

**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.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

**MAX LUCCADO**



HE CHOSE  
THE  
**NAILS**

WHAT GOD DID TO WIN YOUR HEART

**OUR LENTEN STUDY AT MORRICE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

THURSDAY, MARCH 1 AT 6:30 PM  
THURSDAY, MARCH 8 AT 6:30 PM  
THURSDAY, MARCH 15 AT 6:30 PM  
THURSDAY, MARCH 22 AT 6:30 PM  
THURSDAY, MARCH 29 AT 6:00 PM (HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE)  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!  
SEE YOU THERE!

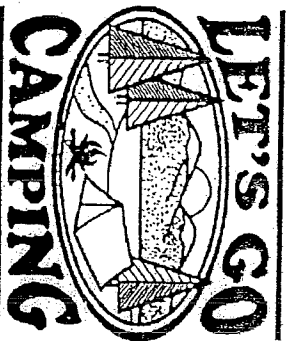
## MEN HAVE A RETREAT

Calling all men to take part in a special retreat all for you. It is Friday and Saturday, March 23-24 at Bay Shore Camp. The cost is \$95 and covers food, lodging and guest speaker costs.

Special activities include: arrow tag, barbecue, paintball, barbecue, skeet shooting, barbecue, hatchet throwing and more barbecue. Everything begins at 6:00 pm Friday and concludes at 6:00 pm on Saturday. If you want, come early on Friday and help with some work projects around the campground.

For more information, call the camp at (989) 883-2501 or go to the website: [www.BayShoreCamp.org/mensretreat/](http://www.BayShoreCamp.org/mensretreat/)

Did we mention, there will be barbecue there?



**YES,  
I want  
to go!**

## BAY SHORE CAMP SCHEDULE

Below is the summer camp schedule for Bay Shore Camp. Grade level is determined by the grade to be entered in fall of 2018. Grade 13 is for those who graduate high school in 2018.

May 25-28	Memorial Day Family Weekend
June 8-9	Spring Family Fun Days
June 17-22	Jr. High Camp (grades 7-8)
	Fishing Camp (grades 7-10)
June 24-29	Soccer Camp (grades 4-12)
	Basketball Camp (grades 6-11)
July 1-6	Junior Music Camp (grades 3-8)
July 1-3	Primary Camp (grades 3-4)
July 8-13	Senior High Camp (grades 9-13)
July 15-20	Primary Plus Camp (grades 3-4)
July 15-17	Teddy Bear 1 Camp (grades 1-2)*
July 18-20	Teddy Bear 2 Camp (grades 1-2)*
July 22-27	Junior Camp (grades 5-6)
July 28-Aug 3	Family Camp
Aug. 5-10	Baseball Camp (grades 6-10)
	Softball Camp (grades 6-10)
	Worship Arts (grades 8-13)

\*Teddy Bear Campers must bring an adult with them to camp. See Nina for special instructions to register.

## OTHER CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

We are blessed with many United Methodist Camps in Michigan. We have brochures for Bay Shore Camp at each church. We also have brochures available with listings of several camps around the state. These include: Camp Kinawind (Boyne City), Lake Michigan (Pentwater), Albright Park (Reed City), Lake Huron (Burchville), Wesley Woods (Dowling), Crystal Springs (Dowagiac), Judson Collins (Onsted) and Lakeview Family Campground (Lakeview) and Myers Lake (Byron).

We cannot list all the programs and camping opportunities in this newsletter. The brochures are each several pages long. However, there are camps for all ages, interests, special populations, families, and themes. Some examples are: A Very Potter Camp (Harry Potter), Horseback Camp, may the Forest Be With You, Splasholodean, Backpacking, Fine Arts Camp, "You Can't Do That at Camp" Camp, Leadership Camps and so much more.

Are you ready to sign up yet?

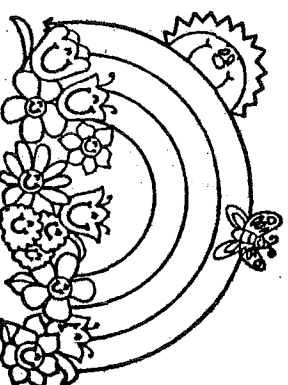
## SUMMER CAMP

We are heading to summer camp soon. It is time to register for camp! If you know of a young person, of any age, who could benefit from some time at camp, get them registered now!

We have brochures describing Bay Shore Camp, Judson Collins, Camp Kinawind, Crystal Springs, Lake Michigan and Wesley Woods, etc.

We have access to discounts on camper fees. At Morrice, we support each camper with \$50 toward their fees. If you have questions, please ask Nina or use the Links & More tab on our website.

All camps provide a discount for first-time campers. If you would like to help a person attend camp, we have a Camp Fund at the Morrice church.

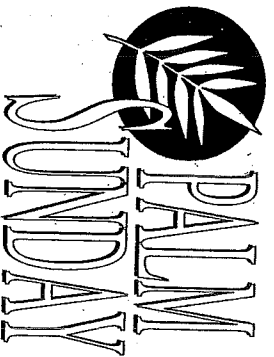


# Worship

- 1 Lenten Study (M) 6:30 pm
- 3 UMM 8:00 am at Woody's in Bancroft
- 4 Communion Sunday
- 8 Lenten Study (M) 6:30 pm
- 11 UMCOR Sunday; Daylight Savings Time begins; Hospice House offering (M)
- 13 UMW (M) 3:30 pm
- 15 Newsletter items due; Lenten Study (M) 6:30 pm; 180 Conference at DeWitt Redeemer
- 15-17 Men's Walk to Emmaus @ Rochester UMC
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Haiti Hot Lunch (M)
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 22 Respite Volunteer Training at Shafsborg UMC; Lenten Study (M) 6:30 pm
- 23-24 Men Retreat at Bay Shore Camp
- 25 Palm Sunday
- 29 Maundy Thursday Service (M) 6:00 pm
- 30 Good Friday
- 31 Dinner/Game Night at First Church of Christ in Owosso 5:00 pm

## SPRING AHEAD

**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 11. Daylight Savings Time begins. Don't be late for church!**



## UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet on Saturday, March 3 at 8:00 am at Woody's in Bancroft. They will discuss the success of the Chili Cook-off and upcoming projects.

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

*Morrice: Worship 10:30 am*

B = Bancroft UMC  
M = Morrice UMC  
☉ = Clergy or both

# Good Friday

## 180 TURNAROUND CONFERENCE

On March 15, Redeemer United Methodist Church in DeWitt will conduct a conference at their building. Registration is at 8:30 am and the conference is over at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$59 for the first person and \$30 for each additional person from the same church.

DeWitt Redeemer was a small church but through a lot of hard work and dedication have grown to be a vital part of their community. Currently they have multiple worship services, vital outreach ministries and a growing congregation. They are willing to teach others how they accomplished this feat.

There are three general sessions during the day, with two workshop opportunities and lunch. The workshops are entitled: Communications, Overcoming Resistance to Change, Welcoming Guests, Creating a Spiritual Growth Path, Five Important Skills to Go from Here to There, Strategic Planning, Creating a Healthy Staff Culture and Student Ministry offered in the morning. Afternoon workshops are: A Strategy for Turning Your Church Around, Building a Volunteer Culture, Website 101, Leading Worship with a Band, Expanding Your Community Outreach, Making First Impressions Matter, There is No Such Thing as a Born Leader, Childrens Ministry.

If several people can attend this day, you can split up and cover several workshops.

## UMCOR SUNDAY

UMCOR Sunday is the one day we set aside to donate to the United Methodist Committee on Relief to pay their overhead and cost of providing services. The organization does not receive apportionment funds and relies on UMCOR Sunday to pay salaries, advertizing, printing, office expenses, etc. This allows for 100% of your donations to an Advance project go to that project. This offering is on March 11 and you will find a special envelope with your bulletin.

A recent e-mail received from UMCOR reads: "UMCOR is present with heartfelt prayers, empathy, monetary donations and volunteering spirits after disaster strikes. We saw that over and over in 2017 when hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria battered Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Puerto Rico, and again when mudslides swept through Sierra Leone.

*The United Methodist Committee on Relief is there for the long haul, thanks to your generosity. UMCOR is still present in Louisiana and West Virginia more than a year after floods devastated parts of those states. And that is just one example of UMCOR's commitment to helping survivors get back on their feet.*

*The work of UMCOR also goes beyond disaster relief. As millions of refugees and migrants seek safety and opportunity, UMCOR is present. All over the world, UMCOR is there, providing compassion and hope to those who desperately need it."*

The above e-mail was sent by United Methodist Communications on February 5, 2018

## UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief also known as UMCOR, is how each of us is in ministry to all those around us.

This month we celebrate UMCOR Sunday (see related article). In addition to those ministries already mentioned, UMCOR is in areas helping build schools, working with agricultural programs, digging wells for drinking water, and so much more.

Below are only some examples of ministry programs of UMCOR. To make a donation, simply write a check to your church with the Advance # placed on the memo line and make a notation on your envelope and place in the offering plate of your church. To learn more, use the Links & More tab on our website.

### UNITED STATES

The recent flooding in many areas of the country, including locally has been on the news. To help those in recovery, use Advance # 901670, U.S. Disaster Relief.

### ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Advance # 333615, provides workers and programs for those who have become ensnared in human trafficking for commercial and sexual exploitation.

### NATIONAL JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Advance # 901285 helps create a welcoming community for immigrants. Legal services, education and advocacy programs are helped by funds received for this Advance.

### THE ADVANCE

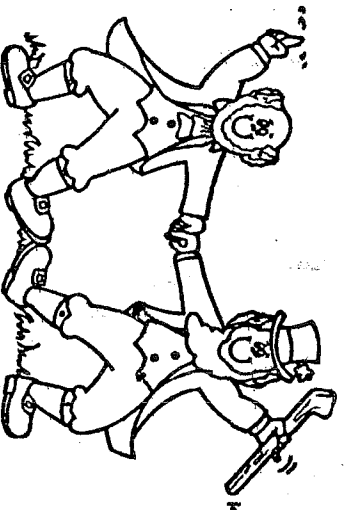
Several times in this issue of the newsletter, we have used the term, the Advance. So what is "the Advance"?

About 70 years ago, The Advance was established by the Methodists to help those who were "the least" in the eyes of many. These gifts were established to help the poor and the disadvantaged.

To learn more about "the Advance", go to General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. There you can learn about many different ministry areas we serve.

The great beauty of "The Advance" is that every dollar you send to a ministry or project goes to that project. Nothing is used for overhead expenses (those are taken care of with UMCOR Sunday).

# MISSIONS



February 2018

# BANCROFT

Bible study will continue for the next few weeks at Barbara Williamson's home at 10:00 am. The study is on "The Seven Churches of Revelation", by David Jeremiah

The meeting for the BUMW scheduled for Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to the weather and will be rescheduled for a later date.

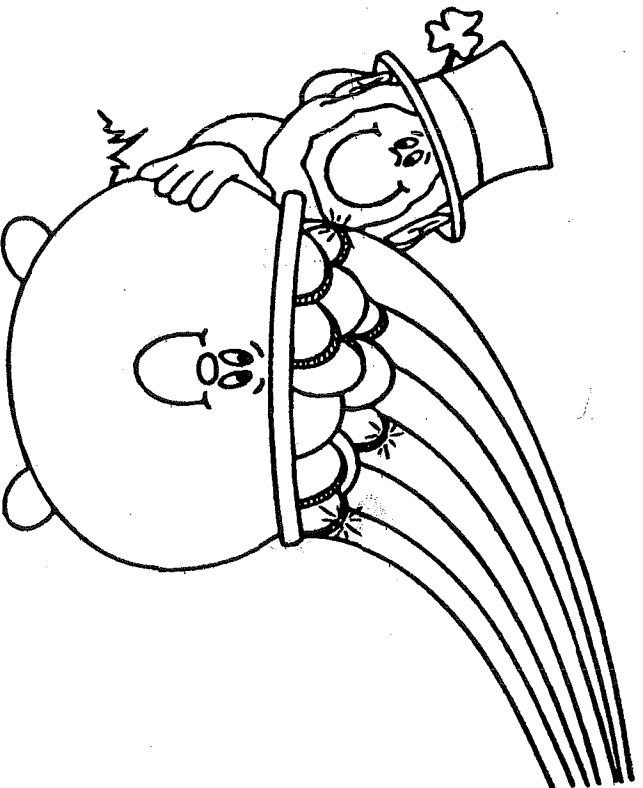
The Bancroft United Methodist Women put together 21 birthday bags that will be donated to "Loaves and Fishes". Margaret will be delivering the birthday bags on Wednesday morning. A special "Thank You" to all of the women that brought in the birthday bags.

A big "Thank You" to the Sprague boys for shoveling the parking and sidewalk area in front of the church. We very much appreciate all you do.

The Bancroft United Methodist Men will be holding the "Chili cook off" at the Bancroft United Methodist Church. The announcement of the winners will be on Sunday, February 25 at the churches.

The study guide for Lent will be on "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado. The class will begin on Thursday, March 1st at 6:30 pm at the Morrice United Methodist Church for the first four weeks in March, and the 5<sup>th</sup> week of class will start at 6:00 pm at Morrice United Methodist Church, which will include the service for "Maundy Thursday".

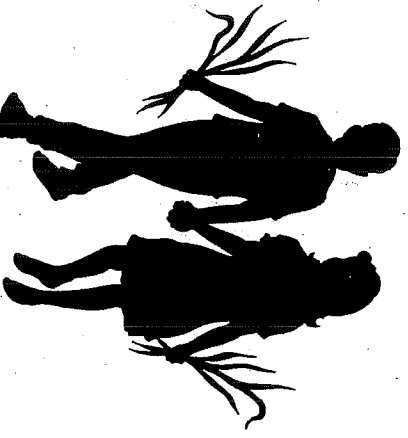
Easter Sunrise service at the Bancroft United Methodist Church will be at 7:00 am, followed with breakfast being served following the service. The Easter service will be held at 9:00 am.



## RESPIRE TRAINING

Want to make a difference in someone's life? Shawassee Respite is having a volunteer training at the Shaftsbury United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 22. The time is 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The church is located at 12821 Warner Road in Shaftsbury.

Volunteers help with patients and caregivers, help in the office and much more. To register, or for additional information, please call (989) 725-1127. We also have a link to their website on our website.



### BIBLE TRIVIA

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

1. What king did God make the wisest man who ever lived before or since?
  2. Which of the following was not a prophet of God—Elijah, Elisha, Ebenezer or Ezekiel?
  3. Which of the following angel's names is traditionally considered to be another name for Satan? Michael, Gabriel or Lucifer?
  4. How many of each of the clean beasts did God tell Noah to take into the ark?
  5. What did the soldiers gamble for while Jesus was on the cross?
  6. Jesus said that God loves every person so much that even what on our heads are numbered?
  7. Which book in the Bible contains the characters Elihu, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar?
  8. What group of Jews in Jesus' day believed in Moses' laws but not in resurrection, angels or spirits?
  9. What occupation did Jeremiah have before becoming a prophet?
  10. Who wrote the Ten Commandments upon the tablets?
  11. Which of the following was neither a queen nor married to a king – Deborah, Esther, Jezebel or Bathsheba?
  12. Who is the only author of the Bible known to have had leprosy for any length of time?
  13. To the nearest hundred, how many men did Elisha feed with 20 small loaves, having some left over?
  14. Although not arrested or convicted, one of the 12 disciples was guilty of a crime after becoming one of the 12. Name the disciple and the crime.
- Now for the answers:
1. Solomon (1 Kings 3;12)
  2. Ebenezer
  3. Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12)
  4. 7 (Genesis 7:2)
  5. Jesus' clothing (Matthew 27:35)
  6. The hairs (Luke 12:7)
  7. Job (Job 2:11; 32:2)
  8. Sadducees
  9. A priest (Jeremiah 1:1)
  10. God (Exodus 32:16)
  11. Deborah
  12. Moses (Exodus 4:6)
  13. 100 (2 Kings 4:42-44)
  14. Judas – theft (John 12:6)

### CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP

Christ Burton United Methodist Church, located at 4428 Columbine Avenue in Burton is hosting a craft supply swap at their building on Saturday, March 10. The hours are 1-3:00 pm.

Flint Handmade hosts monthly craft supply swaps in Genesee County. The way this works is that you can bring in clean craft supplies in good condition and bring them to the Swap Day. Bring a donation of \$3-5 to support Flint Handmade and your own tote bag. You may then take as much or as little as you like in your own tote bag. What a great way to clean out our craft bins and closets!

For more information on this organization, use [www.flinthandmade.org](http://www.flinthandmade.org).

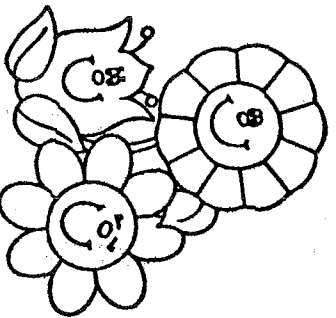
### COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SINGLES

Community Christian Singles is a ministry founded to provide single adults in the Mid-Michigan area with opportunities for Christian growth and fellowship.

Each month they have a program at the Caledonia Township Hall (across from Meijer) and one social activity.

This month their program is "Making A Difference" on March 8 at 7:00 pm. Becky Maiorana, teacher, conference speaker and ministry leader will share on the topic of sharing our faith.

The social activity is Dinner and or Game Night. That will be March 31 at 5:00 pm at the First Church of Christ (585 E. North Street in Owosso). The cost is \$5.00 and includes a taco/Mexican dinner. After dinner is a euchre tournament or a chance to play favorite board games. Call Joyce at (989) 723-4945 for more information.



**YOU'VE  
GOT IT!**

# MORRICE

## THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

*The Morrice UMC has recently received several thank you notes. Below are some excerpts from these letters. The complete letters are posted on the bulletin boards in the entryway.*

Dear Friends in Christ:

Your February gift is already helping our hungry brothers and sisters this winter! Thank you for your \$75 gift of health and hope. Morrice UMC is putting healthy, nourishing food on the tables of individuals and families who are struggling to get by. Partnering with Society of St. Andrew, you engage volunteer gleaners in hands-on mission and service; you help send large loads of fruits and vegetables to areas where they are most needed; you support local feeding agencies in every area of the country; and you reduce food waste—all as you follow Jesus' command to feed the hungry. Thank you for this gift and for joining with Society of St. Andrew in our mission of working toward feeding physical and spiritual hunger. With you in Christ's Service, Betty Easter

Dear Friends at Morrice United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$80 to the ministry of Hospice House of Shiawassee County. Your prayers and financial support help to carry the burden of those facing end of life.

Thank you in advance for your continued prayers and support.

Dear Friends in Mission!

Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Through your gift, you are helping to provide assistance for survivors of human trafficking, funding for health and development projects that alleviate hunger and poverty, holistic community-based health programs, and access to clean water and sanitation. This is just a sampling of the good works that gifts like yours make possible. Thank you for giving so generously.

Grace and Peace,  
Roland Fernandes and Russell Pierce  
General Board of Global Ministries

Dear Friends:

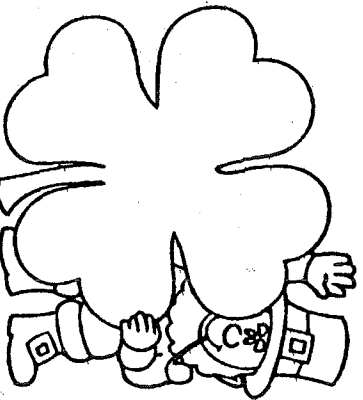
Thank you for your generous gift to Heifer International. Your desire to help others will build hope for future generations.

Thank you for choosing Heifer International and helping us make a better world, one family at a time.

Pierre U. Ferrari  
President and CEO

## MORRICE UMW

The Morrice women will meet on March 13th, the 2nd Tuesday, at the church at 3:30. We will discuss the May 17th salad luncheon.



## EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to help decorate the Morrice United Methodist Church sanctuary for Easter, please bring in Easter and/or spring flowers. You may bring them in for Easter Sunrise and/or Easter worship and then take them home with you after the service.

## LENTEN OFFERING

Morrice will have special Lenten envelopes available for you to place a special offering for the Perry Morrice Shaftsbury Emergency Relief Food Bank. These envelopes will be available through Easter Sunday worship service.

## ALPHA & OMEGA BIBLE STUDY

The Alpha & Omega Bible Study is on hold during our Lenten season. They will meet next on April 5 at the Morrice church at 7:00 pm.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Mar. 1	Wendi Valentine	M	Mar. 24	Joan Ordway	B
Mar. 3	Kevin Eva	M	Mar. 27	Jodi Fuller	B
Mar. 3	Dawn Devins	B	Mar. 28	Barb Williamson	B
Mar. 5	Jake Triplehorn	B	Mar. 28	Mark Latunski	M
Mar. 6	Mark Hulbert	B	Mar. 29	Maxine Pappan	M
Mar. 6	Mike Schomber	B	Mar. 29	Kim Wright	M
Mar. 6	Coleen Wilsdon	Ⓞ	Mar. 29	Emma Harvey	M
Mar. 7	Laura Strand	B	Mar. 30	Cheryl Lewis	M
Mar. 8	Bill Iler	M	Mar. 30	Ken Preadmore	M
Mar. 9	Kelsi Iler	M	Mar. 31	Craig Lewis	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. 22	Alex Strand	B			
Mar. 23	Carl Cooke	B			

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Apr. 1	EASTER SUNDAY
Apr. 6-8	Do-It-Yourself Weekend at Bay Shore Camp
Apr. 12-14	Women's Walk to Emmaus
Apr. 13-15	Quilter Retreat at Bay Shore
Apr. 15	Native American Ministries