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Church Office Hours

Mon – Thurs 9 am -12 noon

Sunday Schedule

9:30 am: Willing Disciples (adults),
LiVE B.i.G. (preschool – 5th grade),
Youth Encounter (6th – 12th grades)

10:30 am worship service

11:45 am fellowship time

Wednesday

6:30pm Praise Singers

7:30pm Choir Practice

Thursday

LOGOS Program 4:30-7:30 pm
for grades 2-12 (Oct – March)

Friday

Spaghetti Dinner on the first Friday of
the month, October-May, from 5-7 pm.

United Methodist Men

have a dinner meeting the first Monday
of the month at 6 pm in Leon's.

United Methodist Women

meet at 1:30 pm on the second
Wednesday of the month in the
Fellowship Hall.

The Fold

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

Serving God and the Dearborn Community since 1859

May, 2011

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus frequently teaches about life in God's community. This passage, recording Jesus' final instructions to his disciples, occurs almost immediately following Jesus' first resurrection appearance. Jesus had gathered his remaining eleven disciples on a mountain in Galilee, where some worshipped him and others doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

We need to be thinking about the ways Good Shepherd will fulfill Jesus' commands both to make disciples and to teach and serve others. In order to be in dialog about our vision, the Leadership Council has chosen the second Tuesday of odd numbered months (January, March, May, July, September, and November) to have open discussions on next steps. It is important for us as a church community to be looking at one year goals as well as three and five year goals. Without goals to strive for, we do not grow as individuals or as a church.


Last year the Staff Parish Committee listened to my vision for Good Shepherd and turned those dreams into a strategy (see the results near the end of the Fold). It was a starting point. Now, you are invited to become part of the process. Let's use that list as a jumping off point and begin to plan the future of Good Shepherd Church.

See you in the Fellowship Hall on May 10th at 7pm.


Pastor Kathy


Looking Forward in Worship


May 1	John 20:19-31	Thomas, 21 st Century Man
May 8	Luke 24:13-35	Breaking Bread
May 15	Acts 2:42-47	Powerful Witness
May 22	Acts 7:55-60	Enduring Witness
May 29	John 14:15-21	Witness of Love

	1 st	Gary Poush, Dave Johnson Jim Woods, Dean Lewis
	2 nd	Emma and Alan Costantino Fred Michaelson, Samantha Myers
	3 rd	Bruce Coburn, Joe O'Brien Scott Williams, Doug Murdoch
	4 th	Erwin Spencer, Larry Woehlke Katie Barna, Donna Eberhart
	5 th	Molly Costantino, Ellen Peck Sandie Post, Marti Tamaroglio


	May 1	Samantha Myers
	May 8	Isabella Taylor
	May 15	Molly Costantino
	May 22	Emma Costantino
	May 29	Ellen Peck

	May 1	Sandie Post
	May 8	Diane Atkins
	May 15	Gary Atkins
	May 22	Bruce Coburn
	May 29	Fred Michaelson

	1 st	Joe & Margee O'Brien, Jim Woods
	2 nd	Dave Johnson, Scott Williams
	3 rd	Jim Woods
	4 th	Shirley Lantz, Sandra Lowe (Subs: Nancy Murdoch, Randy Jensen)

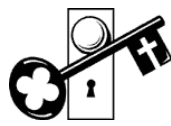
	1 st	Pam Post, Fred Michaelson
	2 nd	Georgia Grovesteen, Sally Rausch
	3 rd	Gayle Mihalik, Carolyn Costantino
	4 th	Donna Eberhart, Katie Barna

(Substitutes: Gayle Mihalik / Fred Michaelson)

	May 1	Served during Service
	May 8	Kathy & Dean Lewis
	May 15	Jan & Gary Poush
	May 22	Alan & Carolyn Costantino
	May 29	Sandy Lowe & Georgia Grovesteen

	1 st Sunday	Carolyn & Emma Costantino
	2 nd Sunday	Elizabeth Linn & Bea Woehlke
	3 rd Sunday	Donna Eberhart & Katie Barna
	4 th Sunday	Gayle Mihalik & Tania Walters

(Substitutes: Katie Barna & Donna Eberhart)



Openers

1st Sunday
2nd Sunday
3rd Sunday
4th Sunday
5th Sunday

Thomas Garratt
Alan Costantino
Bruce Coburn
Scott Williams
Thomas Garratt



Genelle Agee
Craig & Judy Barker
Debbi Boynton & family
Nicole Campbell
Darlene Cox
Dorothy Davis
Bonnie Estes
William Friend
the Glasco family
the Griffin family
Henry Hall
Ann Hatten
Leon & Helen Hickey
Bill Johnson
Laura Kania
Karen, Pat & Harold
Gary & Kathy Lebeck
Jack & Marilyn MacTavish
the John Mihalik family
Walter Rankin
Nancy Reese & family
Dorothy Saunders
Melissa Saunders
Evelyn Schmult
Bob Signoretti
the Skinner family
Florence Stanton
the Stassen family
Annette Atkins Wajda
Violet White
Genevieve Woods
Frances Young

For those who Grieve

the family and friends of Janet Jenkins
the family and friends of Howard Grovesteen

Our Military & their Families



Handall Atkins
M/Sgt. Jason Boyle
Spc. John Glasco
Jonathan Wagner - Afghanistan

Fifth-Sunday Clothing Drive!

Sunday, May 29th will be our regularly-scheduled clothing drive. Please clean your closets of gently-used clothing and bring your bags of treasure to the "Mail-box" door of Good Shepherd between noon and 3 pm. Remember that clothing that is seasonally appropriate is greatly appreciated!





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Curtis Beld
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Dearborn, MI 48120

Ann Creek
22077 Beech, #907
Dearborn, MI 48124

Earl Milligan
c/o Jane Serrainolo
1099 Hubbard Rd
Monroe, MI 48161

Dorothy Payne
935 Grafton
Carleton, MI 48117

Helen Schuster
Clare Bridge Rm D-3
27950 Drake Rd
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

It's Coming....

Last summer we shared Christ's love in practical ways with many small gestures including distributing flags at the Memorial Day parade, giving away water at Hines Drive, and sharing candy at the Edison Neighborhood Rummage Sale. We touched a couple of thousand people with gestures of Christ's love. We will never know most of the hearts that were softened to Christ and Christians...but we did our part and turned the next step over to God.

The weather is getting warmer and it is a great time to take the love of Christ outside of our church walls. Be watching the Opportunity Center for ways to get involved or to plan an event this summer!

Engage

Let's Celebrate!



Happy Birthday!

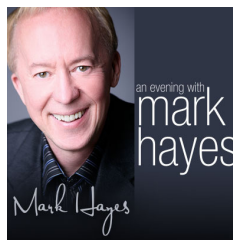
5/2	Joseph O'Brien
5/3	Carl Malotka
5/6	Dorothy Payne
	Jason Matlock
5/7	Travis Lewis
5/10	Katie Barna
5/17	Chuck Tamaroglio
5/18	Fred Sanquist
	Jennifer Malone
5/19	Margaret Layden
	Heather McGuire
5/23	Shannon Blankenship
5/26	Stephen Mihalik
5/27	Brendan Winters
5/28	Gary Poush
	Nicholas Gottron

Happy Anniversary!

5/5/1973	Jack & Kathy Charlefour
5/5/1984	Jim & Jean Mackey
5/10/1952	Leon & Helen Hickey
5/19/1995	Lou & Pam Vandenbosch
5/27/1972	Dan & Nancy Frank
5/28/2004	Michael & Lori Lawson
5/30/2004	Curtis Stoddard & Shelly Taft

Mark Hayes – Coming This Month!!

Don't forget, BeckRidge Chorale is bringing you the opportunity to enjoy a whole mess of Mark Hayes -- in mid-May (May 14 & May 15), Mark Hayes will provide an up close and personal experience as he leads the Chorale through his creations in "An Evening with Mark



Hayes". Mr. Hayes has personally selected the music for this concert — from Broadway standards to his original secular and sacred compositions. Not only will his music move and inspire you, his artistry at the piano will leave you SPELLBOUND!

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the man whose music has been touching you for many years (Yes – GSUMC has numerous Mark Hayes pieces!) Any questions you may have, ask Jack.



May 2011

B.i.G. Theme: It's Time for a Change

B.i.G. Idea: We believe that God's

presence in our lives can completely change us.

May 1: Woman at the Well

May 8: Zacchaeus

May 15: Paul

May 22: Lydia

May 29: Peter and Cornelius

LiveB.i.G. Teacher: Lori Lawson

LiveB.i.G. is for all children, ages 4 through 11 (Pre-K through 5th grade). We meet at 9:30 am every Sunday! Come and join us for a great time learning about the love of God!

Spaghetti Dinner

Our last Spaghetti Supper until October is Friday, May 6th. Veggie preparation for the salad bar and vegetarian sauce will be done at 9 a.m. on Thursday morning, May 5th, and table setting will done Friday morning at 10 a.m.



People are needed to set tables, clear tables and pour coffee as well as help clean up the kitchen and Fellowship Hall after the supper is finished. A sign-up sheet can be found at the opportunity center.

Your participation in putting together this great meal, which benefits and supports many programs at Good Shepherd, is needed and appreciated. Our church family opens our home to meet and greet our neighbors, who seem to enjoy coming for a visit. Come and help welcome them!

Don't forget!

Regular and decaf coffee available each Sunday morning @ 9:20 AM



Location:

In the kitchen...follow the aroma & the crowd!



The food pantry continues to be well stocked in most items thanks to generous donations from the congregation and community. However, there are a few items that are

needed at this time. They are:

- peanut butter
- jelly
- canned chicken
- laundry detergent
- shampoo
- toothpaste

Thank you for your support!

Erin Williams

Mother/Daughter Banquet

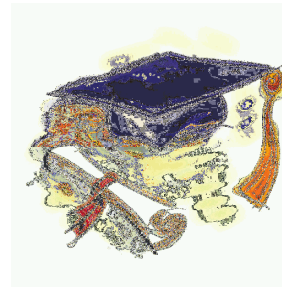


It is once again time to mark your calendar for our annual Mother/Daughter Banquet. This year the banquet will be held on Friday, May 20th at 5:30, with dinner being served at 6:00.

We are happy to announce that our banquet will be fully catered so you don't have to bring a thing except a mother, a daughter, or just a good friend (or two). The cost of the dinner will be \$7.25 for adults and children 12 and over, children ages 11 - 3 will pay \$3.50, 3 and under are free. We hope ALL women will join us for an evening of fun and entertainment!!

If you have any questions please contact Kathy Lewis or Lori Lawson; we'll be happy to answer any of your questions.

Graduation Sunday



Good Shepherd is looking forward to honoring all graduates on Sunday, June 5th during our worship service. The office needs to know who is graduating from which school with what degree!

Please call with pertinent information at any time. (313-278-4350) It will help us to prepare for the celebration!

Articles for the June Fold are due May 15!

Covenant Mission Offering

Each year at annual conference, a special offering is taken to go towards a mission or outreach project as determined by the conference Board of Global Ministries.

For Christians, a covenant is seen as an instrument by which we are bound to God and to each other. We are called to maintain our covenants, as the covenant of God is maintained with us. As the Detroit Conference of The United Methodist Church, our covenants with the Methodist Church of Haiti and with The United Methodist Church of Liberia call us to support each other with our prayers, our presences, and our continuing financial support.



The Detroit Conference and other conferences across the nation provide a hot lunch for nearly 20,000 children attending Methodist-supported schools in Haiti. For many, this is their only food for the entire day. Lunch costs continue to rise due to the cost of rice, transportation, and charcoal for the cooking fires. An average cost is now 50 cents (U.S.) each. Children attend school 180 days. We will again support this effort by sending one-half of this year's offering through The Advance to the Haiti District of the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas.

As a conference, we also have a covenant with The United Methodist Church of Liberia. One major focus of support over the years has been the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village. This institution provides a safe and nurturing haven for children who have been orphaned by war, abandonment, death of parents due to HIV/AIDS, or extreme economic difficulties. We will continue to support our Liberian brothers and sisters by sending one-half of this year's offering through The Advance to The United Methodist Church of Liberia for this worthwhile purpose.

It is desired that each congregation in the Detroit Annual Conference become more informed about the people of Haiti and Liberia: what they experienced through their history; how the church has been part of that history; where God is directing the church today; and how each of us can be supportive. We pray that as we learn more about our sisters and brothers, God's Spirit will sensitize us, guide us, and empower us to fulfill Christ's command to "feed my lambs."

Our **Covenant Mission Offering** will be collected at the Opening Worship Service of the 2010

Detroit Annual Conference, which is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 20.

Prayerfully support the children of our covenant partners who have been greatly affected by war, conflict, and disasters and the poverty that those produce. (Money for this project needs to be in to the church by May 8th.)



Golden Cross Sunday

Golden Cross Sunday helps those in need – young or old, alone or in families. This special offering provides financial support for vulnerable groups. Thank you for your generosity.

United Methodist Outdoor & Retreat Ministries

Helping mentally and physically challenged children enjoy a camp experience.

Children and youth, who could not otherwise afford camp, benefit from scholarships. They experience God's love in a special setting - creating memories and friendships that can last a lifetime.

www.umccamps.org

Methodist Children's Home Society



Caring for children who have been harmed.

Dedicated to helping children who have been abused or neglected, MCHS provides adoption, foster care, and residential services through which children reach their full potential.

www.methodistchildrenshome.org

United Methodist Retirement Communities



Providing a home for life for more than 100 years. The Benevolent Care Fund supports those who have outlived their savings – those who spent a lifetime saving and serving others, and now need care themselves. www.urmc.com

Conference Leadership Team Announces District Names

by Paul Thomas, Director of Communications

The Conference Leadership Team has announced the names of the six districts of the Detroit Conference that will take effect on July 1, 2011. The re-naming of districts is necessary due to the elimination of a district as a result of action taken by the 2010 annual conference session.

As part of the new district boundaries, determined by Michigan Area Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton, the current Detroit East and Detroit West Districts were combined into a new district that encompasses the Metro Detroit region. The name of the new district will be the **Detroit Renaissance District**.

The offices of the Detroit Renaissance District will be housed in Detroit: Metropolitan UMC where the current offices of the Detroit East District are located. The Rev. Melanie Carey, lead pastor at Ypsilanti: First UMC, has been appointed as the superintendent of the district, effective July 1. She will be replacing the Rev. Duane Miller and the Rev. Dr. John Lee, superintendents of the Detroit East and Detroit West Districts, respectively. Both are retiring as of July 1.

Of the five remaining districts, two districts will undergo a name change, while the other three will remain unchanged. The Port Huron District will become the **Blue Water District**, while the Flint District will be renamed the **Crossroads District**. The **Ann Arbor District**, **Marquette District**, and **Saginaw Bay District** will keep their current names.

The action passed by the 2010 annual conference stated:

"Be it resolved that the number of districts comprising the Detroit Annual Conference be reduced from seven to six, effective no later than July 1, 2011. Pursuant to ¶415.4 of the Discipline, the resident bishop shall determine the boundaries of the new districts, after which the conference leadership team shall name them."

Following the provisions of the legislation passed at the annual conference session, the boundaries of the new districts were determined by Keaton and announced on January 12. The Conference Leadership Team was granted authority to name the new districts, which it did in consultation with the superintendent and leadership from each district.

As part of the renaming process, the Leadership Team invited district leaders to respond to a series of questions related to geography, mission, and direction of ministry designed to help each district name and claim their individual identities. Each district was directed to report back to the Leadership Team feedback on the questions as well as the preferred name options for their district. The Leadership Team voted to accept the name requests of the six districts and did not make any changes.

Michael Clark, conference lay leader, and the Rev. Dr. Jerry DeVine, conference director of connectional ministries, issued a joint statement regarding the naming of the districts, saying that "after open discussion, the Conference Leadership Team voted to accept the requests of the six district teams rather than altering or substituting other names. Each district superintendent and their respective leadership teams are now responsible for sharing the rationale of the choice that they proposed. Any questions related to the process used by the Conference Leadership Team can be sent to the Director of Connectional Ministries."

In proposing a change to its name, the rationale submitted by the Port Huron District stated: "The Port Huron District does not represent the entire district ably. The rest of the district is basically composed of small farming communities and is not connected with Port Huron at all. One area all of the district has in common is the Blue Water of Lake Huron."

As part of its rationale for changing its name to the Crossroads District, the Flint District wrote: "This name reflects the geographical intersections of the major physical highways that crisscross our District. This name also reflects the connectedness of churches within our District, many of whom are at or will be at major crossroads in their ministries."

The three districts retaining their current names all felt that their names were adequate descriptions in their new configurations. In addition, all three districts indicated that the cost and time of altering legal documents, publications and signs did not merit a name change.

With the naming of the districts, the legislation passed by the 2010 annual conference session has been fulfilled.



Good Shepherd Mission
With Christ as our guide, we strive to live out our faith
by serving the spiritual and physical needs
of our community and the world.

We have a three-pronged approach to live our mission:

ENGAGE – The Good News is too exciting to keep to ourselves so we take that news outside our walls. We share and express God’s love in simple ways that will touch an open heart. In short, we serve the spiritual needs of the surrounding community.

RECHARGE – Our Good Shepherd community and the seekers who enter our doors need initial and continual spiritual growth. From an introduction to Christianity to joyful, challenging worship to small groups and studies, we serve the spiritual needs of our internal community.

IMPACT – Christ charged us to tend his sheep and feed his flock and we strive to live that guidance. Our gifts of time and money support missions and projects which serve the physical needs of our community and the world.

GOALS TO CONSIDER

Good Shepherd is committed to continuing to structure our ministry to match our mission statement and operate with a focus on both church growth and continued spiritual development of our members and attendees. We will move outside our walls to serve those in need in our area to help them heal.

In addition to the obvious needs of those facing financial struggles, we are committed to identifying and striving to meet the needs of the lonely, single-parents, children, and those in recovery groups.

We will also be increasing our focus on the needs of our internal community.

One Year Goals

- Recharge **Christian Education**. Review all of the educational programs for all age groups and develop a plan, as needed, for improvement. Although the efforts will overlap, the first priority will be children and youth programs.
- **Discipleship Circles**. Further develop the strategy for moving seekers past the first visitation and into an engaged servant of Christ.
- Engage (**Servant Evangelism**) projects. Implement a more formal planning process for church-wide servant evangelism efforts throughout the year and develop the resources to support small group servant evangelism activities.
- Impact **Service Projects**. Formalize process for planning service projects while still allowing for “emergency” responses.

- **Impact Mission Giving.** In conjunction with the Spotlight Giving program, identify a “mission of the month” program which will include education and publicity for financial giving opportunities. Missions of the month will also help structure the service project(s) planned during that month.
- **Publicity.** Continue efforts to create a current, robust website which accurately tells the Good Shepherd story.
- **Publicity.** Identify other means to increase the visibility of Good Shepherd including press releases, signage, etc.
- **Recharge Small Groups.** Establish a vibrant small group program to increase fellowship and nurturing.
- **Vision and Goal Setting.** Continue the process to discuss the vision and goals of Good Shepherd within the Leadership Council and the entire church family.
- **Worship.** Assess feasibility of sharing recorded worship services with homebound.
- **Worship.** Consider alternate services (healing, prayer, etc.) to offer on a less frequent (monthly?) basis.

Three Year Goals

- **Recharge Christian Education.** Continue implementation of the educational improvement plan for children, youth and adults. Assess progress and adjust direction, as needed.
- **Engage Small Groups.** Consider alternative locations for small group study that can engage seekers outside of our church community.
- **Impact Mission Trip.** Plan an adult or adult/youth mission trip.
- **Impact Mission Giving.** Review financial missions-giving to determine if more formal relationships with particular recipients should be formalized. (i.e. missionary sponsorship)
- **Vision and Goal Setting.** With God’s guidance, reassess the current vision and goals of Good Shepherd and make changes as needed.

Five Year Goals

- **Vision and Goal Setting.** Review the vision and goals and look ahead five years to set new goals.
- **Worship.** Add a second worship service due to the lack of available parking during the currently scheduled service.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?

This process is a journey. We are thankful for God’s guidance in the successes that we have experienced in the past year and seek His direction during our continued efforts. We expect to see results from some of our efforts within the next year or two but also realize that patience and persistence will be required to accomplish other goals on God’s timetable.

The Fold

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Dated Material - Do Not Hold

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May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LiveBIG, Youth Encounter, Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am	2 United Methodist Men Dinner at Leon's 6 pm	3 Bible Study: Romans 6-7:30 pm Sewing Guild 7 pm	4 Praise Singers 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	5 Veggie Prep 9:30 am	6 Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm	7
8 LiveBIG, Youth Encounter, Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am Oakwood Service 1 pm Hubbard Service 4:30 pm	9 NOW Team mtg. 10 am	10 Visioning 7 pm	11 UMW mtg. 1:30 pm Praise Singers 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	12	13	14
15 LiveBIG, Youth Encounter, Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am June Fold Articles Due!!! BeckRidge Chorale Mark Hayes Concert 4 pm	16	17	18 Praise Singers 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	19 Detroit Annual Conference (DAC) Begins Office Closed	20 Mother & Daughter Banquet 5:30 pm DAC	21 DAC
22 LiveBIG, Youth Encounter, Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am DAC	23 Office Reopens Trustees mtg. 10 am	24	25 Praise Singers 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	26 Fold Assembly Line 9:30 am	27	28
29 LiveBIG, Youth Encounter, Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am Fifth Sunday Clothing Drive 12-3 pm	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31				