

The Beacon

DUNDEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December

Pastor's Notes

Dear Members and Friends;

December 2017

What a beautiful time of the year this is. The sights and sounds of Christmas all stir up the feelings of love, compassion and caring that all too often we keep hidden inside of us.

In the midst of this abounding spirit of joy and expectation, we have rich and meaningful worship services planned for these weeks leading up to Christmas. Your presence in worship will be a gift to our church. We trust that you will also find God's gift made real for you in these services.

I invite everyone of you to these special services and events. Our community of faith will be more whole if you are here. Invite your family, relatives, friends and neighbors. It is best time to re-establish a connection with God at Christmas, the season of affection.

Dec. 10 9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
 4:00 PM CHRISTMAS in DUNDEE CONCERT

Dec. 17 9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship with Praise Team, Chimes Choir & Chancel Choir

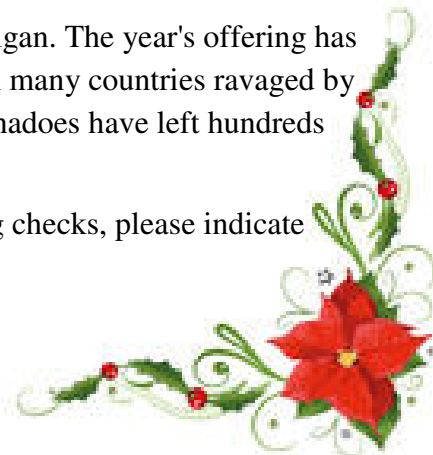
Dec. 24 9:00 AM NO Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship with Chancel Choir
 7:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Our Bishop David Bard has made an Advent Appeal to all United Methodists in Michigan. The year's offering has been designated to support disaster relief efforts in Michigan, the United States, and in many countries ravaged by natural disasters this year. Hurricanes, earthquakes, mudslides, fires, flooding, and tornadoes have left hundreds dead and tens of thousands homeless and still without necessities.

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Wishing you the joy of His birth...

Pastor Andy





BREAKFAST IS SERVED

Wednesday, December 6 is the next community breakfast, sponsored by the Dundee Area Senior Center, from 7 to 9 a.m. Want a great breakfast at an "extremely reasonable" price, like \$4? Head on over to the Senior Center and enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship with others in the community.

KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED

Are you a subscriber to the weekly "Pastor's Page Update" which is sent out each Monday? If not and you would like to receive this weekly update on church activities and announcements directly to your email in-box, please contact Ron Breitner to be added to the list.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

12/03 Ziesmer's/ Amy
12/10 Linda Plumb
12/17 Secor's
12/24 Olsens



Coffee Hour – Please help!

Looking for hosts/hostesses host a coffee hour. We are seeking persons to serve as coffee hour hosts. There is a sign-up sheet on the "Opportunities" board in the hallway. Please sign up and share your smile in this ministry.

2017 Bishop Advent Offering

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This year's offering equally supports UMCOR's domestic and international relief funds and provides a small resource for Michigan to be the people of hope during these emergencies. A bulletin insert is attached to this email for the offering in addition to a video message from Bishop David Bard.

If using checks, please have your congregations indicate "Bishop's Advent Appeal" on the offering.

As we remember the miraculous gift of the birth of our Savior, let us share a message through our gifts of support, hope, and love for those suffering. Let us bring God's light to those living in darkness.

Have a Blessed Advent Season!

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	<p align="center">Riverside Retreat Happenings!*</p> <p align="center">850 E Lloyd Rd, Dundee MI 48131 December, 2017 Mike and Susie Clemmer 850 Lloyd Road, Dundee MI 48131 For information or to schedule an event call: (734) 529-3213</p>	
<p>Saturday, December 2nd 9:00 a.m – 4:00 pm.</p>	<p>Annual Christmas Card Class with Sue Addy. Card designer Sue will be teaching how to make these beautiful works of art. You will make a total of 12 cards (2 of each design). She will collect \$30 for materials and supplies. Space is limited so please contact Sue for more information and to reserve your spot. (susieaddy@gmail.com).</p>	
<p>Saturday, December 9th 9:00 a.m – 4:00 pm.</p>	<p>Spirituality and Simplicity. Introduction to Christian spirituality and simple living. Taking first steps in spiritual growth. Conversation facilitated by Mike Clemmer</p>	
<p>Christmas Day Dec 25th , 2:00 pm.</p>	<p>Christmas Dinner. Join us for dinner at 2:00 on Christmas Day. Turkey and the basics are provided. If you wish to bring a dish to pass let Susie know. For planning purposes, please contact her at sclemmer@umich.edu if you plan to join us.</p>	
<p>Mondays, weekly: 10:00 a.m. – “it’s over when it’s over”</p>	<p>Creative Mondays. Bring a project to work on and join us for fun and conversation. There is a selection of creative supplies available for use at Riverside.</p>	
<p>2nd Monday of month</p>	<p>Painting with Betzi is postponed until further notice.</p>	
<p>Sunday, December 10th 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Passport 2 Purpose book club. Let us know if you would like to join this book club. See overview of book at http://passport-2-purpose.org. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Jeannine (jlasovage@icloud.com) or Susie (sclemmer@umich.edu). Books are available at Riverside or on line.</p>	
<p>Tuesday, Dec 12th</p>	<p>Milan Extension women’s group Christmas luncheon.</p>	
<p>Elephant Eaters Email group</p>	<p>Elephant Eaters (a.k.a. support group for those one load shy of an A&E Hoarders episode)! Everyone in these modern stressful times needs three things to face “the elephants” in our lives: “exhortation, edification, and comfort.” This group is now meeting via email. All are welcome. For more information to be part of this group contact Lora at lora.crombez@gmail.com if you have any questions</p>	
<p>Fridays evenings: 2nd and 4th Fri 5:30/6:30</p>	<p>Study Group: We continue to study with Pastor Andy Stanley via DVD. Pastor Stanley is very insightful and always provides “food for thought.” Discussion follows the video. We share food and fellowship at 5:30 and the study at 6:30.</p>	
<p>Fourth Sundays</p>	<p>Reiki Share. Reike share is on hiatus until January when it will resume on the fourth Sunday of each month. If you are interested in learning the art of reike in a future classes please contact Pat P1945us@yahoo.</p>	
<p>Quilts for Kids December 16th 10:00 – 2:00</p>	<p>Quilt for Kids taking off the months of October and November and will resume December 16th. Come and learn with this group of women in ministry creating quilts for Mott Children’s Hospital. If you have any questions about joining this group, please contact Joan at 734-219-2233 or email her at joanxquilt@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Monday, 4th Monday 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Worship and Spirituality. Conversation facilitated by Mike Clemmer. This group will resume again in March, 2018.</p>	
<p align="center"><i>Riverside...a safe, comfortable place for spiritual, emotional, and intellectual healing and growth; a place for nurturing creativity, change (metanoia) and oneness with God.</i></p>		

HERE'S THE NEWS

From The DUMC Sunday School Teachers

In our opening we have been discussing the purpose of our offering this season. Right now we are collecting our Sunday School offering to help children and churches in our country that have been affected by the hurricanes and are in need of new Sunday School supplies. We have collected \$360 so far of our goal of \$500! Wow!! We will continue collecting for this cause throughout December.

Christmas Program - December 10th

We will be practicing with all of the children that morning during Sunday School (9am).

NO Sunday School December 24th or 31st.



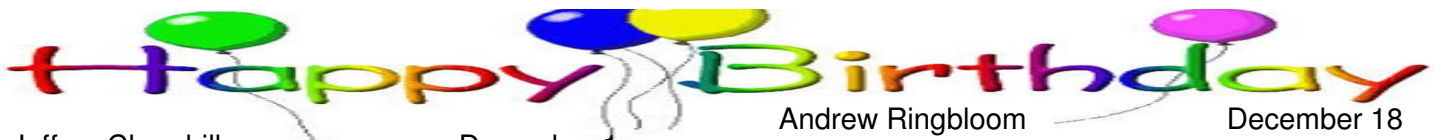
Dear Dundee United Methodist Church Family,

Rene and I would like to thank all of you - especially Pastor Andy, the praise band, and the United Methodist Women for your prayers, kind and comforting words, loving acts, and everything done for our sister Rose

We would also like you to know how deeply we appreciated your prayers and the practical support of our grieving family at the time of Rose's death. My parents are smiling on you from heaven and we are both extremely grateful that you live out John 13:35 which says, "By this everyone will know that you are my

Again, thank you dear brothers and sisters in Christ for showing God's love to us,

Lora and Rene Crombez



Jeffrey Churchill	December 1	Andrew Ringbloom	December 18
Kathryn Walasinski	December 1	Tristan Elmes	December 19
Marion Damberg	December 3	Connor McClellan	December 19
Hunter Rich	December 4	Tammy Hemdal	December 20
Barbara Flower	December 6	Valerie Wittkop	December 20
Katherine (Kari) Mihora	December 6	Caden Bellaire	December 21
Bob Warren	December 6	Ruby Baugher	December 23
Michael Wyse	December 7	Audra McCleery	December 23
Tina Meehling	December 11	Gregory Buhl	December 25
Jon Smith	December 12	Brett Juckette	December 27
Matthew Wittkop	December 12	Holly Miller	December 27
Bailey Eicholtz	December 14	Lonnie Parrish	December 29
Nicole Moon	December 16	Jeff Wetzel	December 29
Rosanne Haselwchwerdt	December 17	Nancy Damberg	December 30
David Lowell	December 17	Jonathan Wittkop	December 30
		James Jennings	December 31

“Our Annual UMW Potluck and Gift Exchange is coming up. Please join us on Thursday December 14, 2017 6:00 PM. We are also offering ride service, available for those who don’t want or aren’t able to drive.”



**United Methodist Women’s
Christmas
Potluck**

Thursday

December 14, 2017

6:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Bring a dish to pass

& \$10 wrapped gift (optional)

RSVP by Sunday 12/10

Rides Available

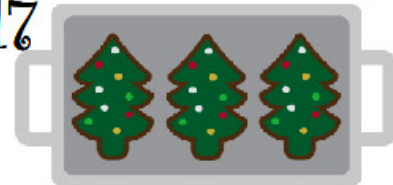
UMW Cookie Walk

Saturday December 16, 2017

9 AM - Noon

645 Franklin St., Dundee, MI 48131

\$7.00 per pound



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 9a Sunday School 10:30a Morning Worship 6:30p Youth Group	4 6:45p Chime Choir	5 10a Prayer Fellowship 6:30p Confirm. Class 7p Choir Practice 8:15a Worshio Team "	6 4p Caring and Sharing (Dundee)" 10a Advent Study	7 4p Caring and Sharing (London Twp)	8	9 5:30p Fun & Fellowship
10 9a Sunday School 10:30a Morning Worship and Christmas Program 4a Christmas in	11 6:45p Chime Choir	12 10a Prayer Fellowship 6:30p Confirm. Class 7p Choir Practice 8:15a Ad Board	13 10a Advent Study	14 6p UMW Christmas Potluck	15 9a UMW Bake-off	16 9a Cookie Walk
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