

# The Web News

of West Bloomfield UMC

July / August 2017

## From Pastor Brian

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, described ways he felt we as Christians could grow in our faith. He spoke of praying and worshiping and reading the Bible and taking Holy Communion – all ways we'd celebrate today as powerful methods to strengthen our faith. And he also recommended that Christians do acts of mercy like feeding the hungry, helping the poor, and especially visiting the sick. He felt these acts would also strengthen our faith.

In his sermon, "On Visiting the Sick," he laid out his reasoning for visiting those in need, but some people resisted, saying "Is there need of visiting them in person? Does it not answer the same purpose if we send them help as if we carry it ourselves?" and "But I'll send a physician to those that are sick, and he can do them more good than I can." He didn't deny that sending other forms of assistance was valuable, but he emphasized that sending a doctor or sending medicine or sending money or sending somebody else should be done **in addition** to us going to visit those in need.

He said going in person means those in need will be better served. They'll receive medical care, yes, **and** in addition, if they're distressed they'll feel comforted, if they're weary they'll be encouraged, if they're feeble they'll be strengthened, if they're worn down they'll be built up. And John Wesley emphasized that those benefits won't happen if we simply send medicine or send a doctor in our place. As he said, "They cannot be done by proxy."

Also, when we go in person, **we** will be better off as well! As John Wesley said, "Even if you could give the same relief by proxy, you could not reap the same advantage to yourself." We will find ourselves discovering new humility, gaining patience and tenderness of spirit and thankfulness to God. We'll find our sense of benevolence will grow as we develop more sympathy with the difficulties of the afflicted. We become better people by serving the needy.

The mission trip we will take to Haiti in January 2018 isn't the **only** way we can serve those in need. I'm grateful for all the ways I see members of our church caring for the needy through our jobs, our networks of friends and family, our individual relationships, and through the ministries of our church. And the Haiti mission trip will be a powerful way we can serve those in desperate need, by utilizing the skills and abilities we have been given to care for people in person, showing them God's love in action.

If you weren't able to come to the informational BBQ, there's more info below or talk with me about finding out more. In any case, be praying that God will work through this to help our church show God's love to those in need!

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Brian

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West Bloomfield United Methodist Church seeks to show the love of God through worship, prayer, discipleship, and commitment.

# impact youth ministry

The youth will be leaving on Sunday, July 16th to travel to Elk Rapids, Michigan for their mission trip. We will be working at the Salvation Army the July 17th - 19th, building a railing around the deck that we built last year, pouring some concrete and doing some landscaping around the complex. We are planning to go canoeing on Thursday, July 20th and returning home on Friday, July 21st. Some of the youth from the Elk Rapids Presbyterian Church where we will be staying will be joining our group for some of the projects.

## Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The women's evening Bible study group is currently on hiatus. Plans for future meetings are underway, Stay tuned for more information.

## Women of West Bloomfield

The women of WBUMC will continue to meet for their regular business meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 12 Noon. The next meeting will be held on July 23 at Noon.



## July

- 1 Megan Meldrum
- 3 Joe Sutschek
- 3 Patricia Herbst
- 12 Judy Mars
- 14 Justin Hoover
- 15 Barbara Carlson
- 18 Kevin Mulligan
- 21 Melissa Kimura

- 23 Dora Wayne
- 24 Christine Reese
- 26 Joe Reese
- 28 Kay Reese
- 30 Seth Wayne
- 31 Kathy Chewning

## August

- 7 Carol Gesaman
- 8 Amanda Land
- 12 Colin Pintamo
- 17 Sarah Meldrum
- 20 Riley Croft
- 21 Naomi Morgan
- 21 Bailey Duvall
- 22 Ralph Worley
- 22 Taylor Hack
- 27 Tai Wayne



## July

- 7 Rob & Kara Mulligan
- 8 John & Tracie Hoover

## August

- 7 Kent & Barb Land
- 15 Brian & Lisa Obrect
- 23 Steve & Yvonne Miles
- 26 Rick & Sarah Mancini
- 28 Jerry & Doris Jefferies
- 28 Dr. Mosha & Di Ahmed
- 30 Darwin & Dora Wayne

## Relay for Life

This year's West Bloomfield Relay for Life "**Hoedown for Hope**" was held at Saint Mary's Preparatory High School on Commerce Road on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 10:00am until 12 midnight.

It was a wonderful day, and the WBUMC photo booth was a hit, thanks to Ralph Worley, Fritz McMullen and others who brought folks in to have their photos taken. Melodie Langford and Karen and Paige Sutherlin were the brains behind the successful functioning of the camera and computers, with Melissa Kimura on call via phone for extra guidance in case something froze.

Some of the highlights included the dog agility demonstration, the West Bloomfield Canine Unit, excellent food and finally, the beautiful luminaria ceremony.

The Ramco-Gershenson Company again provided a generous donation to the WBUMC Relay Team. Many thanks to them for their continued support. The pie sale was a great success, as usual. According to Melissa Kimura, the WBUMC Relay team's efforts this year resulted in a donation to the American Cancer Society that is very close to the amount collected last year. Thank you for your support for this community event and for enabling WBUMC to remain one of the last churches to be a part of this yearly program.

## Missions

There are two mission projects during the month of July.

### **NOAH Project in Detroit.**

First, it is our church's turn to prepare and serve sandwiches as a part of the bag lunch program for the NOAH project in Detroit. We will be preparing the ingredients for the 460 sandwiches we make on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and will assemble them after church on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to go to NOAH on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> to help in the kitchen and to meet and minister to the clients who come to NOAH for a meal and social services. The lunch is just part of what's important at NOAH.

Relationships that are developed through NOAH's many programs help to build trust and serve as the foundation for the clients to begin to rebuild their lives. Listening to the clients' stories and getting to know them on a personal level may seem like a small thing, but it is a show of love and respect, and can have a great impact on both the story teller and the listener! We are called to be Christ-like and minister to all.

### **Redbird Mission**

The second Mission project will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Noisy Offering on July 30<sup>th</sup> during worship which will be sent to the **Redbird Mission** programs. Red Bird Mission, Inc. and **Red Bird Clinic, Inc.** have been providing ministries in the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission and Clinic strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.

The Education ministries are carried out through a PreK-12 school. These education ministries provide the opportunity for the children and youth of this community to get a quality education in a loving Christian environment empowering these young people with tools that will help them escape this cycle of poverty in which they are exposed to and live in daily.

Health and Wellness ministries are provided through medical and dental clinics providing quality health and dental care in an area that is chronically under served. In addition to in-Clinic visits, our providers travel to the homes of our patients to provide care to those that are home-bound.

The other three areas of ministries provide a wide variety of services to the residents of this area such as volunteers who help with refurbishment of homes, low-cost clothing and a community store that provides furniture. Local crafters' wares are also sold at the community store.

Support for these ministries come from churches and individuals across the nation and the Mission has enjoyed wide support from The United Methodist Church as well as from other denominations. Recently there has been a decline in support. The financial crisis is making it difficult to continue these ministries provided to the community. Your donations to Red Bird Mission and Clinic will help continue these vital ministries in this distressed region of Appalachia to show God's love in action to people in need!

### **Family Outing All-Church Lake Party**



On Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM, Ralph Worley will host the annual lake swim party at his home, 4661 Motorway Drive in Waterford. Pizza will be served, everyone can enjoy the lake and sit on the patio, and those up for it can go tubing and boat riding.

### **Bingo**

Don't forget to sign up to help with Bingo at the West Bloomfield Nursing and Convalescent Home on Monday, July 3, 2017 at 2PM. The residents really enjoy the interaction with visitors from our church.

### **Haiti Mission Trip**

Our church will embark on a medical mission trip to Jeremie, Haiti, January 17-24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For either 3 or 4 days, we'll offer medical care at two locations – a clinic near Jeremie and a second mobile clinic.

We'll need doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and non-medical folks to enable us to do intake,

provide medical care, fill prescriptions, fill out paperwork, and pray with people in need.

The cost will be approximately \$1,100 per person for all expenses – airfare to/from Haiti, as well as transportation, meals, and lodging in Haiti. Plus, we'll do some additional individual fundraising to cover the costs of the medical supplies and medical staff we'll hire in Haiti. And the church will have several opportunities to contribute medications and medical supplies which will enable us to do effective work in Haiti.

Labor Day is the deadline to commit to go. Certainly, if you're ready to commit to the trip today, go ahead and let us know you'll be going! But I will need to make Labor Day the final deadline, since I know from experience that an international mission trip simply can't have people joining only two or three months before departure.

And whether you're going or not, please be praying that God will work through this effort!

# **CRUISE FOR CHRIST!**

This year's "Cruise for Christ" will be held on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, the same weekend as the Woodward Dream Cruise. Cruise for Christ will feature:

- A free pancake breakfast served by the men of the church.
- An outdoor, car-themed worship service at 10:30 AM
- A collection of awesome classic and cool cars, both new and old!
- Car-themed music that'll get you revved up!
- A sermon about God's roadmap for your life.
- Fun activities for the kids

It's a perfect opportunity to invite a friend to a special, fun event!





# Fruit of the Spirit Family Fun Fest

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 4-5:30 PM

Invite your family, friends, & neighbors  
to this fun family event!

Games - Crafts - Youth-led Skit - Dinner

- Hear all about the Fruit of the Spirit  
from our youth actors
  - Frame your own photo
- Play balance-the-fruit game for prizes
- Create your own hanging fruit sand art
- Make some fun fun fruit Life Saver Lollipops
  - And Much, Much More!

Hope to see you, your family, & friends  
on August 6<sup>th</sup>!

Call Dorothy Maman to sign up  
to attend or to volunteer



## Administrative Meetings

July 9	8:30 AM Trustees Meeting
July 11	7:00 PM Finance Meeting
	7:45 pm Church Council
August 6	8:30 am Trustees Meeting
August 8	7:00 pm Finance Meeting
	7:45 pm Church Council

## Ushers

July 2 & August 6	Ralph Worley Mark Borns Melodie Langford Joe Sutschek
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July 9 & August 13	Barb Shoger Vance Shoger Wisam Jirjis Brent Webster
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July 16 & August 20	Darwin Wayne Butch Johnson Gary Langner Dora Wayne
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July 23 & August 27	Vicki Hernandez Marty Bopp Dorinda McMullen Fritz McMullen
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July 30	Ivy Nuamah Simon Kissonergis Bill Maman
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## Coffee Hour Hosts

July 2	Kara & Rob Mulligan Ralph Worley
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July 9	Melodie and Dan Langford Karen & Bill Sutherlin
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July 16	Kelly & Shaun Hoffman Patricia & Tim McCabe
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July 23	Ilene Herdman Levada Geisey Anne Harden Bernie Westfall
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## Liturgists

July 2	Darwin Wayne
July 9	Warren Johnson
July 16	Melodie Langford
July 23	Kent Adams
July 30	Sulaiman Kamara

## Greeters

July 2	Gary Langner
July 9	Mark & Pat Borns
July 16	Levada Geisey
July 23	Ralph Worley
July 30	Joanne Herbst

## Trustee on Duty

July 2	Ann Sutschek
July 9	Frityz McMullen
July 16	Kay Reese
July 23	Mark Borns
July 30	Bill Beach
August 6	Ralph Worley
August 13	Dan Ducu
August 20	Wendy Kissonergis
August 27	Glenn Joseph

## Counters

July 2 & August 6	Joe Sutschek Ralph Worley
July 9 & August 13	Kathy Chewning Sulaiman Kamara
July 16 & August 20	Tim McCabe Gary Langner
July 23 & August 27	Vicki Hernandez Dan Langford
July 30	Di Ahmed Kara Mulligan

## Ways to Connect

### Coffee Hour Hosts (cont.)

July 30 Barb & Vance Shoger  
Dorothy & Bill Maman  
Gary Langher  
Karen Mitchell

August 6 Kathy Chewning  
Naomi Morgan  
Di Ahmed  
Diane White

August 13 Becky & Jerome Meldrum  
Mary & Brent Webster  
Glenda & Jim White

August 20 Wendy & Simon Kissonergis  
Jennifer Joseph  
Jackie & Bill Beach

#### Office hours:

Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Friday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

#### Pastor's office hours:

Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
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Or call any time with emergencies or to schedule an appointment.

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Jo Anna Risk, Administrative Secretary  
Warren Johnson, Youth Director  
David Carlson, Custodian

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Bishop David Alan Bard, Michigan Area  
Rev. Charles Boayue, Detroit Renaissance District  
Superintendent

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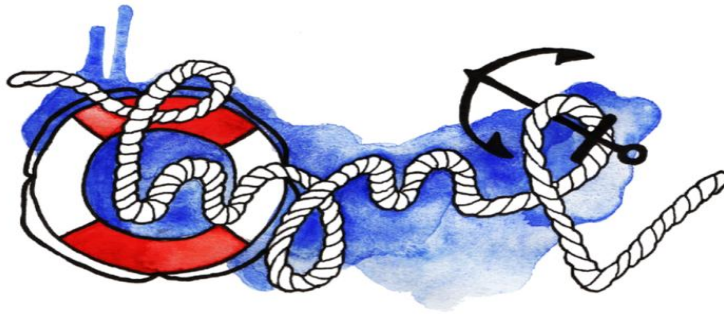
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