

THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

FOR BANCROFT AND MORRICE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES
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NINA MORTIMORE, EDITOR

[We] have a shared mission to serve God to the best of our ability by making him known in our church, community and world.

24 HOURS

There is a Lenten Study at Morrice UMC the first four Tuesday evenings of the month at 7:00 pm. The group is studying Adam Hamilton's 24 Hours that Changed the World.



PALM SUNDAY

EASTER EGGS

The Morrice UMC will have an Easter Egg Hunt on March 20 (Palm Sunday) at 2:00 pm. The eggs will be hidden on the church lawn. The ages are pre-school through 6th grade.

We need Easter candy and small prized donated for the hunt. Please bring your Easter candy to the church. Watch your bulletins for a day and time to fill the eggs with the goodies.

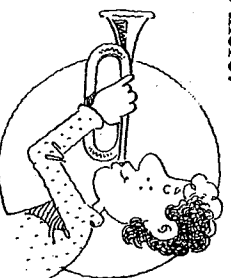
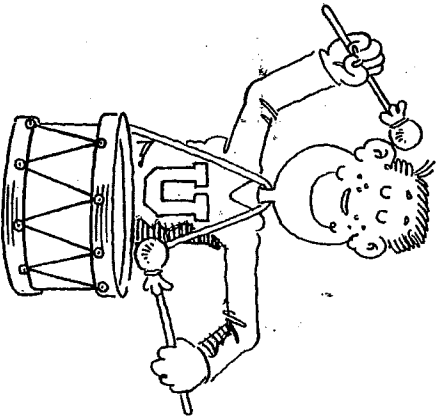
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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Our Maundy Thursday service is March 24 at Bancroft UMC at 7:00 pm. Please come and celebrate Christ's Last Supper with communion.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Both of our churches will have a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday. Each service will begin at 7:00 am followed by breakfast. Our regular Sunday worship schedule follows. We hope to see you there!



UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief or UMCOR allows each of us to be in mission here and around the world. UMCOR is one of the first agencies in and one of the last to leave when a disaster strikes. 100% of your donation goes to the named project. To donate, write a check to your church with the Advance # on the memo line and place in the collection plate. For more information on any project, go to www.umcor.org or use the link on our website.

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Using Advance # 333615, Anti-Human Trafficking helps those who have been ensnared in trafficking of humans for commercial and sexual exploitation.

UNITED STATES DISASTER RESPONSE

If you donate to Advance # 901670, you will help when disasters strike in the United States. These can include helping victims of tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters.

MISSIONS

APPORTIONMENT FUNDS

Two of our seven apportionment funds are Africa University Fund and the Black College Fund.

Founded by the United Methodist Church in 1992, Zimbabwe-based Africa University services students from more than 25 countries. They earn degrees in agriculture, management and administration, theology, peace and governance and more. Then they return to their native countries and serve as physicians, ministers, agriculturalists, teacher and other life-changing, lifesaving vocations.

When we support the Africa University Fund through our local church apportionments, we help to transform entire communities.

African-American students earn only 15% of bachelor's degrees, quite a disproportion in comparison with our population. The United Methodist Black College Fund helps close this gap. Supporting 11 historically Black United Methodist colleges and universities through our apportionments allows young people to have opportunities for an education that might otherwise be out of reach.

The historically black colleges and universities of The United Methodist Church educate some of the world's most active and popular leaders.

The above information is from the umciving.org website.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The following letter was provided for us by UMCOR and explains One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We will collect this special offering on Sunday, March 6. Please give as you are able. Special envelopes will be available in your bulletins.

Dear Church Family,
We cannot all be present when disaster strikes. However, on March 6, we will do our part equipping others to go.

Our congregation will join thousands of others across the U.S. By participating in a Special Sunday of The United Methodist Church. Together, we will help fund the critical disaster-relief efforts of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

For more than 75 years, UMCOR has provided disaster relief, often long after others have left the scene. UMCOR has aided refugees and confronted the crippling challenges of world hunger and poverty. However, UMCOR simply cannot do it without us.

Unlike other benevolent causes, UMCOR does not receive any funds from the regular United Methodist Church budget. Our generous gifts help cover the agency's administrative costs so UMCOR can continue to guarantee that 100% of all other donations go toward specific relief projects. Examples are many—rebuilding after the Haiti earthquake, Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy and many other disasters.

One Great Hour of Sharing allows UMCOR and The United Methodist Church to respond immediately when disaster strikes. Think of UMCOR as our “Go Team” who can be there when help is needed.

Please prayerfully consider how God would have you join us in cheerfully and generously showing God's love around the world with your gifts.

DONATIONS TO FLINT WATER CRISIS

There are ways to donate to help the residents of Flint during the water crisis. You may donate online at <http://bit.ly/FlintRelief>.

The Morrice UMC is collecting donations through their Lenten folder offering.

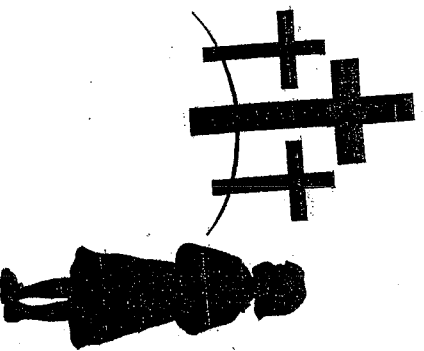
March

- 1 Lenten Study at (M) 7:00 pm
- 4-5 Lay Servant Workshop, Flint Bethel UM
- 4-6 Mother Daughter Retreat @ Bay Shore
- 5 UMM at (M) 8:00 am; Chili Cook-Off (M) 6:00 pm, includes a congrats party for Pastor Bob
- 6 One Great Hour of Sharing, Communion
- 7 Women Bible Study at Shirley's 7:00 pm
- 8 Lenten Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 10 180 Conference at DeWitt Redeemer UMC
- 12 Youth Fund Raiser @ Perry Masonic Hall
- 13 Daylight Savings Time begins; Camp Sunday; Food Collection; Hospice offering (M); Trustees (M) after worship
- 14 Women Bible Study at Shirley's 7:00 pm
- 15 Newsletter Deadline; Lenten Study (M) 7:00 pm

- 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 18-20 Quilter Retreat @ Bay Shore Camp
- 20 Haiti Hot Lunch (M); PALM SUNDAY; Easter Egg Hunt (M) 2:00 pm
- 21 Church Council (M) 7:00 pm
- 22 Lenten Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 24 Maundy Thursday (B) 7:00 pm
- 25 Good Friday
- 27 **EASTER**; Sunrise Service at each church 7:00 am followed by breakfast; regular worship schedule follows
- 28 Women Bible Study at Shirley's 7:00 pm
- 31 Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm

SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget! Spring Forward with all your clocks on March 13. Don't be late for worship services that day. Set your clocks ahead one hour.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

*Bancroft: Worship 9:00 am
Children's Sunday School during
worship*

*Morrice: Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am*

MEN EAT BREAKFAST

March 5 will be a busy day for the men of our charge. They will begin with breakfast at 8:00 am at the Morrice UMC. They will also host the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off later in the day (see related article).

CHILI COOK-OFF

Is this the year Morrice gets a winner in the annual chili cook-off? Come to the Morrice UMC on March 5 to cast your vote for the best chili. Maybe this is the year home church advantage works for Morrice. Anyone may enter their recipe. There will be hot dogs, dessert and other food too.

Any questions, please check with Ron or any of the United Methodist Men.

We will celebrate Pastor Bob finishing License to Preach School, which he accomplished a few months ago.

The festivities begin at 6:00 pm and end about 8:00 pm. A free will offering goes to support an appreciation breakfast for first responders of both communities.

180 CONFERENCE

Interested in programs to help our churches grow? If so, please consider attending the 180 Conference at DeWitt Redeemer UMC on March 10. The registration cost includes lunch and materials. If anyone from Morrice attends, the cost is \$25. The conference is 8:30-4:30 pm.

Members and leaders from DeWitt Redeemer share how they took their church from a small church to a large church with multiple services and ministry programs.

SPAGHETTI FUND RAISER

The youth group is raising funds for a mission tip. They are having a spaghetti dinner at the Masonic Hall in Perry on March 12, 4:30-7:00 pm. Watch your bulletins for more information.

**NO SALAD LUNCHEON THIS MONTH.
SEE YOU IN APRIL!**

BIBLE TRIVIA

Below are some questions from the Bible Trivia gave from Cadaco. See how well you do.

1. What was Abel's occupation?
2. What was the most important event in the Bible to take place at Calvary?
3. After Jesus fed the 5000 people, how did he get across the first portion of the sea of Galilee?
4. Name Adam and Eve's oldest son
5. Where in the Bible is the book "Titus" found?
6. What did those attending the Last Supper eat and drink?
7. Finish the following advice of Jesus with one word: "Seek and ye shall _____."
8. Who was the husband of Naomi?
9. How many books in the Bible begin with the letter "O"?
10. Which apostle was a tent-maker?

WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

A group is meeting at Shirley's house three of four Monday evenings this month. They are studying women of the Bible and meet at 7:00 pm. They will not meet on March 21.

SALAD LUNCHEON NEWS

Due to health issues and aging process, the Morrice UMW will host April and September salad luncheons. The next one will be April 28th. If you would like to make a contribution to help support the many charities we have supported in the past, please make a check out to Morrice UMW or cash is welcomed too. This can be given to: Shirley S., Donna H., Judy B., Joyce P., Georgia C. or Cheryl L. Please do not put it in the offering plate.

Thank you for your support in the past and support in the future.

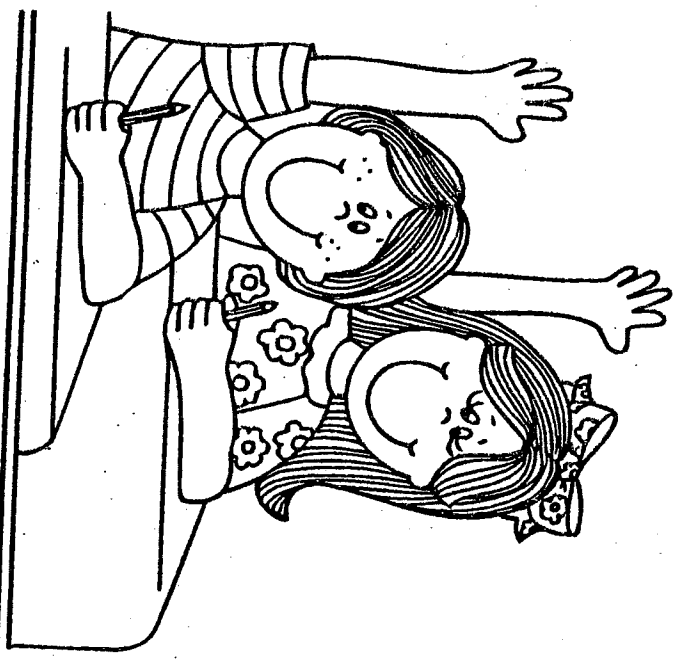
BIBLE STUDY

The longtime Bible study returns on Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 pm. The group meets at the Morrice UMC and is reading through the Old Testament, one chapter at a time and discussing how it pertains to present day.

The group will not meet the first four weeks of March.

Answers:

1. Shepherd (Genesis 4:2)
2. Jesus was crucified.
3. He walked on the water. (John 6:19)
4. Cain (Genesis 4:1)
5. New Testament
6. Bread and wine (Luke 22:14-20)
7. Find (Matthew 7:7)
8. Elimelech (Ruth 1:2)
9. 1 (Obadiah)
10. Paul (Acts 13:2-3)



BANCROFT NEWS

February 15, 2016

The Christmas decorations have been taken down and put away until the end of the year and new decorations have taken their place. In the entry way there are a couple of pictures from days gone by but they bring back happy memories to those who remember.

The UMW meeting was on Wednesday, February 6th. We assembled a variety of 103 cards that are sent out to people in the congregation and others of the community.

Thank you to Diana and her sister Laura

Cowdrey for organizing the making of the cards and especially for Laura for supplying all the materials. Also, a big "Thank You" to Diana for supplying the delicious food dish. We also threw a surprise puppy shower for Joan Ordway and

Gracie (her 10 week old puppy). Gracie got lots of special treats. Thanks to the ladies who decorated the table for the event. A special

"Thank You" for Margaret Hemenway for supplying the cookies and mini cupcakes; they were tasty. It was a fun time for all.

Margaret Hemenway checked with Loaves & Fishes to see if they were in need of Birthday bags. They have sufficient supply at this time. We will make up Birthday bags at a later date.

The men's morning breakfast on Saturday, February 6th went very well with 10 men in attendance, which was a great turn out. They had a special time of conversation and food. Hopefully the men appreciated the Valentine decorations provided by the Sunday School children.

Margaret Hemenway and Joan Ordway have replaced the Christmas decorations on the window ledges with baskets with an arrangement of flowers in preparation for Easter and spring weather.

Margaret Hemenway and the Sunday School children were the greeters on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14th. The children handed out special Valentine's, which they made in class. They consisted of a cross with a rainbow and a smiling sun with the words "God is Love", along with a Valentine bag with a couple of chocolate treats.

Don't forget the Chili cook off in March, being held at the Morrice United Methodist Church. Good Luck to everyone participating!

READING AT BANCROFT

Mar. 6	Aleta C.
Mar. 13	Diana H.
Mar. 20	Dave F.
Mar. 27	Lisa C.

GREETING YOU AT BANCROFT

Mar. 6	Lisa C.
Mar. 13	Gary & Diana H.
Mar. 20	Dave & Kasey F.
Mar. 27	Ben & Joan O.

THE FIRST EASTER

Dead they left Him in the tomb
And the impenetrable gloom,
Rolled the great stone to the door,
Dead, they thought, forevermore.

Then came Mary Magdalene
Weeping to that bitter scene,
And she found, to her dismay,
That the stone was rolled away.

Cometh Peter then and John,
Him they'd loved to look upon,
And they found His linen there
Left within the sepulcher.

"They have taken Him away!"
Mary cried that Easter Day.
Low, she heard a voice behind:
"Whom is it you seek to find?"

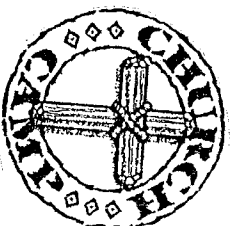
"Tell me where He is!" she cried,
"Him they scourged and crucified.
Here we left Him with the dead!"
"Mary! Mary!" Jesus said.

So by Mary Magdalene
First the risen Christ was seen,
And from every heart that day
Doubt's great stone was rolled away.

--Edgar A. Guest

From Harbor Lights of Home, 1928 The Reilly & Lee Company

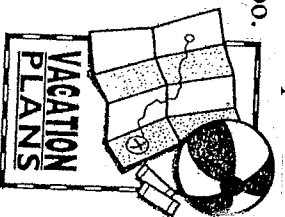
BAY SHORE CAMP NEWS



CAMP SUNDAY

Jeff Parsons, Executive Director at Bay Shore Camp will be with us on March 13 for worship. Please make sure young people of all ages come that Sunday. You will hear about the wonderful ways God is at work at our summer camp programs. If you know of any kids, grand kids, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, neighbors, etc. who could benefit from a camping (in cabins) experience, bring them to worship service on March 13.

We would like to have all former campers and/or staff present in worship too.



BAY SHORE CAMP SCHEDULE

Mar. 4-5	Mother/Daughter Retreat
Mar. 18-20	Spring Quilter's Retreat
Mar. 28-1	Missions Week (gr. 6-12)
Apr. 1-2	Men's Retreat
May 6-7	Father/Son Catfish Tournament
May 13-14	Women's Wellness
May 27-30	Memorial Day Family Weekend
Jun 3-4	Spring Family Fun Days
Jun 12-17	Jr. High Camp (gr. 7-8)
Jun 15-17	Teddy Bear I (gr. 1-2)
Jun 19-24	Fishing Camp (gr. 7-10)
Jun 19-24	Basketball Camp (gr. 6-11)
Jun 26-1	Soccer Camp (gr. 4-12)
Jun 26-1	Primary Plus (gr. 3-4)
Jul 3-8	Jr. Music Camp (gr. 4-8)
Jul 6-8	Motocross Camp (gr. 3-12)
Jul 10-15	Sr. High Camp (gr. 9-13)
Jul 17-22	Boys Baseball (gr. 6-10)
Jul 17-22	Girls Softball (gr. 6-10)

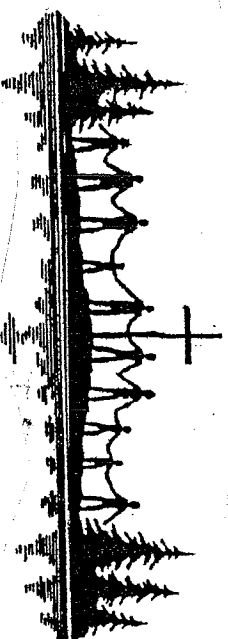
MOTHER DAUGHTER RETREAT

Bay Shore Camp is holding a Mother and Daughter Retreat at the campground March 4-6. The price is \$165 per mother and daughter with \$50 for each additional daughter. The price includes two nights, four meals and snacks, all programming and activities. There is a discount for registering online. The programming is designed for daughters 8-13 years old.

(Grandmas and aunts can bring "daughters" too).

The retreat is designed for moms and daughters to deepen their bond through activities that create opportunities to laugh, listen, connect, and explore the Word of God together. The retreat speaker is Shelly Ginter Conrad.

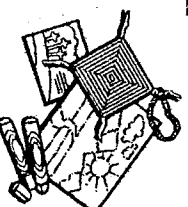
For more information, contact the camp at 989-883-2501 or go bayshorecamp.org.



QUILTS AT BAY SHORE CAMP

The Spring Quilter's Retreat at Bay Shore Camp is March 18-20. The fee is \$175 per person and includes: meals, lodging, devotional leader, pampering and some surprises. If you are a first time retreat, you will receive a 10% discount on the fees.

There are several classes on different quilt patterns. The leaders are Jenny Johnson and Ellen Harbin. For more information, call (989)883-2501 or bayshorecamp.org.



Jul 17-22	Worship Arts (gr. 8-13)
Jul 24-29	Junior Camp (gr. 5-6)
Jul 30-5	Family Camp
Aug. 12-14	Teddy Bear 2 (gr. 1-2)
Aug. 14-17	Primary Camp (gr. 3-4)
Aug. 25-28	Lloyd Severance Gospel Music Convention

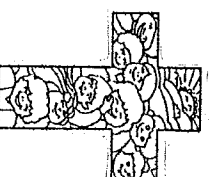
*More events follow in the fall. The grade level is the grade the camper will be in September 2016.

* All Teddy Bear campers need to bring an adult with them to camp.

* All Motocross campers need to bring gas and a motorcycle to put the gas in.

* See Nina for more information on getting a young person to camp in 2016!

* We have a link to Bay Shore Camp on our website!



PLEASE USE THE LINK FROM OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BAY SHORE CAMP.

We have information on other United Methodist Camps. Please see the brochures at your church.

MORRICE

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

The Morrice UMC has received several thank you notes over the last month. Below are excerpts from some of them.

Thank you for sponsoring the "buck pole" last fall and gifting us with the proceeds from that. We need people like you to keep us able to assist the needy in our area.

*Annie Robertson for PMSERC
(Perry Morrice Shaftsbury Emergency Relief)*

Dear MUMC Congregation:

*Thank you for your generous donation of food on January 18, 2016. The four large sacks containing food donations helps nourish hungry families within our community. The mission of "PMSERC" is to assist those who suffer from hunger in our area. Through your thoughtfulness our vision is attainable: A community where no one goes hungry.
Sandy Dennis
PMSERC Volunteer*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Your caring hearts make all the difference! For the hungry families who will receive some of the 8,208 servings of fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables you are sharing through your \$197.00 Advance gifts to the Society of St. Andrew, your gift means they will go to school or work well fed. It means their chronic illness will be better managed through healthier eating. It means the heat bill can be paid this winter, because you've put nourishing food in their refrigerator... All this, because you cared enough to give.

You make it possible. Thank you, Morrice UMC!!

*Every blessing,
Lynette Johnson
Director of Church Relations*

Thank you for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

*Roland Fernandes
General Treasurer,
General Board of Global Ministries*

50TH ANNIVERSARY

All are invited to a 50th anniversary party for Roger and Carol Wright on Saturday, April 2 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Perry City Hall Community Room. (They are specifically requesting no gifts, please!)

OPENING SERVICE AT MORRICE

Mar. 6	Nancy H.
Mar. 13	Nina M.
Mar. 20	Jackie P.
Mar. 27	Cheryl L.

GREETING YOU AT MORRICE

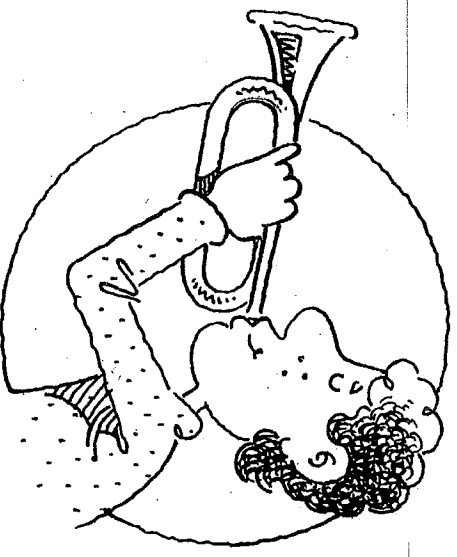
Mar. 6	John & Bridget
Mar. 13	Jackie P.
Mar. 20	Marge W.
Mar. 27	Donna G.

PROVIDING SNACKS AT MORRICE

Mar. 6	John & Bridget
Mar. 13	
Mar. 20	Marge W.
Mar. 27	Donna H.

AED DONATED

An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) was recently donated to the Morrice UMC by Memorial Healthcare Foundation. This device will be kept in the church building. Training on use of the device will take place soon.



LENTEN FOLDERS

The Morrice Church Council voted to use Lenten folders again this year. The money collected will go to the Crossroads District to help the residents of Flint during the water crisis. Please fill the Lenten folder and place in the collection plate. You may place paper money (or check) if you do not have enough quarters to fill all the slots in the folder.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mar. 1	Wendi Valentine	M
Mar. 3	Kevin Eva	M
Mar. 3	Dawn Devins	B
Mar. 5	Jake Tripplehorn	B
Mar. 6	Mark Hulbert	B
Mar. 6	Mike Schomber	B
Mar. 8	Bill Iler	M
Mar. 9	Kelsi Iler	M
Mar. 11	Tara Christensen	M
Mar. 15	John Bristley	M
Mar. 17	Donna Hembree	M
Mar. 17	Shari Clymer	B
Mar. 18	James Hembree	M
Mar. 19	Johnathon Fall	B
Mar. 20	Ace Grover	M
Mar. 23	Carl Cooke	B
Mar. 24	Joan Ordway	B
Mar. 27	Jodi Fuller	B
Mar. 28	Barb Williamson	B
Mar. 28	Mark Latunski	M
Mar. 29	Kim Wright	M
Mar. 29	Emma Harvey	M
Mar. 30	Cheryl Lewis	M
Mar. 30	Ken Preadmore	M
Mar. 31	Brooke Hulbert	B
Mar. 31	Craig Lewis	M

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mar. 7	Jake & Alice Tripplehorn	B
Mar. 8	Curt & Shari Clymer	B
Mar. 9	Tracy & Denise Temple	B
Mar. 16	Jim & Katy Jarrad	M
Mar. 27	Travis & Angie Clark	M
Mar. 27	Rick & Randi Brown	B
Mar. 28	Bill & Joan Oliver	B



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Apr. 9 Kids Against Hunger (Goodrich)
- Apr. 10 Native American Ministries
- Apr. 22 Earth Day
- Apr. 28 Salad Luncheon
- Apr. 30 Kids Against Hunger (Owosso)
- May 21 Taking It To the Streets
- May 22 Peace With Justice
- May 30 Memorial Day



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