Florida will be the teaching speaker at the conference. Our representatives, Pastor Doug Ralston and Irene Addison, look forward to sharing insights and inspiration from conference.

Our Conference Covenant Offering supporting the Haiti Hot Lunch and Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village in Liberia will be combined with offerings from across the conference at the opening worship service.

More information and live streaming opportunities of conference are at www.detroitconference.org.

Please keep the work of the conference in prayer.

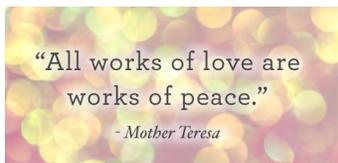
PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

One of the six special United Methodist offering Sundays is on May 31. Our Peace with Justice offerings

are combined with offerings from across the globe and are used to fund hundreds of programs to advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world.

Peace is not just the absence of war. This Peace with Justice focus means speaking out and breaking down barriers so God's children have access to jobs, housing, education, food, clean water and health care. From Arizona border community ministries to Liberia social justice issues to sex-trafficking risk education, the Peace with Justice programs are diverse and far reaching. Half of our offering funds local Peace with Justice ministries in Michigan while half funds U.S. and international programs.

You will find a special offering envelope in your envelope box or offerings can be made by annotating Peace with Justice on the outside of the envelope.



BE SURE TO SIGN UP AT THE OPPORTUNITY CENTER TO HOST REFRESHMENT TIME!

WELL DONE MICHIGAN AND GOOD SHEPHERD!



Michigan Methodists are celebrating exceeding the statewide goal of raising \$1.5 million in our efforts to wipe out malaria in sub-Saharan Africa.

Good Shepherd's incredible generosity over the last

two years placed us near the top in "per member" giving in the state! Although donations will continue to be forwarded to Imagine No Malaria, our mission-giving focus will turn to other important needs. Check out more information in this Fold and the bulletin board by the Opportunity Center.

Together with others, we are in the process of ending suffering and death from malaria. With \$10.00 representing an amount which can save a life—Michigan Methodists have saved 154,227 lives. **Through the end of March 2015, Good Shepherd has saved 731 lives!**

The Imagine No Malaria program has a four-fold strategy of beating malaria that includes both Prevention and Treatment:

- **Bed Nets.** More than 2.3 million insecticide-treated nets have been distributed. In addition, sanitation has been improved, standing water drained and access to diagnostic tests increased.
- **Communication.** Building radio stations and providing radios reaches more people with life-saving information about the cause and prevention of malaria.
- **Clinics.** More than 300 hospitals, clinics and health outposts are operated by the United Methodist Church.
- **Education.** More than 11,600 local health workers have been trained and empowered to teach their communities how to avoid malaria including door-to-door deliveries to install and teach people how to properly use bed nets.

Bishop Deborah Lieder Kiesey celebrates reaching our state-wide goal: "I am pleased to offer my very personal 'Thank you!' to the entire Michigan Area for your generous giving to the Imagine No Malaria effort," she said. "Because of your faithfulness, efforts will continue for the eradication of this completely preventable disease. Even though you will never know the names of those whose lives you have saved, you have truly made a difference!!"

Learn more at <http://imaginenomalaria.org/>

Thank You Notes

ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

For those who use Facebook, please like and participate at our Facebook page:



www.facebook.com/dearbornsumc

This is a great way to share Pastor Doug's message with a friend who needs encouragement or to invite someone to an upcoming event! Liking, sharing, or posting on our page helps to get the word out to others who just might need to find the love and support of a faith community!

EASTER JOY RIDE!



Our second Joy Ride delivering cookies on Easter Sunday was a big success. Thank you to everyone who baked cookies, we delivered 16 dozen. Many, many thanks to all who took time away from their Easter

celebrations to help with the deliveries but isn't that what it's all about? We received a very nice thank you note from Oakwood ER. Our next Joy Ride will be on Memorial Day weekend. Watch for sign up sheets and help us to continue to take God's blessings to the streets!

SAVE THE DATE! SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 9
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

We need your muscles and gardening tools to prepare the flowerbeds, spread mulch, and handle general sprucing up in time for Mother's Day!

WANTED: GARDEN ANGELS

We need angels to maintain our flowerbeds and pots throughout the season. Please consider signing up to provide coverage for a specific period of time. Grab a buddy to help you out. Sign-up sheets and more details may be found at the Opportunity Center in the Fellowship Hall.



ARTICLES FOR THE
JUNE FOLD NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE ON MAY 17TH

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift to Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic. Your \$606 contribution in support of the Smallwoods is making a difference in the lives of thousands in the Red Bird River Valley. As partners together in this mission we are helping thousands with physical needs and helping them grow spiritually.



Thank you for all the gifts and prayers you send our way that sustain our ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. Together, we can help pave the path for those becoming self-sufficient.

Grace and peace,

Lois J. Smith, Interim Executive Director

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### THANK YOU FROM BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK!



Thank you very much for your generous investment of \$1,400 to provide weekend nutrition to low-income elementary children during the 2014-2015 school year. With your support Blessings in a Backpack is feeding more than 72,000 children at 700 schools in 44 states and the District of Columbia this school year.

On behalf of our entire organization, thank you for your generous gift and for helping us feed the future of America!

Brooke M. Wiseman, CEO

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SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREWS

Thank you Good Shepherd UMC, Dearborn for joining in ministry with the Society of St. Andrew as an "End Hunger Partner."

Your faithful support provides healthy food to hungry people throughout the United States in Christ's name.

Lynette Johnson, Director of Church Relations

Taking it to the Streets

Let's go for a walk! We'll exercise our bodies and spirits as we seek to build relationships within our neighborhood while we walk and pray together. Weather permitting we will walk at 10 am on the 3rd Saturday of each month (May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19). We will meet in the church parking lot for mission prayer and partner pair-off. Please wear your Good Shepherd T-shirt if you have one. Sign up at the Opportunity Center.



LOGOS BOTTLE CAP PROJECT

Despite a variety of challenges and issues along the way the LOGOS bottle cap project has concluded with two completed



works. Pastor Doug said a prayer of dedication at the LOGOS finale, gathering all the LOGOS kids, as well as the adults, who helped to create them.

The dove will soon be found near the peace pole on the Mason street side of the church building.



The larger 'tree silhouetted by a sunset' mural will be hung somewhere within the building, it's final spot as yet undetermined.

You may have noticed that the two bottle cap projects have been displayed in the lobby of our church. We wanted to make sure that all of you who helped us by saving and bringing in the caps saw the completed projects. Thank you all so much for your help - we literally could not have done these without you!

We have enjoyed doing this project and appreciate all of the caps you brought in. But...

We no longer need bottle caps!

Please do not bring any more to the church. Just recycle them as you would any other plastic.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The last spaghetti dinner of the season is Friday, May 1st.

It's a quick turn-around after our April dinner that was delayed one week due to Good Friday.



Help in all ways is always appreciated! Please check out the sign-up sheet at the Opportunity Center for a way you can be a part of this time when we invite folks into our church home and share a meal with them.

LOOKING FORWARD IN WORSHIP

5/3	This Paraclete Talks	John 14:23-29
5/10	All You Need is Love	1 John 4:7-21
5/17	Annual Conference	(Dean Lewis Speaking)
5/24	Burn, Baby, Burn	Acts 2:1-21
5/31	Come Out of the Dark	John 3:1-17



May 3	Annie Smith & Al Costantino
May 10	Carla Schneider & Paula Turbett
May 17	Donna Eberhart & Dean Lewis
May 24	Samm Myers & David Scannell
May 31	Annie Smith & Al Costantino



May 3	Lilly Lawson
May 10	Josh Costantino
May 17	Aubree Belzyt
May 24	Sabrina Perry
May 31	Lilly Lawson



May 3	Irene Addison
May 10	Gary Atkins
May 17	Sandie Post
May 24	Fred Michaelson
May 31	Dean Lewis



1st	Joe & Margee O'Brien, Jim Woods
2nd	Dave Johnson & Scott Williams
3rd	Jim Woods & Randy Jensen
4th	Jim Woods & Sandra Lowe
5th	Jim Woods & Randy Jensen (Substitute: Randy Jensen)



1st	Delores Lebeck & Pam Post
2nd	Sharon Mangan & Sally Rausch
3rd	Georgia Grovesteen & Paula Turbett
4th	Donna Eberhart & Anita Polzin
5th	Delores Lebeck & Pam Post



May 3	Served During Worship
May 10	Dean & Kathy Lewis
May 17	Annual Conference – No Communion
May 24	Jim & Jan Woods
May 31	Sandie Post & Delores Lebeck

NURSERY CAREGIVERS



1st	Carolyn & Emma Costantino
2nd	Liz Cairo & Bea Woehlke
3rd	Carolyn Costantino & Lori Lawson
4th	Paula Turbett & Emma Costantino
5th	Carolyn & Emma Costantino (Substitute: Bea Woehlke)

OPENERS



1st Sunday	Thomas Garrant
2nd Sunday	Alan Costantino
3rd Sunday	Bruce Coburn
4th Sunday	Scott Williams
5th Sunday	Thomas Garrant



May 2	Joe O'Brien
May 7	Travis Lewis
May 8	Harry Peck
May 13	John Polzin
May 15	Gavin Turbett
May 17	Chuck Tamaroglio
May 18	Jennifer Malone
May 19	Margaret Layden
	Glennda Greenwell
	Heather McGuire
May 20	Matthew Turbett
May 23	Shannon Blankenship
May 26	Stephen Mihalik
May 28	Gary Poush
	Nicholas Gottron

Happy Anniversary!

May 5, 1984	Jim & Jean Mackey
May 28, 2004	Mike & Lori Lawson
May 30, 2004	Curtis & Shelly Taft Stoddard



Micah Betts	Marilyn & Jack MacTavish
Debi Black	Gary Maddox
John Bobo	Bob & Peggy Manchester
Tom Boyd	Allie & Nole McCullough
Bonnie Estes	Michael Mercurio
Dawn Dapprich Ferrara	Samantha Mihalik & family
Ben Fewell	Aaron Miles & family
William & Violet Friend	Amanda Milton
Erin Fry and family	Samantha Myers & family
Percilla Gabany	Sally Rausch
Eric Greenwell	Jack & Ann Schaub
Mary-Kate & Glennda Greenwell	Evelyn Schmult
Dorothy Grovesteen	Tim Shaw
Shirley & Henry Hall	Julie Shively
Carolyn & Randy Halloway	Annie Smith
Jessica Hanks	Beverly Smith & family
Cheryl Kramm	Jonathon Staley
Lexys Lamp & family	Colleen Stewart
Doug & Lynn Lebeck	George & Karen Stoops
Kathy Lebeck	Bruce Temperley
Kathleen LeBlanc	Pat Trent
Elmer Leigh	The Turbett family
Aron & Danielle Lewis & family	Linda Wall
Jillian LoSchaivo	Maurice & family
Dennis Ludwig	Shriti
	Teri

OUR MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES

M/Sgt. Jason Boyle
 Ryan Brennan, U.S. Air Force, & family
 Spc. John Glasco & family
 Eliot Hanks, U.S. Marines
 Sean Levigne, U.S. Army – Fort Hood
 Brandyn Waterman, U.S. Marines

OUR HOME BOUND

Judy Barker (7/19)

Anne Creek (7/12)

Shirley DeRosia (1/29)

Helen Hickey (9/6)

Mary Catherine Luoma (1/26)

Francis (Skip) Peck (4/12)

Fred Rausch

Robert Signoretti (8/1)

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- ✚ canned pasta & soup
- ✚ canned vegetables & fruit
- ✚ boxed mac 'n' cheese
- ✚ canned or bottled juice
- ✚ peanut butter & jelly
- ✚ dried beans & pasta
- ✚ canned spaghetti sauce
- ✚ canned meat (tuna, chicken, pork, beef)
- ✚ long shelf-life milk
- ✚ laundry detergent
- ✚ dish detergent
- ✚ shampoo & soap
- ✚ tooth brushes and toothpaste
- ✚ deodorant
- ✚ toilet paper

There is a constant need for the above items. They are the "staples" of our emergency supplies. Monetary donations may also be made, marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
1570 Mason at Monroe
Dearborn
Friday, May 1st
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Dinner includes: spaghetti (choice of meat or vegetarian sauce), salad bar, garlic bread, dessert, and beverage

Adults: \$8.00 Children 6 to 12: \$3.00 Under 6: free

Carry outs available.

PLEASE come – and bring a friend!



The Fold

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Dearborn, MI 48124
Church phone: 313-278-4350
Dated Material – Do Not Hold

May



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm	2 Run for God 7 am Itty Bitties 10 am
3 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Refreshments 11:45 am	4 UM Men's Dinner Leon's on Michigan 6 pm	5 Run for God 6:30 am	6 Choir Practice 7 pm	7 Run for God 6:30 am Prayer Group 2 pm	8	9 Run for God 7 am Garden Angels 9-1 pm Itty Bitties 10 am
10 Mother's Day Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Refreshments 11:45 am Hand Bells 12:00 pm	11	12 Run for God 6:30 am Visitation Team 6:00 pm	13 *DAC Office Closed Choir Practice 7 pm	14 *DAC Office Closed Run for God 6:30 am	15 *DAC	16 *DAC Run for God 7 am Prayer Shawl 9 am Itty Bitties 10 am Prayer Walk 10 am
17 *DAC Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Refreshments 11:45 am June Fold Articles Due	18 Spark! 6:30 pm	19 Run for God 6:30 am	20 Choir Practice 7 pm	21 Run for God 6:30 am Prayer Group 2 pm	22	23 Run for God 7 am Itty Bitties 10 am
24 Pentecost Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Refreshments 11:45 am Hand Bells 12:00 pm	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26 Run for God 6:30 am	27	28 Run for God 6:30 am Prayer Group 2 pm	29	30 Run for God 7 am Itty Bitties 10 am
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