

The Beacon

D U N D E E U N I T E D M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

May

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Dear Members and Friends;

Spring seems to have finally sprung in full bloom. After we had good rain for a few days last week, the earth looks so green reminding us of the ever-changing cycle of life.

A couple of days ago I saw a farmer busy working in the field south of our church running a huge tractor making noise and lots of dust. It appeared to me that he was plowing and fertilizing at the same time. And I wondered what kind of crop he is going to plant in his field this year. This is a season of hope and new beginning, for we earnestly pray for good crops in the fall harvest.

The month of May is Christian Home month and we will celebrate the blessings of family life. It would be good for us to refresh our understanding of what it means to be a family—a human family and also God's family.

My Sunday message will also be focused on family life. The titles of my messages in May are “Three Kinds of Home”, “Shepherding and Parenting”, and “I Will Not Leave You Orphaned.” The best gift from God is certainly family life. God did not leave us to be alone. He created us to live connected with Him and with each other in community.

It is a month filled with special days and celebrations, too... Mother's Day Sunday (5/14), Graduation Sunday (5/21), and Memorial Sunday (5/28). Come and let's celebrate this great family of God's children whenever we gather in the name of the Lord!

Thinking all of you in my prayers....

Pastor Andy



BREAKFAST IS SERVED

Wednesday, May 3, 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.



May 7: Cass Community Social Services of Detroit (founded by Cass Community United Methodist Church) - provides emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive housing for 350 homeless men, women and children each night, in addition to 20,000 meals per week prepared and served utilizing several community gardens.

June 4: Pierre Diamba Manya - a missionary coordinator of health and medical services in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has been a gynecologist and surgeon in medical mission since 1984.

July 2: Anti-Human Trafficking - working with those ensnared in trafficking of humans for commercial and sexual exploitation.

August 6: NOMADS - United Methodist retirees traveling in RV's around the United States to provide rebuilding of homes devastated by weather and disasters for communities through local supportive churches.

September 3: Homelessness in the US - providing start-up assistance for new and innovative church-based ministries to homeless people.

October 1st or 8th: UMCOR

November 5: Haiti Children Project - partnering with the Haiti Methodist Church to provide a clean, safe home for homeless children.

December 3: Oaks of Righteousness - Updates to come

Thank you,

Cindy

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Coffee Hour This Month

05/07 Jody Misiak & Janice Adams

05/14 Sarah Baek

05/21 Graduation Sunday

05/28 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.



Mae Driy	May 1	Lee Bird	May 10
Kenneth Ost	May 2	Bob Clark	May 13
Linda Wells	May 2	Jene' Funk	May 13
Louise Proctor	May 3	Alberta Perry	May 13
Janice Simon	May 3	Meridith Baugher	May 14
Hibbert Lowell	May 4	James Bradley	May 16
Michael White	May 4	Steven Fleming	May 16
Harrison Wickwire	May 5	Logan Kruse	May 17
Nadia Bechler	May 6	Jody Misiak	May 17
Levi Mills	May 6	McKayla Williams	May 19
Rebecca Breitner	May 7	Coty Sexton-Fleming	May 22
Sean McClellan	May 7	Samantha (Goff) Potter	May 23
Rebekah Proctor	May 8	Zachary Bellaire	May 26
Tanya Whitaker	May 8	Louden Misiak	May 28
JC Meehling	May 9		

Touch Letter Update:

So far this year 62 touch letters have been signed and sent out to let recipients know we are thinking about and praying for them. If you would like to have a letter sent out, please contact JoAnn Wilfong or Jill Bradley so that the letter can be properly addressed and recorded. Anyone can request a letter be sent to anyone.

Thank you so much for supporting this ministry as we reach out to others in Jesus' name.



United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your kindness and thoughtfulness during this difficult time. It has been an adjustment being without Mom, but we are getting through it!

Much Love,
The Edmonds Family

READ THE BEACON ON-LINE AT OUR NEW ADDRESS

The Beacon newsletter is now available on-line at:

www.umcdundee.org



Riverside Retreat Happenings!*

850 E Lloyd Rd, Dundee MI 48131
 May, 2017
 Mike and Susie Clemmer
 850 Lloyd Road, Dundee MI 48131
 For information or to schedule an event call:
 (734) 529-3213



Saturday, May 6,
 5:30 Mime Workshop
 7:00 Performance

Mime Artist Michael Lee performs his show for all-ages with a variety of characters...some comic, some dramatic, some might even make you cry...In many different vignettes, and even a little audience participation. As Physical Acting coach for figure skaters across the U.S., Michael has coached gold and silver Olympic medalist ice dancers in both 2010 and 2014.
www.michaelleemime.com



Monday, May 8th
 10:00 a.m.

Painting with Betzi. Subject of painting and medium to be determined. No experience necessary. Please contact either Betzi at betzip@gmail.com or Susie at sclemmer@umich.edu to reserve your place in the class. Betzi will collect \$30 to cover costs.

All Sundays in May
 2:00 p.m.
 May 7 only at 1:00 p.m.
 May 21st - canceled

The Truth about Cancer: A Global Quest. Join us as we continue to view this 9 part series. The series presents a number of ways to prevent and fight cancer and other chronic illnesses. This month will finish the last four in this DVD series. Some of the topics covered will be healing vaccines, NOCEBO effect, inside a German cancer clinic, natural sunlight and combing superfoods, natures epigenetic switches, finishing with powerful stories of cancer conquerors. If you have been unable to be at Riverside to view these DVD's you may arrange to borrow them.

Mondays, weekly:
 10:00 a.m. – noon

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.

Quilt Retreat Weekend
 May 19- 21

Quilt Retreat hosted by Joan Wittkop. This retreat will begin on Fri, May 19 to Sun May 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Joan at – [734-219-2233](tel:734-219-2233) or email at joanxquilt@gmail.com

Sunday, May meeting
 canceled
 Resumes in June
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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 Susie (sclemmer@umich.edu) or Jeannine (jlsovage@icloud.com). Books are available at Riverside or on line.

Fridays evenings:
 2nd and 4th Fri

Study Group: New study title and group facilitator to be determined. We share food and fellowship at 5:30 and the study at 6:30.

4th Sunday ea. Month
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Reiki Share. You are invited to experience the calming and relaxing energy of reiki the fourth Sunday of each month. Reiki Master Pat Motika is the facilitator.

4th Monday,
 10:00 a.m.

The Presence of God (continued). Conversation facilitated by Mike Clemmer in the fireplace room at Riverside.

Riverside...a safe, comfortable place for spiritual, emotional, and intellectual healing and growth; a place for nurturing creativity, change (metanoia) and oneness with God.

"...with God, all things are possible." Matt. 19:26

*Unless otherwise indicated, there is no charge for any of the activities at Riverside

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Chime Choir 6:45	2 10 am Prayer Fellowship Choir 7 pm Interfaith Council 4pm	3 Youth 6:30 Care and Share Senior Breakfast	4 SPRC 7pm Care and share	5	6
7 Cass Community Social Services of Detroit— Missions	8 Chime Choir 6:45	9 10 am Prayer Fellowship Choir 7 pm Admin Board 8:15 10 am Prayer Fellowship	10 Youth 6:30	11	12	13
14	15 Chime Choir 6:45	16 10 am Prayer Fellowship Worship Comm 8:15	17 Youth 6:30	18	19	20 UMYF Rummage Sale UMW Gardening Party 8-12
21 Sunday School (last until fall)	22 Chime Choir 6:45	23 10 am Prayer Fellowship Choir 7 pm	24 Youth 6:30	25	26	27
28	29 Chime Choir 6:45	30 10 am Prayer Fellowship	31 Youth 6:30			