

CONNECTIONS

Our purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



Message from the Pastor



2022 June/July

But what happens when we live God's way? God brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. Galatians 5:22-23 (MSG)

Wow! Can you believe it? Summer is here and the living is easy. Well...maybe. This passage in the letter to the Galatians is often referred to as the fruits of the Spirit. But have you ever thought of it the way that Eugene Peterson puts it in the Message Bible? That God brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard. Really, stop and ponder that image for a minute. It's summertime...you may have a few extra minutes to ponder.

Like fruit trees though we need to be in the right soil and have plenty of nutrients and water. Sometimes our spiritual lives can feel dry as a desert and it makes it difficult to have affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity, a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion, and a conviction that basic holiness permeates things and people. The line at the end that sticks out to me is "***not needing to force our way in life.***" Again...ponder that for a minute.

This summer is a perfect time to grow in good soil and to find the nutrients and water for a life in the Spirit.

Why not join in BFUMC Summer Tour of Fellowship and explore Belleville together and practice getting out of the habit of being a host in the church building and instead be a guest in this community. There is fellowship, food, fun, live music, movies, and plenty of neighbors to get to know better. Look for Jill Sestok, the director of Spiritual Formation, to keep us informed about the Summer Tour.

Or



UPCOMING EVENTS

June

6/19
Father's Day

July

7/3-10/1
Meijer Simply
Give Campaign
Runs

7/4
Independence
Day

7/17
Noah Project
Sandwiching

August

Meijer Dbl Match
August 13

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.

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Pick a chapter in the Bible that you are curious about and read it in the shade on a hammock. Then when the sun gets to blazing, go inside to the air conditioning and do some research on the internet or a commentary about the biblical book you are reading. Or better yet, find, get, and read a companion book where the author talks about the biblical book. Soak yourself in what God has to say in the biblical book that you choose and allow it to “**marshal and direct our energies wisely.**”

Or

Spend some time in quiet and solitude, breathing in God and breathing out all your troubles and anxieties. The act of simply breathing deeply is good for our bodies, minds, and souls.

Whatever it is that you do during the summertime when the living is easy, whether you choose one of my suggestions or create one of your own, make sure that you recognize that every good gift comes from above and be grateful.

Blessings for a good and Spirit-filled summer,
Pastor Mary

Prayers and Praise



PRAYER requests

In the Hospital

Please remember those in Continuing Care Facilities

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Christopher Stone
Son of Mike & Dawn Stone

Michael Stone
Son of Mike & Dawn Stone

Blake
Grandson of Betty Hughey

Jared Stabnau
Grandson of Elaine Stabnau

Cody Ford-Aimone
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Justin Renton
Grandson of Donna Sweeney

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Jim	Moore	1
Lawrence	Brooks	2
Antonia	Brooks	2
Rayanna	Decker	3
Michelle	Johns	5
Kyle	Sampson	6
Mitchell	Caldwell	6
Donna	Sweeney	8
Ella	Germann	9
Danielle	Damon	11
Bob	Payne	12
Stephen	Lee	13
Eston	Keller	16
Toni	Hunt	18
Brian	Shephard	18
Julie	Skelton	21
Betty	Parmelee	22
Haley	Murray	23
Wesley	Crocker	26
Mark	Groeneweg	28
Natalie	Damon	28



Roger & Diane	Ferguson	4	Don & Cindy	Schloesser	16
Chris & Crystal	Strickland	6	Scott & Megan	Skelton	21
Paul & Rebecca	Brooks	7	Jim & Cheryl	Wagner	22
Jerry & Kathleen	Caldwell	7	Robert & Marilyn	McKenna	28
David & Natalie	Damon	10	James & Marilyn	Wood	28
Gabe & Marlayna	Keelan	10	Eric & Sara	Shuryan	29
Don & Marj	Priest	15			

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John	MacDermid	1
Janelle	Wofford	2
Jake	McCrary	7
Lynette	Jordan	11
Gretchen	Fancher	11
Derek	Reeves	13
Kirsten	Thomas	13
Roger	Ferguson	15
Jim	Fitch	15
Nicholas	Knieper	17
Marilyn	McKenna	18
Charlee Rose	Rochon	18
David	Daigneau	20
Debbie	Yokley	20
Doreitha	Armstrong	21
Karen	Johnston	23
Jonathan	Damon	23
Sara	Shuryan	27
Eddie	Cleveland	27
Claire	Caldwell	27
Nkechi	Ikpeama	30
Kristen	West	30
Bethany	Jacobson	31



Daniel & Diane	Dzierbicki	8
Roy & Yetta	Reges	17
Richard & Marlene	Gamble	25

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Lila	Timm	1
Amy	Milios-Knieper	3
Arlene	Bird	11
Betty	Shaw	15
David	Murray	15
Pat	Taylor	21
Raymond	Mitchell	21
Dave	Burns	21
Amy	Reeves	21
Sharon	Webster	24
Mark	Caldwell	24
Jerry	Caldwell	27
Jim	Wilson	27
Ron	Banks	27
Harriet Anita	Dawson-Bucknor	27

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Carol & Russ	Leake	13
Amy & Derek	Reeves	19
Kim & Ed	Paris	21
Mike & Julie	Skelton	21
Wesley & Doris	Crocker	22
Dick & Nancy	Carey	25
Jane & Mark	Cook	29
Kelly & Lynette	Jordan	29



June Sermon Series

June 5, 2022—Pentecost/ Laity Sunday

While Pastor Mary travels back from Annual Conference in Traverse City, The congregation will view, More Than JUST a Layperson, from the 2021 laity session of Annual Conference. It is an uplifting and inspirational time together, including music, a devotional and keynote address. We are excited to welcome Derrick Scott III from the Florida Annual Conference. Derrick is a layperson and the executive director of Campus to City Wesley Foundation, a United Methodist multi-campus ministry in Jacksonville and St. Augustine areas. He has a passion for the call to lay ministry and how it's more than weekend worship.

June 12, 2022—Communion Sunday

Our very own Paul Smith will preach as Pastor Mary leads us in worship and communion.

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon Title: Psyched

Synopsis: Paul will be exploring this scripture from the Sermon on the Mount and how Jesus understands our minds better than we do. Let's learn to live in the now, in the present moment as we hear how Jesus proclaimed this long before psychology understood this to be the way to live.

June 19, 2022

Our very own Michael Gross will preach as Pastor Mary leads us in worship and communion.

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Sermon Title: From Madness to Stillness

Synopsis: This week, the theme is redirection. There is an invitation to reorient or refocus—from the multi-voiced madness to the single call of Christ. Worship is about sorting through the noises of our world, noises out there and noises inside our own heads, so that we can learn to listen to the voice of God.

Pastor Mary will be utilizing the weeks of June 12 and 19 to focus on sermon series preparation while Paul Smith and Michael Gross will give the message on those Sundays. Pastor Mary will be involved in both worship services. This is not considered her vacation time. ~ Paul Smith, SPRC chair



June Sermon Series: (Continues)

June 26, 2022—Ecumenical Parking Lot Worship

Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Sermon Title: We are One in the Spirit

Synopsis: Today is our first parking lot service and we'll be sharing it with our sisters and brothers at Belleville Presbyterian and Messiah Lutheran Church. Let us come together in the Spirit.

July Sermon Series: Weeping to Dancing

We are going to walk with David in this 30th chapter of 1 Samuel. What will we learn? We will learn, through the five weeks, ways to expand perspective hearing the story and how David reacts while applying one of 5 perspective building practices . David in this passage starts at the status of victim when the passage begins, but by the end his perspective has expanded and he, through the power of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, finds perspective and in turn helps those in his charge to find it too. Let's learn from David and find perspective for our lives and our congregational life. (This sermon series was inspired by teaching and preaching from the 2022 Annual Conference speaker, the Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell.)

July 3, 2022

Scripture: 1 Samuel 30:1-4 (MSG)

Sermon Title: Weep When You Need to Weep

Synopsis: David and his men find themselves with their homes destroyed, wives and children taken captive, and they do what anyone would do, they weep. Trying to hold in their emotions would have only hindered the process. How often do we find ourselves holding it all in? Why can't we weep over the trauma in our lives?(PIES)



July Sermon Series: Weeping to Dancing Continues:

July 10, 2022

Scripture: 1 Samuel 30:5-8 (MSG)

Sermon Title: When All Else Fails...Pray

Synopsis: After weeping and letting out his emotions, David spent time in prayer and in that time, he received an answer. Do we stop and take the time to pray when things seem to be in chaos, when our emotions are so raw that our nerves are on edge? Or do we try to push through and do things in our own might? (Four Corners)

July 17, 2022

Scripture: 1 Samuel 30:9-14 (MSG)

Sermon Title: Watching and Claiming God's Provision

Synopsis: David goes immediately to pursue the raiders who have taken his wives and the families of his men, and yet, it's a time of stretching for him too. Men drop out from sheer exhaustion and they find an Egyptian almost dead and David stretches his patience and his hand of hospitality toward this foreigner to help. Do we take the time to see the provisions God has provided or do we blindly pursue the answer to our prayers? (Stretching)

July 24, 2022

Scripture: 1 Samuel 30:15-20

Sermon Title: Working on Breathing

Synopsis: David secures the location of the raiders by reviving the Egyptian they had left behind. David made promises and God made promises. I can imagine that throughout the fulfilling of those promises there was a lot of breath work going on. Do we take time to breathe even in the midst of promises fulfilled? (Breathe Work)



July Sermon Series: Weeping to Dancing Continues:

July 31, 2022—Parking Lot Worship and Communion

Scripture : 1 Samuel 30:21-31

Sermon Title: We, Water, and Wind

Synopsis: Remember those 200 who David allowed to stay behind. Well like all families, the one's who went to battle feel jealous and resentful of the ones who didn't. David, I imagine, was tired of fighting and wanted everyone to get along. I wonder if he might have looked at his hands, washed them of the residue of battle, and breathed onto his hands as if bringing new life into the relationships around him. What would it mean if we would do the same? (Hands, Water, Wind)

Attention,
Please be specific with first and last names when offering
prayer requests.

Thank-you!
Communication Team



OUR THOUGHTS *and* PRAYERS *are with* YOU

Pat Aimone
Darryl Raymond
Bruce Lewke
Bob Johnson
The Mitchell Family
The Schloesser Family
Russian People
Ukraine





Dee Groeneweg will be continuing cardio drumming classes throughout the summer as part of her WiHn program (Workouts in His Name). Please search for WiHn in groups on Facebook to find her page and see current class times or contact her directly.

A decorative graphic with the words "Thank you" written in a cursive font. The text is surrounded by several colorful stars in shades of red, blue, yellow, and pink, with some stars appearing to trail off to the right.

Thank you

It has been a pleasure working at BFUMC over the last few years! I wish everyone a blessed and enjoyable summer and fantastic remainder of the year! Continue to be blessed and highly favored of the Lord!!

Bye for now, I hope we cross paths again someday!

Darlene

Letter Carriers' Food Drive A Success!

Thanks to the Belleville Letter Carriers' for their "Stamp Out" Hunger Food Drive which was held on Saturday, May 14. 9,546 pounds of food were donated to the Emergency Food Closet. Four volunteers worked Friday-Monday, two worked three days, twelve worked two days, and 57 worked on Saturday to transport, set-up, sort, check "freshness" dates, box, store, and clean-up. Thanks to everyone who donated food and/or their time to help feed the hungry in the City of Belleville and Van Buren and Sumpter Townships. Our shelves are now well stocked!

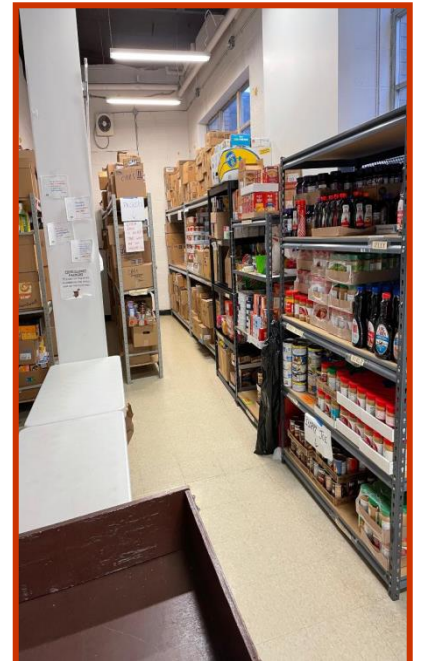
Marilyn Wood-Coordinator
Emergency Food Closet



Food Closet



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Meijer's Simply Give Campaign

The **Emergency Food Closet** has been selected by our local Meijer store located at 9701 Belleville Rd. to participate in its **Fall Simply Give Campaign**. The Campaign dates are Sunday, July 3 through Saturday, October 1. **DOUBLE MATCH DAYS ARE SET FOR Saturday, AUGUST 13 and Saturday, SEPTEMBER 10.**

The **Simply Give Campaign** is the **Emergency Food Closet's** biggest fundraiser of the year. This provides 85% of the funds used to purchase food for our clients for the year. You can purchase a **Simply Give** card at the check-out aisle for \$10 on any day between July 3rd and October 1st.

Your \$10 donation goes directly into our **Simply Give** account. When the campaign is over and the donations are tallied, the **Emergency Food Closet** is given **Food Only** gift cards to spend in the amount raised. This pays for the food for the weekly bags and the meat and dairy products we distribute.

If you plan on donating during the campaign, the best days to buy your **Simply Give** cards is **August 13** and/or **September 10**. **On these two dates, Meijer will double the amount of what you purchase.** For example, if you purchase a \$10 card, Meijer will match it with \$20, for a total contribution of \$30. Meijer will double match up to \$10,000 per pantry during double match days.

The **Simply Give** cards are located at the end of each checkout aisle. Take a card (or several) and give to the cashier. She/he will scan the card/cards to activate and credit the **EFC** account. You keep the cards so that you can claim the amount as a tax donation. Turn in your store receipt with your name and the card purchase circled to Micky or put in the collection basket. It will be credited to your monthly BFUMC statement.

Please share this information with your family and friends so that this fundraising campaign is a **huge success!**

PLEASE continue to support our local Meijer store and their effort to **feed the hungry in our community!**

Marilyn Wood - Coordinator
Emergency Food Closet

The **meijer** Simply Give Campaign

Runs
July 3
through October 1

help fight local hunger



\$10 donation to your local food pantry

The Belleville Meijer store is partnering with the Emergency Food Closet housed at the First United Methodist Church to provide food for area families. You can be part of this effort by purchasing food cards at the store check outs. For each \$10 you donate, Meijer will issue a \$10 food card to the food closet. **Double Match Days** – On **Saturday, August 13** and **Saturday, September 10** Meijer will **double match** your donation. A \$10 purchase on those days results in \$30 of food cards for the Food Closet.



Please help
feed the hungry
in
Van Buren and
Sumpter Townships
and
the City of Belleville



July Missions:

We will be packing lunches for the NOAH Project after the service on Sunday July 17. A reminder will go out in early July for cookie donations. If anyone would like to go downtown with us on Monday July 18 to pass out the lunches you are welcome!

Thank You & Contributions Are Needed:

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the personal care bags. We have given out over 100 bags. If you have travel size personal care items, please feel free to bring to the church and place in the teal bin in the Narthex.



Hope Network Event

Lincoln Community UMC,
9074 Whittaker Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

are hosting an afternoon party with Hope Clinic and inviting other churches to get in the fun. This gathering will be held at Lincoln Community UMC on Sunday, June 12 at 1pm.

Those attending can bring a dish to pass as there's talk of a potluck, a food truck, an ice cream truck, and activities for kids (including a bounce house). Folks from Hope Clinic will also be present and distributing information on the services they provide, and they will be covering all the costs.

Bring can goods and non-perishable food items to be divided between BFUMC's Food Closet and Hope Network's food pantry at this event.

Update:

The newsletter will be discontinued for the months of July and August. The final newsletter is to be submitted May 15th. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the church office 734-697-9288.

Thank-you



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Use the Give button on the app to connect to Pushpay -

To give your offering

To give for a Special Sunday offering

No envelopes required



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 10am Food Closet (N) 12:30pm Can /Bottle 6p-9p Youth Fellowship	2 10am AA (FH) 7pm Men's Fellowship (L) 7pm Al-Anon (FH) 7pm Canton Comm Band Practice (S)	3	4
5 10:00 Worship 4p-6p Fellowship Mtg	6	7 10am Food Closet (N) 11am Tai-Chi (FH) 7pm Ad Council	8 10am Food Closet (N) 12:30pm Can /Bottle 6p-9p Youth Fellowship	9 10am AA (FH) 7pm Al-Anon (FH)	10	11
12 10:00 Worship 11:45a Worship Comm (L) 4p-6p Fellowship Mtg	13	14 10am Food Closet (N) 11am Tai-Chi (FH)	15 10am Food Closet (N) 12:30pm Can /Bottle 6p-9p Youth Fellowship	16 10am AA (FH) 7pm Al-Anon (FH) Darlene's Last Day	17	18
19 10:00 Worship 4p-6p Fellowship Mtg	20 7pm Garden Club (FH)	21 10am Food Closet (N) 11am Tai-Chi (FH)	22 10am Food Closet (N) 12:30pm Can /Bottle 6p-9p Youth Fellowship	23 10am AA (FH) 7pm Al-Anon (FH) 6pm Music in the Park (S) -Temp	24	25
26 10:00 Ecumenical Parking Lot Worship 4p-6p Fellowship Mtg	27	28 10am Food Closet (N) 11am Tai-Chi (FH) 7pm Missions	29 10am Food Closet (N) 12:30pm Can /Bottle 6p-9p Youth Fellowship	30 10am AA (FH) 7pm Al-Anon (FH) 6pm Music in the Park (S) -Temp		



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31 <i>10:00 Parking Lot Worship & Communion</i>						



AUGUST

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