

THE CHURCH MESSENGER

Gobles Kendall UMC

Making Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

****Happenings****

Men's Gathering: Breakfast/Dinner

Wed. Apr 4, 6pm, Dinner @ Nino's

United Methodist Women - UMW

Wed. Apr 11, 7pm @ GUMC

Choir

Done for the summer - See you in the fall.

Book Club

Next meeting is Wed. April 25, 7pm @ GUMC.
Category is Spiritual Growth. Book Topic: "Signs of Life" by David Jeremiah. Books can be ordered through Gobles Library, MeL.org. See Diane C. for questions.

General Calendar Events

Tues. Apr 10, Family Literacy Night @ GUMC, 5:30-7:00pm

Thurs & Fri, May 24 & 25 – Garage Sale @ GUMC

Keep in Touch

(Through visits, phone calls, cards)

Ruth Green, Bea Stowman, June Hustafa, Pat Corradini, Ruby Hyde, Dorothy Healy, Gilberta Evans, Pat Ransom, John Smith, Kit Hunsberger, Marlene Krajewski,

Anniversaries

April 10 Rich & Cheryl Rumery

Birthdays

April 3 Cheryl Goodwin
April 8 Judy McMillian
April 11 Dale Siwula
April 12 Ted Huizenga
April 15 Anna Clement
April 16 Dennis Hurlbut
April 18 David Goodwin

Sermons are available on the webpage. Go to www.goblesumc.org and go to sermons.

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Servants for Gobles

Liturgist:

April: *Dee Clement*

May: *JoAnn Boyer*

June: *Cheryl Rumery*

Ushers & Greeters:

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Eileen Chaffee and Bonnie Johnson

May 6, 13

Bev Barrone and Jan Westcott

May 20, 27

Marlene Krajewski and Donna Launius

June 3, 10

John Smith, Dee Clement

June 17, 24

Lonnie Wesseling, Chuck Grimes

Hospitality Table:

April

Bob & Michal Wiseley and Susan Barber

May

Pat Wesseling and Lonnie Wesseling

June

Rich & Cheryl Rumery

Do our choices bring honor to God or us?



GKAMA NEWS – April 2018

The Gobles Bethany Presbyterian Church is planning to offer their raised beds for a Community Garden again this year. The garden was very productive in 2017; more details will be available in the near future.

The GKAMA Food Pantry needs for the month are Tuna, and other canned meats, Laundry soap, dish soap, and spaghetti

Thanks Dee

Troops Overseas –

I had the honor of packing boxes for our troops during “operation Holiday Cheer” sponsored by the Blue Star Mothers in Paw Paw. I would like to thank you for your contributions this past year to this wonderful project. With our son Jordan being in the Air Force, I know firsthand how important it is for our troops to get packages from home when deployed.

For the coming year, I would like to focus on a different item each month, however, hotel size shampoo, conditioner, soap and lotion can be donated anytime.

The item for the month of April will be **Chap Stick**.

Any questions, contact Debbie Siwula.



Sunday, April 29th.
Registration: 1 p.m.
Walk: 2 p.m.

Jan Westcott is our contact/chairperson and will be available starting Sunday, April 8th

God speaks through His Word when we take time to listen

Update on the Gobles Welcome Center donations. For the month of March, we collected \$456 for a total of \$1156 to date.

Contributions can be made on an ongoing basis designated for Welcome Center in the offering plate. Listen for more information on upcoming fundraisers that will go toward the welcome center.

*Thank you for all your support
Your Hospitality and New Guest Teams*

Gobles Kitchen Update

Trustees Report - Replacement cabinets for those damaged from the water issue are ordered and will be available in approximately three weeks. To save money, Trustees will remove old cabinets. Randy Koehn will install new cabinets.

Once project begins, kitchen will be down for approximately two weeks.

Adopt-A-Highway

Attention Volunteers: The first cleanup for 2018 will be anytime from April 13 through April 23. Supplies on shelf above coat rack. Please leave filled trash bags on edge of road in plain sight.

Thank you for your service to our community. See Barb Browne if you have questions.

Kendall Updates

Had a good March

Attendance 50 for four weeks.

Ministry Shares 20% paid

All bills paid to date

Cash on hand \$130.00

Thanks for all your help.

Joyce - Kendall treasurer

Though we often change, God never Does

Gobles Finance Update

Based on our budget, our church needs to average \$1,645 a week to meet the annual Budget. To date our gifts have totaled an average of \$1,625 per week. Thank you to all.

Our Ministry Shares are also paid at 30%. We are on track to meet that obligation also.

Your Finance Team

Mission

Family Literacy Night - Our last one for the year will be on Tuesday, April 10 from 5:30-7. Our focus will be non-fiction with a variety of activities and a science experiment presented by Mr. Lisowski. Our book give-away will feature non-fiction books for preschoolers. We can always use more volunteers if you are interested, it's a fun event to work because the kids are so excited. Please pass the word to any families you know with preschoolers or early elementary kids. Hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, cookies, and halos will be served. Everyone invited. Our March Literacy event was a great success. We had 53 kids and 40 adults, about 30 more than our first night. Thanks to our volunteers and a special thanks to Nino's and the Allegan Credit Union for providing the pizza. We got great feedback from families about the activities and giveaways.

Blessing of the Pets and Ice Cream Social - Sunday, May 6 at 4:00pm (parking lot at Gobles) Come with your pets and Invite any families you know with pets. We will need some volunteers to help serve ice cream and other miscellaneous duties. Please let Pastor John or Diane C. know if you can help.

Serving God, Serving Community, Connecting Community with God

Meeting/Committee	Gobles Lead Team	Date	Wednesday, March 21, 2018
Chair	Dennis	Time	7:00pm
Secretary	Karen Grimes	Next Meeting	Wednesday, May 9, 2018
Present:	Pastor John Brooks, Terri Brooks, Wynne Hurlbut, Dennis Hurlbut, Diane Corradini, Chuck Grimes, Karen Grimes		
Agenda Topics/Issue	Discussion		
Devotion and prayers:	John opened with devotion and prayer		
Minutes / last meeting	Motion to accept minutes of the January meeting by Wynne and seconded by Chuck		
Mission/Outreach	<p>Literacy Night is going great. Second event there were 53 kids, 40 adults plus 15 helpers. Next is Tuesday, April 10th.</p> <p>Blessing of the Pets – Community wide. Sunday, May 6th, 4pm. John to promote at Literacy night.</p> <p>Memorial Day Parade- Do freeze pops again this year. Wear our new t-shirts.</p> <p>Hot Dog and Haircuts – Week of the 20th of August. Wynne to check with hairdressers on their availability that week, from there determine exact date.</p>		
Hospitality/New Guest Welcome Center Fundraising	<p>Terri discussed fundraisers that the teams are working on for the Welcoming Station. April, Sanders Greenhouse – vouchers (gift card type theme) for hanging flowers, baskets or flats. It was suggested to talk to Dickerson’s or Pine Grove as well. May, at garage sale...set up table selling baked goods, pop, water. June, Parade of Homes - Couple of people at a time man a home for the event. If still need more – possibly dinner and silent auction in the fall. Team also were questioning the existing savings funds sitting dormant could possibly be used. (Sunday collections have been approximately \$450).</p>		
UMW / Men’s Group	Dennis: Wings of God golf outing, might be invited back.		
Worship Design	Remind people to bring flowers for Easter. John to send out email to everyone.		
Education	No report		
Tech	<p>Haven’t met. Dennis brought up our advertising in the Reminder. We pay \$25.00 a week for ad on the sports page. Budget is getting stretched. Suggested deleting our ad on the sports page and not do this fall. Other possible option – buy a banner that hangs on the little league fence. Cost is \$200.00 first year (2x4) second year is 150.00. Should we only advertise for special things? Discussion followed on whether or not advertising is effective or not.</p>		
Finance Treasurers Report Financial Secretary	<p>No Secretary’s report. Cheryl absent. Dennis presented year-to date budget report. Paid Ministry shares, 30%. Current balance \$9,664.57. It was noted that items paid by individuals totaled \$1,727.15 for 2017.</p>		
Trustees Kitchen	<p>Need to buy a new section of white plastic fence that was destroyed over the winter. Kitchen – leaky pipe is fixed and two shut off valves are installed in the ceiling which is above pastor’s office. Received quote of \$3158 for cabinets. Installation quote for new cabinets, trim and drywall is \$1100.00. Trustees to remove old cabinets. To save money the current cabinet doors and drawers will be saved to be reinstalled on new cabinets. Looks like insurance will cover most except \$1000.00 deductible which we hope to make up for through removing old cabinets and counter tops ourselves. Hoping, once we begin, work can be completed in one to two weeks.</p>		
Anything Else	<p>Karen brought up discussion on possibility of selling all the old heavy tables at garage sale and replace with new plastic light weight. This would include all 6’ and 8’ tables. After discussion it was decided to let trustee’s make final decision. Monies to cover the cost of new ones would come from the garage sale monies.</p>		

Pastor's Corner

He is Risen!

In a world of challenges such as we are facing today, isn't it wonderful to know that we serve a risen Savior?

When Jesus arrived on the scene over 2,000 years ago things were much different than they are now in so many ways, yet the human heart is still very much the same now as it was then.

People were divided then as now as to "what" the answer is. Those of us who know Christ know that it's less of a "what" question than a "who" question. There's a song written by Andrae Crouch that simply makes the statement that "Jesus is the answer for the world today." Terri and I, back in our younger days, would perform this song in our youth singing group. And even though that song was written a few years ago, Jesus is STILL the answer for this world!

While we are so thankful for the Cross of Christ, we must remember that it was the Resurrection only 3 days later that proved His sinless life and death on the Cross was valid and accepted by the Father as payment for Sin.

The Word of God tells us that through one-man sin entered this world, yet it was through one man that sin's penalty was dealt with!

***"But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!"
(Romans 5:15)***

As we begin April and enter the season of Easter, we celebrate the Resurrection. May we never lose sight of the fact that Jesus came to deal with sin's awful penalty. It is through Him that we have been given grace and freedom that will move us toward full sanctification and working toward perfection.

As followers of Christ we have received eternal life so let us project the image of God within us for others to be inspired and find their connection to God.

May you and yours have a wonderful season of celebrating the Resurrection of Christ!

Peace,

Pastor John