

The Web News

of West Bloomfield UMC

May 2016

From Pastor Brian

Having just gotten back from Haiti, I'm grateful for all the support the church offered! I appreciate Pastor Brent leading worship on Sunday and "holding down the fort" here. I'm thankful for Pastor Chris and all the prayer team members for the strength of prayer. And I'm grateful for Kris Kissonergis sharing his heart and his voice and his faith by delivering the Sunday message. And thankful for the women's group for their support. Thank you to everybody!

The mission trip I took actually originated two years ago when the Methodist Church of Haiti and the Methodist Church of Michigan entered into a covenant partnership. We began asking what the church of Haiti truly needed, and they told us there are 300+ Methodist churches in Haiti, but only 14 seminary-educated pastors. That means most churches are led by laypersons, some of whom have no training at all.

So about a year and a half ago, two Haitian pastors, myself, and two other American pastors put together a plan for four weekend training sessions for local preachers covering four main topics – Old Testament, New Testament, Christian doctrine / theology, and preaching / worship leadership. After each weekend training, the local preachers take an exam. Those who pass all four exams will be certified as Local Lay Preachers. The hope is they can have 300 people certified at the huge bicentennial celebration of 200 years of Methodism in Haiti coming up in 2017.

Teams from Michigan already led the Bible training last year, so our task was to train the local preachers in worship leadership and preaching. Five of us from Michigan (me, plus pastors from Flint, Dixboro, Grand Rapids, and Pontiac) prepared seminars on the theology of worship, purpose of worship, planning of worship, conducting of worship, etc. Each seminar was emailed to Haiti a month ago so they could translate it into the Creole language and photocopy the handouts.

Because of all the advance preparation, the seminars went wonderfully! Of the six seminars we presented, the American pastors did three in English, translated into Creole by a Haitian seminary-educated pastor named Pastor Marco. The other three seminars were presented by the Haitian pastors. We couldn't understand most of it, but they seemed animated and the local preachers were all engaged, asking lots of questions and taking tons of notes.

The seminars were extremely well received, with one little mishap. The other American pastor included a reference to Ash Wednesday and altar candles in her seminar, and there was quite a murmur among the crowd. After a little powwow with her interpreter, she found out that candles are considered "too Catholic" so no Methodist Churches use them in Haiti. We had no idea! The interpreter explained to the local preachers that candles are acceptable in the U.S. and everything was fine.

I thought the most powerful moment was at the end of the seminars, just

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

as we were getting ready to break for lunch, then they'd reconvene to take the exam. All the pastors, American and Haitian, stood at the front of the room, and we all prayed in both English and Creole for the local preachers. It was an important recognition that we are truly partners as Methodist Churches seeking to impact the world for Christ, whether it's in Haiti or Michigan. And a powerful reminder that we are all doing the same work and serving the same God as we share God's love, spread God's message, build up God's Kingdom, and reconcile people to God through Christ!

On Sunday morning, we went out to Leon, a small town about an hour away. But even though it required 45 minutes of rocky roads to get there, the church was full, with over 150 people ready to worship! The pastor who was supposed to translate for me was sick, so our bus driver actually translated for me, and did a wonderful job. The liturgist was also fantastic, and I could recognize familiar worship elements like the Doxology, Lord's Prayer, and the 23rd Psalm. I could even sing along with "To God Be the Glory," one of my all-time favorite hymns!

As always, when we go out to do missions, we find ourselves blessed as well. Those of us on the trip didn't only give, but we received as well. On the bus ride back to the airport, one of the Methodist preachers was accompanying me. Two years ago, he felt led by God to organize a revival on the very western end of Haiti. After the three day revival, 35 people became Christian! About 30 of those 35 continued to meet, forming the nucleus of a brand new church. So, please be praying for Pastor Wilbins and his young congregation. He certainly inspired me and hopefully will influence the ministry God's able to do through us here in West Bloomfield!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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impact

youth ministry

May 1	Crop Walk
May 8	Teaching by Pastor Brian
May 14	Church clean up
May 15	Confirmation Sunday!
May 22	Teaching by Pastor Brian
May 29	Memorial Day Weekend
June	Relay for Life
June 19 - June 25	Youth Mission Trip

We are so excited. We will be teaming with youth from 3 other churches for a week of mission work in the Kewadin, Michigan area. There will be over 50 youth involved in this project to work and spread God's love.

Any questions, please call either Butch or Barb Johnson. Thank you to our congregation for helping to make this trip possible!

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The women's evening Bible study group meets every Monday evening at 7:00 PM at Jackie Beach's home. If you enjoy learning about the power and meaning of the scriptures and sharing how they impact your life, please plan to attend. All women are welcome! Contact Jackie for directions.

Women of West Bloomfield

The next meeting of the women of WBUMC will be on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 12 Noon in the church parlor.

May Bingo with the residents of the West Bloomfield Nursing and Convalescent Center is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2016 at 2 PM. Contact Pam Melton at 248-860-2952 with questions. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Four volunteers are needed.



MAY

- 3 Ilene Herdman
- 4 Tim McCabe
- 5 Jennifer Joseph
- 5 Fritz McMullen
- 8 Sarah Borns Mancini
- 11 Mya Wayne
- 14 Nicholas Joseph
- 14 Allan Herdman
- 15 Fred Maki
- 17 Doris Jefferies
- 20 Patricia Langner
- 22 Dorinda McMullen
- 23 Bob Clark
- 24 Pam Melton
- 27 Marica Bopp
- 28 Angela Hernandez
- 30 Brandon Wayne
- 31 Justin Kammerzell



- 9 Howard & Patricia Herbst II
- 11 Glenn & Jennifer Joseph
- 18 Gerry & Debbie Cochran
- 26 Fred & Bettye Maki

Progressive Dinner

The Adult Fellowship Committee is planning a progressive dinner for May 7, 2016 starting at 6:00 PM. Three homes have been generously opened for this event.

The first course, salad, will begin at 6:00 PM at the home of Kelly and Shawn Hoffman, 6798 Grassland in West Bloomfield.

The entrée will be at the home of Jackie and Bill Beach, 4416 Pine Tree in Orchard Lake.

Finally, the dessert will be hosted by Libby Beck at 266 Winslow Circle in Commerce Township.

Please sign up on the bulletin board for this fun evening. Detailed directions will be provided.

Missions Committee

The 5th Sunday loose change offering on May 29, 2016 will be donated to IALAC. The IALAC (I am Lovable and Capable) summer program is a community outreach ministry of Peoples United Methodist Church in Detroit.

For 38 years this program has provided creative learning experiences for youth. Tutoring, arts and crafts, music, sports, technology, and mentoring classes are offered. Field trips also include skating, fishing, swimming, bowling and going to the Detroit Zoo.

The vision is to create programs that provide a safe haven for community youth, a place where they can feel free to explore creative talents, and to provide techniques and strategies to resolve conflicts peacefully and foster self esteem and confidence.

Please save your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters for this May 29 loose change offering.

Parsonage Roof

Last fall, the Trustees determined that the parsonage needed a new roof, and the old roof was torn off and the new roof put on in December. After receiving several competitive bids, the total cost was \$6,480. While the church briefly considered financing the amount, the

Finance Committee decided to pay for it with cash, drawing down the "Capital Expenditures" reserves in the church's account.

To replenish these important reserves, the *Women of WBUMC* have been quite generous is donating \$1,000 toward paying for the roof. **We would like to replenish as much of the remaining \$5,480 as we possibly can, so if congregation members would like to contribute, please write a check with "Parsonage Roof" on the memo line.**



We will be participating in the **CROP HUNGER WALK** on May 1, 2016. There are several teams signed up to walk. We will be walking rain or shine so come prepared for the weather. On a much more positive note, remember to bring your sun screen as well! We are also asking you to bring your own refillable water bottle. There will be water available at all of the rest stops.

Teams will need to collect the money from their sponsors and using the envelope, turn it into the McMullens by May 29, 2016. Please make your check out to **CROP WALK/CWS**, not to the church. In addition, make sure you sign the lower left hand corner of your envelope before you turn in your donations.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all who participated either by walking or sponsoring walkers. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the McMullens at 248-363-8030.

Exercise Class

The women's exercise group will meet on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM at the church. Vicki Hernandez is the leader of this group. The men will meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesday nights at the church. Bill Beach leads the men's group.

Needed: Second Sunday Counter

We are looking for someone who would like to count on the second Sunday of the month. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Chewning or Dan Langford.

Farmington Community Band



Farmington Community Band is celebrating its 50th season with a concert at Orchestra Hall. If interested, this could be an excellent adult activity in June. Advance notice is needed for this concert. Join the 100 piece concert band, under the direction of Damien Crutcher, in *A Life Time Of Music*, with guest conductors H. Robert Reynolds and Dr. Ronnie Wooten, and Farmington Hills Harrison High School graduate, Bass Trombonist, George Curran, now a member of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. This is an event not to be missed! It is scheduled for Sunday, June 26 3:00 PM to be held at:

Orchestra Hall
Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Fisher Music Center
3711 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48201

Seating section:

Adult
Box \$50.00
Main Floor A \$25.00
Dress Circle \$20.00
Main Floor A Sides \$20.00
Main Floor B \$20.00
Main Floor B Sides \$15.00
Mid Balcony \$15.00
Upper Balcony \$10.00
Box Office
313.576.5111 Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm
Plus 2 hours prior to concerts *

Patricia McCabe has posted a sign up on the bulletin board to see if there is interest in attending this concert. I believe I can get a group rate if we have enough people interested.

May Choir & Bell Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals during the month of May will be held on Sundays after church at 11:45 AM on May 1 and 15, 2016

Bell Choir Rehearsal will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Relay for Life Pie Sale

The Pie sale to raise money for the West Bloomfield Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, May 28 from 10:00 AM until noon. Workers are needed at the sale and should arrive at the church at 9:00 AM. Pies can be baked at home but please make sure they are brought to the church by 9:00 AM.

There will be two pie workshops at the church prior to the sale. The pie crust workshop will be held on Monday, May 23 at 9:30 AM. Lunch will be provided. The pies will be baked on Friday, May 27th at 8:00 AM. All volunteers are welcome. Pie plates are available at church.

Open Door Spring Tea & Luncheon



**GET YOUR TICKETS
TODAY!**

**Open Door Spring Tea &
Luncheon**

Come join Open Door and our keynote speaker Nancy Coumoundouros who will be impersonating an American painter, Mary Cassatt for tea and lunch.

Monday May 9, 2016

1PM-3PM

DOORS OPEN AT 12:30PM

Roma Rose Gardens

7124 Cooley Lake Rd .

Waterford, MI 48327

\$25 TICKET

**RESERVE A TABLE FOR YOU AND YOUR
FRIENDS!**

Purchase tickets online, at resale store, or at
outreach center

*** Raffle Baskets***

**~ ALL TO BENEFIT OPEN DOOR IN FEEDING
THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY!~**

Kroger Community Rewards Program

It's time to enroll or re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. To do this you can go to your nearest Kroger Store and ask to sign up there, or you can visit the website at: www.krogercommunityrewards.com. You will be asked to enter your Kroger Plus card #. If you don't have one, you can get them from the Customer Service desk at any Kroger store. Click on SIGN UP TODAY, and go from there. Our church NPO number is 82773. During the last cycle our church received a small contribution from Kroger thanks to the enrollment of two households from our congregation.

Pictorial Church Directory

It is time for a new pictorial church directory! Our date for the photography is Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at church. Don't forget to sign up before or after church in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall or if you prefer, go on-line and sign up at ucdir.com, MI862, password wbm. We are tracking the on-line sign up list so as not to schedule two families in the same time slot. The last date for sign-up is May 3, 2016. Come wearing solid colors, especially medium to dark colors. Bright colors also look attractive. The sitting, viewing the proofs and selecting the one for the directory will take about 45-60 minutes. If you wish, you may order portraits to purchase at this time. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory. **There is no cost to you or the church.**

GOD SAVED US THROUGH THE WATER OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. Titus 3:5

CONFIRMATION



On Sunday, May 15th, we'll celebrate Confirmation Sunday! Five youth will be asked the question, "Do you choose the Christian faith for your life and your hope?" Those who affirm

their faith will be celebrated as Christians who have chosen Christ for themselves and will be received as full members of the church. It's the biggest decision these young people have been asked to make in their lives, and it's a decision we take very seriously as a church.

We recognize their decision isn't made in a vacuum. They've been nurtured and taught by the church's Christian education program. They've been mentored by parents and adults at the church. They've been part of the worship and fellowship and prayer and missions of the church. And their parents have demonstrated the Christian faith in action as role models. Confirmation doesn't introduce something new to their lives. Rather, it asks them to **confirm** the Christian faith that they've been taught since they were very young.

But it certainly is their decision. When I speak with each student, I emphasize that it's their choice to make. I'm not asking what their parents think or what the youth director or the pastor or the Sunday school teachers believe. I'm asking for them to express their genuine beliefs. And I'm careful not to water things down simply because they're young. If we believe they have the maturity to respond to such important questions, we need to ask the real questions of faith.

This means they take the exact same vows that Seth Hughes took when he was baptized last year. The exact same vows the Langfords took when they joined the church's membership earlier this year. They are asked to recognize the reality of evil and suffering in our world. They are asked if they reject those forces in the world and repent of them in their own lives. They are asked if they embrace Christ as their hope for salvation and trust in his grace. They are asked if they are willing to join the membership of the church, taking on the same responsibilities and receiving the same privileges as any other church member. Those who choose to will answer each question affirmatively!

It's an important decision for our youth to make. We know God has already said yes to them, and it's truly a great celebration when they choose to **say yes to God!!** Come on May 15th to celebrate!



Ushers

May 1	Ralph Worley Mark Borns Sean Hughes Joe Sutschek
May 8	Brent Webster Angela Hernandez Barbara Shoger Vance Shoger
May 15	Darwin Wayne Gary Langner Butch Johnson Dora Wayne
May 22	Vicki Hernandez Marty Bopp Dorinda McMullen Fritz McMullen
May 29	Joe Reese Alex Kissonergis Simon Kissonergis Bill Maman

Coffee Hour Hosts

May 1	Margaret Cantrell Jo Anna Risk Joanne Herbst Pamela Kimura
May 8	Kara & Rob Mulligan Ralph Worley
May 15	Melodie & Dan Langford Karen & Bill Sutherlin
May 22	Kelly & Shaun Hoffman Patricia & Tim McCabe
May 29	Levada Geisey Ilene Herdman Anne Harnden Bernie Westfall

Liturgist

May 1	Warren Johnson
May 8	Mary Webster
May 15	Pam Melton
May 22	Marty Bopp
May 29	Melodie Langford

Greeters

May 1	Bethany Johnson & Chris Voss
May 8	Ivy Naumah
May 15	Kathy Chewning & Naomi Morgan
May 22	Pam Kimura
May 29	Trika & Tim McCabe

Trustee on Duty

May 1	Wendy Kissonergis
May 8	Bill Beach
May 15	Fritz McMullen
May 22	Mark Borns
May 29	Glenn Joseph

Counters

May 1	Joe Sutschek & Ralph Worley
May 8	Kathy Chewning & Sulaiman Kamara
May 15	Tim McCabe & Gary Langner
May 22	Vicki Hernandez & Dan Langford
May 29	Di Ahmed & Kara Mulligan

Administrative Meetings

May 8	8:30 AM Board of Trustees
May 10	7:00 PM Finance Meeting 7:45 PM Church Council

Ways to Connect

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

Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Or call any time with emergencies or to schedule an appointment.

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Bishop Deborah Kiesey, Michigan

Area Bishop

Rev. Charles Boayue, Detroit Renaissance District

Superintendent

West Bloomfield UMC

May 2016

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	9:15 am Adult Class 10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids / Sprout 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal 1:00 pm CROP Walk	2-15 pm Bingo-WB Nursing & Convalescent Center 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm AI Aron Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	9:00 am Office Hours	6:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Office Hours 9:30 am Prayer Team 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Women's Exercise Group 7:00 pm Men's Exercise Group		9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting	6:00 pm Progressive Dinner
8	8:30 am Trustees 9:15 am Adult Class 10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids / Sprout	7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm AI Aron Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	9:00 am Office Hours 2:30 pm Picture Directory Photos 7:00 pm Finance Meeting 7:45 pm Church Council	6:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Office Hours 9:30 am Prayer Team 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Women's Exercise Group 7:00 pm Men's Exercise Group	7:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am Office Hours 7:00 pm Bridge AA Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	9:00 am Church Clean-up
15	9:15 am Adult Class 10:30 am Worship - Confirmation Sunday 10:40 am G3 Kids / Sprout 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am Pie Crust Workshop 10:00 am Mom's Club 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm AI Aron Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	9:00 am Office Hours	6:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Office Hours 9:30 am Prayer Team 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Women's Exercise Group 7:00 pm Men's Exercise Group		9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting	
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29	10:30 am Worship -5th Sunday Offering for "I Am Loveable and Capable"	7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 10:00 pm Memorial Day Observance at Pine Lake Cemetery 7:30 pm AI Aron Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	9:00 am Office Hours	6:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Office Hours 9:30 am Prayer Team 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Women's Exercise Group 7:00 pm Men's Exercise Group		9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting	



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