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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.

Church Family,

As we move through the middle of Eastertide towards Pentecost on May 20th, I just wanted to share with you two poems. Poetry can be such a lost art in this day of abbreviated social media communication. Enjoy and ponder at your leisure.

A Poem for Pentecost

Unless the eye catch fire,

The God will not be seen.

Unless the ear catch fire

The God will not be heard.

Unless the tongue catch fire

The God will not be named.

Unless the heart catch fire,

The God will not be loved.

Unless the mind catch fire,

The God will not be known.

William Blake (1757-1827) from *Pentecost*

This excerpt from the Four Quartet combines both the Holy Spirit and images of the German bombing of London.

***. . . The dove descending breaks the air
With flame of incandescent terror
Of which the tongues declare
The one discharge from sin and error.
The only hope, or else despair
Lies in the choice of pyre of pyre-
To be redeemed from fire by fire.
Who then devised the torment? Love.
Love is the unfamiliar Name
Behind the hands that wove
The intolerable shirt of flame
Which human power cannot remove.
We only live, only suspire
Consumed by either fire or fire . . .***

Excerpt from *Little Gidding* by T.S. Eliot
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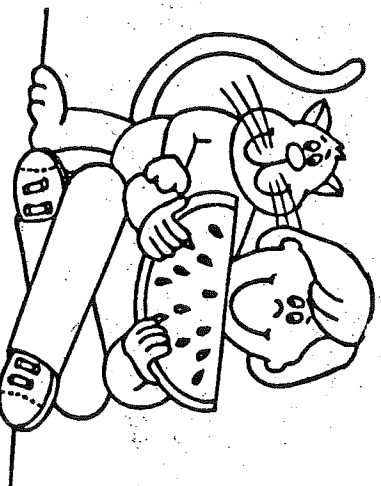
BIBLE TRIVIA

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

1. What did Jacob wear on his arms to trick his blind father Isaac into thinking Jacob was his brother Esau?
2. Put the following Israelite leaders into the order in which they became leaders – Gideon, Moses, Joshua
3. Which book hundreds of years in advance prophesied that the soldiers would gamble for Jesus' clothing – Psalms, Obadiah or Joel?
4. Who, before he became a Christian, looked after the coats of the men who stoned Stephen to death?
5. How many books of the Bible did Abraham write?
6. What question did Jesus ask Peter three times?
7. What kind of animal did John the Baptist say Jesus was like in the quotation: "Behold, the ___ of God who takes away the sin of the world?"
8. What was the function of Nehemiah in the court of the king of Babylon?
9. What was unique about the death of the apostle John, according to church tradition?
10. What did Uzziyah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah have in common with respect to Isaiah?
11. Who was the mother of Boaz?
12. How many of the Israelite spies who returned from Canaan were not killed by a plague of God?
13. Who said the following: "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee?"
14. Which Roman emperor ordered all transcripts of the gospel to be burnt?
15. Which prophet was most prominent during Ahab's reign?
16. Who were the only brothers of Seth named in the Bible?
17. Which book in the Bible immediately precedes Philipians?

Now for the answers:

1. Goat skins (Genesis 27:16)
2. Moses, Joshua and Gideon
3. Psalms (Psalms 22:18)
4. Saul or Paul (Acts 7:58)
5. 0
6. "Do you love me?" (John 21:15-17)
7. Lamb (John 1:29)
8. The king's cupbearer (Nehemiah 1:11)
9. He was not martyred.
10. They were all kings during Isaiah's days of prophecy. (Isaiah 1:1)
11. Rahab (Matthew 1:5)
12. Two (Numbers 14:36-37)
13. David (2 Samuel 18:33)
14. Diocletian
15. Elijah (1 Kings 16-19)
16. Cain and Abel (Genesis 4)
17. Ephesians



MAY

- 2 United Methodist Women (B) 6:00 pm
- 3 National Day of Prayer; Alpha & Omega Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 4-5 Spring Work Bee at Bay Shore Camp
- 5 United Methodist Men at Morrice UMC 8:00 am; Protection Policy Training at Chesaning Trinity 9:00 - noon
- 6 Communion Sunday
- 8 United Methodist Women (M)
- 10 Alpha & Omega Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 11 Community Game Night (B) 6:30-9:00 pm
- 11-12 Father-Son Catfish Tournament at Bay Shore Camp
- 13 MOTHER'S DAY; Hospice offering (M)
- 15 Newsletter items due
- 17 Salad Luncheon (M) 11:00 am - 1:00 pm; Alpha & Omega Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 19 Taking It To Your Streets
- 20 Haiti Hot Lunch offering (M)
- 24 Alpha & Omega Bible Study (M) 7:00 pm
- 25-28 Memorial Day Family Weekend at Bay Shore Camp
- 27 Peace With Justice Special Offering Sunday
- 28 MEMORIAL DAY
- 31-June 3 Annual Conference

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

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT

The Bancroft UMC is hosting a Community Game Night on Friday, May 11. Sloppy joe dinner is at 6:30 and games and a movie for children three and older goes until 9:00 pm. The entire community is invited to attend.

SYMBOLS EXPLAINED

When you see some symbols throughout the newsletter or bulletin like (B) or (M), that means the event is at either Bancroft (B) or Morrice (M). When you see those symbols on the birthday and/or anniversary list, it means that person(s) are affiliated with one of those two churches. If you see a ☉, it means that person(s) is affiliated with both churches, for example, past clergy or clergy family.

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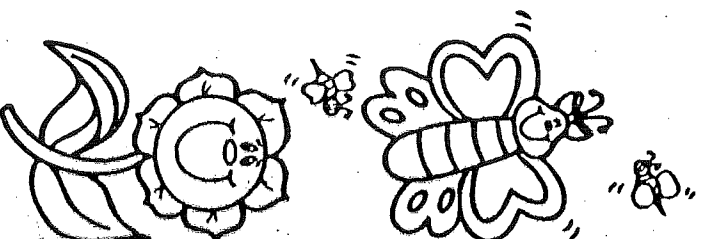
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SALAD LUNCHEON

The Morrice United Methodist Women (UMW) are hosting a salad luncheon on May 17 at the Morrice United Methodist Church. They begin serving at 11:00 am and finish about 1:00 pm.

The menu is: salads of all types, biscuits with turkey gravy, beverage and dessert. Please enter the basement using the door at the back of the building. A chair lift is available from street level to the basement.

Proceeds from this luncheon will help the UMW with missions and other expenses. The numbers for the group are small and they could use help with salads and working that day. Please contact any UMW member for more information.



CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

Annual Conference offerings for 2018 include a special one for our conference partners, Haiti and Liberia. This year 10% of that offering will go to Puerto Rico to help in recovery efforts from Hurricane Maria. The other 90% of that offering will be split between Haiti and Liberia.

The deacons of the Michigan United Methodist Church are promoting childhood literacy in this state. They would like to collect 1000 books. Churches are asked to order and pay for books from Scholastic (we have the order form) and bring to Annual Conference.

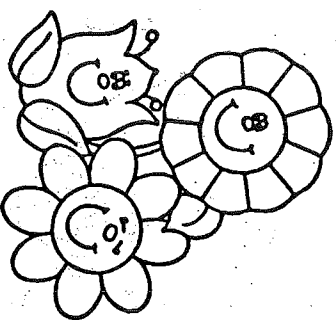
Personal dignity kits will be collected at conference. Items to be packed in a kit include: hand towel, bath towel, comb, nail clippers toothbrush, shampoo (3-4 oz), deodorant (2-3 oz), bar soap (3 oz or larger), razor (individual package), toothpaste (2.5 oz or larger). Kits should be assembled at the local church.

These offerings will be taken to Annual Conference on May 30 by your Lay Delegate.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

We have an opportunity to help several ministries of the United Methodist Church by using special envelopes found in your bulletin on May 27. This is the Peace With Justice Special Sunday offering. Funds donated help with programs dealing with human trafficking, assisting refugees and immigrants and help communities battle poverty and violence.

There will be a special envelope in your bulletin that day. Please give as you are able.



TAKING IT TO YOUR STREETS

This is the last year to work with the Crossroads District in the day of mission called Taking It To Your Streets. Look at the Links & More tab on our website to find local projects. Most should take place on May 19.

PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING

There will be a Protection Policy Training at the Chesaning Trinity United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 5. The hours are 9:00 am until noon. There should be no cost for this training. If you have questions or would like to register, contact Rev. Christy at (810) 235-4651.

Protection Policy Training is required for anyone working with children or vulnerable adults in the conference or district.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men will meet on Saturday, May 5 at the Morrice UMC at 8:00 am. They will have breakfast and a time of devotions and fellowship.

Men of all ages and both churches are invited to attend.

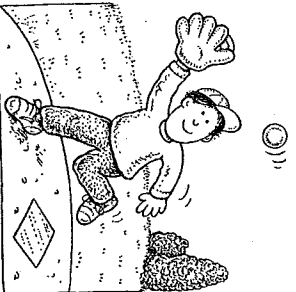
DETROIT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The final Detroit Annual Conference is May 31-June 3 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme. After this meeting, the two conferences will merge on July 1. Your lay delegate is Nina Mortimore.

The theme for the conference is "Engage With" ministry and mission. The focus will be moving from mission of charity to ministry of engagement. Talks will be held on engaging youth, schools, the poor, neighbors and our churches in mission.

A report on conference with lots of ideas will be in the next issue of the newsletter.

Information for this article came from the michiganumc.org website.



April 2018

BANCROFT NEWS

Bible study at Barbara Williamson's home at 10:00 am has been completed. We will start a new session in September 2018.

Our first outreach project went very well for the "Easter Egg Hunt" that the Bancroft Lions Club held. Garnet Seger, Margaret Hemenway, Joan Ordiway, and I (Debby Shiffer) assembled 3,000+ plastic eggs with candy. On Saturday morning of the egg hunt we placed 3,000+ eggs in the upper and lower areas of the Bancroft Park for the children to retrieve, and then we assisted the Easter Bunny by handing out Easter baskets of candy. The helpers for this were Pastor Coleen, Garnet Seger, Margaret Hemenway, Barbara Medlock, and Debby.

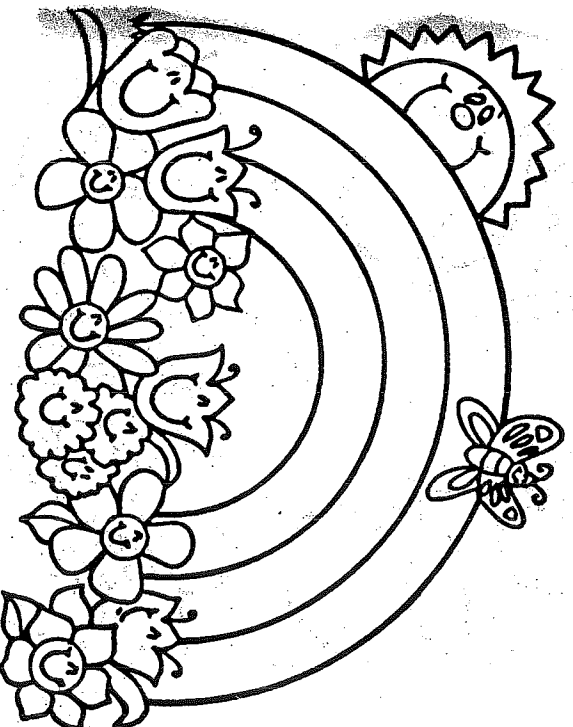
The Bancroft United Methodist Church Outreach is planning on having a "Game Night" with food being served at 6:30 pm and the activities starting at 7:00 pm. This is a fun night of food, card and board games and a possible movie for the children. This event will take place at the Bancroft United Methodist Church on Friday, May 11th from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

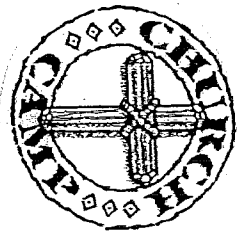
Easter Sunrise service, Easter breakfast, and the Easter service held at the Bancroft United Methodist Church was a blessed day for everyone. He Has Risen!

The meeting for the Bancroft United Methodist Women was held on Wednesday, April 4th at 6:00 pm. Diana Hulbert and Margaret Hemenway supplied the goodies. The strawberry short cake was very tasty, as was the other goodies. There will not be a "Spring Rummage Sale" as we have no place to hold the event this year. We will be discussing other ways to raise money to support our missions.

We have decided that the women of the church will be going to the play "NunSense Amen" on October 16th at Cornwall's Dinner Theatre in Turkeyville. The tickets are \$40.00 each and the money can be given to Garnet Seger, Margaret Hemenway, or myself (Debby Shiffer). More details will follow as the date gets closer. Our next meeting for the Bancroft United Methodist Women is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2ndth at 6:00 pm at the Bancroft United Methodist Church.

For your information: Thursday, May 3rd is the National Day of Prayer.





SUMMER CAMPING

How many young people of all ages can we send to camp during 2018? We have an opportunity to make a huge difference in the life of a young person. Think about your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors and approach them about attending camp.

We know the most about Bay Shore Camp but there are numerous opportunities to attend other camps in Michigan.

All first time campers, wherever they attend, receive a discount on the cost. There may be other incentives, price breaks and ways to help a person attend camp. See the website for links to camps, pick up a brochure(s) at church or ask Nina for help in registering for camp.

BAY SHORE SCHEDULE

Anyone interested in attending Bay Shore Camp can use the schedule below. Campers register by the grade they will enter in fall 2018. Grade 13 indicates those who graduated in spring of 2018.

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

*Teddy Bear campers must bring an adult with them.

SPRING WORK BEE

Are you ready to do some spring cleaning? Would you like to help send a person to camp this summer? If you answered either of those questions with a "yes", Bay Shore Camp has an opportunity for you on May 4-5 at their Spring Work Bee.

Jobs are varied but include working inside, getting cabins ready for campers, cleaning other facilities for use or working outside with clearing brush, tree limbs, grooming the grounds, fixing playground items, and the list goes on.

Any hours you work can then be designated to help defray some of the costs of attending Bay Shore Camp this summer.

For more information, call the camp at (989) 883-2501.

FATHER-SON CATFISH TOURNAMENT

Calling all dads and sons to have a special weekend at the Father-Son Catfish Tournament at Bay Shore Camp May 11-12.

The team captain pays \$69, team members pay \$39 unless under age 12, (\$19). These fees include all meals, housing, awards and other costs.

Other activities include laser tag and tomahawk throwing.

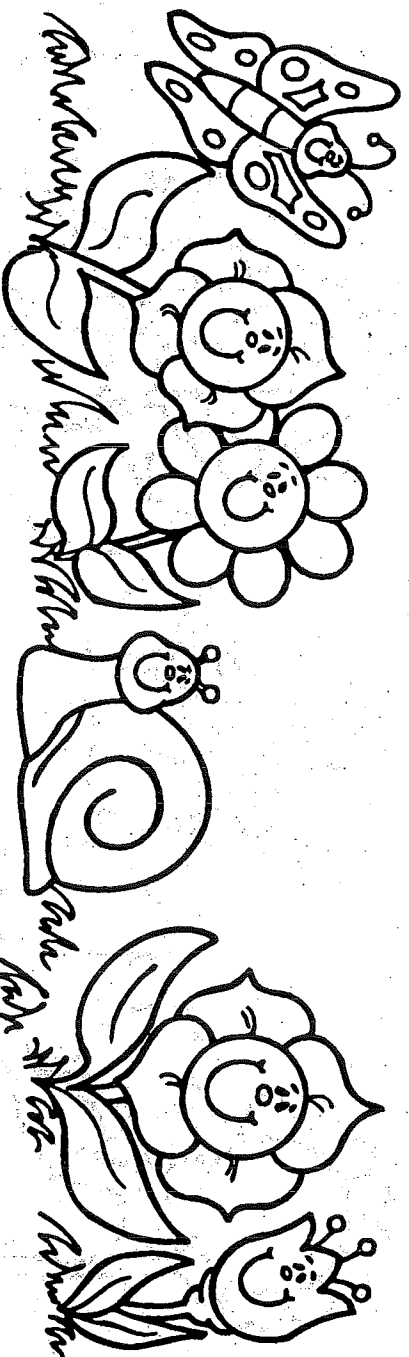
For more information on this special weekend, go to www.BayShoreCamp.org or call (989) 883-2501. As a reminder, dads can adopt sons for this weekend and sons can adopt dads.

MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY WEEKEND

For those who would like to get away for Memorial Day but don't want to go far, consider going to Memorial Day Family Weekend at Bay Shore Camp May 25-28.

This weekend is similar to the week-long Family Camp in July but has longer periods of free time for families to spend together. The costs depend on the type of lodging you require. Please see the website at www.BayShoreCamp.org for more information and to register your family for this great experience.

The speaker for the weekend is Eric Woods and worship is led by Freed.



THANK YOU RECEIVED

The Morrice United Methodist Church received a thank you letter from Red Bird Mission recently. Below are some excerpts. The entire letter is posted on the bulletin board.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for contributing recently to the ministries of Red Bird Mission, Inc., and/or Red Bird Clinic, Inc. During the Easter and spring season we experience so many signs of rebirth and hope. Your gifts give hope and new opportunities to those that we serve.

We value your prayers and continuing support in our efforts to create opportunities for a better life on earth for those we serve while spreading the eternal hope God gives us through Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Kari Collins, Executive Director

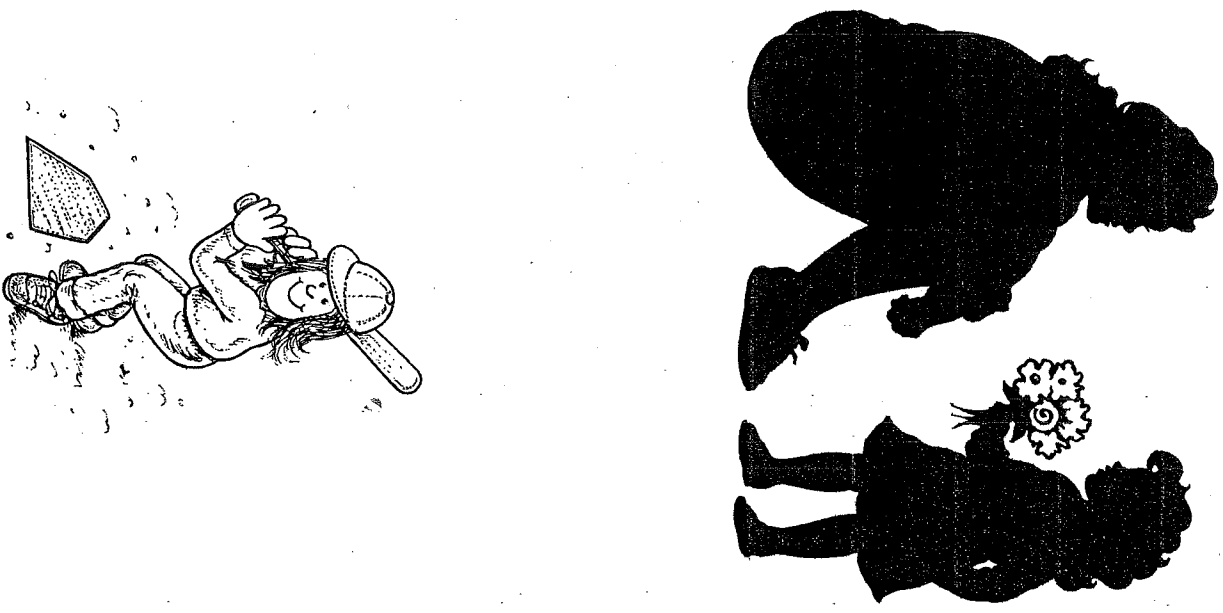
MORRICE UMW

The Morrice United Methodist Women (UMW) will meet at the church on May 8 at a time to be announced in the bulletin. The main discussion will center on the May 17 salad luncheon.

ALPHA & OMEGA BIBLE STUDY

The Alpha & Omega Bible Study will meet the first four Thursday evenings at the Morrice United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm. It lasts about an hour. The group is reading their way through the New Testament and discussing how it pertains to us today.
They will not meet on May 31.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to have articles for the June newsletter is May 15. There is no guarantee that items received after that will be placed in the next issue. Exceptions can be made on a limited basis if prior arrangements have been made.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8-9 Family Fun Days at Bay Shore
June 10 Communion Sunday
June 15 Newsletter items due
June 17 FATHERS DAY
June 21 First Day of Summer

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

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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 Rachel Benton ☉
May 12 Ali Sidel M
May 12 Naomi Latunski M
May 13 Sarah Buchholz M
May 14 Owen Latunski M

May 15 Diana Hulbert B
May 18 Bill Oliver B
May 19 Linda Strachan M
May 19 Lynn Reed B
May 21 Raynebow Brashaw M
May 22 Pam Tomlin M
May 22 Amy Wibert M
May 23 Jason Eddy B
May 24 Alex Sprague B
May 24 Lucas Temple B
May 24 Colleen Schomber B
May 25 Mikayla 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 Kasey Fiebertiz B
May 31 Hannah Bressette M