

CONNECTIONS

PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart



Dear Friends,

He is one of the most famous rabbits in America, and I found 39 famous rabbits. There's Bugs Bunny, the Velveteen Rabbit, Thumper, Peter Cottontail, Roger Rabbit, and, of course, actor Rabbit De Nero. This one is the new kid on the block.

In the middle of a commercial, he will come marching across the screen, beating his drum energetically with drumsticks flying in the air. He's the Energizer Bunny, advertising batteries that supposedly keep "going and going and going..."

In Luke 9:23 of the Bible is a verse for Christians who would like to have the word "consistent" describe their experience in Christ. That's not how we live a lot of our Christian life, is it? We tend to have spiritual highs. We tend to be roller-coaster Christians. We get this surge of power from this big battery. We go to a meeting, a concert, a retreat, hear a great speaker, or find something that touches us on the radio. We get the surge, and there's a spurt of spiritual victory, but then suddenly we're standing still or falling over.

Maybe you're tired of brief seasons of excellence with long stretches of spiritual mediocrity in between - up and down, up and down. You're ready to be an energizer Christian. Luke 9:23 says,

"Then he said to them all: 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'"

To follow Jesus, we have to say no to controlling our own lives and yes to keeping in step with Him. We should daily dedicate our lives to Jesus. This kind of Christian is steady and lives for Jesus one day at a time. It's full time, as if we will have no other days and is a surrender to Christ that is renewable every morning.

Did you meet with Him this morning? Make sure you've listened to His voice before you listen to any other. As you read His Word, look for some specific part of your life you can apply that verse to and give Him that ground for the day. This is an act of specific lordship. He is the specific Lord of something. I'm talking about a measurable surrender. At the end of the day do a personal checkup. Did He change something? Did Jesus touch a real part of you that day? Tomorrow, start with Jesus again.

Now, each week is seven new starts with Jesus, so you can never say, "I have completely dedicated my life forever." All you can say is, "I am dedicating..." and He will make those days into weeks and months and years, and a lifetime. You will keep going and going and going...

In the Grip of His love,

Jim

Rev. Jim Walker

CHURCH EVENTS

Embrace Event
11/1 & 2

All Saints Day 11/3

Updated Church Directory Photos
11/10-12-1

UMW Sunday
11/17

Pretzel Sunday
11/24

Community Thanksgiving Service
11/24



Prayers and Praise

PRAYER REQUESTS

In the Hospital:

Please remember those in Continuing Care Facilities:

Bobbie Winters
Superior Woods

Luanne Genga
Wellbeing of Novi

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Cord Ford-Aimone
Grandson of Mike & Lynda Aimone

Justin Renton
Grandson of Donna Sweeney

Chad Koenne
Grandson of Dick & Lila Timm



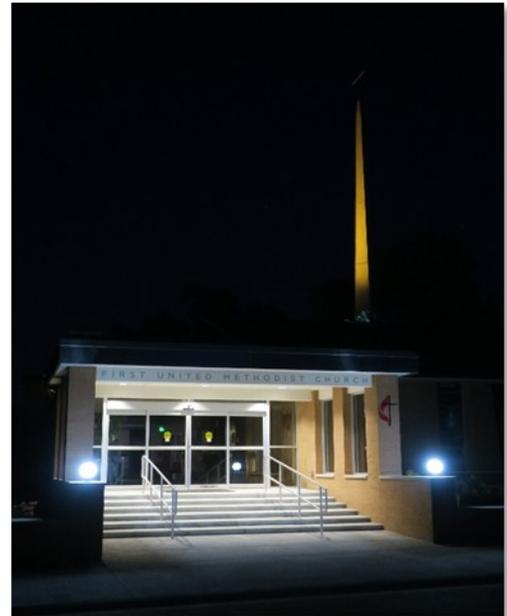
November BIRTHDAYS

Judith	Hulett	4
Sharon	Smith	4
Linda	Farkas	6
Cindy	Smith	7
Ralph	Chamberlain	8
Emma	Kirchoff	10
Crystal	Strickland	15
Paul	McCrary	17
Mark	Thetford	18
Dick	Carey	20
Debbie	Smith	20
Jacob	Whitt	20
Gabe	Keelan	23
Rowena	Zimmerman	26
Dan	Featheringill	26
Pam	Boughton	27
Donna	Collins	28



November ANNIVERSARIES

Jim and Carol Fitch	14
Mark and Rachel Sparling	27
Rodney and Laura Kirchoff	27



ROYS STREET ENTRY

The finishing touches have been put in place to complete our Roys Street entry renovations. The church name has been mounted over the entry along with the Methodist logo. New landscaping wraps around entrance and narthex. The rusted railings and spalled concrete of the old entrance is now a distant memory. The renovation provides a safer and more welcoming entry for our members and guests.

We wish to thank all those who made this project possible through their financial support and those who worked behind the scenes to bring this upgrade to completion.

A special thanks goes out to Jim and Cheryl Wagner for providing the attractive landscaping and to Jack Keelan who has worked tirelessly to make our grounds look the best they ever have .

Food Closet



GREAT NEWS! \$17,080 was raised during the August 18-September 28, 2019 **Meijer Simply Give Campaign!** \$10,000 of this was donated from Meijer on their **DOUBLE MATCH DAYS**. This will go towards filling the bags with food for over a year to feed the hungry in Van Buren and Sumter Townships and the City of Belleville. **Thank you to all who participated** in this campaign, for our prayers for sustainability have been answered!!!

Each fall cans and boxes of food have been stored along the walls of the Fellowship Hall. If you wondered why you have not seen any this year, it is because we are no longer packing Thanksgiving and Christmas bags.

At last June's Food Closet meeting, the volunteers discussed and voted unanimously to end the holiday bags. In its place, our clients will receive their regular weekly bag of food and a \$30 **FOOD ONLY** Meijer gift card for the week. These are the weeks that we are closing for each of the holidays.

Last year, 96 Thanksgiving bags (\$28.23), 100 (\$25) gift cards for meat, plus 96 Week 2 bags (\$18.26) equaled \$6,963.04. The cost for 108 Christmas bags (\$29.78), 108 (\$25) gift cards for meat, plus 108 Week 3 bags (\$19.01) equaled \$7,969.32. The grand total was \$14,932.36. Due to not knowing how much money would be raised in the Meijer Simply Give campaign, and not wanting to deplete the money in our Chase Food Closet account, we decided that this would be a better use and plan for Food Closet money so that funds are available to feed our clients throughout the upcoming year.

We would like to thank the congregation for all their past support with packing the holiday bags. We wish you a blessed and happy holiday season!



**November Food Closet Item:
Canned Fruit**



Updated Church Directory

The Communication Department will be updating the Church Directory. Please join them in the Artley Room November 10th - December 1st to update your contact information or photography..

Thanking you in advance for your assistance!





Our presentation by Dr. Miller from Miller Vein went great. There were 18 participants. We would like to host this again and would encourage anyone with any type of leg problems to come. A nurse will check your leg circulation by ultrasound and let you know how your veins are working.

We received a thank you from Penrickton Center for the Blind and Henderson Settlement for our donations.

On Sunday, September 22, we held our annual Flu shot clinic. Forty-one parishioners received their immunization. Next year we would urge those who didn't participate to plan ahead and get it done. The flu forecast is very concerning this year.

We have decided that we will no longer host the Graham Cracker House making. If anyone would like to do it, we have supplies and instructions.

November 11, 2019 will be our next meeting. We will be discussing our annual Sunday.

November 17, 2019 will be our annual United Methodist Women Sunday. Ilene Hazen will be presenting the message. There will be special music and presentations made. We encourage everyone to attending this special Sunday to support all of our wonderful women in our Church.

Salvation Army Red Kettle drive starts Nov. 22. We would like to have some sign-up for this worthy cause. You can sign-up at Salmich.org.

We will also be hosting Coffee Hour. Please remember to contact Yvonne Pierce to volunteer for coffee hour. We have openings in Dec. – May.

General Church



Community Thanksgiving Service:

There will be a Community Thanksgiving service Sunday, November 24th at 6:00pm at BFUMC. Come and enjoy the singing of the Community Choir. All are encouraged to attend and bring a friend or loved one!



Pretzel Sunday:

The Men's Club is sponsoring Pretzel Sunday on November 24th between services. Come join us and make your own pretzels free of charge! Pretzel kits will also be available for \$7.50. If you require additional information, please contact Carl Marosi at (734-272-2993) or Donna Collins at (734-325-1409)



Evangelism



PLEASE JOIN US IN SHARING THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS TO OUR COMMUNITY - "LIVING NATIVITY"

On Saturday Dec.7th, immediately following the parade, join us in reaching our community with the real meaning of Christmas! There's a place for you to participate. There are casting roles available. We also need help behind the scenes with costumes, food for cast, crew on Sat. Dec. 7, putting away the set on Sun. Dec. 8.. Or simply come. A prayerful, godly presence during the performances would be greatly appreciated. We need each of you to reach our community for Christ.

Contact Susan Walker for more information at (734)-250-0485







Cornhole For Charity Event

When: Saturday, November 9th, 2019

Where: Milan Free Methodist Church (950 East Arkona Rd)

Time: Registration @ 4:30 PM; play starts @ 5:00 pm

Costs: \$30 per team for teams registered before event date.
\$40 per team that register day of event (**All proceeds go to Aid in Milan**)

Prizes: Top 3 teams (Prizes awarded, No cash prizes)

Style: Double Elimination Bracket style with a one chance Buy-in into Single elimination Toilet bowl bracket (Buy in 100% goes to Aid in Milan)

Register Here: <https://www.semicornhole.com/registration>



Hosted by:





A CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN ~ November 9 / 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

DOORS open: 8a / BREAKFAST served: 8:15-8:45 / CONFERENCE begins: 9a

STAND *ready* ~ 7643 Huron River Dr, Dexter, MI 48130

THEME: We've been taught, encouraged, and even implored to stop fighting. Yet, throughout life, we face things that are worth fighting for. Are we supposed to fight? Should we fight? If so, then how do we fight? God's requirement is we fight right. In 2 Timothy 4:7, Paul writes, "I have ***fought the good fight***, I have ***finished the race***, I have ***kept the faith***."

At STAND ready, you'll be encouraged to grow, challenged to change, and influenced to live as Jesus intends, ready to fight right for the things worth fighting for. God says, "*If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.*" Therefore, we believe the take-away is vital.

SESSION I - FIGHT RIGHT / SESSION II - KEEP FAITH / SESSION III - FINISH WELL

The STAND conference coincides with the STAND Bible Study series. Each conference registration includes one copy of *STAND ready, fighting right for the things worth fighting for*, the third book in the STAND series, written by Ellen Harbin. Ellen's other books, *CRISIS: falling to pieces was not an option for me*; *STAND unashamed*, and *STAND strong* will be available at special conference pricing.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: *Ellen Harbin* is a gifted Bible teacher and conference speaker, creatively applying the truth of God's Word to all of life's triumphs and tragedies. She's engaging, inspiring, and easy to listen to, all while encouraging you to take a closer look at your relationship with Jesus and live as He intends.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: continental breakfast with hot and cold options, snacks, drinks, lunch, special give-aways, conference materials, mini concert, plus Ellen's latest book, *STAND ready: fighting right for the things worth fighting for*.

For more information: <http://www.ellenharbin.com/standconference>

November 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Food Closet Item: Canned Fruit</p>					1 Bruce (Vac)	2 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom) 10 a.m. GA (AR) 10 a.m. All Church Study (L)
<p>3 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends 9 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Children's SS Classes 10:05 a.m. Children's Choir (FH) 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult SS Class 12:00 p.m. Worship Comm Mtg. (L)</p>	<p>4 7 pm Comm Chorus (S) Bruce (Vac)</p>	<p>5 6 p.m. Christian Ed Comm Mtg (Artley Rm) 7 p.m. Ad Council (L)</p>	<p>6 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (L) 1 p.m. Food Closet (L) 7 p.m. Prayer Group (AR)</p>	<p>7 Payroll 10 a.m. AA (FH) 6 p.m. Praise Band Prac. 6:30 p.m. All Church Study (L) 7:30 p.m. Choir Prac. 8 p.m. AA (FH)</p>	8	<p>9 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom) 10 a.m. GA (AR) 10 a.m. All Church Study (L)</p>
<p>10 9 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Children's SS Classes 10:05 a.m. Children's Choir (FH) 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult SS Class</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day 7 pm Comm Chorus (S)</p>	<p>12 7 p.m. SPRC (L)</p>	<p>13 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (L) 7 p.m. Prayer Group (AR)</p>	<p>14 10 a.m. AA (FH) 6 p.m. Praise Band Prac. 6 :30p.m. Church wide Bible Study (LAll Church Study (L) 7:30 p.m. Choir Prac. 8 p.m. AA (FH)</p>	15	<p>16 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom) 10 a.m. GA (AR) 10 a.m. All Church Study (L)</p>
<p>17 9 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Children's SS Classes 10:05 a.m. Children's Choir (FH) 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult SS Class 12 Noon Finance Comm Mtg (L)</p>	<p>18 6 p.m. Garden Club (FH) 7 pm Comm Chorus (S)</p>	19	<p>20 Payroll 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (L) 7 p.m. Prayer Group (AR)</p>	<p>21 10 a.m. AA (FH) 6 p.m. Praise Band Prac. 6 :30p.m. Church wide Bible Study (L) 7:30 p.m. Choir Prac. 8 p.m. AA (FH)</p>	22	<p>23 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom) 9am Men's Club Brk (L) 10 a.m. GA (AR)</p>
<p>24 9 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Children's SS Classes Pretzel Sunday (F/H) 10:05 a.m. Children's Choir (FH) 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult SS Class 6 pm Comm Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p>25 6p.m. Trustee's Mtg (Artley Rm) 7 pm Comm Chorus (S)</p>	<p>26 7 p.m. Missions (L)</p>	<p>27 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (L) 7 p.m. Prayer Group (AR)</p>	<p>28 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed 10 a.m. AA (FH) 8 p.m. AA (FH)</p>	29	<p>30 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom) 10 a.m. GA (AR)</p>