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Church Newsletter, June

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Greetings in Christ!

It is the beginning of June which means summertime is just beginning. One thing I am reminded of this time of year is how so many things are put on hold. For kids, school is out. For churchgoers, at least for our church, Wednesday night Bible study is done and United Women in Faith meetings are over. And it's an exciting time! Why? Well, beyond children and teachers getting off of school for a few months, it means summer activities are here!

I was curious and so I looked online for a poll about people's favorite thing about summer, and just as I suspected, it was the warm weather along with the fact that they don't have to wear so many layers of clothes. But it all seems to come down to the fact that because of the warm, sunny weather, we can get out and do those fun things we love.

After being locked up in the house, fighting the battle of the wind chill, we now go out and take vacation, we get to have Vacation Bible School, (which is just next month, by the way) and, of course, we have the local festivals, county fairs, family barbeques, and picnics.

Yes, we finally get out, warm our bones and enjoy the world in full bloom once again. You know what else we get to get out of? Church! You heard that right! No, I'm not saying don't come to Sunday worship or any other occasion it's called for. Going to the church is a wonderful thing. I'm just saying that summer is a great reminder that God calls us to step outside of the church. To look around at the beauty of God's earth. To look at the beauty of God's creation and to realize that we are encouraged to leave the comfort of our beautiful stone edifice, and go out and serve God's children.

I realize it's not easy. It can be hard to step out into the world and serve. If you have ever been in the restroom of our church, you may have noticed a dial on the wall that says comfort zone. If you turn it up on high, it radiates warmth from the pad on the ceiling. It's used for making the bathroom warm on those cold days when the radiator heat doesn't reach that far. But it always reminds me to ask myself. Am I high up in my comfort zone? Am I too comfortable in my life? And many times the answer is yes, and I need to go do something about it. I need to leave the church walls and get out into the world.

So I wish you all a safe and fun summer! Enjoy the sun. Enjoy your families and the time spent together. And try to remember to keep summer as a reminder of God's beautiful creation, God's beautiful creation in His children, including yourself, and also as a reminder to get out of those four walls and serve the Kingdom. Amen.

Peace and Blessings always! Pastor Brian

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MEET THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANT!

I would like to extend an invitation to all your congregations to Meet and Greet our District Superintendent The Rev. LuAnn Rourke on **Sunday, June 26, 2022.**

Clayton UMC will be hosting Rev. LuAnn with an informal Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 26th from 1:30-3:30 PM.

Clayton UMC's address is 3387 State Street, Clayton, MI 49235. This is an informal opportunity to share dessert and get to know our DS personally. Zoom is great for meetings but we are delighted to share time and ice cream with Rev. LuAnn.

Additionally, The Reverend LuAnn Rourke, DS of the Heritage District will be preaching at Rollin Center UMC at 9:30 AM at 3988 Townley Hwy. Manitou Beach, MI 49253 and again at Clayton UMC at 11:00 AM at 3387 State St, Clayton, MI 49235. All are welcome to attend either church service as well as the Ice Cream Social.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev. Bob Dister



STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE BOOTH

Chamber of Commerce Festival

Saturday June 18th 3-5 PM

Church Street near the City Offices

Come support our church and enjoy a taste of summer!



SUPPORT THE HUDSON FREE STORE!

Hudson Free Store is having a Silent Auction on Saturday June 18th during the Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Hudson Festival. The Board of Directors are asking for items and/or themed baskets to be donated to be auctioned off. They can be dropped off at Jan Rickard's home 5454 S Meridian Rd. PLEASE support the Hudson Free Store by dropping by the table that Saturday and bidding. There will be many gift cards from local businesses as well as locally produced items.

FUNDING FOR YOUR PROJECT!

The Endowment fund interest monies are available for special projects. Please pick up an application from the office if you have an idea for a need that is not part of our annual budget.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would ever like to notify the prayer chain of a need, please call Linda Hartley at (517) 270-2121 or email her at lkhartley68@gmail.com and she will pass on the information.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022 AT 8 AM – 3 PM

The church provides the pavement and the chalk. You provide the talent!

We will have spaces designated as "canvases" on our parking lot and sidewalk. Artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to come and draw. If you don't want to draw, take a walk around and enjoy the colorful artwork!

Details about prizes and other fun info will be added to our Facebook event page as things are finalized. Already we know for sure there will be chalk. There will be music. There will be fun!

June 2022

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			Michigan Annual Conference				
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