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FOR BANCROFT AND MORRICE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

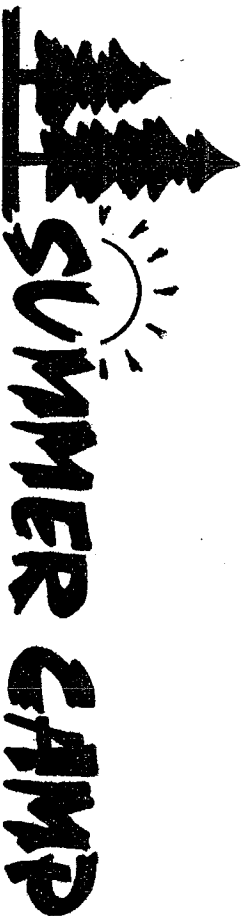
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[We] have a shared mission to serve God to the best of our ability by making him known in our church, community and world.



CAMPING INFORMATION

We have more information on camping at Bay Shore elsewhere in this newsletter. Please let Nina know if you would like more information on our United Methodist camping programs.

BAY SHORE CAMP SCHEDULE

May 6-7	Father/Son Catfish Tournament
May 27-30	Memorial Day Family Weekend
June 3-4	Spring Family Fun Days
June 12-17	Jr. High Camp (grades 7-8)
June 15-17	Teddy Bear I Camp (grades 1-2)
June 19-24	Fishing Camp (grades 7-10)
June 19-24	Basketball Camp (grades 6-11)
June 26-July 1	Soccer Camp (grades 4-12)
June 26-July 1	Primary Plus Camp (grades 3-4)
July 3-8	Jr. Music Camp (grades 4-8)
July 6-8	Motocross Camp (grades 3-12)
July 10-15	Sr. High Camp (grades 9-13)
July 17-22	Boys' Baseball Camp (grades 6-10)
July 17-22	Girls' Softball Camp (grades 6-10)
July 17-22	Worship Arts Camp (grades 8-12)
July 24-29	Junior Camp (grades 5-6)
July 30-Aug 5	Family Camp
August 12-14	Teddy Bear 2 Camp (grades 1-2)
August 14-17	Primary Camp (grades 3-4)
August 25-28	Lloyd Severance Thumb Gospel



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Family camping at Bay Shore Camp is available for the Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-30. Please call the office at (989) 883-2501 to reserve your campsite. (Daily RV is \$35, Weekend RV is \$99). Family lodging in a duplex cabin is \$350 (up to 16 people). There is an additional cost for meal plans. Go to our website, click on Links & More and then the Bay Shore tab to learn more about this weekend.

First Time Camper Discount

BAY SHORE CAMP

This applies to all first time campers to Bay Shore Camp. You will receive \$50 off of the regular price of camp, if you were invited by a friend, they also get \$50 off. If you wanted, you could invite 5 friends, they would each get \$50 off their camp fee, and you would receive \$250 off your camp fee!

Note: Primary and Teddy Bear campers are eligible for a \$25 first time camper discount due to those being 3-Day Camps

Family Friendly Pricing

Family Friendly Pricing 2 – \$40 Discount

Family Friendly Pricing 3+ – \$60 Discount

The first child that comes from a “Family” will continue to pay the regular price for the camp

The second child from that “Family” will receive a \$40 off of the regular price of camp.

The third child plus any others from the same “Family” will receive a \$60 off of the regular price of camp.

The same level of discounts are available for a child that wants to attend multiple sessions of camps. Their first camp would be regular price; the second camp would be \$40 off the regular price; and their third camp and all following would be \$60 off the regular price. “Family” is defined as: Immediate Family members living in the same household. You may contact our office at 989-883-2501 with any further questions.

Work for Scholarship

Another initiative is our “Work for Scholarship” program. This program allows parents and grandparents to come to camp and do volunteer work. For each 8 hours of work completed you will receive a \$60 credit to be applied against your child’s camp costs. You can earn up to \$120 credit per child. For more information or to schedule a work time, please contact our Camp Director, Jeff Parsons, at (989) 883-2501 or send an email: director@bayshorecamp.org

Campership & Church Discounts

Camperships are still available upon request. These are provided to youth so that **No Child Is Left Behind** because they can’t afford camp. Full camperships may be available for those who demonstrate genuine need.

Memberships Church Discounts will be applied (if eligible) during the processing of your registration. Please make sure if you are attending a church that you include the name on the registration form.

Morrice UMC is a membership church which entitles each camper to a \$10 discount.

DISCOUNTS MAY BE “STACKED” MEANING EACH CAMPER CAN USE MORE THAN ONE DISCOUNT AND HAVE WORK FOR SCHOLARSHIP TIME DISCOUNTED FROM THEIR FEE

SIGN UP FOR CAMP

It is time to sign up for summer camp. Please consider sending or helping to send a young person to camp this summer. It can be a life changing experience.

We know the most about Bay Shore Camp but there are other camping experiences available in Michigan. Please look at the brochures on the tables in our churches.

If you have any questions, please contact Nina at the phone number on the brochures. There are numerous discounts available for our campers.

We also have an opportunity to help out at camps and defray some of the cost of attending camp for our young people. Contact Nina about that possibility too.

**These discounts apply
only to Bay Shore.**

FAMILY FUN DAYS

If you wonder what Bay Shore Camp is like, consider going to Family Fun Days on the weekend of June 3-4. A group of us will be going for part of the day on Saturday, June 4. All camping events will be up and running including: the pool, mini golf, barrel train, bounce houses and more.

Everything but food and the bookstore is free. There will be concessions or you may bring your own food. If you would like, bring your trailer in and camp for the night. For that weekend only, camping is free. You are requested to call the office for reservations at (989) 883-2501. See Nina for more information.

MAY

- 1 Communion Sunday; Golden Cross Sunday; Open House for Rev. Dr. Sutton at Swartz Creek UMC
- 2 Women Bible Study at Shirley's 7:00 pm
- 5 Bible Study at (M) 7:00 pm; National Day of Prayer
- 6-7 Bancroft Rummage Sale; Father/Son Catfish Tournament at Bay Shore Camp
- 7 Kids Against Hunger Montrose UMC; Men's Breakfast (M) 7:00 pm
- 8 Food Collection; Hospice offering (M); Trustees (M) after worship; Mother's Day
- 9 Women Bible Study at Shirley's 7:00 pm
- 10-20 General Conference
- 12 Bible Study at Barb W.'s 10:00 am; Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 14 CPR Training (M) 9:00 am
- 15 Haiti Hot Lunch (M); Newsletter deadline; Baptism Sunday (M); Pentecost
- 16 Church Council (M) 7:00 pm
- 17 Respite Training at Baker College
- 19 Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 20 Steve Green in Concert at Midland Center for the Arts
- 21 Taking It to the Streets mission event
- 22 Peace With Justice; Baptism Sunday (M); Common Grace Concert at Grand Blanc UMC
- 23 Women Bible Study at Shirley's 7:00 pm
- 26 Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 27-30 Memorial Day Family Weekend at Bay Shore Camp
- 30 MEMORIAL DAY

OPEN HOUSE FOR REV. DR. SUTTON

The Crossroads District is having an Open House Appreciation gathering for Rev. Dr. Tara Sutton on Sunday, May 1. The event begins with a light meal 1:00-4:00 pm. There will be remarks and presentation at 3:00 pm. This will take place at Swartz Creek UMC, located at 7400 Miller Road in Swartz Creek.

You may also send best wishes and cards to Rev. Dr. Tara Sutton, PO Box 320754, Flint, MI 48532.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Shiawassee County Relay for Life is June 17-18 at the fairgrounds on Hibbard Road. The festivities begin at 4:00 pm and end at 4:00 pm. That's right, 24 hours of celebrating cancer survivors and raising money to fight the disease.

If you would like to participate, go to:

www.relayforlife.org/shiawassecountymi and sign up or make a donation. If nothing else, come to the fairgrounds and check out the amazing silent auction.

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

Men of all ages are invited to the Men's Breakfast on May 7. This will take place at 8:00 am at the Morrice UMC. They have good food, devotions and fellowship.

RESPIITE TRAINING

There is a Respite Training at the Baker College Welcome Center on Tuesday, May 17 at 10:00 am. The training goes until 2:30 pm.

There will be another training July 27 at the Laingsburg UMC.

To register or for additional information, please contact the Respite Volunteer office at (989) 725-1127 or respiteteam@frontier.com. They have a website at www.shiarespite.org.



APPORTIONMENTS

Let's look at two more apportionment funds this month. There are seven total funds and so far this year we have looked at four of them.

The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund has the longest name but is one of the smaller funds monetarily. This fund is used when we meet with other denominations to clarify policy, laws and other issues that may arise.

The denomination encourages our leaders to be well-educated and the Ministerial Education Fund helps to provide training and scholarships for those called to the ministry. It supports seminars and helps with continuing education.

When we pay our apportionments in full we are helping many around us. Next month we will look at the seventh fund. Stay tuned.

Ed note: Some of the above information comes from the United Methodist website (www.umc.org).

WHAT IS GENERAL CONFERENCE?

The umc.org website glossary defines General Conference as: *The highest legislative body in The United Methodist Church. The voting membership consists of an equal number of clergy and lay delegates elected by the annual conferences. General Conference convenes every quadrennium (four years) to determine the denomination's future direction. It is the only body that can speak officially for the denomination.*

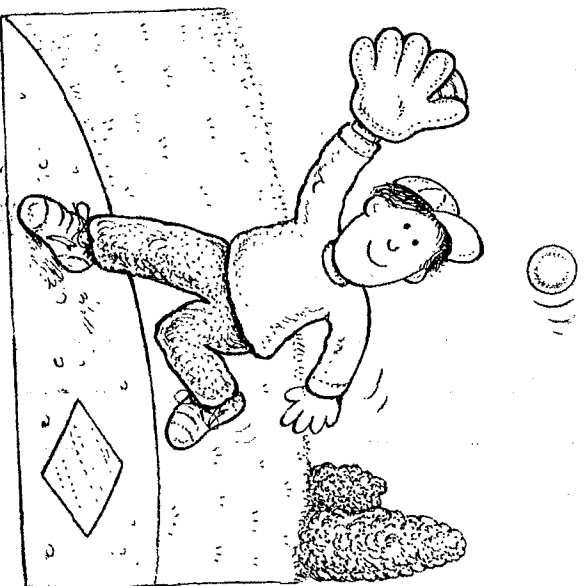
General Conference meets May 10-20 at Portland, Oregon. Please keep our delegates in your prayers as they travel to and from this meeting. Please keep them in your prayers to make wise decisions for God's people.

PENTECOST: WHAT IS IT?

The umc.org website glossary give the following definition of Pentecost.

One of the principal days of the Christian year, celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter. The Greek word pentecoste means "fiftieth day." Pentecost is the day on which the Christian church commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and others assembled in Jerusalem. It marks the beginning of the Christian church and the proclamation of its message throughout the world and is often referred to as the birthday of the church. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red.

Traditionally, Pentecost has been a day for baptisms. Because it was the custom in the early church for persons being baptized to wear white robes or clothing, the day also became known as Whitsunday, a contraction of white Sunday.



BIBLE TRIVIA

The following questions come from the Bible Trivia game by Cadaco. Good luck!

1. What was the first job God gave to Adam in the Garden of Eden?
2. Into what city was Jesus going when the crowds said "Hosanna to the Son of David...?"
3. To what kind of animals did Rebekah offer water showing that she was the bride God had picked for Isaac?
4. Who was the mother of Ishmael?
5. In Joseph's dream, how many stars bowed down to him—3, 7, 10, 11 or 12?
6. In Jesus' parable of the ten virgins, what did the five foolish ones forget to bring?
7. What was Solomon's Colonnade used for in early New Testament days?
8. Where exactly did Jesus say he was going when he said, "I go to prepare a place for you...?"
9. What was the third plague bought upon Egypt by Moses?
10. Proverbs 3:11 tells us not to despise what from the Lord?

Now for some answers:

1. Name all the living creatures or animals (Genesis 2:19)
2. Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9-10)
3. Camels (Genesis 24:20)
4. Hagar, or Sarah's maid (Genesis 16:1, 15-16)
5. 11 (Genesis 37:9)
6. Oil (Matthew 25:1-13)
7. A meeting place for the apostles (Acts 3:11)
8. His father's house (John 14:2)
9. Lice (Exodus 8:18)
10. Chastening or discipline (Proverbs 3:11)

FATHER/SON CATFISH TOURNAMENT

A special time for fathers and sons at Bay Shore Camp is May 6-7. They will be able to go out on Saginaw Bay and try to catch some catfish. The captain pays \$59 and each crew member \$39 with those under 12 at \$19. This covers meals, lodging and more. You need a fishing license. Guys, feel free to adopt a son or a dad and attend this special weekend.

To get more information, go to our website and click on Bay Shore Camp under the Links & More tab or call (989) 883-2501.

BANCROFT

Bancroft United Methodist Women
Rummage Sale and Bake Sale

It's that time of year to clean out the old things to make room for the new. Please bring your unwanted items to the Bancroft Community Hall on Wednesday, May 4th (see below for times).

The rummage sale will take place on May 6th & 7th, 2016. Here is the following schedule:

Wednesday, May 4th

Drop off items for the sale at the Bancroft Community Hall between 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

Thursday, May 5th

Will be setting up and marking items from 9:00 am until completed.

Friday, May 6th

The doors will open at 9:00 am until 7:00 pm.

Saturday, May 7th

The doors will open at 9:00 am until noon. The tables and chairs will be taken down and put away and the left over items will be boxed up for Morrice United Methodist Church to pick up for their sale and the rest of the items will be donated.

There will be baked goods for sale.

We need some able bodies for setting up tables on May 4th and taking tables down on May 7th. Any questions you can contact Margaret Hemenway at 989-634-5778.

The Bible study group meets every Thursday at 10:00 am at Barbara Williamson's home. We are studying "Esther" this session and she is a very interesting lady. This class has around 10 to 13 ladies every week, which is a great group to be studying with and discussion our weekly lessons.

The Bancroft United Methodist Women meeting was on Wednesday, April 6th. We had a White Elephant sale and finalized plans for our annual Rummage Sale.

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A big thank you for all who supplied food, decorated the dining room and those who worked clean-up for our Easter Sunrise Breakfast.

We had 43 present at breakfast with much conversation.

Thank you God for such willing and loving servants of yours.

Diana Hulbert

P.S.

The Sunday school children made the decorations for our tables. Thank you, kids. You do great work for our Lord.

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BANCROFT READERS

May 1	Ginnie S.
May 8	David F.
May 15	Barb M.
May 22	Aleta C.
May 29	

GREETING YOU AT BANCROFT

May 1	Sprague Family
May 8	David & Kasey
May 15	Garret S.
May 22	Irene B.
May 29	



MISSIONS

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

So you want to do a mission project but don't have the time or money to travel? On May 21, the Crossroads District will be working at several mission projects across the area. There are projects in Flint and Owosso. Please contact Rev. Tommy McDaniel at (248) 705-4401 for more information. We have more information on our website under the News & Events tab. Register at TakingittotheStreetsUMC.org.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

There is a chance to help pack meals for the Kids Against Hunger project of the Crossroads District. A third packing date was added and is May 7 at Montrose UMC. You must register in advance. The registration form is on our website under the Get Involved tab, then click on Mission Opportunities.

GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY

We will celebrate Golden Cross Sunday on May 1. This offering supports camperships for our children, helps support Methodist Children's Home Society and United Methodist Retirement Communities. Your offering will automatically be split evenly between these three concerns. You will have a special Golden Cross envelope in your bulletin. Please give as you are able.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE

On May 22 we will collect funds for Peace With Justice Special Sunday. Projects supported by this offering include: programs promoting peace and justice in inner cities, education programs for youth, and helping economic development.

Half of the funds collected stays in our annual conference and the other half helps fund U.S and global work.

Special envelopes will be included with your bulletins on that day. Please give as you are able.

UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief or UMCOR, allows each of us to be in mission here and around the world. Below are only a few of the mission projects available to us. 100% of any donation you make to an Advance project goes to that designated project. You simply need to make the notation on your check or envelope and place it in the collection plate at your church.

RED BIRD MISSION

Contributing to Advance # 773726 helps to provide essential services to people living in Appalachia.

NATIONAL JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS (NJFON)

Advance # 901285 helps create a welcoming community by providing legal services, education and advocacy for immigrants.

REFUGEES

Advance # 3022144 Global Refugees/Migration helps UMCOR meet the needs of those fleeing conflict in Syria and elsewhere. This can be in the form of food, housing, medical treatment and more.

UNLOAD AND DISTRIBUTE WATER

There are regular deliveries of water at two Flint United Methodist Churches. If you would like to help unload the water and help distribute it and water filters, please contact Pete Plum, Flint Water Crisis Coordinator. (810) 240-7531 or at plum@miareaumc.org.

Every Monday and Wednesday at 1:00 pm, full semi loads of water are delivered and distributed at Calvary UMC, 2111 Flushing Road in Flint.

Every Thursday around 11:30 am, 10 skids of water are delivered and distributed at Asbury UMC, 1653 Davison Road in Flint.

Donations by check should be made payable to Detroit Conference with #0918 Crossroads District Water Response on the memo line. These should be mailed to Detroit Conference Treasurer's Office 1309 N. Ballenger Hwy, Ste. 1, Flint, MI 48504.

We have this information on our website, under the Get Involved tab, then click Mission Opportunities.

MORRICE

CPR AND AED TRAINING

There will be a CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training at the Morrice United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 14 at 9:00 am.

The training will last a couple of hours. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Bridget Mortimore at (517) 648-8963.

OPENING SERVICE AT MORRICE

May 1	John M.
May 8	Bridget M.
May 15	Nancy H.
May 22	Nina M.
May 29	Jackie P.

Baptism



BAPTISM SUNDAY(S)

We have some baptisms coming up this month and next at Morrice. These special days are May 15, May 22 and June 19.

We can't wait to celebrated these days with our youngest family members.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Bible Study meets at the Morrice UMC at 7:00 pm. They are reading through the Bible one chapter at a time. Anyone is welcome to join as they discuss how words written so long ago relate to us today.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERTS

Want to get out and listen to some great Christian music? There are a couple of opportunities this month. Fliers for both these events are posted on our website.

The first concert is Steve Green performing at the Midland Center for the Arts on May 20 at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are now available at the Midland Center for the Arts ticket office. This concert is presented by the Midland First UMC. For more information, call the church at 835-6797, ext. 110.

Common Grace will present the top 10 favorite songs from the past year at Grand Blanc UMC on May 22 at 6:30 pm. All donations will be accepted and used to provide continued support to our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information, call (810) 694-9040.

WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

There is a group meeting most Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Shirley's house. They are studying the women of the Bible. Men are welcome to attend. They will not meet May 16.

RUMMAGE SALE FOR CAMP

The Morrice UMC is the place to be for getting some great bargains. There will be a Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 25 at the church. All proceeds will go to the Camp Fund to help send our young people to summer camp.

If you would like to donate or help, please contact either Cheryl Lewis or Donna Hembree. More information next month.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1	Gary Hulbert	B
May 2	Chandler Iler	M
May 2	Christine Jarrad	M
May 4	Quinn Morris	M
May 5	Averi Munro	M
May 5	Tom Christensen	M
May 5	Mike Butcher	M
May 6	Emily Cooney	B
May 8	Jake Sprague	B
May 8	Dean Bower	B
May 8	Alethea Harvey	M
May 10	Andrew Nanasy	M
May 10	Ann Pilon	B
May 10	Katerina Sutherland	B
May 11	Brianna Cain	M
May 11	Nathan Hart	M
May 12	Alex Kingsley	B
May 12	Tina Hulbert	B
May 12	Rachel Benton	B
May 12	Ali Sidel	©
May 12	Naomi Latunski	M
May 13	Sarah Buchholz	M
May 14	Carolyn Hulbert	B
May 14	Owen Latunski	M
May 15	Diana Hulbert	B
May 18	Bill Oliver	B
May 19	Linda Strachan	B
May 19	Lynn Reed	M
May 21	Raynebow Brashaw	M
May 22	Pam Tomlin	M
May 22	Amy Wilbert	M
May 22	John Wright	B
May 23	Jason Eddy	B
May 24	Alex Sprague	B
May 24	Lucas Temple	B
May 24	Colleen Schomber	B
May 25	Mtkayla Hill	M
May 26	Lisa Strouse	B
May 26	Dave Bristley	M
May 26	Garnet Seger	B

May 28	Jim Valentine	M
May 28	Casey Hulbert	B
May 28	Wilma King	B
May 28	Shirley Shaw	M
May 28	Braydan Grover	M
May 29	Christy Wright	B
May 30	Brandy Copeland	M
May 31	Beverly Scribner	M
May 31	Kasey Fiebernitz	B
May 31	Hannah Bressette	M

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 7	Kevin & Gennie Eva	M
May 8	James & Kammi Smith	M
May 11	John & Bridget Mortimore	M
May 18	Matt & Tina Hulbert	B
May 23	Jim & Karen Weaver	B
May 24	Lyle & Marge Witt	M

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 3-4	Family Fun Days at Bay Shore
June 8-12	Detroit Annual Conference at Michigan State University
June 17-18	Shiawasssee Relay for Life
June 18	Father's Day
June 20	Summer begins
June 25	Morrice Homecoming
June 25	Rummage Sale at (M) for Camp
July 4	Happy Birthday! USA

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