

# The Web News

of West Bloomfield UMC

June 2016

## From Pastor Brian

When I was a youth, we were fortunate enough to have a large basketball court right behind our house. Our subdivision had originally been a horse farm, but all that remained was a silo and a concrete slab where the barn had been. One summer, grandpa and I went out and painted lines on the concrete – free throw, 3-point, out-of-bounds, etc. At the end of the court, the hoop wasn't just one of those flimsy ones people put on their driveway. It was a nice regulation-height hoop with a solid metal post and a full-size backboard. For the cost of a gallon of paint and a new net, we had a pretty awesome half-court setup!

Because it was so close to our home, I'd spend **hours and hours** out there shooting jump shots and three pointers. Given all the time I spent on the court, you'd think I'd have gotten pretty good at basketball. And granted, I was pretty good at a couple things – namely, free throws and open jump shots. But even with all the practice I had, I was nowhere near good enough to be on the high school basketball team. Part of the problem was about natural talent. I wasn't totally uncoordinated, but I certainly didn't have the natural talent of a great athlete either. But that wasn't my biggest problem.

My biggest problem was that shooting hoops alone on an empty court didn't develop the skills I'd need to play on a team. For instance, I wasn't able to learn to pass the ball, rebound, play defense, dribble, run plays, etc. Those are skills you only learn from playing basketball with others. Also, I never learned new things from other players, so I'd develop bad habits and nobody was there to help me improve. Likewise, I never had a coach who could help guide me. And I never had any difficulty. With nobody guarding me, every shot was wide open, so I didn't learn how to play when things were tough. The result was I had skill in a couple narrow aspects of basketball, but wasn't very good at playing the overall game.

You can be a basketball player without a basketball team, but it's hard to become a well-rounded player by yourself. And you can be a Christian without a church, but your Christian faith will grow in certain areas while remaining stagnant in others. Reading the Bible by yourself is a quite different experience from learning from the wisdom of others and discussing the Scripture together. Worship is pretty limited when it's just you listening to gospel music in your car, versus the joyful praises of corporate worship of the entire church family. When you're struggling with your life or your faith or you face doubts or questions, having a church fellowship who encourages and guides you is tremendously valuable. Our ability to share God's love in tangible ways through missions is greatly enhanced when we coordinate our efforts rather than each of us using a purely individual approach.

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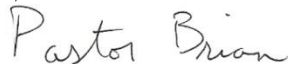
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West Bloomfield United Methodist Church seeks to show the love of God through worship, prayer, discipleship, and commitment.

This is the reason we asked the Confirmation students on May 15<sup>th</sup> two sets of questions. The first set of questions was about their beliefs and their trust in Christ as their savior. The second set of questions was about their involvement in the church. I've always felt it's important to ask the exact same questions of youth that we do of adults. After all, if we believe these teenagers have the maturity to answer important questions about their faith, we need to allow youth to fully answer the questions for themselves.

So these students have professed the same faith in Christ as have you and I. They've made the same commitment to the church, both contributing their presence and skills and gifts to the church as well as receiving the wisdom and guidance and support from the church. And as full church members, they have the same responsibilities and the same privileges as any other adult in the congregation. It's a big step for these youth, and it's the most significant question they've ever been asked to answer. That they'd boldly proclaim their faith and offer their commitment to the church is to be celebrated! Praise be to God!

Peace in Christ,



Pastor Brian

### **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.

### **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.



- June 5 Teaching by Pastor Brian
- June 11 & 12 Relay for Life
- June 12 Teaching by Pastor Brian
- June 19-June 25 Youth Mission Trip
- June 26 Teaching by Pastor Brian

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!

### **Women of West Bloomfield**

The next meeting of the women of WBUMC will be on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at 12 Noon in the church parlor.

June Bingo with the residents of the West Bloomfield Nursing and Convalescent Center is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2016 at 2:15 PM. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Four volunteers are needed.

### **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.



- 1 Calvin Cochran
- 2 John Hoover
- 8 Jerome Meldrum
- 9 Tracie Hoover
- 9 Julianna Kammerzell
- 10 Wendy Kissonergis
- 11 Vance Shoger
- 13 Chelsea Raye Melton
- 13 Miriam William
- 18 Melissa Mars
- 20 Evan Cantrell
- 20 Alex Kissonergis
- 22 Bob Westfall
- 22 Margaret Cantrell
- 23 Barbara Land
- 23 Kristofer Kissonergis
- 27 Stephen Mazurek



- Jerome & Rebecca
- 23 Meldrum

### Missions Committee

The CROP Walk, held on May 1, was a rousing success. Our church walkers, (23 hearty volunteers) raised \$2790.00 through their efforts. All total, \$30,000 was raised by the Farmington walk. Many thanks to Fritz and Dorinda for their excellent coordination and promotion of this mission project and to all members of the congregation supported the walkers in an effort to feed the hungry locally, nationally and around the world.

During the coming months, the the opportunities for involvement in the missions of the church include Red Bird 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering in July, the Heifer Project 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering in October, and projects to support NOAH,

Redford Brightmoor, the Methodist Children’s Home Society and Joy-Southfield Clinic. In addition, special UMC giving Sundays will be scheduled in the coming months. Stay-tuned for more information.

### 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 in 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.**

### West Bloomfield Relay for Life

The West Bloomfield Relay for Life will be held on June 11 & 12 this year. Melissa Kimura is again our Team Captain. We will be looking for walkers, help in the tent with the Photo Booth at the Relay and any item to decorate (A train theme). Luminaria are available for \$10.00. See Karen Sutherlin for information.

### Adult Fellowship Outing

Join us for lunch on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at the California Pizza Kitchen on Orchard Lake Road, South of 14 Mile. 20% of the proceeds from our lunch costs will be donated to the Relay For Life in our Team’s name. You will need to get a coupon, available at the church, in order for the team to get credit. If you can’t join us at Noon, you can participate any other time on June 12, 2016. All members, friends, families and individuals are invited.

## 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.

## 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: . 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.

## Choirs

There will be an extra choir rehearsal on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45 am. The choir plans to perform during worship on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Bell Choir will perform on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Warm up will be at 9:45 AM before worship. This will be the last performance of the Joyful Noise Bell Choir for this season.



### **Liturgist**

June 5 Warren Johnson  
June 12 Mary Webster  
June 19 Pam Melton  
June 26 Marty Bopp

### **Greeters**

June 5 Bethany Johnson & Chris Voss  
June 12 Ivy Nuamah  
June 19 Kathy Chewning & Naomi Morgan  
June 26 Pam Kimura

### **Trustee on Duty**

June 5 Ralph Worley  
June 12 Dan Langford  
June 19 Kay Reese  
June 26 Wendy Kissonergis

### **Counters**

June 5 Joe Sutschek & Ralph Worley  
June 12 Kathy Chewning & Sulaiman Kamara  
June 19 Tim McCabe & Gary Langner  
June 26 Vicki Hernandez & Dan Langford

### **Administrative Meetings**

June 12 8:30 AM Board of Trustees  
June 14 7:00 PM Finance Meeting  
7:45 PM Church Council

### **Ushers**

June 5 Ralph Worley  
Mark Borns  
Melodie Langford  
Joe Sutschek

June 12 Brent Webster  
Angela Hernandez  
Barbara Shoger  
Vance Shoger

June 19 Darwin Wayne  
Gary Langner  
Butch Johnson  
Dora Wayne

June 26 Vicki Hernandez  
Marty Bopp  
Dorinda McMullen  
Fritz McMullen

### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

June 5 Melodie & Dan Langford  
Karen & Bill Sutherlin

June 12 Kathy Chewning  
Naomi Morgan  
Di Ahmed

June 19 Becky & Jerome Meldrum  
Mary & Brent Webster  
Glenda & Jim White

June 26 Wendy & Simon Kissonergis  
Jennifer Joseph  
Jackie Beach

## 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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### Staff:

Rev. Brian William, Pastor

Jo Anna Risk, Administrative Secretary

Warren Johnson, Youth Director

Marty Mandelbaum, Music Director

David Carlson, Custodian

### Broader Church Connections:

Bishop Deborah Kiesey, Michigan

Area Bishop

Rev. Charles Boayue, Detroit Renaissance District

Superintendent

# West Bloomfield UMC

## June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 10:30 am Worship - 5th Sunday Offering - "I Am Lovable and Capable"	<b>30</b> Memorial Day 10:00 am Memorial Day observance at Pine Hill Cemetery 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Al Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	<b>31</b> 9:00 am Office Hours	<b>1</b> 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	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10:30 am Worship - Pentecost 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 2:00 pm Bingo - WB Nursing & Convalescent Center 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Al Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Office Hours	<b>8</b> 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	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Office Hours 7:00 pm Bridge 8:30 pm AA Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Relay for Life at West Bloomfield High School
<b>12</b> 9:45 am Choir Warm-up 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Lunch - California Pizza Kitchen	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Al Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Office Hours 7:00 pm Finance Meeting 7:45 pm Church Council	<b>15</b> 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	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:45 am Bell Choir Warm-up 10:30 am Worship - Peace with Justice Offering	<b>20</b> 10:00 am Men's Club 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Al Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	<b>21</b> 9:00 am Office Hours	<b>22</b> 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	<b>23</b> 3:00 pm Missions Meeting 7:00 pm Prayer Session	<b>24</b> 9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting	<b>25</b>
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