

THE CHURCH MESSENGER

Gobles Kendall UMC

Making Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

****Happenings****

Men's Gathering: Breakfast/Dinner

Wed. June 6, 6pm, Dinner @ Nino's

United Methodist Women - UMW

Wed. June 6, 7pm, @ GUMC,

Speaker: Matt Willis, from Palchen Study Group,
A Tibetan Buddhist.

Choir

Done for the summer - See you in the fall.

Book Club

Next meeting is Wed. June 27, 7pm @ GUMC.

Category is Education for Mission. Book Topic:

"The Dressmaker of Khair Khana" by Gayle

Tzemach. Books can be ordered through Gobles

Library, MeL.org. See Diane C. for questions.

General Calendar Events

Thurs. Aug 23, 4-7pm, Hair Cuts & Hot Dogs @
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,

Gilbert Wood: 18510 N. Parkview Pl, Apt 207

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Anniversaries

June 7	Archie & Joanne Boyer
June 9	John & Carol Brill
June 12	Dee Clement, Diane Corradini
June 17	Keith & Cheryl Shaw
June 30	John & Cherie Thorpe

Birthdays

June 3	Terri Brooks
June 15	Elnora Ouding
June 25	June Hustafa

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

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Servants for Gobles

Liturgist:

June: Cheryl Rumery

July: Donna Launius

Aug: Jenny Wheaton & Cheryl Shaw

Ushers & Greeters:

June 3,10

John Smith, Dee Clement

June 17, 24

Lonnie Wesseling, Chuck Grimes

Jul 1, 8, 15

Nancy Finch, Pat Wesseling

Jul 22, 29

Lois Wesler, Bonnie Johnson

Aug 5, 12, 19, 26

Roger & Pat Fosdick

Hospitality Table:

June

Rich & Cheryl Rumery

July

Dee Clement, Roger Norman

August 5 & 12

Paul & Barb Roden

Aug 19 & 26

Larry & Jennifer Wheaton

*When you think of all that's good,
thank God.*



GKAMA NEWS – June 2018

The GKAMA Food Pantry needs for June are:
canned fruits & vgs. & cereals.

Thanks Dee

God alone is worthy of our worship

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 June will be **Dental Floss.**

Any questions, contact Debbie Siwula.

Wonder leads to gratitude

WELCOME CENTER UPDATE: For the month of May, we took in \$118 in contributions towards the new Welcome Center. This amount includes \$52, which we made at the Refreshment Center for the Garage Sale.

Contributions can be made on an ongoing basis designated for Welcome Center in the offering plate

PARADE OF HOMES: Gobles UMC congregation is staffing House #1 in Decatur this year for the Parade of Homes, which will be held from June 8-16 (please see picture and info about the home at the Welcome Center).

The Parade of Homes hours are: 6:00-9:00pm Monday-Thursday, 4:00-9:00pm Fridays, 1:00-9:00pm 1st Saturday, 6/9, 1:00-7:00pm 2nd Saturday, 6/16 and 1:00-5:00pm Sunday, 6/10. For all those who are volunteering to staff the house, see Terri Brooks on Sunday, June 3rd for your instruction packets. There will be an informational meeting held at church on Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00pm to answer any questions you might have, so please bring your packets and questions with you. Only one person per shift coverage needs to attend.

Tickets for the 9-day event are \$15 at the door, however we have advance ticket sales available for only \$10 each (children 12 and under are free) through June 7th, please contact either Terri Brooks or Dee Clement. All proceeds we earn for staffing the house is going towards our goal for the Welcome Center.

Thank you for your support!

Gobles Finance Update

The budgeted expenses paid is \$35,190.00. Gifts received for the same time period used up \$32,916.00. Part of this difference is due to Ministry Shares, which are paid at 50%.

We are a little behind but are in good status

Your Finance Team

Kendall Finance Update

Holding our own. Cash on hand at end of month \$331.00.

Ministry Shares paid 47%.

Average attendance 12.

Joyce - Kendall treasurer

God hears us when we pray

FATHER'S DAY

Please provide Pastor John with a picture of you with your father for a slide presentation on Sunday, June 17th.

Either a hard copy photo or email copy will be great.

Please have your pictures to John by June 10th.



Serving God, Serving Community, Connecting Community with God

Meeting/Committee	Gobles Lead Team	Date	Wednesday, May 9, 2018
Chair	Pastor John	Time	7:00pm
Secretary	Karen Grimes	Next Meeting	Wednesday, August 8, 2018
Present:	Pastor John Brooks, Terri Brooks, Wynne Hurlbut, Dennis Hurlbut, Donna Launius, Jan Leonard, Lois Wesler, Cheryl Rumery, Diane Corradini, Dee Clement, Chuck Grimes, Karen Grimes		
Agenda Topics/Issue	Discussion		
Devotion and prayers:	Terri read devotion. John opened with prayer		
Minutes / last meeting	Motion to accept minutes of the March meeting by Wynne, Seconded by Chuck		
Mission/Outreach	<p>Reflections – Literacy Night – Diane reported there were 54, 53 and 51 kids each session. People really loved it. Great feedback. Science experiment was very popular. Great volunteers. Very successful. Spent about \$200.00. A lot of donations for the three events. More sessions are planned for next year.</p> <p>Blessing of the Pets – Very small for the first time, roughly 10 dogs and two goats.</p> <p>Memorial Day Parade – Dennis to get popsicles. John to see if Joann can do golf cart again. Wynne to do labels for popsicles.</p> <p>Hot Dog and Haircuts: Set for Thursday, August 23rd.</p> <p>Garage Sale: Thursday and Friday, May 23 and 24</p> <p>Funeral Luncheons: New volunteers are Linda Hrab and Bev Barrone. Discussion followed on the Funeral Fund donations that have in the past been split with the UMW. Motion was made by Karen and seconded by Cheryl that funeral fund donations be put in the funeral fund, no split. Dee requested we revisit the fund at end of year to possibly use access funds for the Welcome Center. No further discussion, tabled for now.</p>		
Hospitality/New Guest Welcome Center Fundraising	Terri reported that total donations to date for the Welcome Center is \$1,584. Dee has signed us up for Parade of Homes, waiting to see if we get to do it. There will be an informational meeting. Dates are June 8-16. Had three choices of where to go...Decatur, Mattawan, Portage. Had hoped to do fundraiser with Dickerson's, but already doing fundraiser with the school. Maybe leave for next year.		
UMW / Men's Group	Men's group will help with Wings of God golf outing at Lake Cora doing hot dogs on Friday, June 22 nd . Minimal cost to do it. UMW are doing cookies (15 dozen). Dee provided thank you cards to sign, to those who shoveled snow this year, and for Jake VanDam. Will also give one of our pies to Jake.		
Worship Design	Trying to find ways to be more welcoming to families with Toddlers. Trying for a while with rug on floor in front, chapel side, rather than table in back.		
Education	Townline will be having VBS during the day. Will participate with them again. No kids Sunday School during summer, though we do need to discuss what to do during that time if there is a need.		
Tech	Have not met.		
Finance Treasurers Report Financial Secretary	<p>Dennis: All bills are paid and current. Presented budget report with what has been paid out through April. Balance in checking is \$8,377.74. Ministry shares is 50% paid.</p> <p>Cheryl present secretary's report: Average weekly contributions to date is \$1621; needed is \$1645. Total in various savings funds, including the insurance money for the kitchen water damage (\$11,430) is \$22,668. In the Six Lanes of Giving we collected \$9.00 for Peace with Justice Sunday, \$240.00 for Great Hour of Sharing, \$129.00 for Native American Ministries Sunday and \$5.00 for Golden Cross Sunday.</p>		
Trustees Kitchen	Friday May 18 th – Gobles kids will be here for cleaning. Parking lot sink hole - one quote from Tustin's is to cut 10ft square out, dig down, fill in, compact and replace with new asphalt. \$1000.00. Remington's were out to check, but still waiting on their quote. Cabinets are being made but not done yet. Probably looking at the first week of June now. The fence		

	behind the garage is fixed.
Anything Else	Dee asked about getting campers – how do we advertise for it? Maybe think about advertising at one of the Literacy nights. General discussion on cost(s) for camp/campers. Discussion that each person should pay \$25.00 as in accordance with VCI. Also need male counselors for Crystal Springs Motion to dismiss by Dennis, Seconded by Wynne.

Pastor's Corner

Tonight, I am sitting outside in beautiful Traverse City enjoying the view of Grand Traverse Bay. You may say, oh my goodness our pastor is on vacation again!

Vacation? Nope, just like in July when I go away to seminary that is not a vacation either. But this weekend as most of you know is the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church Annual Conference. The next four days from breakfast through dinner and into the evening is chocked full of worship, teaching, prayers, announcements, sermons, celebrations, seminars, sacraments, offerings, remembrances, legislation and ordination of new clergy. It's kind of like church on steroids.

I really do enjoy the excitement of gathering together with hundreds of United Methodists from all over the state representing each of their churches or charges. I find it interesting, inspiring, challenging, thought provoking, but also exhausting. I'm sure anyone that has attended before would agree.

Wynne (as our district lay leader) and Cheryl Rumery (as our charge lay representative) also are attending with me. Perhaps one of you would be interested in attending either as our lay representative or as a guest next year. It would be a great opportunity for you to see the big picture of the United Methodist Church and the difference we make in the world. If you are, or you just have questions please let me know and I would be happy to share more information with you.

I anticipate next year at annual conference there will be much talk and possibly some legislation concerning how we as a denomination are going to move forward with how we deal with sexual orientation issues. Specifically, whether our clergy are allowed to perform same sex marriage ceremonies, and also be allowed to be a practicing homosexual. Like other religions and Christian denominations, it's a big debate today. Over the last two years there has been a commission of lay and clergy members from the entire worldwide United Methodist Church debating this issue and charged with recommending a resolution to the Book of Discipline (doctrine) with a way forward to present at a special general conference called in February of 2019 to bring this to a vote.

I am sure that within our two congregations there are people on both sides of this issue. Sometime in the next few months I will arrange an informational gathering for both churches to discuss this controversial issue, exploring differing beliefs and viewpoints and what lies ahead for us as a denomination. I urge you not to get worried or excited as nothing has been decided yet, but perhaps search your heart and pray for God's direction in how you believe.

Well day is done, it's getting dark, so I'm going to bed to get ready for a full day tomorrow. If you get this before we come home on Sunday, please pray for the Holy Spirit to be within this Annual Conference of ours.

*Peace in Christ,
Pastor John*