

THE CHURCH MESSENGER

Gobles Kendall UMC

Making Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

****Happenings****

Men’s Gathering: Breakfast/Dinner

Wed. Mar 7, 9am, Breakfast @ Robin’s Nest

United Methodist Women - UMW

Wed. Mar 7, 7pm @ GUMC, Guest Speaker

Choir

Practice on Thursday’s at 7:00pm @ Pam’s House

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. Mar 6, Family Literacy Night @ GUMC, 5:30-7:00pm

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, Joyce Pomeroy

Birthdays

March 1	Nikki Bergman
March 4	Joanne Boyer Lois Wesler
March 8	Barb Roden
March 14	Russ Pomeroy
March 16	Claire Seaburg
March 17	Kit Hunsberger
March 24	Deb Siwula
March 25	Wynne Hurlbut Marlene Krajewski
March 28	Eileen Chaffee

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

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Servants for Gobles

Liturgist:

March: Dale Siwula

April: Dee Clement

May: JoAnn Boyer

Ushers & Greeters:

March 4, 11, 18, 25

JoAnn & Archie Boyer and Madison Ely

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

Hospitality Table:

March

Russ & Chris Pomeroy

April

Bob & Michal Wiseley and Susan Barber

May

Pat Wesseling and Lonnie Wesseling



GKAMA NEWS – March 2018

The Gobles Bethany Presbyterian Church will be hosting the GKAMA Good Friday Service on March 30th at 12 noon.

Church address: 202 W. Exchange Street

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 shampoo, strawberry jelly, dried beans/peas and any other donations.

Thanks Dee

Missions

Family Literacy Night

Our next Family Literacy Night will be Tuesday, March 6, from 5:30-7:00pm. The focus will be on numbers and math with lots of great learning activities for the kids.

Pizza provided by Nino's and the Allegan Credit Union.

If you know of any families with preschoolers or early elementary children, please invite them to attend.

Everyone is welcome.

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.

For the item for the month of March will be **Disposable razors.**

Any questions, contact Debbie Siwula.

God speaks through His Word when we take time to listen

Spring Cleaning??

Do you have the urge to do some spring cleaning? This May will be our bi-annual garage sale.

Please save anything that is in good, clean, working condition for this great fundraiser!

If you need items picked up or stored until our May sale, please contact Karen Grimes.

Kendall Updates

Projector has been installed.

Average attendance for February-10.

Collection was very low. Average receipts needed \$643.00, average received for February \$308.00.

Had an insurance bill of \$800.00. Have a balance of \$398.00, due before/by March 3rd - \$367.00.

Had to transfer money to pay bills.

March will be a better month.

Think spring!

Joyce - Kendall treasurer

God Supplies all our needs – one day at a time

Lenten Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment.

Stay with me through my busy days and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.

*In your name I pray,
Amen.*

Thank God for the joy that is ours through the Spirit

Gobles Updates

Through February our incoming gifts have equaled our budgeted expenses.

All bills are current.

Thank you!

Your Finance Team

Wanted:

Collecting Youth clothing for our August Hair Cuts and Hot dogs event.

If you know of anyone getting rid of clothing, or find anything at garage sales, contact Karen Grimes.

Is Your Cross Too Heavy to Bear?

Complainingly I told myself,
“this cross is too heavy to wear”
And I wondered discontentedly
why God gave it to me to bear.
And I looked with envy at others
whose crosses seemed lighter than mine
And wished that I could change my cross
for one of a lighter design -
And then, in a dream, I beheld the cross
I impulsively wanted to wear,
It was fashioned of pearls and diamonds
and gems that were precious and rare.
And when I hung it around my neck
the weight of the jewels and the gold
Was much too heavy and cumbersome
for my small, slender neck to hold -
So I tossed it aside and before my eyes
was a cross of rose-red flowers
And I said with delight as I put it on,
“this cross I can wear for hours” -
For it was so dainty and fragile,
so lovely and light and thin,
But I had forgotten about the thorns
that started to pierce my skin -
And then in my dream I saw “my cross,”
rugged and old and plain,
That clumsy old cross I had looked upon
with discontented disdain -
And at last I knew that God had made
this “special cross for me,”
For God in His great wisdom knew
what I before could not see,
That often the loveliest crosses
are the heaviest crosses to bear,
For only God is wise enough
to choose the cross we can wear -
So never complain about your cross,
for your cross has been blessed,
God made it just for you to wear
and remember, God knows best!