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Determining the Will of God

Many of us struggle to determine what the will of God is for our lives and for various situations that we encounter daily. In my search for this answer, I discovered this article that described these interesting ways to help us in our discernment process. Surely these practices can assist all of us on our journey with the Lord.

First, begin with prayer. Even though this sounds simple, and it is, through specific prayers God will show you His specific will for your life and this situation that you are encountering. Jeremiah 42:3 says to pray that the Lord your God will show us what to do and where to go.

Secondly, glorify God. When responding to any situation ask yourself, does this glorify God? God will never guide you to do something that will not give Him glory. Ask yourself, "Does this bless my relationship with my family? Does it make it possible for me to serve others? What will my attitude be if I do this? Give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but not you have new life. So, use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. Romans 6:13

Thirdly, agree with Scripture. Does your decision and action agree with scripture? God gave us His Word to show us His will. You and I can trust the counsel of the Bible. You never have to ask God if it's His will for you to embezzle from your employer or dish the latest dirty detail about your neighbor. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16

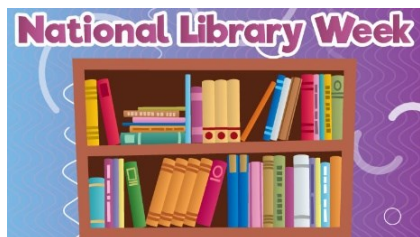
Fourthly, be willing to wait. Be patient. God's will is worth the wait. Trust His timing. If something is God's will, He will guide you while you wait and bring it to pass. Don't rush it—when the timing is right God will let you know. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous, yes, wait patiently for the Lord. Psalm 27:14.

Finally, trust God to accomplish His will in your life and wait. God will do what He says He will do, and He will accomplish His will. Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more that we might ask or think. Ephesians 3:20

Not everything in life is clear. There will be times when you will do all the above and still be uncertain about God's direction for you. That's okay. You can trust that if God wants something specific in your life, He will guide you to it. If you've gone through the 5-step process and still have no clear answer.... just keep praying and serving God. Make a choice. The good news is if you are trusting and glorifying God with your life, you can move ahead confidently.

Continuing to Determine the Will of God, Pastor Tara Renee Gay

This article is entitled "5 Ways to Know if Something is from God". It is from Counting my blessings website.



National Library Week is April 7-13, 2024

Make sure you stop by and see what the church library has to offer. You can find adult and youth titles in the main library and children's titles in the Sunday school hallway. You may also search from home through our library database:

<https://cloud.collectorz.com/bbumclibrary/books>

Come check it out!



Noisy Sunday

Get your change ready! April 28th is Noisy Sunday. (Moved from March 31st due to Easter Sunday). The money collected will go to SOS/Lighthouse. Let the sound of change ring throughout the sanctuary as we fill the buckets!



REDUCE THE RISK

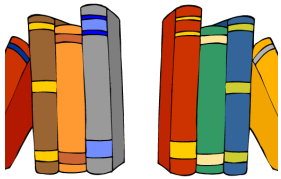


Reduce the Risk training will be held on Monday, April 29th at 6:30 pm in the Quad rooms. This training is for people who are interested in working with children and youth and have not been recertified in the past three years, or haven't taken the training previously. Please contact Becky Lorenz at 248-689-1932 or blorenz@bbumchurch.org if interested or with any questions.



The annual Church picnic and celebration of Pastor Tara Gay's ministry will be held on Sunday, June 23rd. More information to come.





BBUMC Daytime Book Club

The next book club meeting will be Thursday, May 9th at 11:00 am in the church library. Melodie Conley will be leading the discussion of “Night Road” by Kristin Hannah. We would love for you to join us for a discussion of this luminous, heartbreaking novel that captures both the exquisite pain of loss and the stunning power of hope.

If you cannot make May’s meeting, but would like to join a future book club meeting, please let Becky know and you will be put on our email list. 2024 meeting dates are: September 12 (Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery) and November 14 (TBD – TPL Book Kit). Please consider joining us for great discussion and fellowship.



Graduation Sunday



Calling all graduates – Graduation Sunday is May 19th. If you have a high school or college graduate, please let us know his/her name, where he/she is graduating from and what his/her plans for the future are. Please email Becky Lorenz at blorenz@bbumchurch.org with the information or complete the One stop sheet in the bulletin.



Save the Date...VBS 2024

This summer children of all ages are invited to learn to trust God to be with us in every situation. Join Counselor Mike and Lu as young campers learn to face their fears while trusting in God. Join us at “Camp Firelight” VBS on Monday, July 15th thru Friday, July 19th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Children in preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend. On Sunday, July 21st, the children will present what they learned during the worship service.

Interested in volunteering? We are always looking for youth and adult volunteers. If interested, contact Becky Lorenz – blorenz@bbumchurch.org.



Did you know that BBUMC has an Endowment Fund? An Endowment Fund gives our members the opportunity to consider gifts to their church as part of their lifetime planned giving, or in their estate plan. The principal amount of the Endowment Fund cannot be spent; that means that fund spending can only come from the fund's earnings. In this way, you can be assured that the principal amount of your gift will live on but the earnings from your generosity will benefit our church for years to come.

We ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to our Endowment Fund. Gifts are most often made as part of an estate plan; however, the fund can also accept gifts during your lifetime.

For more information, please contact one of the Endowment Committee Members: Clayton Osburn, Tom Hill, Bob Kruse, Ron Dritlein, Bob Huber, Joe Lorenz, Chris Turner.



Mothers Day Breakfast



The UM Men's Group is hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast on May 12th from 8:15am—9:45am in the Family Center.

Volunteer's (Men) are welcome to join us to help out.

Sign up on the One Stop if you plan on attending. See Oz for more information.



Bay Shore Work Days Are Coming!

Join us on May 3rd and May 4th to help with various projects at Bay Shore, as they prepare for upcoming campers.

Check out the Men's bulletin board for more information, or see Oz.



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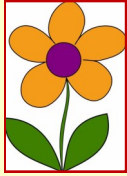


UM Men's Retreat

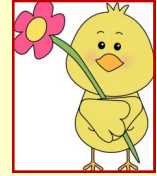
Join us for a one-day retreat on April 13th at Bay Shore.

Cost: \$79.00

Check out the bulletin board for more information, or see Oz.



YOUTH GROUP



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL...

There will be a Mountain Movers Committee meeting on April 3rd at 5pm in the Library.

Sunday April 7th the youth and Faith Warriors will be combining with Troy First's youth group and going bowling and playing laser tag at Escape Bowling alley from 6:30-8pm.

April 13th will be Trunk-or-TrEaster from 1-2pm (note the time change).

Sunday April 14th the youth will be attending the service and going out to lunch.

Sunday April 21st from 11-1 the youth will be decorating the youth room and talking about who we are and how we fit into God's plan.

Sunday April 28th from 11-12:30 the youth will be having an art day in the youth room!

"I think miracles happen all around us. Waking up each day with air in our lungs and love surrounding us is a wonder. Additionally, the capabilities and potential we all hold is something to appreciate and take full advantage of."

-Brandon Comer

From your Youth Director...

Troy First's youth director and I have officially decided to start combining our youth groups! This will include Faith Warriors as well. Once a month, we will get together with the hopes that eventually, we will fully combine! I am so excited for this new chapter in our youth's faith journey.

-Jackie VanDaal

Mother/Daughter Dinner...



Save the date for the Mother/Daughter Dinner on May 11th at 4:30 pm. The price is \$10 for adults. Children 12 and under are free.

We will have a wonderful guest speaker. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex as we get closer to the event!



If you have any questions, please call Diana Whitefoot at 248-787-9269 or email dianawhitefoot@gmail.com.



ANNIVERSARIES

April 1
April 16

Phil & Eileen Cohen
Gary & Dawn Stewart

COMING IN APRIL... BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

We will celebrate birthdays the first Sunday of each month, beginning on April 7th. Join us during coffee hour for a special treat as we celebrate with our church family!

BIRTHDAYS

April 1

April 2

April 6

April 9

April 14

April 18

April 22

April 24

April 29

Nancy Cormier, Al Piasta, Noah Taylor

Jim Halsey

Diane Morrell

Julie Kohring

Linda Bowden

Tim Bowden

Tom Burgess

Gail Morrell

Char Halsey



BBUMC PRESENTS...

Join us for a

MOVIE NIGHT

SHOWING

FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF AND COURAGEOUS

WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

START AT 7:00 PM



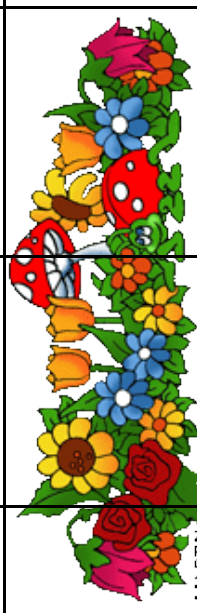
BRING YOUR OWN
SNACKS

Spaghetti Dinner from 6:00pm - 6:45pm
Sign up in the Narthex.



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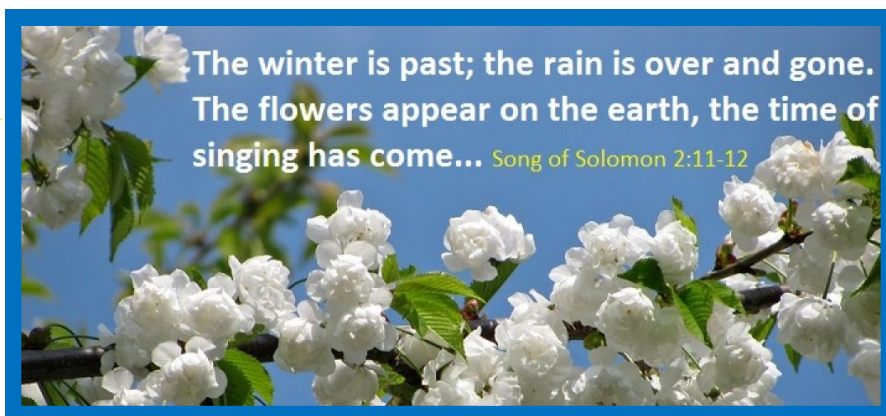


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7  8:45am Adult S.S.-Friendship Class (Z & QR) 9:00am Adult S.S.-Exp. God (L) 10:00am Worship 8:00pm AA (FC)	1 7:00pm Education (L)	2 6:30pm Volleyball (FC) 7:00pm Disciple Class (Z & QR)	3 10:00am Bag Lady Ministry (YR) 6:00pm Harmony Ringers (S) 6:00pm Lent Study (QR) 7:00pm Pickleball (FC)	4 9:30am Bible Study (L) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (QR)	5 9:30am Golden Choralliers (Choir Rm) 9:30am Pickleball (FC) 7:30pm AA (FC)	6 
14 Native Am. Ministries Sunday-Sp. Offering 8:45am Adult S.S.-Friendship Class (Z & QR) 9:00am Adult S.S.-Exp. God (L) 10:00am Worship 2:00pm Corner-Recital (S) 8:00pm AA (FC)	8 7:30pm Susanna Circle (YR)	9 11:00am Sarah Circle (L) 6:30pm Volleyball (FC) 7:00pm Disciple Class (Z & QR) 7:00pm Mom's Prayer Gr. (L)	10 Newsletter Deadline 10:30am Troy Garden Club (FC & K) 11:00am Kitchen Comm. Mtg. (L) 6:00pm Lent Study (QR) 7:00pm Pickleball (FC)	11 9:30am Bible Study (L) 11:00am UWF Cluster Luncheon (FC & K) 6:00pm Jubilation Kids (QR) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (QR)	12 9:30am Golden Choralliers (Choir Rm) 9:30am Pickleball (FC) 7:30pm AA (FC)	13 UM Men's Retreat-off site 1:00pm Trunk or Tt-Easter!
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28 Noisy Sunday 8:45am Adult S.S.-Friendship Class (Z & QR) 9:00am Adult S.S.-Exp. God (L) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Youth Group (YR) 8:00pm AA (FC)	22	23 11:00am UWF Mtg (L) 6:00pm Staff Meeting (off-site) 6:30pm Volleyball (FC) 7:00pm Disciple Class (Z & QR)	24 6:00pm Harmony Ringers (S) 7:00pm Pickleball (FC)	25 9:30am Bible Study (L) 6:00pm Jubilation Kids (QR) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (QR)	26 9:30am Pickleball (FC) 7:30pm AA (FC)	27 9:00am Boy Scout Ceremony (FC & K) 1:00pm Drawing with a Purpose (QR)
	29 6:30pm Reduce the Risk (QR)	30 7:00pm Disciple Class (Z & QR)				

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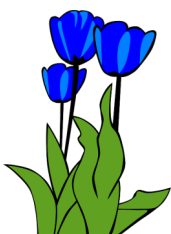


The winter is past; the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth, the time of
singing has come... Song of Solomon 2:11-12



Dr. Tara Gay
Suzanne Bianchi

Carl Vanidour
Becky Lorenz
Cindy Gavin
Jackie VanDaal
Ingrid Hayes



Pastor
Organist and
Contemporary
Music Director
Choir Director
Christian Ed Director
Office Administrator
Youth Director
Nursery Care

Sunday Morning

Sunday School for Adults

8:45am—Friendship Class

9:00am—Experiencing God Class

Worship

10:00am

Sunday School (Children)

Following the Children's
message

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00am—1:00pm

