

CONNECTIONS

June 2019 Issue



**BELLEVILLE FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

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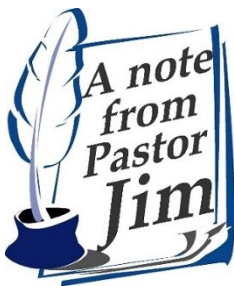
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Mission: *Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

Vision: *With Christ as our center, we are His extended family, compassionately sharing Jesus' love with all people. Our congregation is on a lifelong journey of discipleship to become more like Christ.*



Dear Friends,

Too many of us are held captive by the "normal" and "ordinary" dreams and desires common to modern culture. Yet as follower of Jesus we are called to live a radically counter cultural life. Radical, from the Latin root "radix", means "a root." To live as a radical follower of Jesus then, is to be rooted in God's word and truth and a life that reflects that. However, this is not what we always see. In fact, many surveys show that Christians are just as likely to embrace lifestyles as consumer-driven, self-centered, and immoral as those not professing to be Christ-followers.

American churches have traditionally relied on theological information as the primary activator for life change. While information certainly has a place, it

should not be the only way the church invites people to participate in God's story. Christians in the Western world know a lot of information, but don't often experience the life transformation promised in the Scriptures. We know that salvation is a free gift from God. There is nothing we can do to earn it. But being a follower of Jesus comes with a cost. As we learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, we learn we must offer to Him our time, our hearts, and our very lives in order to fully embrace the extraordinary life He has for each of us.

We, at Belleville First United Methodist Church, are creating an experience that bridges the disparity between what we say, what we believe, and how we live. We want something that is experiential and transferable across all ages, stages, and even cultures.

We are learning that God loves us and has wonderful plans for our lives. We are learning that God has gifted each of us perfectly for his purposes. We are learning how to pray and unleash the power of the Holy Spirit. We are learning about Jesus' heart for serving the poor, His ability to destroy Satan's strongholds in our lives, and how He wants us to steward the material resources He's given us.

Prayer Requests

In the Hospital:

Members At Home:

Please remember those in Continuing Care Facilities:

Bobbie Winters
Superior Woods

Luanne Genga
The Sanctuary– St. Joes



Stephanie Boltrick
Daughter of Nancy Boltrick

Christopher Stone
Son of Mike & Dawn Stone

Michael Stone
Son of Mike & Dawn Stone

Blake
Grandson of Betty Hughey

Jared Stabnau
Grandson of Harvey & Elaine Stabnau

Cody Ford-Aimone
Grandson of Mike & Lynda Aimone

Justin Renton
Grandson of Donna Sweeney

Chad Koenne
Grandson of Dick & Lila Timm



Jim	Moore	1
Lawrence	Brooks	2
Antonia	Brooks	2
Rayanna	Decker	3
John	Juriga	4
Patricia	Medley	4
Michelle	Johns	5
Tim	Miller	6
Donna	Sweeney	8
Janette	Renton	8
Julia	Leake	9
Ella	Germann	9
Danielle	Damon	11
Bob	Payne	12
Stephen	Lee	13
Brian	Shephard	18
Julie	Skelton	21
Wesley	Crocker	26
Mark	Groeneweg	28
Natalie	Damon	28



Roger and Diane Ferguson	4
Chris and Crystal Strickland	6
Paul and Rebecca Brooks	7
Jerry and Kathleen Caldwell	7
David and Natalie Damon	10
Gabe and Marlayna Keelan	10
Wade and Randi Thomas	13
Don and Mari Priest	15
Don and Cindy Schloesser	16
Scott and Megan Skelton	21
Jim and Cheryl Wagner	22
Mike and Monica Bournival	28
Mark and Lisa	28
Eric and Sara Shuryan	29

Strawberry Festival



Parking lot help is needed for the Strawberry Festival June 14th, 15th, and 16th. The suggested donation is \$5 per day, per vehicle. Volunteers are asked to work a 2 hour shift. A sign-up sheet is on the table by the church office. See Mickey Keelan for further details, questions or concerns.

5K Run

The 5K Run will be held Sunday, June 16th, the Evangelism Committee will be providing water bottles during the 5K Run. Donations are accepted and welcomed. Please see Kelley Anderson if you have any questions or concerns.

Peace with Justice Sunday

On June 16, we will come together for Peace with Justice Sunday to spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, nationally and globally.



Sunday, June 30th after service

Ticket prices:

Adults: \$6.00

Children: \$3.00 (7 to 11 years)

Children under 7 are free

Tickets on sale 6/2/19



John	MacDermid	1
Janelle	Wofford	2
Bobbie	Winters	3
Jake	McCrary	7
Lynette	Jordan	11
Derek	Reeves	13
Kirsten	Thomas	13
Dulce	Jacobson	14
Roger	Ferguson	15
Jim	Fitch	15
Nicholas	Knieper	17
Charles	Minthorn	20
David	Daigneau	20
Hannah	Walker	20
Doreitha	Armstrong	21
Nick	Groeneweg	22
Karen	Johnston	23
Jonathan	Damon	23
Sara	Shuryan	22
Jacob	Dailey	27
Eddie	Cleveland	27
Rose	King	29
Nkechi	Ikpeama	30
Ilene	Hazen	31
Bethany	Jacobson	31



Vincent and Sharon Richardson	1
Tim Miller and Diane Matz	2
Mike and Crystal Moyer	4
Daniel and Diane Dzierbicki	8
David and Abby Fleming	8
Mark and Rebecca Caldwell	14
Roy and Yetta Reges	17
Richard and Marlene Gamble	25
Tom and Illene Hazen	28

When one wholly grasps the fullness of God's plan for his or her life, one can't help but go out and do it. That is exactly what is happening here. People can be reaching their community with the love of Jesus, people are discovering they are called to be fearless influencers of society, and our community is changing. The Good News is proving to be very good news when tested. It is astounding to witness the work of God in the lives of others.

I believe with Rooted, God has brought us to a place of honesty and vulnerability like we've never experienced before. We have come to a place of desperation, individually and as a church, where we say, "God, we don't know how to do this. Please do this for us and through us." In that humility, God comes near and slices through the many facades we have constructed over the years. This has renewed our commitment to becoming authentic, transparent, wholehearted people. It was, and is, astounding to watch this remarkable shift beginning in the culture of our church.

Let me invite you to be a part of our next Rooted class in the Fall. If you have already been a part of a Rooted class please join one of the follow up classes we will offer.

In the grip of His grace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim".

Rev. Jim Walker

*Adapted from the Rooted workbook



Belleville – Ypsilanti Young Life Golf Tournament 2019

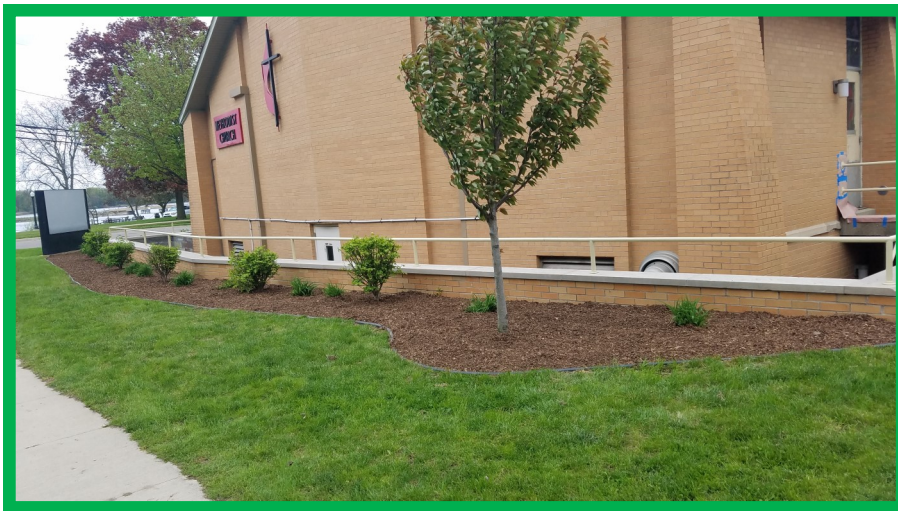
Please join the Belleville-Ypsilanti Young Life Team on Saturday, July 13, 2019 for the 8th Annual Golf Tournament. Tee off at 8 a.m. at Eagle Crest Golf Club. Please contact Mike Bournival, Dan Smith or Dawn Yargeau for additional information.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

The trustees would like to thank Bil Lipke, Jim Wilson and Frank Murphy for all their work to clean up the church grounds. Well done!

The new landscaping around the church has been completed this week. Kudos to Randy Brown and his crew for a fine installation.

We would like to recognize and thank the Wagner family for funding the landscape project in memory of Cheryl's mother.



News from the Food Closet



10,296 Pounds of Thanks

The Post Office Food Drive held on May 11th was a huge success! 10,296 pounds of food were collected and delivered to the Emergency Food Closet. We would like to thank the members of our congregation and community for their generous donations of food and time.

Deserving of special thanks are the Post Office Mail Carriers for making this happen in conjunction with 60 volunteers who worked four days setting up, transporting the food from the Post Office to the church, sorting, checking “freshness” dates, boxing, shelving, recycling, and clean-up. Our oldest volunteers were Don Bluhm, 95, and Jim Pollard, 91! Our youngest helper was 4 year old Jackson, Susan Featheringill’s grandson, who did a wonderful job recycling paper and plastic bags and carrying cans of food from one station to another.

The need for food assistance is **REAL**! For many individuals and families, it becomes a difficult choice – buy groceries or pay rent, utilities, medicine, or make a car payment/car insurance so one can get to work. How do families cope with these decisions?

That is why a successful Post Office Food Drive is so important. Everyone’s involvement whether by volunteering, donating food, or both was greatly appreciated. To be able to fill the shelves of the Emergency Food Closet that serves so many families is truly a blessing!



Loading and unloading



June Staple for the Month: Canned Ravioli, Spaghettios, Macaroni (like Chef Boyardee)

July Staple for the Month: Large Can of Spaghetti Sauce



Post Office Drive 2019



Sorting a delivery.



More delivery



Checking the freshness of date.



More checking



The shelves have been restocked



See you next year!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the VOLUNTEERS who made this year's **Post Office Drive a success!**

Therese Nesteruk
Nancy Boltrick
Bruce Lewke
Marilyn Wood
David Egbert
Jim Pollard
Paul McCrary
Donna Collins
Tom Hazen
Evan Basnaw
Joyce Forrest
Judy Hulett
Bill Lipke
Mike Skelton
Breana Bournival
Mike Bournival
David Brownlee
Minette Brownlee
Nancy Zullmer
Ron Banks
Michelle Johns
Christal Johns
Julie Skelton
Janine Houle
Anne Cromwell
Alice Payne
Don Bluhm
Christina Moon
Rachelynn Mullins
Rylee Mullins
Ashlyn Houston
Ginny Matteson
Tracy Fowler
3 teens (who attend at a charter school helped at the Post Office)
Kathy Caldwell
Jerry Caldwell
Mickey Keelan
Carl Marosi
Lynda Aimone
Ron Stansifer
Susan Featheringill & Jackson
Gary Held

Mark Your Calendars:

End of Sunday School Celebration

Sunday, June 2nd

Vacation Bible School Preview

Sunday, June 2nd

CE Car Wash

Sunday, June 9th (Weather Permitting)

Graduation Sunday:

Sunday, June 16th



Vacation Bible School Update:

Vacation Bible School will be from June 23-27 from 5-7:30pm, dinner will be at 5. The children will have an amazing time learning to go beyond with faith, boldness, thankfulness, kindness, and hope! If you would be willing to volunteer, please let Marlayna Keelan know.



Communication Committee

The Communications Team wants to make sure you are receiving information about all the exciting happenings at Belleville First UMC. Have you signed on to <https://bellevillemethodist.ccbchurch.com> to update your profile? Check out your account to verify your information. If you don't have a computer or don't want to sign in, complete the paper form and the office will verify your information with contact preferences.

Do you have a Facebook account? If you do, join our Belleville First United Methodist group. This is a great place to connect with members of our church who are also on Facebook. If you missed church, the sermons are now being posted on our Facebook page so you can stay connected.

Watch for more ways to stay connected as we remember

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Belleville Community Band



Belleville First United
Methodist Church
417 Charles St.

**Saturday, July 27th at
7:00 p.m.**



Imani Milele Children's Choir from Uganda Africa
Sunday, July 28th at 5:00pm



KIDS PAGE!

Father's Day Word Search



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DADDY
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STRONG
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PROVIDE



FATHER
TEACH
BRAVE
FOOTBALL
PARENT

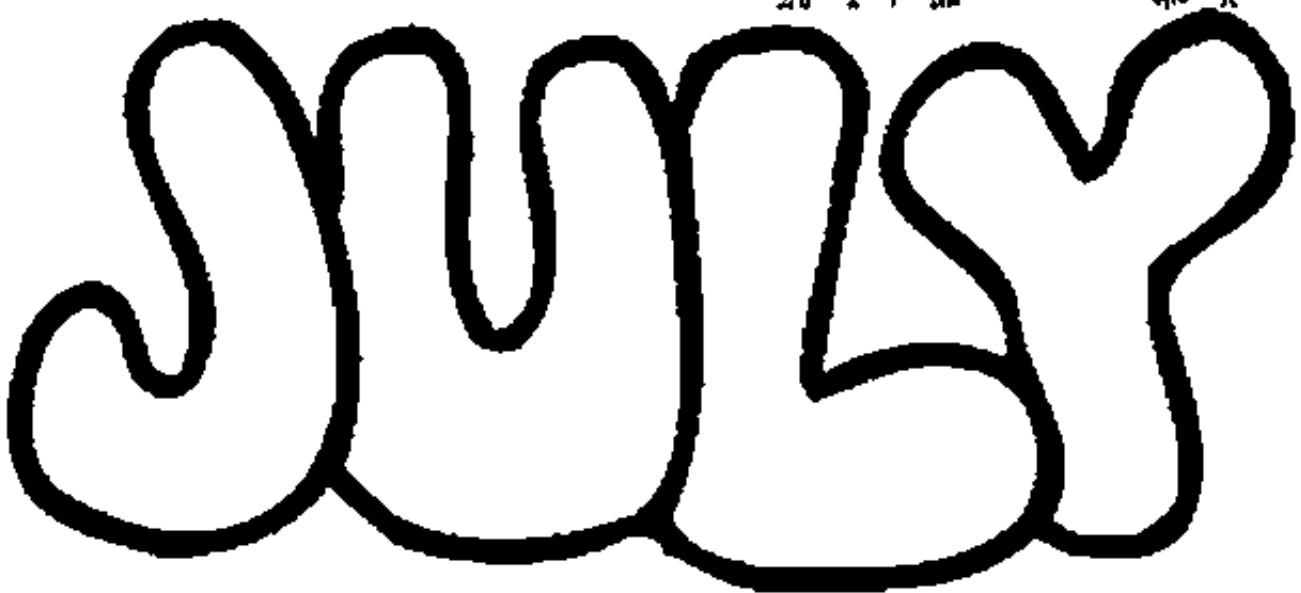
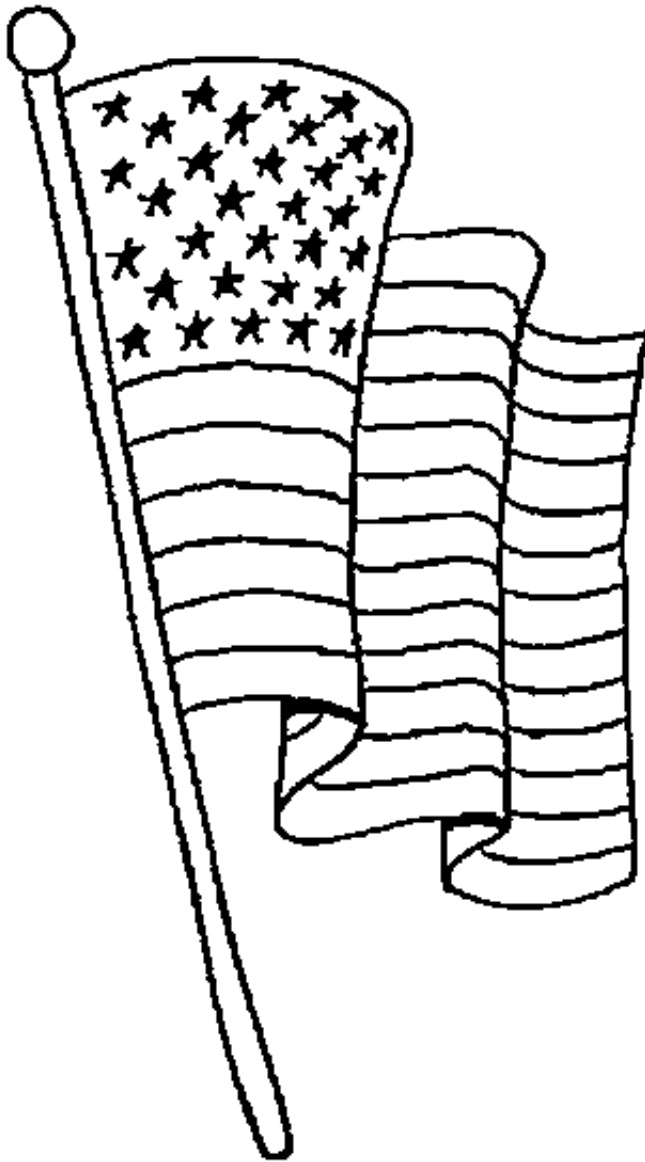


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Food Closet Item of the Month: Canned Ravioli, Spaghettios, and Macaroni (Like Chef Boyardee)						1 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom) 10 a.m. GA (AR)
2 9:30 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Worship Comm (L) SS Year-End Celebration	3 6 p.m. Trustees Mtg (AR)	4 6 p.m. Christian Ed Comm Mtg (AR)	5 7 p.m. Prayer Group (AR)	6 10 a.m. AA (FH) 11 a.m. The Patriarch Bible Study (SR) 8 p.m. AA (FH)	7	8 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom) 10 a.m. GA (AR)
9 9:30 a.m. Worship 12 Noon Finance Comm Mtg (L)	10 Payroll	11 7 p.m. SPRC (L)	12 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (AR) 7 p.m. Prayer Group (AR)	13 10 a.m. AA (FH) 8 p.m. AA (FH)	14 Strawberry Festival Parking 12-8 p.m.	15 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom) 10 a.m. GA (AR) Strawberry Festival Parking 10am-8pm
16 Father's Day Peace With Justice Sunday Graduation Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Noon Finance Comm Mtg (L) Strawberry Festival Parking 12-4pm	17 7 p.m. Garden Club (FH) 7 p.m. Comm Band (S)	18	19 7 p.m. Prayer Group (AR)	20 10 a.m. AA (FH) 8 p.m. AA (FH) 7 p.m. Music in the Park (S)	21	22 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom) 10 a.m. GA (AR)
23 9:30 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. VBS	24 Payroll 5:00 p.m. VBS 6 p.m. Trustee's Mtg (AR) 7 p.m. Comm Band (S)	25 5:00 p.m. VBS 7 p.m. Missions (L)	26 5:00 p.m. VBS 7 p.m. Prayer Group (AR)	27 10 a.m. AA (FH) 5:00 p.m. VBS 8 p.m. AA (FH) 7 p.m. Music in the Park (S)	28	29 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom) 10 a.m. GA (AR)
30 9:30 a.m. Worship						



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<p>Large can of Spaghetti Sauce</p>	<p>1 7 p.m. Comm Band (S)</p>	<p>2 6 p.m. Christian Ed Comm Mtg (Artley Rm)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 4th of July Office Closed</p> <p>10 a.m. AA (FH) 8 p.m. AA (FH)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom) 9 a.m. Young Life (AR) 10 a.m. GA (AR)</p>
<p>7 9 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>8 7 p.m. Ad Council (L) 7 p.m. Comm Band (S)</p>	<p>9 7 p.m. SPRC (L)</p>	<p>10 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (AR) 7 p.m. Prayer Group (AR)</p>	<p>11 10 a.m. AA (FH) 8 p.m. AA (FH)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom) 10 a.m. GA (AR)</p>
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<p>28 9 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>			