

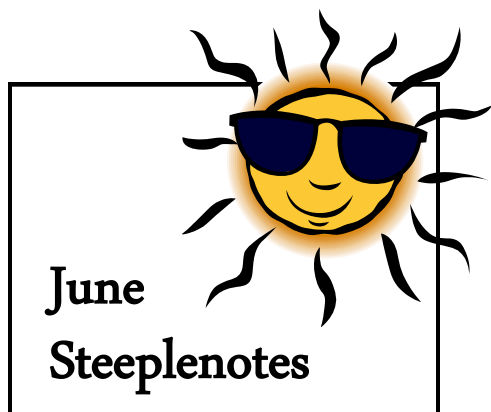
# First United Methodist Church

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**JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE JUNE 20**

**OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday thru Friday 9am to 4pm**

# Father's Day

Father's Day is coming up. It isn't the most popular holiday that we celebrate. More people call their moms on Mother's Day than call their fathers on Father's Day. It is the perception that Mothers like the phone call more than dads. It isn't true for any fathers I know. They love their families so much that they like to talk to them on the phone and see how everyone is doing. It is good to call your father and tell them how much they mean to you, at least once a year.

Our Heavenly Father also wants you to call. Praying on a regular basis is a great way to stay connected to God. It is a lifeline for those who want to strengthen our relationship with our Creator. Prayer helps to ground us and connect us to the One who will never depart. We might have lost our fathers in this life, we may have a rocky relationship with them, they



might have already gone on to God's heavenly home, but we know God will never leave us.

We are promised that God will be with us and protect us. John 17:11 says, "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, so that they may be one as we are one." Jesus didn't want his people to feel that they would ever be alone and so he promised us the Holy Spirit who would always be with us.

In this Father's Day month, if you are able, give your dad a call or encourage someone else to give their dad a call. Do yourself a favor and call on your Heavenly Father to thank him for his care and concern for you. You will be glad you did!

Blessings,

*Rev. Lisa Cook*

## **Vacation Bible School and the Summer Enrichment Program start this month!**

Both of these programs provide a service to our community and our children.

VBS begins June 20 and runs thru June 24th - Monday -Friday 9am to Noon

Summer Enrichment begins June 27th and runs thru August 5th—Monday-Thursday 9am to 4pm

***Please volunteer a bit of your time to keep these programs running!***

**J.A.M.**

**Sunday June 12th**

After your free meal, join us for a play by the 1st thru 3rd grade Sunday School class, along with a few of the older youth. This month's meal is hosted by the Membership Care Committee under the direction of Chef Boy R.W.

**C**ongratulations to Jeanette Nathan who will be married to David Leathorn on July 9th, 2011. The wedding will take place here at the church at 2:00 in the afternoon with a potluck following at their home. An invitation is on the bulletin board outside of the office



### The Bells have been ordered!

Many individuals, families and groups have been so very generous and I am so grateful for the support.

I am hoping more of you will sign up to sponsor a day for the bells to ring for your special person or occasion. Simply put your name on the line of the chart that is your date. You will be contacted when bells are playing again for more specific information. Example: I wrote Warnecke on September 3. This was my Mom's birthday. Then later the Carillon will be able to play Mom's favorite song on her day. The cost is \$25 for each time.

Thank you, Emily Warnecke

**Chuck  
Gaidica  
coming to  
preach**

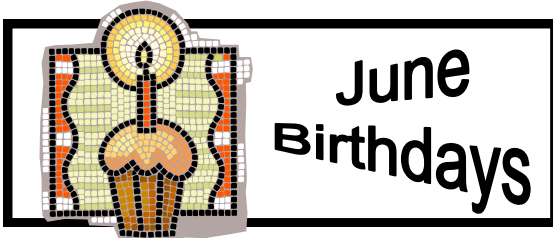


On June 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have a special guest preacher. Chuck Gaidica continues to have a long running career as the premiere Detroit area TV weatherman, and he is coming here to First United Methodist Church of West Branch to preach. He and his family are people of great faith. They love the Lord and they serve him. I first met Chuck as he and his wife, Susan, took the Disciple Bible Study course that I co-taught. They were committed students and delightful

members of the course. Chuck has gone on to do further studies in ministry and is growing to know what God's call on his life means for him and his family.

Chuck will preach at both services, 8:30 and 11 am, on June 5<sup>th</sup> and will help to serve communion. He is excited about coming up here to worship with us. You can tell others in our community, especially those who have retired from Down State who might have seen him on TV, that he is coming to our church. It would be nice to have two full congregations to worship with him on June 5<sup>th</sup>. I hope that we can all show him the hospitality of our faith as he worships with us.

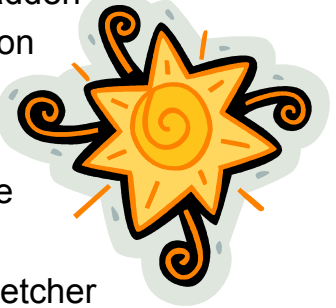
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- 3 Christopher Nolan  
 5 Dale Kennicott  
 6 Gary Hughey  
 9 Elizabeth Williams  
 10 Richard Knight  
 Erika VanGoethem  
 15 Janet Cook  
 Michael Timte  
 18 Marion Anderson  
 Guy Dean, Jr.  
 19 Tom Heitmuller  
 20 Joseph Clark  
 Greg DeMatio  
 22 Pat Janiszewski  
 Jane Lehman  
 23 Dylan Zaske  
 24 Jakub Rudnik  
 25 Christopher Nathan  
 26 Ed Crawford  
 27 Mary Chrysler  
 David Hickman  
 Lisa Remsing  
 30 Liz Remsing

## June Anniversaries

- 4 David and Yvonne Corey  
 8 Barbara and George Randall  
 13 Sherry and Allen Cascadden  
 14 Patricia and John Clayton  
 15 Rose and Rick White  
 18 Sherry and Guy Dean  
 Emily and Bill Warnecke  
 19 Marcia and Vern Smith  
 22 Marjorie and Richard Fletcher  
 23 Rosemary and James Beatty  
 27 Sarah and Timothy Dame  
 29 Janet and James Hasty



*If you don't find your name in the list of birthdays and/or anniversaries, let the office know!*

*Thank you*

Thank you to all for your calls, cards and visits during my illness. They were much appreciated.

Jackie Lewis

The Rummage sale was a BIG SUCCESS! Many people were blessed and many more will be as all the money goes to missions.

Thank you for providing food, for workers, helping set-up, working the sale, clean-up and shopping.

I appreciate you and the things you do so much...

Sherry Dean

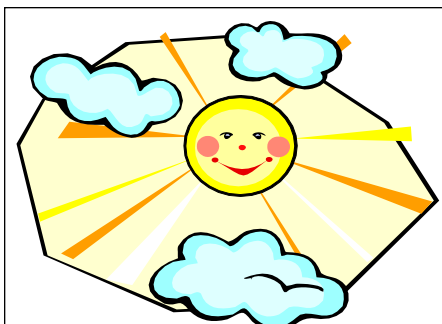
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*Thank you to our church family for the many cards, prayers and gifts given during our son Michael's battle with lung cancer.*

*The cancer might have destroyed his body but not his spirit or soul.*

*He will be missed by many.*

*Joanne and Ron Trombley*



# Youth News

## June

### 2011

Theresa Snider  
Director of Youth  
& New Church  
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Summer is fast approaching and with it comes much to do, Vacation Bible School, Senior High Mission Trip and Summer Enrichment Program just to name a few. We are still looking for volunteers for both Vacation Bible School and Summer Enrichment Program. On Sunday, May 15th, I attended the Site Director Training for the Mission Intern Program and it has been brought to my attention that this year we have stricter guidelines from the Detroit Annual Conference that require us to have more certified adult volunteers. If you have been through the protection training, received your certification and are available we could really use your help. If you have not been through the training but are willing to take it so that you can help please let me know as soon as possible. If we can get 4 certified people for full days or 8 certified people for half days to commit to one day a week, in addition to some help in the kitchen that would be all that it takes. Lack of volunteers for the Summer Enrichment Program may require us to limit the number of children who will be able to participate program and limit the before and after care that will be offered. This has been one of our major community outreach programs that has grown significantly in the 6 years it has been running. Please consider supporting these programs by volunteering today. The VBS volunteer sign up is located in the fellowship hall or you can call me to sign up for either program.

Thanks, *Theresa*

## Dates to Remember

**May 30th – June 3rd:** Theresa out of the office for 1st week of Mission Intern Training.

**June 4th: Youth and Young Adult Worker Day -** Midland FUMC 10AM to 3PM

**June 19th: Meet the Interns –** Both of our Interns for the Summer Enrichment Program will be at both services. Come learn a little bit about them.

**June 19th: Sr. High Mission Trip Begins -** Be sure to say farewell to the Sr. High Mission Group going to Saginaw and Ohio this week.

**June 20th: First Day of Vacation Bible School**

**June 24th: Last Day of Vacation Bible School**

**June 26th: Sr. High Mission Group Returns**

**June 27th: Summer Enrichment Program Begins**

**July 4th: No Summer Enrichment Program -** Due to Independence Day Holiday

A big THANK YOU goes out to all our supporters who attended the Operation Youth/ Mission Chili Fundraiser. THANKS to our chili chefs, Kay Davison, Charlotte Greig, Jim Manier, Nancy McLaughlin, Stacy Sabins, Rob Urbain and Bill Warnecke. Another big THANK YOU to our bakers, Naomi Bunting, Eve Chambers, Gail Curtis, Shirley McClenahan and Bob Steinhurst. Another big THANK YOU to our crafters, Rev. Lisa Cook, Nancy Hoxie, Peggy Hosfelt, Aemelia Manier, Emily Sabins, Riley Sabins, Theresa Snider and Adrien Stienhurst. THANKS to Phil Shaw for the use of his sound equipment and last but not least THANK YOU to our auctioneer Michael Pugh.

## 2011 Connectional Ministry Jubilee

How many Native American Ministries does the United Methodist Church support in Detroit Conference? (remember West Michigan and Detroit together make up the Detroit Conference)

TEN in West Michigan

1. Greensky Hill Indian Mission  
Charlevoix
2. Kewadian Indian Church  
Kewadian
3. Northport Indian Church  
Northport
4. Bradley Indian Church  
Allegan
5. Salem Indian Church  
Allegan
6. Pawating Magedwin UMC  
Grand Rapids
7. Chippewa Indian Church  
Mt. Pleasant
8. Oscoda Indian UMC  
Oscoda
9. Saganing Indian Church  
Standish
10. Zeba Indian UMC  
L'anse

Our church has chosen to support in our Conference.

Native American Leadership MJ  
-1119 \$50.00  
Oscoda Indian UMC  
MJ-1170 \$50.00  
Standish Indian Church  
MJ-1172 \$50.00  
Zeba Indian Church  
MJ-1171 \$50.00

*Please pray for these Native  
American Ministries*



## PRAYER CONCERNS

We have updated the Prayer concerns list, if you are listed below, and wish to continue on the prayer concern list, please call, email or drop a note at the office. When a prayer concern is received, our secretary will note the following information: date, contact person, their telephone number, and the person for whom we are praying. If after two weeks there has been no contact, we will call the contact person to see if they wish to continue on the list or are to be taken off.

*Membership Care Committee*

Kay Belanger  
Pat Clayton  
Kent Davison  
Rev. Bruce Denton  
Maxine Gehl  
Richard Gehl Jr.  
Ashleigh Kauffman  
Erma Krumm  
Tommy Libby  
Karrie Martis  
Heather Merrow  
Phyllis Morris  
Lewis Mounts  
Sarah Oliver  
Becky Parks  
Jim Routson  
Mary Vines  
Tracy White  
George Widrig

### Extended Care

Tracy Boks  
Helen Bullen  
Barb Brasseur  
Marie Dunn  
Ilah Hickman  
Irene Miller  
Charlotte Perdew  
Betty Richardson  
Jane Robbins  
Ruth Saari  
Elizabeth Wilcox

### Military

Sgt Rick K Glass  
BM2 Michael Kirchhoff  
LCPL Cooper S. Morse  
Sgt3 Brendan Pizzala  
David Trombley

*In Iraq:*

SSG Jay Hale

*Afghanistan:*

Sgt. William Klemmer  
Chad Hollobaugh

*Prayer is communication with the Divine.  
It can be whispered or chanted or written or expressed in the  
work you do. However it is expressed, it is never in vain.*

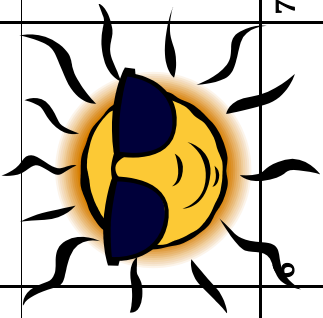
*~Donna Wilk Cardillo*

June 2011	5	12	19	26
Greeters 8:30	Phyllis & Burt Morris	The Orr Family	Rob Urbain	Helen and Dale Gardner
Greeters 11:00	Marlene Sawyer	Jim and Caroline Warren	Marion Forsyth Ruth Salisbury	Marcia Smith
Coffee Hour 8:30	Senior Breakfast	Zaske and Orr Families	Carol and Phil Shaw	Barb and Gary Hugh-ey
Coffee Hour 11:00	Kartes Family	Coon Family	Carol Ann Kapp	Naomi Bunting Eve Chambers
Nursery 8:30	Kerry Zaske	Clara Clark	Colleen VanGoethem	Rose White
Nursery 11:00	Eileen Howell	Cheryl McFarland	Liz Steinhurst	Sue Smith
Ushers 8:30	Ray Kelley and Jack Clayton			
Ushers 11:00	Jim and Caroline Warren			
Altar Flowers	Osterlands Melanie Nolan	Rose and Ricky White Emily and Bill Warnecke	The Zaske Family The Nathan Family	Emily and Bill Warnecke
Radio		Rose and Ricky White		
Lay Reader 8:30	Kerry Zaske	Beth Orr	Dave Hickman	Tom Zaske
Lay Reader 11:00	Nancy Inman	Nancy Inman	Nancy Inman	Nancy Inman

If you wish to sponsor a radio broadcast (\$65) or altar flowers (\$7.50/vase) please notify church office (345-0210) or place your name on sign-up sheet on entry bulletin board. You may take your flowers home following 11:00 service. Leave the white liners at church by using one of the large plastic cups found in the sacristy (hallway off front of sanctuary) and use white gloves to handle vases. *If you want 2 vases, please note this so others will know.* When you pay for them, please make notation on check or envelope that it is for flowers or radio; place in offering plate, mail or bring to the church office.

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# JUNE



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1 10am Bible Study 12:30 Swedish Weaving 7pm Trustees	2 1pm Worship Meeting 7pm Sweet Adelines	3	4	
5 Senior High Breakfast 9:45	7 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Kids Great Start	8 10am Bible Study 12:30 Swedish Weaving	9 10am Bible Study 12:30 Swedish Weaving	10 7pm Sweet Adelines	11		
12 12:15 Teacher Appreciation Lunch & Planning Meeting	13	14 1pm District Meeting	15 10am Bible Study 12:30 Swedish Weaving	16 7pm Sweet Adelines	17	18 High School Graduation	
19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 7pm Finance Meet	22 10am Bible Study 12:30 Swedish Weaving	23 7pm Sweet Adelines	24	25	
			Vacation Bible School 9-noon				
			Youth Mission Trip				
			Adult Mission trip to God's Country				
26	27	28	29 10am Bible Study 12:30 Swedish Weaving	30 7pm Sweet Adelines			
			Church Family Camping at Roberts Landing				
			Summer Enrichment				