

THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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.

Bancroft/Morrice United Methodist Churches
June 2017 Newsletter

Notes from the Pastor:

As I pen my last “Pastor’s Notes” for a Monthly Newsletter I am having some nostalgic thoughts as one who has served as an Interim Pastor in these congregations for only three months, but who has a great fondness for this community, and a lot of wonderful memories of this area.

One of the roles of the interim pastor is to help congregations in times of transition. As you folks transition into your new leadership I am impressed about the spirit of hope and anticipation that I have experienced in you. Bancroft and Morrice UMC’s are congregations with a rich history and wonderful sense of mission. I sense a desire on your part to clearly be in ministry in your communities, and in the world. You are congregations that understand that you have an important role in welcoming new, inexperienced pastors and helping them to fulfill the ministry that God has called them to. There is a warmth of family and community that surround both congregations.

Jackie and I thank you for the privilege of serving in your midst for this brief time. Our prayer for you all is that God will continue to bless your ministry and outreach in these communities. I encourage you to embrace and support the ministry of your new pastor as you have done so well in the past.

God’s Blessings.

Terry A. Euper
Interim Pastor



SUMMER CAMP

FAMILY FUN DAYS

Want to see what Bay Shore Camp looks like? Want to play mini-golf? Swim in a pool? Ride a zip line? Bay Shore Camp is opening their campgrounds for June 9-10. Everything but concessions are free!

If you would like to camp overnight, give the camp a call and a place will be reserved for you. If several of us want to camp overnight, the camp can reserve spots together and provide picnic tables.

If you want to just spend Saturday, let us know, a car load is heading to Sebewaing early Saturday morning and will return late afternoon or early evening.

CAMPING PROGRAMS

We have several camping programs available for our campers of all ages. For information on registering for camp, see the Links & More tab on our website.

We can help find discounts and/or camp scholarships for most camps.

The Morrice UMC has paid dues to Bay Shore Camp which entitles campers to an automatic discount. Below is the Bay Shore schedule.

If you have any questions about camp, ask Pastor Terry or Nina.

BAY SHORE CAMP SCHEDULE

Please use grade student will enter in the fall.

JUNE

- 18-23 Junior High Camp (grades 7-8)
- 18-23 Fishing Camp (grades 7-10)
- 25-30 Soccer Camp (grades 4-12)
- 25-30 Basketball Camp (grades 6-11)

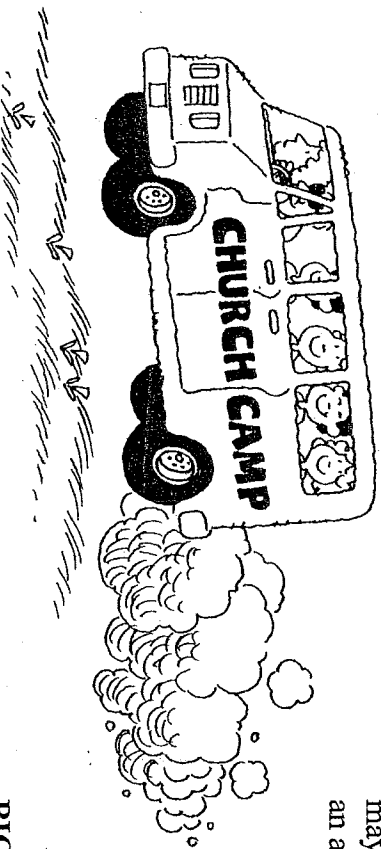
JULY

- 2-7 Junior Music Camp (grades 3-8)
- 5-7 Primary Camp (grades 3-4)
- 9-14 Senior High Camp (grades 9-13)
- 16-21 Primary Plus Camp (grades 3-4)
- 16-18 Teddy Bear Camp 1 (grades 1-2)
- 19-21 Teddy Bear Camp 2 (grades 1-2)
- 23-28 Junior Camp (grades 5-6)
- 29-4 Family Camp

AUGUST

- 6-11 Baseball Camp (grades 6-10)
- 6-11 Softball Camp (grades 6-10)
- 6-11 Worship Arts Camp (grades 8-13)

Grade 13 means a student graduating in 2017 may attend. All Teddy Bear Campers must bring an adult with them to camp.



BIG TICKET FESTIVAL

A Christian Music Festival is June 21-24 at Gaylord, Michigan. For more information, go to www.BIGTICKETFESTIVAL.com.

NAZARENE

- 1 Alpha & Omega Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 1-4 Annual Conference
- 8 Alpha & Omega Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 9-10 Family Fun Days at Bay Shore Camp
- 11 Food Collection; Peace With Justice Special Offering; Hospice House offering (M); Trustees (M) after worship
- 13 Respite Training; Perry Church of the Nazarene 10:00 am
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Newsletter deadline; Alpha & Omega Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 16-17 Relay for Life at County Fairgrounds
- 18 Father's Day; Haiti Hot Lunch (M)
- 21 Summer begins
- 21-24 Big Ticket Festival
- 22 Set up for Rummage Sale 5:00 pm
- 23 Rummage Sale for Relay for Life 9 am- 5 pm at Morrice Senior Center
- 24 Rummage Sale for Relay for Life 9 am -2 pm at Morrice Senior Center; Morrice Homecoming Celebration
- 29 Alpha & Omega Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our Annual Conference is June 1-4 at Traverse City. Please keep all our pastors, delegates and church leaders in your prayers as they meet to discuss and set policy for the United Methodist Church in Michigan.

Happy

Father's

Day!

RELAY FOR LIFE RUMMAGE SALE

The Relay for Life team is having a rummage sale at the Morrice Senior Center June 23-24. They will be setting up Thursday, June 22 at 5:00 pm. Drop off items at that time or call Wendi Valentine.

The hours for the sale are Friday, 9:00 am until 5:00 pm and Saturday, 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life. Help is needed so show up and you will be put to work.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

Morrice: Worship 10:30 am

Congrats
Grads!

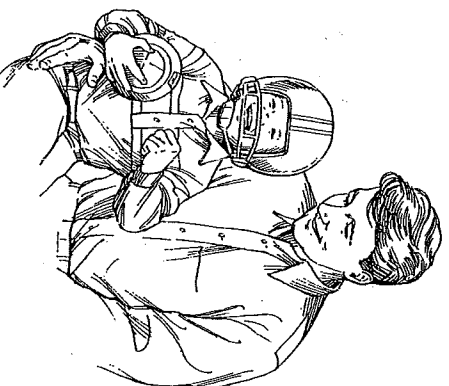
RESPIRE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

There is another Respite Volunteer Training scheduled for Tuesday, June 13 at the Perry Church of the Nazarene. The training will take place in the Heritage Hall of the church.

Respite Volunteers provide service in a variety of ways. Some help patients and caregivers by coming to a patient's home and providing companionship so the caregivers can attend to other business such as grocery shopping or their own doctor appointments, or just have some time away.

Volunteers are also needed in the office, helping on committees, helping with fundraisers and other special projects.

For more information, call (989) 725-1127. We have a link on our church website too.



MISSIONS

UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is how each of us can be in mission in the United States, in the state of Michigan or around the world. Below are only a few examples of projects we can support. There are many other projects and more information at www.umcor.org.

To donate, simply write a check to your church with the Advance # on the memo line and drop it in the collection plate. At Morrice, you must include the Advance # and name on your envelope.

Above all, please keep all UMCOR workers and victims of natural and man made disasters in your prayers.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE (CWS), BLANKETS + PROGRAM

The CWS Blankets+ Program recognizes that the smallest, simplest things can make a major difference in the daily life and the future of adults and children worldwide. Blankets, tents, and other shelter items as well as small "tools" such as seedlings, water pumps, basic farm implements, sewing machines and training are provided. Use Advance # 982810 to donate.

SCHOLARSHIPS (LIBERIA)

Using Advance # 15125B helps provide scholarships to students in Liberia. These students are in elementary and secondary schools as well as in college and seminary. Not all school children are provided a public education in this world and this is a means to help provide for them.

HAITI HOT LUNCH

Donating to Advance # 418790, Haiti Hot Lunch helps provide daily, hot, nutritious meals to children at Methodist schools in Haiti. Morrice collects a special offering each month for this Advance.

SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW

Each Sunday, the Morrice UMC collects a special offering in the potatoes. This goes to the Society of St. Andrew which helps feed the hungry in the United States. You may make a donation by using Advance # 801600.

APPORTIONMENTS

The seventh and largest apportionment fund is the World Service Fund. Much like our General Fund in our local churches, it is the heart of our denominational giving.

The World Service Fund allows us to have a presence in the media world, with television, technology and print resources. This fund helps with educational material for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Bible Studies, and all other levels.

This fund also helps to run the many boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church. These include missions, communications, finances, and many others.

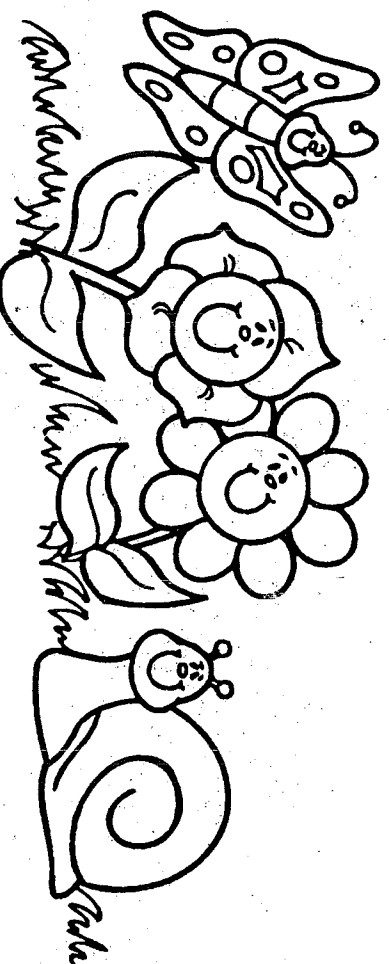
PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Gifts on this Special Sunday, June 11 will help fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. There will be special offering envelopes enclosed in your bulletins. Please give as you are able.

MICAP

MICAP stands for Michigan Council on Alcohol Problems. They are a non-profit organization that provides information on the consequences of alcohol abuse.

The group relies 100% on financial gifts. It is a 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, call (517) 999-0013 or go to the website, info@micap.org.



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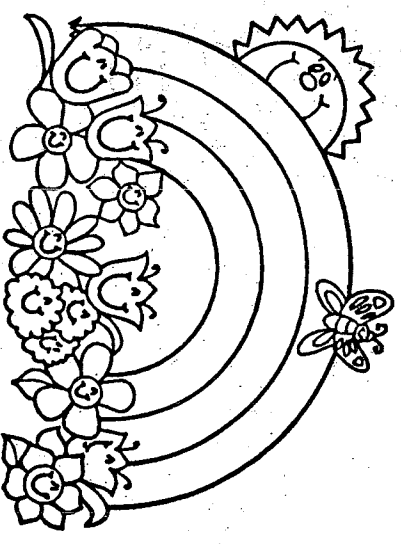
BANCROFT READERS

June 4 Lisa C.
June 11 Linda S.
June 18
June 25 Irene B.

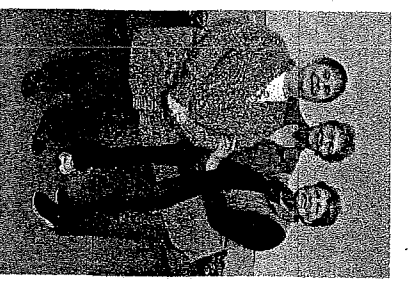
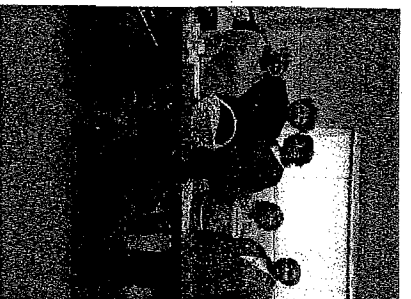
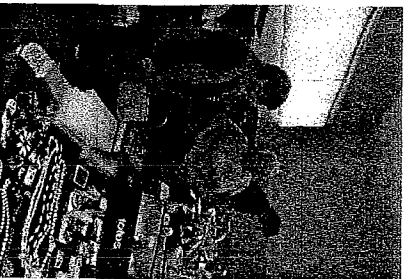
GREETING YOU AT BANCROFT

June 4 Ken & Sue B.
June 11 Margaret
June 18 Sunday School
June 25 Irene B.

May 16, 2017



The Bancroft United Methodist Women held their "Rummage Sale" on Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 13th at the Bancroft Community Hall, which was a blessing for all involved and those who attended the sale. The rummage and bake sale, and the sack lunches was a big success this year. Several of the ladies are talking about doing it again in 2018. The sale brought in over a thousand dollars which will help with our missions that we do throughout the year. A special "Thank You" to Jackie Euper, the minister's wife, for all her help on Friday; it was very much appreciated. We had a surprise visit from Dirk Elliott. On Saturday we were all surprised and delighted to meet our new pastor, Colleen Wisdon.



Yes, there are a few important people missing from the above pictures: Sherry Fruchey, Colleen Schomber, Linda Sedlock, Barbara Williamson, and of course our own photographer Kate Holzhausen.

We hope "Mother's Day" was special for all the women of our congregation and our community on Sunday.

The Bancroft United Methodist Women held a short meeting after service on Sunday to discuss the upcoming flower planting on Saturday, May 20th to spruce up the memorial for our veterans in preparation for Memorial Weekend, in which we were all in agreement to do this for our community.

Graduates:

Carl Cooke, Bachelors in Business Management. Son-in-law of Gary & Diana Hulbert

Casey Hulbert, Graduating Byron High School. Attending MSU in the fall –
Business Administration. Granddaughter of Gary & Diana Hulbert

HEALTHY LIVING

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Shiawassee Relay for Life takes place June 16-17 at the County Fairgrounds on Hibbard Road, south of Corunna.

We have a team, "A Future & A Hope" from our churches and friends. Our team name comes from Jeremiah 29:11 but is also our prayer for anyone who hears the words they have cancer.

We raise awareness of the signs for cancer and fund for the American Cancer Society. There is a website where you can register or learn more. If you don't want to sign up online, see or call Nina and she has forms you can fill out. There is no minimum amount for you to raise nor do you need to register to come take part in the festivities. You may come and join in the activities or come and walk or cheer those who are walking.

One special time is the Luminaria ceremony in which the "track" is lined with candle and sand-filled bags that are lit at dusk. These bags have names of our loved ones who have battled cancer and those who have survived the battle. The names are projected on a large screen and printed in a program. Everyone walks a lap in silence. The Luminaria stay lit through the night.

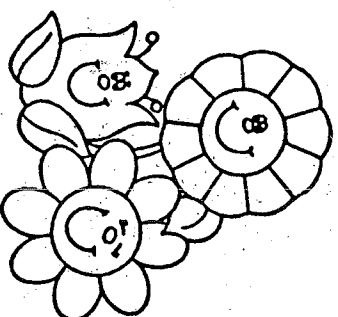
One of the big commercial buildings is the site for a Survivors/Caregivers breakfast on Saturday morning. Memorial Healthcare provides a meal for those who can register and this can include a caregiver. That is followed by a Survivor's Lap. The next lap, the caregivers join in.

Through most of the event, an amazing Silent Auction takes place in one of the other commercial buildings. It has to be seen to be believed.

Teams have other fundraisers throughout the event.

If you want to help out, come on over and walk or help before by selling or purchasing luminaria bags for \$10 each (Nina has these), help put a silent auction basket together, bid on a basket or afterward, help with a rummage sale the following weekend (see related article).

Above all pray for all cancer patients, their caregivers and medical personnel.



BIBLE TRIVIA

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

1. Who in the Old Testament had a dream of fourteen cows coming out of a river?
2. What did God show to Moses just before he died but did not allow him to enter?
3. What man in the Bible was asked to remove his shoes by a voice from a burning bush?
4. Name the mother of the Joseph who ruled in Egypt.
5. What did Paul (Saul) do while Stephen was being stoned?
6. What two men tried to pretend to rulers that their wives were only their sisters?
7. What does the name of the city of Naxuana mean?
8. Who wrote the following: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth."
9. Who was the first woman recorded in the Bible to have had twins?
10. What was the name of the first female Christian believer in Athens?
11. In which book in the Bible do we find a list of the seven things that the Lord hates?
12. How many times in Genesis does the situation occur of a man pretending to a ruler that his wife was only a sister?

Now for some answers:

1. Pharaoh (Genesis 41:1-4)
2. The Promised Land or Canaan (Deuteronomy 34)
3. Moses (Exodus 3:5)
4. Rachel (Genesis 35:24)
5. Held the stoner's coats (Acts 7:58)
6. Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 12:26)
7. Here Noah settled
8. John (Revelation 21:1)
9. Rebekah (Genesis 25:24)
10. Damaris (Acts 17:34)
11. Proverbs (Proverbs 6:17-19)
12. Three (Genesis 12:20;26)

MORRICE

Susan G. Komen 3day/60 miles Walk -Sandra Coone and Kathie Lienemann

Georgia Coone has two daughters who will be participating this year in the 2017 Susan G. Komen 3day/60 miles walk in Dearborn, Michigan on August 4-6.

Sandi is a 19 years breast cancer survivor and Kathie is her support walker. They both participated in the 2008 event in Dearborn and Sandi participated in 2010 in Tampa, Florida. They hope to participate again this year together with the support of donations from people who want to make a difference.

This event is spread out over three days and averages 20 miles a day for those who complete the full event. Kathie and Sandi have both completed their events in the past despite twisted knees and egg size blisters. They were able to continue with each others support, and because they believe in the "Cause", to bring an end to cancer. The fact that Sandi is alive and is able to take part in this event is testament to the difference that these funds make in detection, treatment, and prevention....and one day a cure and elimination.

So they hope to do this again by raising \$2300 each, ^{but Feb 15} even though they have each set higher fundraising goals. Please help support them, and every person who battles now, or will face the battle in the future. Support them and remember the ones we've lost and honor the ones who are fighting now. By finding the cure to one, we are that much closer to finding the cure to all cancers.

You can support them online by posting a donation or by printing off a donation form and mailing it. Georgia will also have donation forms. A receipt is available by providing an email address.

There are two sites to choose from online;
www.the3day.org/goto/kathielienemann or www.the3day.org/goto/sandracoone

If you need more information about the event you can go to www.the3day.org

Please reach into your heart and do what you can to help. You can be part of making a difference. Please share this information with anyone else you think would like to help.

<u>MORRICE READERS FOR JUNE</u>	
June 4	Ron G.
June 11	Greta K.
June 18	Katy J.
June 25	John M.

MORRICE UMW

A BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE who helped make the salad luncheon a Big Success. There were lots of salads. We enjoyed seeing all of you. The next one is Thursday, September 28th. Be sure to mark it on your calendar.

The cut off date for the Rada order is June 25th and then a second order the last Sunday in November.

Monies were sent to Heifer International, the Salvation Army, Chelsea Retirement Home and Samaritan's Purse.

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 13 at the church at 3:30 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A tip of the graduation cap to all our high school and college graduates. Graduating from high school are: Nik Kielbasa, Nate Lewis, Mikayla Hill and Matt Veltng. Graduating from Saginaw Valley last semester was Kelsey Butcher.

Congratulations to all of you and best wishes in your future endeavors!

HOMEcoming FESTIVAL

The annual Morrice Homecoming Festival is Saturday, June 24. There will be various activities in the village on that day.

There will be several runnimage sales including one sponsored by the Relay for Life team from our churches. That sale will be at the Senior Center (see related article).

The great fireworks show will be at the school athletic fields. Come and enjoy a great day!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 2	Ali Parker	M
June 2	Jennie Shire	M
June 4	Kevin Cozart	B
June 5	Nancy Haas	M
June 5	Laura Smith	M
June 5	Garrett McPherson	M
June 5	Pat Stiff	M
June 6	Tim (dad) Embury	M
June 7	Ellen Wright	B
June 8	Tim Cooney	B
June 9	Vanessa Embury	M
June 11	Mitchell Harris	M
June 11	Henry Liberacki	M
June 11	Robert Stoutenberg	B
June 14	Margaret Hemenway	B
June 14	Debby Shiffer	B
June 14	Chris Shire	M

June 19	John Lang	B
June 19	Sann Warner	M
June 20	Rodney Adair	M
June 20	Terry Euper	M
June 22	Lois Morris	M
June 25	John Sedlock	B
June 26	Jim Jarrad, Sr.	M
June 26	Alan Hulbert	B
June 27	Jean Harris	M
June 28	Payton Wilbert	M
June 30	Art Turner	M
June 30	Clay Sidel	M

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July 4	Happy Birthday, USA
July 7-8	UMM National Gathering
Aug. 24-27	Thumb Gospel Music Convention
Sept. 4	Labor Day
Sept. 15-16	Women of Excellence Conference
Oct. 6-7	Fall Family Fun Days
Oct. 13-14	Scrapbook Retreat
Oct. 20-21	REACH Summit
Oct. 27-28	Fall Quilter's Retreat

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 5	Chris & Jennie Shire	M
June 6	Dirk & Tricia Elliott	☺
June 9	Floyd & Debbie Price	M
June 17	Jeremy & Jen Peters	☺
June 17	John & Laura Bristley	M
June 17	John & Ashley Lang	B
June 20	Dave & Judy Bristley	M
June 24	Richard & Sandy Stickney	B
June 25	Jerry & Gayle Hulbert	B
June 26	Larry & Lisa Fall	B