

THE CHURCH MESSENGER

Gobles Kendall UMC

Making Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

****Happenings****

Men's Gathering: Breakfast/Dinner

Wed. May 2, 9am, Breakfast @ Robin's Nest

United Methodist Women - UMW

Wed. May 2, 6pm, Prayer & Self Denial @ GUMC

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

Sun-Wed, May 20-23 – Garage Sale Setup @
GUMC

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

Mon. May 28, Memorial Day Parade

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

May 6 Tim & Beverly Barrone
May 16 Dale & Deb Siwula

Birthdays

May 4 Stan Adams
May 9 Cheryl Rumery
May 10 Ruby Hyde
May 19 Phyllis Harvey
May 20 Jan Leonard
May 21 Chris Pomeroy

*Jesus Christ is not valued at all
Until He is valued above all*

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

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Servants for Gobles

Liturgist:

May: *JoAnn Boyer*

June: *Cheryl Rumery*

July: *Donna Launius*

Ushers & Greeters:

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

Jul 1, 8, 15

Nancy Finch, Pat Wesseling

Jul 22, 29

Lois Wesler, Bonnie Johnson

Hospitality Table:

May

Pat Wesseling and Lonnie Wesseling

June

Rich & Cheryl Rumery

July

Dee Clement, Roger Norman

Gobles Welcome Center donation update. For the month of April, we collected \$428 for a total of \$1584 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*



GKAMA NEWS – May 2018

Gobles High School Baccalaureate for graduating seniors will be held on Wednesday, May 30th at 7:00pm in the HS/MS Auditorium (Old Gym.) GKAMA will be participating and the public is welcome.

The GKAMA Food Pantry needs for May are: cereals, cooking oil, spaghetti/pasta, canned fruit & vegetables.

Thanks Dee

God's gift of grace is priceless

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 May will be **Dental Floss.**

Any questions, contact Debbie Siwula.

Mission

Our last **Family Literacy Night** for 2018 was Tuesday, April 10. It was another rousing success with 51 Kids and 36 Adults for a total of 87 participants. It's gratifying to see so many people in the church and having such a wonderful time! What a great learning experience with their kids!

Thank you to our volunteers for this session - Tess, Sarah and Jenny Wheaton, Wynne & Dennis Hurlbut, Jan Westcott and Pastor John. We also had a number of community volunteers who came every time because it's so much fun. Cassey from the Allegan Credit Union has volunteered every session - please thank her when you see her. The Credit Union has been a great supporter of our programs. We had about 25 volunteers working each event.

We were very fortunate this session, to have had Bob Lisowski, High School STEM and Science teacher, demonstrating an experiment for the kids in a downstairs classroom. It was wildly popular, with kids waiting at the door to get in.

We are planning on three sessions again next year and will start planning them this summer. We would love to have everyone stop by to see what goes on and how much parents appreciate what we are doing.

Blessing of the Pets - don't forget to bring your pets next Sunday, May 6 at 4pm in the parking lot at Gobles. Treats for dogs and ice cream provided for their humans!

Gobles Finance Update

The Gobles Finances continue to hold their own with income and expenses balancing. Please remember is at any time you question your giving contact Cheryl Rumery.

If you have questions on the budget contact Dennis Hurlbut or Jan Leonard or the Pastor.

Kendall Update

Cash on hand \$212.75

Average attendance 12

CROP Noisy offering \$27.00

Ministry Shares 35% paid

All Bills paid

Joyce Bergman

Words of Wisdom / Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport.

We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it, and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets; so...Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!.....*Have a blessed, garbage-free day.*

Pastor's Corner

Hello Church,

Well it seems that spring has finally sprung! The grass is greening up, the daffodils (at least the ones that our dog Luke didn't pull up) are finally up and blooming and everything seems refreshed.

It seems like this was the winter that would never end, not only for us here in Michigan, but as Terri and I traveled to South Carolina, we found that it was felt everywhere we passed through, including Charleston. However, because it seemed like such a long time coming, it's all that more special as nature renews itself.

It's also a time for us to begin planning for the upcoming seasons and how we can connect with our community and with each other. We have some things coming up to look forward to in the next few months. This next Sunday, May 6th, at Gobles we are conducting a Blessing of the Pet service in our parking lot at 4pm, where I will be blessing all kinds of animals with treats for them as well as an ice cream social for us humans. I invite you all to come and celebrate all God's creatures and welcome in spring.

Other highlights for the upcoming spring and summer seasons are:

- Rummage sale at Gobles – Memorial Day Weekend
- Participation in the Memorial Day parade in Gobles
- Family fun nights at Kendall in June, July & August
- Hotdogs and haircuts at Gobles on 8/23.
- And more to come!

Let's work together to bring God to our communities as we strive to be disciples for Jesus Christ and the transformation of the world!

Happy spring!

Pastor John

*Knowing the future is uncertain;
Knowing the One who holds the Future
Is a sure thing*