

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.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Greetings Friends!

I have some exciting information I would like to share with you. I would like to share that we are in the beginning stages of implementing a Health and Wellness Ministry. This ministry will focus on health in body, mind and spirit. The Health and Wellness Ministry is offering a study called "The Daniel Plan". This study will begin on Thursday, October 6th at 6:00 pm at the Morrice Community and Senior Center (MCCSC). You do not need to be a member of our church, or a member of any church to participate. This study is open to everyone, so please feel free to invite all your friends.

The Health and Wellness Ministry will offer two walking groups. There will be a group in the morning that will be indoors, meeting at the Morrice Community and Senior Center at 10:00 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Another group will meet at 7:00 pm at the Morrice United Methodist Church on the same days. Please check our facebook page and/or web page for updates. If you would like more information on the Daniel Plan or the walking group(s), please feel free to contact me. If you would like to be a part of the Health and Wellness Ministry, or have any ideas you would like to share, please feel free to contact me.

May God continue to bless you, and may you continue to be a blessing to others!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Bob

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

THE

DANIEL PLAN

PRAYER

BEADS

BEADS AND A PRAYER

In September, Cheryl and Nina attended a district workshop on making and using prayer beads. They came away with a lots of ideas and are thinking of teaching others. Please let us know if you are interested in learning about prayer beads.

MISSIONS

WHY GIVE TO MISSIONS?

As a longtime missions chair for our church, I have heard many comments when we discuss mission giving. Some may sound familiar to you. "I don't mind giving to missions, but why does all my money go overseas?" "We need to take care of those around us, not the people overseas." "I don't know others, I want to help my neighbors."

So, just who are our "neighbors"? In Luke 10:29-37, Jesus was asked that question. Please take a few minutes and read this familiar story. Do our "neighbors" look just like us? Do they live in the same zip code? Same state? Same country? Are our neighbors just the people we know by sight?

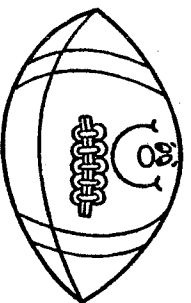
Our denomination's founder, John Wesley, is quoted as saying, "The world is my parish." In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus gives his disciples, the Great Commission, "Go, make disciples of all nations...."

Last month I admitted to being an Olympics junkie. One of the stories that came out of the competition was a preliminary race in the women's 5000 meters. A runner from New Zealand fell down and a runner from the U.S. stopped to help her up. They did not know each other before the race. The American runner then fell and the New Zealand runner helped her up. Both runners continued on but the American was hurt and could not compete in the finals. Both runners and the rest of the world benefited from the sportsmanship that was shown in the race.

In each issue of the newsletter, I try to give information on various UMCOR mission projects and local mission opportunities. Please feel free to notify me of others I can include. As you read about mission projects, find those that you can support. Keep your eyes and your mind open to who is your neighbor, whether that be local, in this state, in this country, or another country.

When we complete Spotlight Church requirements, we give to missions on all levels. As in the Olympics, when we help someone, we receive more in return, even when we don't know the persons we are helping.

Nina



HANDS 4 DETROIT

The Brightmoor Aldersgate UMC is hosting a food drive at the annual Hands 4 Detroit day of service. This is a great mission opportunity!

This day brings volunteers from across the Detroit area to clean up and beautify the city. Volunteers work 9:30 am-3:00 pm. Lunch is provided. Register to participate by going to hands4Detroit.org.

UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief or UMCOR, allows each of us to be in mission here or anywhere around the world.

To make a donation to an Advance Project, simply write a check to your church, with the Advance # on the memo line and drop in the collection plate. 100% of your donation goes to the named project. For more information, please use the UMCOR tab on our website.

NATIONAL JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS (NJFON)

Advance # 901285 helps create a welcoming community by providing immigration legal services, education and advocacy for those coming to this country. Many who arrive in the country are fleeing war, famine, and persecution.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA

We can continue to support the distribution of mosquito nets to help eradicate malaria. Use Advance # 3021190.

HELPING FLOOD VICTIMS

To help victims of the recent flooding in Louisiana, UMCOR has the following suggestions.

The easiest way to help is to send a monetary donation to Advance # 901670, US Disaster Response.

Cleaning buckets are needed. These cost about

\$65 and contain basic cleaning supplies.

Directions for filling a cleaning bucket can be found on the UMCOR website. You can also donate to Advance # 901440, Material Resources.

FLINT WATER CRISIS

UMCOR has supplied a grant for the Flint area. Mr. Greg Timmons is the new emergency water crisis coordinator. He may be reached at (810) 922-2257 or at flintwater@miaareaumc.org.

Contact him if you would like to help unload cases of water and/or help distribute water to those in need.

Monetary donations may be made to: Flint Water Crisis and sent the Detroit Conference Treasurer's Office, 1309 N. Ballenger Hwy, Ste. 1, Flint, MI 48504. Please put #0918 Crossroads District Water Response on the memo line of your check.

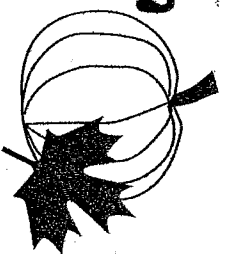
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

A special offering will be collected on October 2 for World Communion Sunday.

Funds help provide scholarships for deserving students. Some scholarships are for overseas students and some are used for ethnic students in the United States.

Please give as you are able. Special envelopes will be provided in your bulletins.

October



- 1 Hands for Detroit; Ladies Day at Bay Shore Camp; UMM @ (B) 8:00 am
- 2 Communion Sunday; Pittsburg Chicken Dinner (see flier)
- 3 Church Council (B) 7:00 pm; Respite Training @ St. Paul's in Owosso; Walking Groups 1 & 2 10:00 am & 7:00 pm
- 5 Walking Groups 1 & 2 10:00 am & 7:00 pm
- 6 Daniel Plan Bible Study at MCSC 6:00 pm; Alpha & Omega Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 7 Walking Groups 1 & 2 10:00 am & 7:00 pm
- 7-8 Fall Family Fun Days at Bay Shore Camp
- 9 Food Collection; Hospice Offering (M); Trustees (M) after worship; Installation Service for Dist. Supt at DeWitt Redeemer
- 10 Columbus Day; Walking Groups 1 & 2
- 13 Daniel Plan Bible Study at MCSC 6:00 pm; Alpha & Omega Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 12 Walking Groups 1 & 2
- 14 Walking Groups 1 & 2
- 14-15 REACH Summit in Troy
- 14-16 Scrapbooker's Retreat @ Bay Shore Camp
- 16 Haiti Hot Lunch (M); Crossroads District Conference @ Flint: Hope UMC
- 17 Church Council (M) 7:00 pm; Walking Groups 1 & 2
- 20 Daniel Plan Bible Study at MCSC 6:00 pm; Alpha & Omega Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 21 Walking Groups 1 & 2
- 22 Church Basement in use (M) 1-5:00 pm
- 24 Walking Groups 1 & 2
- 26 Walking Groups 1 & 2
- 27 Daniel Plan Bible Study at MCSC 6:00 pm; Alpha & Omega Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 28 Walking Groups 1 & 2
- 28-30 Quilter's Retreat @ Bay Shore Camp
- 31 HALLOWEEN; Walking Groups 1 & 2

MEN EAT BREAKFAST

The men of the charge will meet this month at Bancroft for breakfast, devotions and fellowship. Please watch your bulletin and the website for the date. It may come as early as October 1st.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

Rev. John Hice, our Crossroads District Superintendent will be installed officially on Sunday, October 9 at 3:00 pm at the DeWitt Redeemer UMC. The church is located at 13980 Schavey Road.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Bancroft: Worship 9:00 am

Children's Sunday School during worship

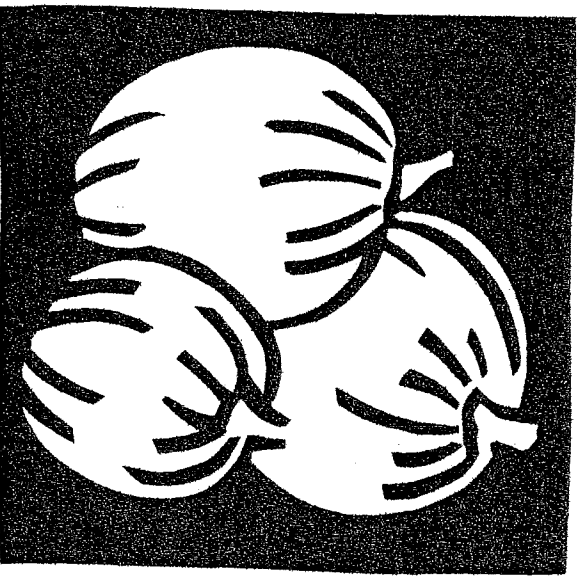
Morrice: Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

CROSSROADS DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Crossroads District Annual conference is October 16 at the Hope UMC on Beecher Road in Flint. The District Board of Missions will also meet that day.

This meeting is required for all pastors and some representatives from each church. You have a chance to great others from around the district too. The plans are to begin the meeting at 1:30 pm.



WELCOME BISHOP BARD

There are two opportunities to welcome Bishop Bard this month. He will be at Kalamazoo First on October 16 at 3:00 pm. He will then be at the Indian River UMC on October 23 at 3:00 pm. Bishop Bard will be in attendance at the REACH Summit on October 15.

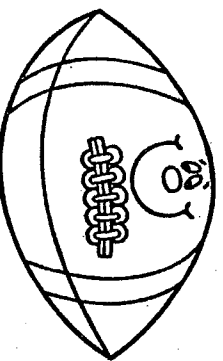


PHOTO POLICY

A reminder to all those who submit photos to the newsletter. We have a policy to not use photos of minors unless there is a signed release form on file. Ask Pastor Bob or Nina for a copy of this release.

We also need proper citation for any poems, articles, information that is not written by you. This includes anything you receive by e-mail. Please make sure we have permission to use.

RESPIITE TRAINING

There is a respite training on October 3 in the Father Whelan Room of St. Paul Catholic Church in Owosso. The training is 10:00 am - 2:30 pm.

To register or for additional information, contact the Respite Volunteer office at (989) 725-1127 or office@respitevolunteers.org.

REACH SUMMIT

Want to learn how to reach others for Christ? Want to learn how to grow our churches?

If you answered either question with "yes", please go to the REACH Summit on October 14-15. Most of the teaching takes place on the 15th. This year the summit is at the Somerset Inn in Troy. After being held in Lansing for two years. For information, please use the REACH Summit link on our website.

DISTRICT YOUTH

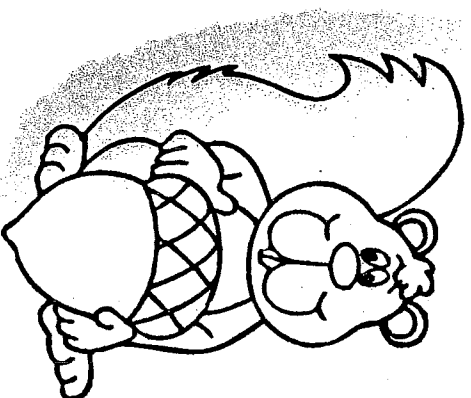
There is a Crossroads District Youth meeting on Monday, October 10 at Bethany UMC in Clio. Dinner is 5:00-5:30 pm and activities and lesson are 5:30-6:30 pm.

This is for all youth and youth leaders.

QUILTERS RETREAT

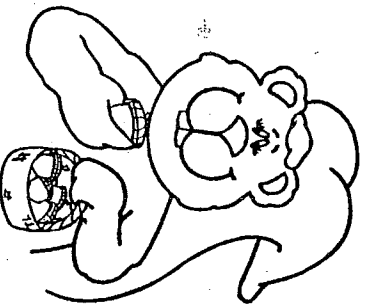
Any quilters who would like some ideas or who would like to meet other quilters might like to attend a retreat at Bay Shore Camp. The retreat costs \$175 and is October 28-30.

For more information, or to register, use the Bay Shore Camp link on our website.



LADIES' DAY

On October 1, all ladies are invited to Bay Shore Camp to take part in a special day. It is Ladies Day and is 8:30 am- 3:00 pm. The cost is \$38 per person. For more information, please use the link to Bay Shore Camp on our website.



FALL FAMILY FUN DAYS

Bay Shore Camp is having a fun weekend on October 7-8. It is Fall Family Fun Days when anyone may go to the campground and enjoy many camp activities, including camping overnight for free! Activities include: zipline, mini-golf, barrel train ride and more. For more information, use the Bay Shore Camp link on our website.

SCRAPBOOKER'S RETREAT

Bay Shore Camp has a special weekend for all those interested in making scrapbooks. It is October 14-16 for a cost of \$175.

For more information, or to register, use the Bay Shore Camp link on our website.

BANCROFT NEWS

We had a UMW meeting on September 7th, and did the yearly planning. It should be a busy year for the ladies as we scheduled several activities to benefit others in need. There was a change in the treasurer position from Mary Piper to Debby Shiffer with the back-up of Linda Sedlock.

Sunday, September 11th, was Grandparents Day, which the Sunday School Children presented the Grandparents with list of sayings from the "golden oldies". Everyone seemed to enjoy reading them. The Sunday school children will be collecting snacks for the school children until mid-October

Tuesday, September 13th, was the first class for Bible Study on "I Never Thought I'd See the Day!, by Dr. David Jeremiah. The first chapter was "...When Atheists Would Be Angry". Here are 6 aggressions:

1. Atheists are angry because their arrogance is diminishing them
2. Atheists are angry because their advocates are deserting them
3. Atheists are angry because their arguments are dividing them
4. Atheists are angry because their adversaries are defeating them
5. Atheists are angry because their amnesia is discrediting them
6. Atheists are angry because their assessments are deceiving them

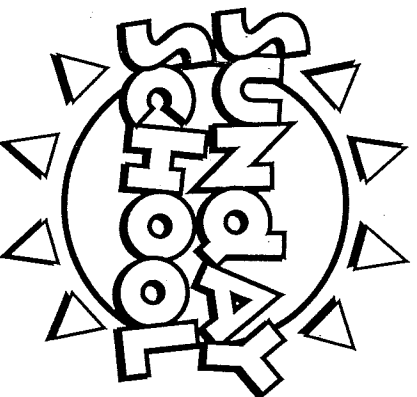
It was interesting and informative listening to Dr. David Jeremiah. We all "Thanked" God for being there for us in our daily lives. I believe I can say for the group that the next nine lessons should be quite informative.

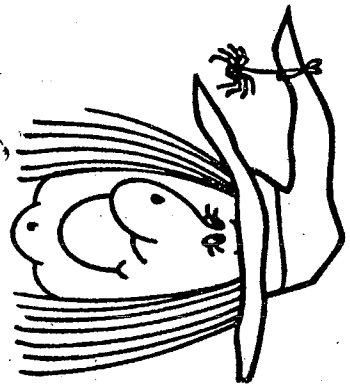
There were several ladies that participated in the study group. Hopefully, the few that were missing will be able to join us in the following weeks.

BANCROFT BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study for Bancroft meets each Tuesday this month at 10:00 at Barb W.'s home.

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STUDY**

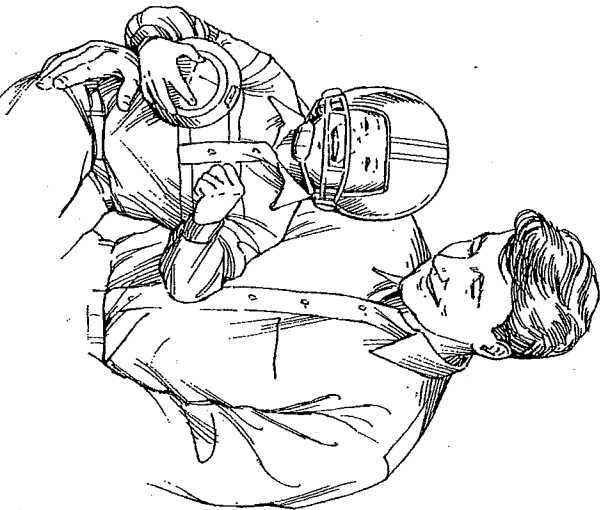




BIBLE TRIVIA

Below are some trivia questions from the game Bible Trivia by Cadaco. Good luck!

1. What is the name of the garden into which God put the first man?
2. What did Jesus cause to appear in a fish's mouth?
3. Who was Esau's mother?
4. How old was Moses when his mother hid him in the bulrushes – 3 months, 5 months, 7 months or 1 year?
5. Fill in the following blank with one word: "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____"
6. For what request was Adonijah put to death by Solomon?
7. In what city was Melchizedek a priest and king?
8. Which prophet asked God to make a shadow move backward ten steps?
9. How many generations were there from Ruth to David?
10. How many children did the once barren Hannah eventually have?
11. Who sold purple cloth in the the city of Thyatira?
12. Who wrote that it is better not to make a vow to God than to vow and not keep it?



Now for the answers:

1. Eden (Genesis 1:31)
2. A coin (Matthew 17:27)
3. Rebekah (Genesis 25:21-28)
4. 3 months (Exodus 2:1-2)
5. Knowledge or wisdom (Proverbs 1:17)
6. Requesting to marry Abishag (1 Kings 2)
7. Salem (Genesis 14:18)
8. Isaiah (2 Kings 20)
9. Three (Matthew 1:5-6)
10. Seven (1 Samuel 2:5)
11. Lydia (Acts 16:14)
12. Solomon (Ecclesiastes 5:5)

Pittsburg United Methodist Church

Presents its Annual

Butter Basted Chicken Dinner

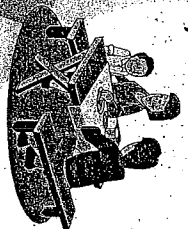
Sunday, October 2, 2016

Serving 12 (Noon) until 3 p.m.

LOCATION:

Bennington Township Hall

5849 S.M-52



Donation

Adults:

\$8.00

Children (5-12)

\$4.00

Pre-schoolers:

FREE

New Menu

1/2 Chicken (for adults)

Scalloped Potatoes

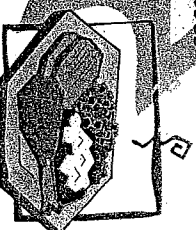
Baked Beans

Corn

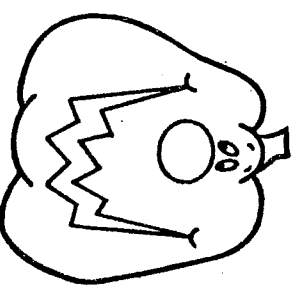
Rolls & Butter

Variety of cake

Beverage



Take outs available



MORRICE

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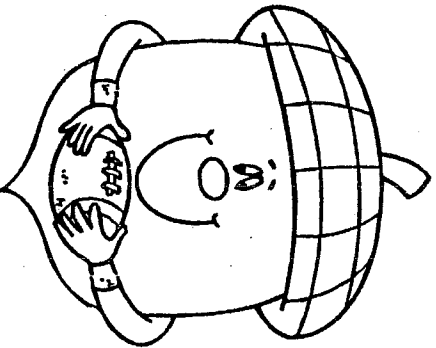
A thank you letter from Henderson Settlement sent to the Morrice UMC was received. Below is an excerpt of that letter.

No matter where you are (even on a mission trip) it's easy to get caught up in the "busyness" of the moment. That's why I am grateful for those little reminders that come our way to help us to remember what is important. The other day, in the midst of a long trip through Tennessee, I stopped and grabbed a quick bite to eat. As I was getting back on the road, I noticed that my drink cup had a scripture verse printed on it. Psalm 118:24 "Today is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Right after that, I found myself stuck in bumper to bumper traffic. But I also found that my attitude wa in a different place. Even in the midst of our busy lives, we are reminded to slow down, give thanks and rejoice.

Thanks for your faithfulness in helping us to do that.

*Thankfully,
Mike Feely
Director of Mission Advancement*

The entire letter will be posted on the bulletin board in the entryway.



MORRICE UMW

We did not hold a September salad luncheon because of lack of help.

We are going to try a new idea of a Welcome to Winter modified potluck. We will furnish table service, beverages, meat and dessert but will ask people to bring a dish to pass. That way we all can sit down and visit and enjoy each others company. This will take place Thursday, December 1st. The time will be announced later.

We have collected 13 coats and would welcome more for the Salvation Army.

The Morrice Area Schools were pleased to get school supplies. A BIG Thanks for making that a success.

The main project now is shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes are available at the church. We will take them to Swartz Creek in mid-November. If you feel you are unable to do a box or don't want to, we will be glad to take a donation of money to help pay shipping costs or purchase price of the boxes.

We also continue to collect General Mills box tops for Education which are sent to the Henderson Settlement. Once again, thank you for your support.

Our next meeting is October 11 at Shirley's at 3:30 pm. Join us, and give us some input for other projects and/or ministry ideas.

SAVE THOSE POP BOTTLES

The Camp Fund at Morrice could use some help. If you would like to donate your pop cans and/or bottles, just rinse them out and bring them to Nina.

You may also return your bottles/cans and give to Nina or drop in the collection plate.

ALPHA & OMEGA BIBLE STUDY

The Alpha & Omega Bible Study meets each Thursday this month. The group meets at the Morrice United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm. The study ends at about 8:00 pm.

The group is reading through the minor prophet books of the Old Testament. They discuss how words written so long ago have meaning for us today.

MORRICE READERS

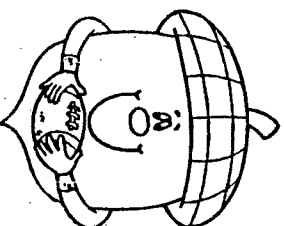
Oct. 2	John M.
Oct. 9	Bridget M.
Oct. 16	Nancy H.
Oct. 23	Nina M.
Oct. 30	Jackie P.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 2	Daniel Parker	B
Oct. 3	Marcie Mortimore	M
Oct. 5	Daniel Sprague	B
Oct. 6	Page Fuentes	M
Oct. 6	Jenn Michael	M
Oct. 8	Nancy Brooks	B
Oct. 10	Chad Fuller	B
Oct. 12	Tracy Temple	B
Oct. 13	Peter Holzhausen	B
Oct. 13	Jane Butcher	M
Oct. 14	Ray Field	B
Oct. 16	Randi Brown	B
Oct. 17	Darcy Hulbert	B
Oct. 19	Phil Voss	B
Oct. 19	Ruth Platt	B
Oct. 20	Ellie Wright	M
Oct. 21	Joyce Polhemus	M
Oct. 22	Sheryl Parker	B
Oct. 23	John Mortimore	M
Oct. 23	Kevin McWhirter	M
Oct. 23	Greta Keaton	M
Oct. 24	Lindsay Crank	B
Oct. 25	Aleta Cozart	B
Oct. 28	Kathy Griffith	B
Oct. 30	Donald Pennell	B
Oct. 30	Kaylea Mumro	M
Oct. 31	Eric Sumpter	B

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Oct. 2	Norman & Linda Strachan	M
Oct. 7	Gary & Diana Hulbert	B
Oct. 7	Craig & Amber Lewis	M
Oct. 10	Jeremy & Rachel Benton	☺ M
Oct. 11	Jeff & Jean Harris	M
Oct. 12	Bob & Michelle Forsyth	☺ B
Oct. 20	Dave & Ruth Ann Malin	B
Oct. 27	Steve & Ella Mae Nelson	B



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 6	Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 8	Election Day
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 15	State Holiday for Michigan
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 27	UM Student Day; Advent begins

DECISIONS AMERICA TOUR

Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse will be in Lansing, at the Capitol East Steps on October 4. He is asking us to pray for our country on that day. More information is available at DecisionAmericaTour.com.

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