

# THE FOLD

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

July 2015

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## And the Two Shall Become One

From [detroitconference.org](http://detroitconference.org) - On June 10, 2015 Michigan Area Bishop Deborah Lieder Kiesey made this historic announcement, “Dear friends, the vote is Detroit Conference 718 ‘yes’ and 75 ‘no;’ West Michigan ‘551’ yes and 83 ‘no.’ We have discerned that now is the time for our two annual conferences to become one!”

During a live webcast, Bishop Deb addressed hundreds who watched online and to the 75 persons assembled, “I want to personally thank you all for your willingness to participate in this ‘journey’, and I celebrate all that has happened along this ‘journey’. I also celebrate today the exciting possibilities and challenges that are now before us.”

The Bishop asked for continued prayers for next steps as she begins to gather the area-wide Design Team together. Their task will be to take the concept of one, unified Michigan Conference and make it, with the help of many others, into a plan. “I am very pleased the vote was affirmative – again thank you for that discernment,” Bishop Deb continued. “However, I am fully aware that in many ways, the hard work begins now. It is a difficult and yet exciting task to try to create something new, and it will take a great deal of prayer, a creative spirit, many wise minds, and a willingness to ‘let go’ of some things we might hold dear.”

### What’s Next?

The union of the Detroit and West Michigan conferences must be approved at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in July 2016. It is expected to take 2-3 years before Michigan’s two annual conferences take the final vote to dissolve and emerge as a single conference.



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**Church Office Hours**

By Appointment

**Sunday Schedule**

9:30 am: Bible Study - Adults  
10:30 am: Worship Service

Coffee & Conversation in  
Fellowship Hall following  
worship.

**United Methodist Men**

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



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# Prayer

When I was in college I was a theatre major. I was fortunate enough to be given parts in many different plays. One of my favorite plays was "Fiddler on the Roof." I never portrayed him, but I really appreciated the lead character Tevye, a poor Russian Jew who was the father of a family of all girls.

Tevye is very human, a common sort of a man, but at the same time, wise beyond expectations. He can see beyond the simple to the complex, the inner conscious of things. He also has a good relationship with his God.

He is comfortable with God. He can talk freely with God about most any subject. His prayers to God are from the depth of his being, and while at times they are very humorous, at the same time they reflect the concerns he has with his life and the world around him.

Here is one of Tevye's prayers.

"Today I am a horse. Dear God did you have to make my poor old horse lose his shoe just before the Sabbath. That wasn't nice. It's not enough you pick on me, Tevye, bless me with five daughters, a life of poverty. What have you got against my horse? Sometimes I think when things are too quiet up there, you say to yourself, 'Let's see, what kind of mischief can I play on my friend Tevye.'"



Can you sense the comfort, the ease Tevye had in talking with God? His ability to express his feelings to God is the core of prayer.

Prayer is asking, prayer is wondering, prayer is bringing to God all of the feelings from the depths of our souls, so that we might lay them before him. Prayer is crying out from the very inner longings of our soul all the concerns, all the problems, all the things that make us who we are, and what we are.

Prayer is talking with God. It is talking from the depths of our souls. We struggle to bring to God the very essence of our being. Prayer is an encounter with God. It is our spirit and God's Spirit, touching each other, so that our cries, our pleading, our joys, our celebrations are intimately known by our loving God.

And finally prayer brings us into a closer relationship with God. We have faith that God will answer, God will respond, because God loves all of God's creation very much

Next time you are invited with the words, "Let us pray," enter into a conversation that holds nothing back, but lays open your deepest fears and greatest joys. Remember to whom you are talking.

*Pastor Doug*

## ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?



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

[www.facebook.com/dearbornsumc](http://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!

### 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, as they are "staples" of our emergency supplies. Monetary donations may also be made, marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line!

### ARE YOU CALLED TO LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES?



Registration is now open for the fall Lay Servant Training. Lay servants are church members who serve the church in any way in which their witness or leadership and service inspires the laity to

deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship.

Although anyone can serve the church, the lay servants receive additional training and grow in discipleship with fellow servants from across the district. Both Pastor Doug and Spark approve the registration. The training will be held at Hope United Methodist Church on Sunday afternoons, September 13 – October 25. If further information is desired, contact Pastor Doug or Irene Addison.

## LOOKING FORWARD IN WORSHIP

7/5 Fear of Failure Mark 6:1-13  
 7/12 Don't Lose Your Head Over It Mark 6:14-29  
 7/19 Not Just Another Church Potluck Mark 6:30-44  
 7/26 Karen S. Plants – The Brightmoor Initiative

**USHERS**  
 July 5 Carla Schneider & Paula Turbett  
 July 12 Donna Eberhart & Dean Lewis  
 July 19 Samm Myers & David Scannell  
 July 26 Annie Smith & Al Costantino

**Acolytes**  
 July 5 Josh Costantino  
 July 12 Aubree Belzyt  
 July 19 Sabrina Perry  
 July 26 Lilly Lawson

**Worship Leader**  
 July 5 Fred Michaelson  
 July 12 Carla Schneider  
 July 19 Gary Atkins  
 July 26 Irene Addison

**OFFERING COUNTERS**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Joe & Margee O'Brien & Jim Woods  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Johnson & Scott Williams  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Woods & Randy Jensen  
 4<sup>th</sup> Jim Woods & Sandra Lowe  
 (Substitute: Randy Jensen)

**Greeters**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Delores Lebeck & Pam Post  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Mangan & Sally Rausch  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Georgia Grovesteen & Paula Turbett  
 4<sup>th</sup> Donna Eberhart & Anita Polzin

**Communion Service**  
 July 5 Served during worship  
 July 12 Dean & Kathy Lewis  
 July 19 Sandie Post & Delores Lebeck  
 July 26 Jim & Jan Woods

### NURSERY CAREGIVERS

**NURSERY WORKERS**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Carolyn & Emma Costantino  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Liz Cairo & Bea Woehlke  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Carolyn Costantino & Lori Lawson  
 4<sup>th</sup> Paula Turbett & Emma Costantino  
 (Substitute: Bea Woehlke)

### OPENERS

**Key**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Thomas Garrant  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Alan Costantino  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Bruce Coburn  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Scott Williams

**ARTICLES FOR THE  
 AUGUST FOLD NEWSLETTER  
 ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY  
 JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>!**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 1 Logan Blankenship  
July 2 Doris Rydzewski  
July 5 Al Costantino  
July 6 Mike Rinkel  
July 8 Erin Williams  
July 9 Lisa Peck  
July 10 Karen Stoops  
July 10 Adam Cairo  
July 11 Marilyn MacTavish  
July 11 Lori Lawson  
July 11 Samantha Myers  
July 12 Anne Creek  
July 15 Fred Michaelson  
Sharon Ralston  
Warren Beach  
July 19 Judy Barker  
July 22 Alyssa Burroughs  
July 23 Jan Woods  
Michael Lawson  
July 26 Emma Costantino  
July 28 Gayle Robinson  
July 29 Jim Mackey  
Mary-Kate Greenwell

## 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)

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 7, 2007 Chuck & Marti Tamaroglio  
July 8, 1975 Larry & Bea Woehlke  
July 19, 1952 Fred & Sally Rausch  
July 19, 1986 Gavin & Paula Turbett  
July 29, 2005 Aron & Danielle Lewis

Lisa Andrews  
Chadwell family  
Devine family  
Ben Fewell  
Dorothy Grovesteen  
Helen Hosker  
Delores Lebeck  
Doug & Lynn Lebeck  
Jack & Marilyn MacTavish  
Kendra Malotka  
Drew & Elizabeth McDonald  
Pigeon family  
Mercedes Ruiz family  
Fred & Sally Rausch  
Tim Shaw family  
George & Karen Stoops  
The congregation of First UMC of Garden City



## OUR MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES

Spc. John Glasco & family  
Zachary Danke, US Army

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## DETROIT FLOOD RELIEF UPDATE



On August 11, 2014, record rainfalls put three counties in southeastern Michigan underwater. Even while many of our congregation members cleaned out wet basements,

Good Shepherd stepped up to donate over \$600 to flood relief efforts. The beauty of connection added our gifts with churches throughout the globe to accomplish something much bigger.

Through grants from UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief,) the Northwest Detroit Flood Recovery Project was formed to continue to help homeowners still reeling from the impacts. Under the leadership of Rev. Becky Wilson, this office will match up funding sources and volunteers to those in need in the northwest part of the city. One of their first priorities will be to ensure that families don't go through a second winter without a working furnace. While the August flooding is "yesterday's news," the needs of those touched by the storm remain on the hearts and in the hands of United Methodists who care. Your generosity is making a difference!

## WHAT IS "JUST ONE THING?"



Each month, we will focus on a mission giving opportunity outside of Good Shepherd. These ministries reflect our mission statement to serve the spiritual and physical needs of our community and the world. Some

of the opportunities are in our backyard and others cross the globe!

These giving opportunities augment the ministries that we have within Good Shepherd such as our food pantry, school supplies drive and Christmas baskets. It is your choice which ministries to support, we just want to help raise awareness about the possibilities! Here is a preview of the coming months:

**July:** Heifer International

**August:** Hands4Detroit

**September:** Red Bird Mission, Beverly, KY

**October:** One Great Hour of Sharing for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

**November:** Chelsea Spyres, US2 Mission Fellow at N.O.A.H. Project

### JULY MISSION FOCUS: HEIFER INTERNATIONAL



#### "FILL THE ARK"

*Dedicated to ending hunger and poverty and caring for the Earth.*

Since 1944, Heifer International has worked with people of all faiths to provide farm animals that help families around the world become self-reliant for food and income and to pass on animals and training to others in their community. This simple idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued for over 65 years. Millions of families in 128 countries have been given the gifts of self-reliance and hope. Today, Heifer provides livestock, seeds, trees and training in environmentally sound agriculture to families across the globe including the United States.

Heifer partners with community groups to train beneficiaries to care for livestock, grow crops sustainably and further lift themselves out of poverty.

Beginning on June 28 you will receive an ark from Heifer International to help collect change for this Mission of the Month. As it was for Noah, so for today: the ark is about hope and a new beginning. For Heifer project families, farm animals can provide:

- Nutritious food for the children through milk, eggs or meat
- Income for housing, health care, school fees and other needs
- Motivation to plant trees and grasses and make other environmental improvements
- A catalyst for community development

The ark is also about multiplication. God told Noah, "Bring with you every living thing—birds and animals and every creeping thing—so that they may abound on the Earth and be fruitful and multiply." (Gen. 8:17)

Today, Heifer animals are spreading over the Earth as each participating family passes on the gift of one or more of their animal's offspring to another family in need. This miracle of birth creates a chain of giving that continues for years.

Pick up your ark and information sheet and join with Good Shepherd in making a difference. See the bulletin board at the Opportunity Center for more information about Heifer International.

## TAKING IT TO THE STREETS!

Baking cookies for  
the Joy Rides ministry:  
*EASY.*

Delivering trays of cookies to  
holiday workers: *REWARDING.*

Getting reactions from recipients:  
"You're kidding!" and  
"I'm so happy, now!"  
*PRICELESS!*

Let those who won't be spending  
the holiday with families know we  
appreciate what they do.

Please sign up at the opportunity  
center to join the 4th Joy Ride on  
July 4th.

Twenty-five sites served so far.  
We're on roll, Good Shepherd.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



As in past years, we will be collecting school supplies to help those students at DuVall Elementary who may not be able to afford to purchase supplies. Since those "Back to School" sales are coming earlier and earlier each year, following is a list of some of the items the children will need.

- wide ruled spiral notebooks
- glue sticks
- pink erasers
- colored pencils or Crayola "Twistables" – box of 12
- small pencil cases
- wide ruled line white paper
- 16-24 count box of crayons
- #2 pencils with erasers – box of 6-12
- Boxes of tissues
- Pkgs of wet wipes
- Ziplock bags of all sizes
- Scissors
- Washable markers
- Sticky notes

Supplies collected above the needs of Duvall will assist students at our other Blessings in a Backpack schools or the Redford Brightmoor neighborhood. Shopping not your thing? Designate a gift for "School Supplies Drive" and we will shop for you!

Watch the August Fold for more details about any late supply additions and the packing brigade schedule!

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## A FOND FAREWELL



My dear friends,

With sadness I have tendered my resignation as Administrative Assistant at

Good Shepherd effective Thursday, July 2. Pastor Doug and I have discussed my future in ministry, and the opportunity I have received at First UMC Garden City is one I must accept.

I will maintain my membership here, and after the new pastor comes on board at FUMCGC, I hope to be able to attend here on at least on a semi-regular basis. So, hopefully, "I'll be home for Christmas!"

I look back on all of my years of service here at Good Shepherd, starting as a college student at Madonna, through my graduation and leave to attend seminary, then returning "temporarily" in November of 2006, just to help out Pastor Kathy... I have really enjoyed my time with you.

You are my family and I will always be indebted to all of you for the love and support you have so freely given me and my family over the last 13 years! I hope you will keep me and the congregation of FUMCGC in your prayers as we sail through uncharted waters in the coming weeks!

I will always have you in my prayers, and will try to get together with any of you who so desire!

Blessings and thanks,

Marti Boynton Tamaroglio

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## CHANGE IS EVERYWHERE



It is both inevitable and uncomfortable and change is coming to the church office! Our administrative

assistant, Marti Boynton Tamaroglio, will be leaving us on July 2. Marti has accepted an opportunity for expanded support and ministry responsibilities at First United Methodist Church of Garden City.

We will certainly miss Marti's presence in the office and we wish her success and many blessings in her expanded role at Garden City. The good news is she will continue to be a member of Good Shepherd and will be with us as often as possible on Sundays. Marti will also continue to offer Sunday worship services for the residents at Oakwood Common and Hubbard on our behalf.

Where do we go from here? The current plan is to enter into a period of prayerful discernment to determine our support requirements as we move into the future.

During this time, volunteer help will be needed especially in regard to some of the regular office tasks such as folding and assembling the weekly bulletins and preparing the monthly Fold for distribution. There are a number of other items that will also require attention.

We are asking for volunteers come into the church on Wednesday afternoons from 1 PM until 3 PM beginning on July 15 to help. Whether you can only come one Wednesday or would be willing to commit to come regularly on Wednesday afternoons, please volunteer by signing up in the Opportunity Center.

Beginning Monday, July 6  
the church office will be open  
by appointment.

Telephone messages and email to the church office will be monitored regularly. To schedule a meeting with Pastor Doug, advise of information important to the life of the church, or to make an inquiry, please call the church office at (313) 278-4350 or send an email to [gshepherdumc@att.net](mailto:gshepherdumc@att.net).

## FEEDING HIS FLOCK



Our food pantry continues to be a powerful and important ministry of our church. Over the many years, innumerable people have

received the sustenance that their bodies needed through the food pantry at Good Shepherd. Your generous, ongoing support of this ministry through donations of food and finances has indeed been impressive.

In May a task force began meeting to determine how we could enhance our food pantry. The goals are to make it a ministry of relationship rather than just food distribution, involve a greater number of our people in the ministry, and enhance the quality of what we offer.

Information regarding our current practices and how other food pantries are organized is being gathered. If you would like to be involved in the planning and design of our food pantry ministry, contact Pastor Doug or just come to the next meeting scheduled for July 7 at 7 PM. All are welcome.

Currently, our clients call and schedule a time to come individually to the church to receive their food. We are working out a plan to invite all our clients to come to Good Shepherd once per month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 9-11 AM. This will provide the opportunity for more of us to participate in preparing food boxes for distribution and interacting with our clients. This interaction will help us learn more about them and develop relationships with them. Distributing once a month will also allow us to offer fresh foods and perishables that we can't offer now because of storage.

The hope is that these changes will begin in August with the first distribution on Saturday August 22. Many hands will be needed so please prayerfully consider how you will participate in this vital outreach to which Jesus so clearly calls us.

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## DEARBORN GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## PRAYER WALKS:

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES



Come join us and take a walk with Jesus and his disciples in our community to talk and interact with people

**Why:** Because that's exactly what Jesus modeled for us during his time on earth. Jesus promoted building relationships within the neighborhood.

**Who:** All ages and all walking abilities. *The success of a prayer walk is measured by the number of people we interact with NOT the number of steps.*

**When:** Third Saturday of each month:

- Saturday, July 18
- Saturday, August 15
- Saturday, September 19
- Saturday, October 17

**Where:** Meet in the church parking lot @ 10AM dressed in your GS t-shirt prepared to pray and meet and greet others while offering conversation and a listening ear to folks in our Good Shepherd neighborhood.

If unable to safely walk or join us on these dates, then please be a PRAYER WARRIOR and pray for our Prayer Walkers *before* and *during* the time of the walks.

Here is how God is working through the Prayer Walks!

- Walkers met a mother and her young daughter who had learned to ride her 2-wheeled bicycle in our GS parking lot recently.
- Walker assisted with the task of cleaning out a neighbor's gutters by holding the ladder and the yard waste bag while listening to a bit of neighbor's life's story.
- Walkers engaged in conversation with a Master Gardener nurturing the plants in her front yard. Gardener offered to share plants with us for our church gardens.
- Walkers have identified homes for sale and homes SOLD with the intent of gifting trays of cookies to the new owners to welcome them to the neighborhood.
- Walkers have realized that many of the beautiful, historic and well-kept homes close to Good Shepherd are actually 2 family dwellings.



**LIVING OUR FAITH THROUGH SERVICE TO OTHERS!**

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July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bonhoeffer Study 5:30 pm	2 Run for God 6:30 am	3 Joy Ride Cookie Packing 10 am	4 Run for God 7 am July 4 <sup>th</sup> Joy Ride! Taking it to the Streets!
5 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation 11:45 am	6 United Methodist Men's Dinner at Leon's 6 pm	7 Run for God 6:30 am Food Pantry Task Force 7 pm	8	9 Run for God 6:30 am	10	11 Run for God 7 am
12 Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation 11:45 am Hand Bell Choir 12 pm	13	14 Run for God 6:30 am	15	16 Run for God 6:30 am	17 Renaissance in the D 2015 Tigers' Game 6:30 pm	18 Run for God 7 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 9 am Prayer Walk 10 am
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