



Good Shepherd
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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

September, 2011

Blue Sky Thinking

Have you ever thought, "What if people came to our church because it was a safe place to be?" Or maybe you've asked, "What if we offered a place for people to pray 24 hours a day?" If you ponder "What if..." questions, you are doing Blue Sky Thinking. According to *The Church Mouse* in "the Blue Sky process...there are no rules, no barriers, just endless possibilities. In Blue Sky thinking we learn to forget about limitations and dream big."

The Blue Sky process always starts with a dream. We need to learn to ask "what if?" instead of "what?" or "why?" It's our mindset that makes all the difference. Letting go of the need for control allows us to be more innovative and creative.

The next step is to find the story. As Christians, we look to connect with God's story. Stories about lives that have been changed or stories about those in need touch our hearts. It is how we can connect to the need and move to being immersed in the ministry. We need to be so immersed that it becomes our passion. For those of us who have been to one of the Disney parks, adult reality is set aside. The book states:

Yes, we all know there's no such thing as a six-foot-tall talking mouse. Yet most adults, upon seeing Mickey Mouse, lose their minds. They're yelling, "It's Mickey!" not, "It's some random guy in a mouse costume!" Whether they have children or not doesn't seem to matter. They are caught up in the magic. Why? Because when you are in the Disney parks you are completely immersed in that environment and it's okay for kids to be kids and it's okay for adults to be kids, too.

It is only after you have your dream, your story, and your immersive ministry environment that you can move into the Blue Sky process of brainstorming. Here is how to sort the ideas: definite possibility, not yet, not for us, and no way.

The process does not end here but rewriting the entire book is not possible. If this interests you I am sure we can find a copy of the book for you to read. In the meantime, start dreaming big and looking for the story that fits.

Pastor Kathy

Looking Forward in Worship



Sept 4	Acts 1:15-26
Sept 11	Exodus 14:19-31
Sept 18	Philippians 1:21-30
Sept 25	Matthew 21:23-32



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



Sept 4	Molly Costantino
Sept 11	Emma Costantino
Sept 18	Ellen Peck
Sept 25	Madison Murdoch



Sept 4	Sandie Post
Sept 11	Diane Atkins
Sept 18	Gary Atkins
Sept 25	Bruce Coburn



1 st	Joe & Margee O'Brien, Jim Woods
2 nd	Dave Johnson, Scott Williams
3 rd	Jim Woods
4 th	Shirley Lantz, Sandra Lowe (Substitute: 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 (Subs: Gayle Mihalik / Fred Michaelson)



Sept 4	No communion
Sept 11	Served during Service
Sept 18	Elizabeth Linn & Marti Tamaroglio
Sept 25	Gary Atkins & Jack Charlefour



1 st Sunday	Thomas Garrant
2 nd Sunday	Alan Costantino
3 rd Sunday	Bruce Coburn
4 th Sunday	Scott Williams

Openers



Due to a conflict in schedule, Sandy Lowe will not be able to head up the Spaghetti Dinners this year. Please pray about whether this is a ministry you are being called to do. Please talk to Sandy about the details of this opportunity.



Genelle Agee
 Craig & Judy Barker
 Rev. Pam Beedle-gee
 John Bobo
 Tom Boyd
 Debbi Boynton & family
 Michael Burke & family
 Nicole Campbell
 Dorothy Davis
 Ruth Ann Enoch
 Beth Estes
 William Friend
 the Griffin family
 Dorothy Grovesteen
 Henry Hall
 Jeane Heiden
 Leon & Helen Hickey
 Laura Kania
 Karen, Pat & Harold
 Bishop Jonathan Keaton
 Donna Kray
 Gary & Kathy Lebeck
 Jack & Marilyn MacTavish
 Heather McGuire
 James McLeod
 Mia
 the John Mihalik family
 Joe & Margee O'Brien
 Miguel Quezada II
 Walter Rankin & family
 Nancy Reese & family
 David Roberts
 Reannon & Keeley Robinson
 Dorothy Saunders
 Melissa Saunders
 Evelyn Schmolt
 Bob Signoretti
 the Skinner family
 Florence Stanton
 Rachel Toleu
 Annette Atkins Wajda
 Violet White
 Genevieve Woods
 Frances Young
 Nancy Zakar & family

For Those Who Grieve

The family and friends of Mary Alice McLeod
 The family and friends of Edythe Wessel
 The friends and family of Doug Francetich

Our Military & their Families

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





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Carleton, MI 48117

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Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Happy Birthday!



9/6	Helen Hickey Kati Taylor
9/8	Kaila Eberhart
9/9	Gary Atkins
9/11	Robert Connick Andrew Groh
9/12	Mary Jane Dap rich
9/14	Dorothy Saunders Lilian Charlefour
9/15	Pam Vandenbosch David Rydzewski
9/16	Kathy Lewis Jacob Justice
9/17	Ernest Barna II
9/19	Fauna Navarre
9/21	Colleen Connick Grace Malone
9/26	Carolyn Costantino
9/27	Sabrina Perry
9/28	Nancy Frank Irene Addison
9/29	Ashley Taylor Carolyn Woods

New Prayer Group

Jesus said, "My house will be called a house of prayer."
Matthew 21:13

We have been gathering in our Chapel on Monday mornings at 8 am, with the sole (soul?) purpose of prayer. We have prayed for those on our published Prayer Concerns list, for members lifted up during our time of prayer on Sunday, our service personnel, our political leaders, our church family, our District churches and our new District Superintendent, and our own Pastor Kathy.

The idea is to have an open forum to pray for whoever we know that is in need. The group is open, varying from week to week, and if you would care to join us, do so. If you can't but would like to pray at home, do so. If you would like to start another prayer group at a different time/location, let us know and we will publicize it here!



Is there anyone who feels called to head up a rummage sale of some sort for the church? If so, please brainstorm some possibilities and check with the office for availability.

Happy Anniversary!

9/8/1979 Georgia Grovesteen & Mike Rinkel
9/22/2001 Donna Sytniak & Keith Ramsay

5th Sunday Clothing Collection



Our next Fifth Sunday Clothing Collection is on October 30th. Bring any bags of clothing you have gathered with you to church on the 30th. Leave the bags in your car until AFTER worship, when the bags will be collected at the portico/office entrance of the church. If you have bags and forget to bring them you can return to the church between noon and 3, again at the portico/office entrance, and someone will be there to take them.

Be sure to let friends and neighbors know of our collection as well. IRS receipts will be available when you drop off your donations.

Don't forget!

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

Location:

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



Society of St. Andrew Sends Thanks!

Thank you for partnering with the Society of St. Andrew to feed hungry children and adults here in the United States. We have received your gift totaling \$3,000.00 I am pleased to send you a partner certificate to recognize your significant investment in our ministry. Our partner churches are part of an essential network of supporters that stretch across our nation and we are very grateful for each one.

The Society of St. Andrew provided over 84 million servings of fresh fruits and vegetables last year to people in need by delivering over 28 million pounds of salvaged produce to hunger relief agencies. Over 30,000 people volunteered nationwide during the year to glean and help distribute produce to the poor and hungry.

In our challenging economic times, the need for healthy food is more urgent now than ever. There's plenty of food to salvage and plenty of people who need it. Just three years ago national reports stated that the United States had 37 million hungry Americans. That number has now increased to over 40 million people. These aren't just numbers, these are our brothers and sisters who are going to bed hungry each night. The Society of St. Andrew provides a serving of food for just a few pennies, (about 2¢ a serving), and as you know we work hard to keep our administrative and fundraising costs low – currently at 4.1%. For 2011, the Society has set a goal of raising enough money to salvage and deliver 30 million pounds, enough for over 90 million servings for people who don't have enough to eat. We need your continued partnership to help us reach this goal.

As our partner, we ask that you keep the Society of St. Andrew's mission in your prayers. Again, thank you for helping us *Glean America's Fields to Feed America's Hungry*.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Jennifer V. Moore, Dir. of Church Relations

P.S. Please partner again with the Society of St. Andrew this year. Help us reach 30 million pounds for our hungry brothers and sisters!

And More Thanks, from Cass !

Dear Friends,

We were simply overwhelmed by all the cases of roast beef and [other meats]. Thank you so much for using the power outage to benefit so many hungry people in Detroit.

Rev. Faith Fowler,
Cass Community Social Services

And Still More Thanks, from DAC!

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

Grace and peace to you. We write to thank you for your faithfulness in ministry, and your faithful support of ministries beyond your own doors. You are one of 296 churches in the Detroit Conference of The United Methodist Church that paid 100% or more of your apportionments. Of those churches, 47 had not been able to reach the 100% goal in 2009. We celebrate that growth. Your commitment has allowed a wide range of ministry to unfold and develop. Please find enclosed a certificate of gratitude from our General Council on Finance and Administration.

The Detroit Conference received 83% of the apportionments asked in 2010, an increase of 4% over the 2009 totals (79%), and the third highest amount over the past 10 years. The total amount apportioned to local churches in 2010 was \$9.7 million, nearly \$1 million less than the amount apportioned in 2009, an intentional effort of our conference leadership to adjust as our local churches have made adjustments.

We continually live as a people of hope, and this is evidence of churches who are committed to stewardship that is both sacrificial as well as selfless. We celebrate the contributions of our local churches that allow us to live out our vision of creating and nurturing dynamic and fruitful congregations that bring about transformation of lives and communities.

With the contributions to apportionments, The Advance, Ministry Jubilee projects and the ministries within your communities, our churches are showing that it is not just about themselves but about the world in which they live. The people called United Methodists in the Detroit Conferences are generous, and for that we are thankful.

May God continue to bless the shared ministry of which we are a part. May our local church continue to be a presence and movement for Jesus Christ in your community and beyond.

In Christ's Service,

Anna M. Medford, Conference Treasurer

Rev. Dr. Jerome R. Devine,

Director of Connectional Ministries

Thank You

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude for all your thoughts, prayers, cards, and visits during the recent passing of our beloved nephew/son, Doug. Your caring support meant a lot to all of us.

Thank you again.

Joe & Margee O'Brien
& the Francetich family



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
- spaghetti sauce
- spaghetti pasta
- canned chicken
- canned tuna
- canned meat (Spam, pork, beef)
- cereal
- toilet paper singles and 4/packs

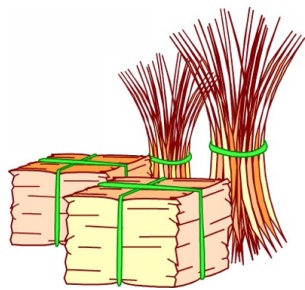
The following items are desperately needed:

- laundry detergent
- dish detergent
- shampoo
- tooth brushes
- tooth paste

Due to our power loss in July, we have no frozen meat available. Any canned meats would really be appreciated! (Our frozen meat was donated to Cass Community Services, so it did not go to waste. We just could not store it at that time!) We can also always use plastic grocery bags that have both handles intact, with no holes in the bottoms! Many of our clients come by Smart Connector or other bus service, and so double bagging is often necessary. Thank you for your support!

Erin Williams

Hayride at Camp Dearborn



On Saturday, October 1st all are invited to Camp Dearborn for a hayride and supper. For those who are interested, carpooling is available with advanced notice of need. If anyone is interested we will meet at

the church at 3 p.m.

A picnic shelter and campfire will be waiting for us at the Camp. We will have a supper of sloppy-joes, veggies, chips, cider, hot chocolate and coffee at 5 p.m. The hay wagon will pick up those who want to take a ride at 6:30 p.m. for a hayride around the Camp. After the hayride we'll make s'mores and enjoy the campfire. Bring a lawn chair for sitting around the campfire.

You do not have to take the hayride. You may want to just come out and enjoy the time outdoors with us!

For those who take the hayride it is \$7. per person. All money must be paid by Sunday, September 25th.

Please sign the sheet in the Opportunity Center and indicate whether you are intending to take the hayride **or** only coming out for the fun and food. We need to know how many are going to take the hayride as well as how much food to prepare for everyone going. We can have a maximum of 30 people on the wagon.

NOTE: In the event of heavy rain on the day of the hayride, no later than two hours before our scheduled time, we can cancel our reservation. Future weather forecasts or cold temperatures do not warrant cancellation – dress accordingly!

9/11/2011

On Sunday, September 11th, we will be honoring our first responders during the service. Firefighters and police from Dearborn and Dearborn Heights, along with our own Travis and Aron Lewis, have been invited to worship with us. The choir is working on a song titled "Hero", which honors not only the first responders but our military as well. What better way to start our program year than by remembering the past, looking toward the future and seeing God in our midst!

September 11, 2011 – Did You Save the Date?

After worship on Sunday, September 11th EVERYBODY is invited to gather at Leon's on Michigan Ave. where we have reserved the side room.

WHY?

Because we will be celebrating EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY!!



Plan on having lunch (everyone is responsible for their own choice of meal and their own bill) and joining in the fun!

Like any other birthday party, some surprises await so don't miss out!!

Indicate on the communication card or on the sign up sheet at the Opportunity Center if you are attending.

A final count is needed on September 4th. Please come!!

Hearts Strangely Warmed Conference

The annual Hearts Strangely Warmed Conference presents an opportunity to fellowship and learn with area United Methodists on November 5. This all-day conference will be held at Bethel UMC in Flint. If there is interest we will facilitate carpooling.

The keynote speaker will be Bishop Robert Schnase who will present his Five Practices of Fruitful Living. These five practices – to receive God's love, to love God in return, to grow in Christ, to serve others, and to give ourselves fully – as we attend to them and develop them, help us settle ourselves in God and become instruments of God's grace. Following Christ will change your heart; and through you, God will change the world.

In addition there are breakout sessions that are sure to help you grow in your personal faith and discipleship to Good Shepherd. More information and registration will be publicized when available.

September Mission of the Month

Cass Community Social Services

Cass Community grew out of the dream of a United Methodist pastor and congregation to make a difference in their downtown Detroit neighborhood. Now it is a separate non-profit that continues to imagine the possibilities. Six buildings near Webb Avenue and the Lodge Freeway house numerous services including:

- Emergency and residential services for homeless people spanning from permanent and transitional housing to placement services to a rotating emergency shelter.
- Food services for residents, homebound seniors, and packaged food distribution.
- Businesses and job training aimed at employing men, women, veterans and people with disabilities.
- Skill building for adults with developmental disabilities
- Health services including mental health for residents and free medical clinic on Saturdays

Their operation incorporates environmental sustainability principles leading their Executive Director, Rev. Faith Fowler to be recognized as one of 16 Michigan Green Leaders by the Detroit Free Press in 2010.

Our fifth Sunday clothing and shoe drive is delivered to Cass Community Social Services to help those in need.

Check out the bulletin board in the Opportunity Center for more information about our August Mission of the Month.

Cass Community Benefits from Storm

Many of you experienced the power outage in July from the severe thunderstorms that rolled through the area. The church was without power nearly the entire week. Unfortunately, that meant that our freezer full of meat dedicated to our emergency food pantry would go to waste if not redirected.

Nearly 1,500 pounds of ham, beef, hamburger and sausage were greeted with open arms by the cooks at Cass Community Social Services who serve several hundred meals each day. Hugs were plentiful when the delivery of the meat was made!!! We made a difference!!! (See note titled "And More Thanks!")

Last Hines Drive Water Drop Of the Season

Reluctantly the summer is drawing to close and so are our outreach water drops on Hines Drive. September 17 will likely be our last time on Hines



Drive until 2012. (This is a change from the previously announced date.) Sign up at the Opportunity Center. We will depart Good Shepherd at 9 AM or you can meet us at our normal spot at the entrance to

Warrendale Park (accessed from Warren Avenue.)

Why Water Drops?

Christ gave us the Great Commission to go and make disciples of all the nations. But just how do we go about this? Sometimes it is hard enough to talk about our faith with close friends. If we started to evangelize on the corner, strangers would likely cross the street to avoid us. But a simple gesture of practical kindness like a cold bottle of water can warm and open a heart when we least expect it. What a switch...we are giving away a token of God's love rather than asking for a donation! We will never know the ways that we have started the process for God. We do know that the smiles and positive comments have been numerous.

In addition to our presence on Hines Drive during the Saturday morning road closure, we have attended all of the Friday evening concerts at the Bryant Library. A cold bottle of water and smile have been a great way to open conversations!

Now that the seasons are changing, what will be our new means for spreading God's love in a practical way?

October Fold Articles due 9/15!

New (Christian) Year's Eve

November 20 marks the end of the Christian calendar with the celebration of Christ the King Sunday. This is a day of worship that you won't want to miss. Our District Superintendent Rev. Melanie Lee Carey will join us in worship that morning. As with a traditional New Year's Eve we will be reflecting and celebrating the previous year and looking ahead with anticipation to a new year of opportunities. Mark your calendar!

And Even More Thanks!

A heartfelt thank-you to the Good Shepherd family for all the kindnesses extended to Mike and me at the time of my father's death. Whether you sent a card, encouraged us in person or included our family in your prayers, we will be forever grateful. I was also touched by the appearance of six of my church friends who traveled all the way up to little Ortonville to be with my family and me. My parents were very happy when I returned to "the fold," and I'm thankful that Dad attended church with me a couple of summers ago and met many of you. He always advised my sisters and me to count our blessings. This church is certainly a blessing to me.

Georgia Grovesteen

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Dear Congregation,

I want to thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to go to Lake Superior Provincial Park, Canada, as a part of the Superior Backpacking camp. The views were breath-taking! It was definitely one of the best experiences I've had in my life, and the only reason I was able to go was with your financial help. If it weren't for your support, the towering forests, sparkling waters, and beautiful rock formations would only be a thing of my imagination.

Thank you so much,

Michaela Fahnstock

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My sincere thanks to each of you in my "Church Family," who helped me to celebrate my 90th birthday.

I received many cards with very kind sentiments (not all deserved!). I am also very grateful to my very special sister, Cheryl, for the beautiful coffee hour we shared.

It isn't possible that I am 90 years old! What happened to all those years? One thing I know and that is that God has been very good to me and I am most grateful.

My love and thanks to all of you!

Delores Lebeck

LOGOS Youth Club

~Thursdays ~

4:30-7:30 PM

Grades 2-6 and 7-12

Start Date:

September 29

LOGOS Family Event

Check for updates:

www.dearbornqsumc.org

Children's Ministries



All are welcome to experience
Christian fun in a safe environment
among friends.

LAUGHTER Praise FUN
Music Bible stories
Dinner games CRAFTS
SNACKS praise FRIENDS

Request free brochure or register by
calling the church office: 313-278-4350 or
talk with Jan Poush

LOGOS Ministry Team
(All adults)

Reconnect to Serve Jesus!

When: Thursday, September 22

Where: Youth Room on lower level

Time: Evening

6:00-6:30 Kitchen Team

6:30-7:00 Clean-up Team

7:00-7:30 Table Parents

7:30-8:00

Recreation/Play

Bible Lessons

worship skills

*Very important
for all to come!*

Thank you!



Who: YOU

What: 2011 CROP Walk

When: Sunday, October 2, at 2 pm.

Where: Cherry Hill Baptist Church, 1045 N. Gully, Dearborn Heights, MI.

Why: to help stop Hunger

How: Listen for upcoming announcements, pick up your pledge packet, get others to give and then come prepared to walk.

The Fold

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Dated Material - Do Not Hold

September

September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOW Team: Sunday Refreshments				1	2	3
4 Youth Encounter, Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am Linn Bridal Shower 12:15	5 Office Closed No Prayer Group Men's Dinner at Leon's 6 pm <i>Labor Day</i>	6 Sewing Guild 7 pm	7 Praise Singers 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	8	9	10 Memorial Service for Mary Alice McLeod 10-10:30 visitation 10:30 am service
11 Rally Day! LiveBiG, Youth Encounter, Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Everyone's Birthday Party @ Leon's-noon Hubbard Service 4:30 pm	12 Prayer Group 8 am NOW Team mtg 10 am	13 Committee on Lay Leadership 7 pm	14 UMW mtg 1:30 pm Praise Singers 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	15 Fold Articles Due	16	17 Hines Drive Water Drop – meet at church at 9 am
18 LiveBiG, Youth Encounter, Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Refreshments 11:45 am Oakwood Service 1 pm	19 Prayer Group 8 am	20	21 Praise Singers 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	22 Fold Assembly Line 9:30 am LOGOS Training 6-8 pm	23 Linn/Cairo Rehearsal 6 pm	24 Linn/Cairo Wedding – 3 pm
25 LiveBiG, Youth Encounter, Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:45 am Oakwood Service 1 pm	26 Prayer Group 8 am Trustees mtg. 7 pm	27	28 Praise Singers 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	29 LOGOS Family & Staff Event 6-7:30 pm	30	