

# TRUSTEES UPDATE:



This is the latest news from your Board of Trustees:

- ◆ The brick repair work on the church is now complete. Many repairs were made, to include fixing foundation cracks, repair of window encasements, and the replacement of 75 crumbling chimney bricks in the basement. A protective silicone sealant was also sprayed on the entire exterior of the original church.
- ◆ The final step of the parking lot chip seal process will soon be completed. Workers will soon sweep all the loose stones off of the alley and east parking lots. They will then reseal it and paint fresh lines for the parking spaces. Routine maintenance will then only have to happen every several years. Work to be done by Asphalt Made Easy.
- ◆ The annual Spring Clean Up around the church and parsonage was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who participated in helping to clean up winter debris and trash. Both locations look much better!
- ◆ New LED lights will soon be installed in Fellowship Hall. These new lights will be brighter, reduce maintenance and energy costs, and last much longer than regular lights. The church will also get a substantial rebate from Consumers Energy for the changeover. The work will be done by Clorwell Electric.

## It's a Photo Shoot!

Plans are underway for a new Pictorial Church Directory. Kick-off will happen in June with a letter to all families explaining the process. Families will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait—what a great way to get an updated picture for your wall! We will have both on-line scheduling and book scheduling, and you will receive reminders along the way. Please plan to be available on one of these dates—the directory won't be the same without you!

Thursday, July 26, & Friday, July 27: 2:00 until 8:30 pm

Saturday, July 28: 9:30 am until 4:30 pm



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### **Pastoral Reflection**

Dear Central Families:

By the time you read this newsletter, Comfort and I may already be in Traverse City for the Annual Conference of Michigan Area of The United Methodist Church. This is the third consecutive year the two conferences (Detroit and West Michigan) have come together as a united Annual Conference. These series of joint Annual Conferences are preparing both Conferences to become a single Michigan Area Conference of the United Methodist Church, presided by our Bishop. The details of this amalgamation are still in the working.

In case, you are not familiar with the structure of The United Methodist Church, here is how it is organized: →**Local Churches** (guided by pastors and lay members in leadership); →**Districts** (guided by district superintendents and elected leaders); →**Annual Conference** (guided by bishops, superintendents); → **General Conference** (guided by the Council of Bishops and elected denominational leaders).

General Conference meets every four years, while Annual Conference, District, and Local Church conferences meet annually for business meetings of Church. For this reason, our two conferences (West Michigan and Detroit) will meet to nail down the structure of the new Michigan Area Conferences effective 2019.

All pastors, lay leaders to the Annual Conference, SPRC chairs, and general audience are expected to attend the Conference. Those interested in knowing more about Michigan conference can visit <http://michiganumc.org>.

What happens at the Annual Conference can transform churches and people of our denomination. Legislations for the church are formed and implemented by the body; a service of ordination and confirmation of pastoral appointments happen in the Annual Conference.

Speaking about appointment of pastors, it is unbelievable that July 1 will be the one year anniversary since I began serving among you. Comfort and I are grateful to the leadership of Central Church. We have adjusted to the culture of Central Church, and you—members and friends of Central Church—have welcomed us with love, extending hands of fellowship in Christian spirit. Thank you for commitments to community and global ministries offered at Central. Your united spirit, commitment to service and the grace of brotherhood among us allow us to do the missions of Christ.

Indeed, God's living presence among you is our greatest joy. His radiant presence helps us grow in strength, grace and glory.

And may this Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, now and always!

~~Pastor Dominic Tommy

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**Celebrations**

<b>Birthdays</b>	06/17	George Thelen	
06/01	Christy Erickson	06/19	Dick Nelson
06/03	Mike McCartney		Charlotte Kendregan
	Kim Deardorff	06/20	Caroline McDonald
06/04	Allen Decker	06/24	Rolando Varela
	Dale Patterson	<b>Anniversaries</b>	
06/11	George Carpenter	Dick & Vergie Winkler	06/01/1977
	Ron Cunningham	George & Penny Thelen	06/09/1990
06/12	Jean Cook	Lloyd & Bev Corston	06/12/1954
06/15	Ann Wagner	Del & Jane Kostanko	06/18/1994
	Marj McDowell	Tony & Kay Barcroft	06/24/1978
06/17	Kathy Decker	Dick & Julie Nelson	06/25/1971

**Upcoming Events**

- A.A. OPEN MEETINGS**  
Mondays, June 4, 11, 18, 25 – 7:00 pm
- FRESH FOOD DISTRIBUTION**  
Tuesday, June 5—2:00 pm (*Volunteers are asked to arrive at 1:30.*)
- ADULT RESPITE**  
Thursdays, June 7, 14, 21 —1:30 to 4:30 pm
- SOUPER THURSDAY COMMUNITY DINNER**  
Thursdays, June 7, 14, 21—4:30 to 6 pm
- RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
Monday, June 11—12:00 to 5:45 pm

- COMMITTEE/OTHER MEETINGS SCHEDULED:**
- Annual Conference**—May 31 to June 3
  - Missions Committee**—Mon., June 11, 9 am
  - Friendship Group**—Wed., June 13, 9 am
  - Finance**—Mon., June 18, 6 pm
  - Friendship Group**—Wed., June 27, 9 am

**"Thank You!"**

You may have noticed that there are new chairs in the choir loft. The Worship Committee had been researching new chairs for several months. The prices ranged from \$50 to \$200 each. Thanks to Sara (Decker) and John O'Brien, for selling us these barely used, high quality leather chairs for \$5 each!! Thanks to Alan & Kathy Decker for thinking about the choir, letting us know, and making arrangements! Thanks to Shelly & Tom Reiser for transporting them from Rockford, and thanks to Tom for cleaning them!

**CROP Walk Update**

We were blessed with a beautiful day for hosting the 2018 Lakewood Area CROP Hunger Walk at the end of April. Five area churches walked together and raised \$9556.50, responding to hunger and basic needs around the corner and around the world! Our Central team of 6 raised \$1862.00. Good work team, and thank you to all of our church family for the terrific support. Thanks, also to the Deardorff and Sutton families of the Lions Club for fixing a great lunch.

**Out of the 'OFFICE'**

Pastor Dominic will be in Traverse City beginning **May 28th** visiting friends and attending Annual Conference from May 31 to June 3rd. He will then be on vacation **thru Saturday, June 9.** Contact Marian D. in case of emergency.

**Recent Prayer Concerns**

Family of Richard Driscoll	Celia Demond
Family of Bill Cronk	Gordon Walkington
Family of Bob Huyck	Emmett Kadwell
Marilyn Noffke	Arlene Lee
Bob Durkee	Warren Courtney
Patty Anderson	Darrin Winkler
Vicky Barker	Sarah Winkler
Donna Green	



**New Tables?**

You may have heard about new round tables for Fellowship Hall. The Trustees and Administrative Council have approved the purchase of twelve 72" round tables and a cart. **And, thanks to a generous donor's gift, the UMW, and the Souper Thursday/Respite Program, no money will be needed from our Operating Fund.** The consensus is that round tables are better for conversation and game playing, especially for Respite and Friendship groups. The UMW is looking forward to using them for luncheons and other gatherings.

The plan is to put 6 of the existing rectangular tables on the south side of Fellowship Hall into storage and replace them with 6 new round tables. This would result in one-half of Fellowship hall with rectangular tables and one-half with round, each seating 8-10 people, same as rectangular. The spare rectangular tables will still be available for specific uses, such as the rummage sale and Christmas baskets. If you have any questions, please see Terri or Leona.

**United Methodist Women's News**

I would like to thank everyone who attended the UMW breakfast. The food made by Andrea Gentner was wonderful. The program by Christy Erickson was very informative and entertaining. Great fellowship was had by all.



**Upcoming Wonderful Things for the UMW:**

- \* **June 11** is our Annual Outing. This year we will travel to the Meijer Gardens. Plan to meet at the church at 9:30 to carpool. Tickets are \$14 including the tram ride, and bring money for lunch. All women of the church are invited and welcome to bring a guest. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.
- \* **June 16** is going to be a Father/Child Luncheon with a Tiger baseball theme. Tickets are \$6 each and must be purchased by June 10, available from all UM women. *And, please plan to attend our special Father's Day coffee hour on June 17.*
- Save the Dates:**
- \* **August 13**—Salad Luncheon, 12 noon, church fellowship hall. Our speaker will be Sara Krieg on relationships. She is also speaking at the upcoming Women's Retreat on September 15; bring a friend!
- \* **September 28-29**—Fall Rummage Sale (one week earlier than normal) . ~~~Terri Catt, President

**State of the Church Report**

**Stats for April 2018**

Average Attendance: 75  
 Operating Fund:  
*Receipts* **\$15,576**  
*Expenses* **(\$13,518)**  
*Monthly receipts needed to maintain budget:* \$16,580.00

**Other Designated Giving:**

General Missions	\$ 180
Helping Hands	\$ 50
UMCOR World Hunger	\$ 40
Christmas Baskets	\$ 128
Easter Offering	\$ 402
Golden Cross Fund	\$ 5
N/O Manna's Market	\$ 98
Native American Sunday	\$ 25
Souper Thursday	\$ 1,067



**Outdoor Summer Potluck Sunday, July 29—following worship**  
 Education Committee is providing barbecue pork sandwiches--everyone else can bring your favorite sides, salads, and desserts.

**Upcoming Blood Drive**

**Our next Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for Monday, June 11, 12 to 5:45 pm**



If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Marian Durkee at 616-374-7489.