

# The Web News

of West Bloomfield UMC

October 2016

## From Pastor Brian

Last month, I shared a summary of John Wesley's sermon about Christian unity. In it, he laid out a brilliant argument:

- We believe all sorts of different things...
- ...and we think our beliefs are all true.
- At the same time, we know we're not perfect and know that some of our beliefs are mistaken...
- ...yet we don't know which beliefs are true and which aren't.

He concluded that the way to resolve this dilemma is to hold firmly to the beliefs we have, yet also have the humility to allow others to differ in their beliefs. When we do so, we find that we can learn from one another by hearing other perspectives, expanding our own understanding, and appreciating differing viewpoints. We also find that we're more unified. If we pretend there aren't any differences or we always "agree to disagree", it presents a superficial appearance of unity, but it's actually a false unity. But when we truly do recognize our differences without letting them divide us, we can be truly unified.

It's the prayer Jesus prayed for us so many years ago. In John 17, Jesus prays for all sorts of things for the church - "protect them," "guard them," "sanctify them in truth," "send them into the world," "they may have my joy," etc. But the prayer request that Jesus repeats four times is that "they may be one." The fourth time he says it, he includes an extra word - "they may be **completely** one." If Jesus repeats it four times, it must be important, but what does it mean to be completely one?

In the second half of Wesley's sermon on Christian unity, he offers his response to this question. He says it involves five things:

- 1) Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ?
- 2) Do you love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength?
- 3) Are you seeking to do not your own will, but God's will?
- 4) Do you love your neighbor as yourself, without exception?
- 5) Do you show your love by your actions? Do you do good to all neighbors or strangers, friends or enemies, good people and bad people?

There might be all sorts of things we could believe, but Wesley considered these the essential areas of agreement - believing in Christ, loving God, doing God's will, loving our neighbors, and putting that love into action. If we agree on these five things, then we can consider ourselves unified as a church.

But he also emphasized that unity is hard work! It wasn't just a matter of getting along and enjoying being together as a church. Wesley said if we're going to act as a unified church, we need to put it into action:

- 1) "First, love me. Love me as a brother in Christ. Love me with a love that is kind, tender, and compassionate. Bear my burdens with me." We need to

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

show true love, care, and kindness for one another if we are to unified!

2) "Secondly, commend me to God in all your prayers. Pray that the love of God and of all humanity may be poured into my heart." We're striving to be a prayer-focused church, and genuine prayers for one another are essential.

3) "Thirdly, provoke me to love and to do good works. Speak whatever you believe may amend my faults, strengthen my weakness, build me up in love, or make me more fit for God's use." Don't pull any punches. We need to be mature enough that we can correct one another when we're falling short of the love and goodness we've been called to. When we're unified, we have permission to challenge one another to become the best we can possibly be!

That's why we're focusing on being **ONE** throughout October. Even when we don't think alike, we will still love alike! Even when we're not of one mind, we will be of **ONE HEART!**

Peace in Christ,

*Pastor Brian*

Pastor Brian



October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Teaching Session with Pastor Brian
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Low Ropes
Sat., Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 AM	All-church Work Day
October 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Noon	Carpool to Wiard's Apple Orchard in Ypsilanti
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ornament making with Women's Group
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Teaching Session with Pastor Brian
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Dinner

## Women of West Bloomfield Family Event

Instead of a regular meeting of the Women of WBUMC on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, everyone is cordially invited to join in making ornament wreaths afterchurch. Lunch will be provided.

Bring 80-90 plastic ornaments which can be found at the Dollar Tree and other discount stores. The tops of the ornaments should be glued onto the ornament so that it doesn't pop off during the stringing.

The ornaments are simple and fun to make. One would look lovely in your home or would make a great gift! For questions, ask Margaret Cantrell.

## Bingo

Bingo at the West Bloomfield Nursing and Convalescent Home will be held Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. We'd love to have you help out! Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Pam Melton at 248-676-9243.

## 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.

## Exercise Class

The women's exercise group is on temporary hiatus. You will be notified when it will resume. The men will meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesday nights at the church. Bill Beach leads the men's group.

## Kroger Community Rewards Program

There is still time to enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. To do this you can go to your nearest Kroger Store and sign up at the customer service desk, or you can visit the website at: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). You will be asked to enter your Kroger Plus card number. 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 (non-profit organization) 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.

## Music Director Announcement

We're happy for our music director, Marty Mandelbaum, but sad for our church! After 11 years of sharing his musical talents with us, Marty has accepted a position as music director at another church. October 2<sup>nd</sup> will be his final worship service with us, so we hope you'll be at church to enjoy his music and join us in celebrating his time here and encouraging him in his new endeavors. Later on, he'll join us for the Harvest Dinner at Noon on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, so we can have a reception for him in appreciation for his musical contributions.

## Harvest Dinner



The youth-sponsored Harvest Dinner will be Sunday, November 6 immediately following worship. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and join us for a delicious dinner.



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- 2 Dorothy Maman
- 2 Bentley Wayne
- 9 Jo Anna Risk
- 9 Evalyn Hughes
- 10 Kady Hoffman
- 12 Junior Kamara
- 12 Abigail Wayne
- 13 William Sutherlin
- 15 Gerry Cochran
- 16 Ann Sutschek
- 17 Simon Kissonergis
- 20 Barb Johnson
- 23 Bernie Westfall
- 25 Pam Kimura
- 25 Levada Geisey



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## Missions Committee



This month, the Mission Committee will be conducting another 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday noisy offering to support the Heifer Project. The children in Sunday School classes will be asked to choose which animals they wish to purchase to send to communities and villages where they are needed.

Our Holiday offerings will be used to support the NOAH project, Methodist Children's Home Society, and the Joy Southfield Health Clinic. Stay tuned for more information on how you can help participate in ways to serve God's family through worthwhile mission programs locally, in this country, and around the world.

## From the Memorial Committee

We welcome gifts as memorials for those who have been a special part of your life and have now made the journey to the kingdom of God. When possible, memorial gifts will be used according to the wishes of the family. When it is not possible to receive input from the family, the memorial committee will recommend to the Church Council appropriate use of memorial gifts.

In addition to memorials, we welcome gifts to be made in honor of someone who has touched your life or for any blessing in your life. When you are giving such a gift, please feel free to designate a special area that is in need of additional support (Penzien Parlor, Christian Education, etc.)

We invite you to take a look at the Memorial Book. If you find something that needs to be corrected (added, deleted or changed) please contact the Church Office. They will attempt to make the necessary corrections.

We thank you for your loving support of the West Bloomfield United Methodist Church.

## From the Education Committee

What a wonderful time we had at the picnic luncheon, with the Bounce House/Slide, and in the play area outside. A huge thank you to the people who worked in the kitchen (Led by Barb and Butch), those who planned and worked at Sunday School registration and those who manned the outside activities. I love the way they gave up their own picnic time to love the children by giving them a safe and happy place to play.

**Something "New" has been added:** The first Sunday of each month (beginning in October), we will be celebrating birthdays of all the children who will have a birthday that month in both the G-3 Kids class and the Sprouts room. Each class will have its own birthday celebration. We'll sing Happy Birthday to each child who has a birthday that month. After the singing, he/she may pick a small gift from a basket to take home.

During the months of October and November there are opportunities to bring the love of Jesus to the children in our church, our neighborhood and abroad. Soon we will have two opportunities to do just that:

1. We have four Sundays to bring in new Hats, Gloves, Mittens and Scarves for children and youth who need them for the winter. Bring them in and hang them from the clothes lines on the back wall of the sanctuary. **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the first collection day. And **October 30<sup>th</sup>** is the last. Last year we took 127 winter outerwear items to Baldwin in Pontiac before the cold weather settled in.

2. **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** is the kick-off day of "Operation Christmas Child." We fill Christmas-wrapped shoe boxes with items for children in America and all over the world. These children have never received Christmas gifts. Booklets that tell them about the love of Jesus are also included. This year, our education department is purchasing pre-printed decorative shoe boxes from



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

October

Operation Christmas Child. The cost is low for 100 shoe boxes (minimal order). This will eliminate the hassle of wrapping boxes with Christmas paper. We'll have these boxes available as soon as they arrive so that you will have a longer period of time to shop and to take in the beginning of school sales. You may still use your own shoe boxes or plastic boxes if you prefer. The last day to bring your shoe boxes to church is **November 20<sup>th</sup>**. An information table will be set up in the narthex closer to the kick-off date.

In addition, the children are being asked to select an animal or (animals) to purchase for the Heifer Project, a special missions program that this church sponsors. The collection for this project will be held during the October 30 Noisy Offering during worship.

Dorothy Maman, Ed. Chair

## Adult Activity October 15, 2016

### Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery

Get your deer stalker caps on-the play's afoot! Comedic genius Ken Ludwig transforms Arthur Conan Doyle's classic *The hounds of Baskervilles* into a murderously funny adventure. The male heirs of the Baskerville line are being dispatched one by one. To find their killer, Holmes and Watson must brave the desolate moors before a family curse dooms its newest heir. Watch as our intrepid investigators try to escape a dizzying web of clues, silly accents, disguise, and deceit as five actors portray more than 40 characters.

Please notify Trika McCabe by October 7, 2016 if you are interested. Tickets cost \$42.00 unless 15 people sign up, then a group rate will be applied. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**Oakland University**  
207 Wilson Hall  
Rochester, MI 48309  
[Get Directions](#)  
Phone number (248) 377-3300

### Liturgists

October 2	Charlotte Langford
October 9	Kevin Mulligan
October 16	Vance Shoger
October 23	Pam Melton
October 30	Jim White

### Greeters

October 2	Ivy Nuamah
October 9	Ralph Worley
October 16	Di Ahmed
October 23	Gary Langner
October 30	Bob Brewster

### Trustee on Duty

October 2	Wendy Kissonergis
October 9	Bill Beach
October 16	Dan Ducu
October 23	Fritz McMullen
October 30	Mark Borns

### Counters

October 2	Joe Sutschek & Ralph Worley
October 9	Kathy Chewing & Sulaiman Kamara
October 16	Tim McCabe & Gary Langner
October 23	Vicki Hernandez & Dan Langford
October 30	Di Ahmed & Kara Mulligan

### Administrative Meetings

October 9	8:30 AM Board of Trustees
October 11	7:00 PM Finance Meeting
October 11	7:45 PM Church

## Ushers

October 2      Ralph Worley  
Mark Borns  
Melodie Langford  
Joe Sutschek

October 9      Brent Webster  
Angela Hernandez  
Barbara Shoger  
Vance Shoger

October 16     Darwin Wayne  
Gary Langner  
Butch Johnson  
Dora Wayne

October 23     Vicki Hernandez  
Marty Bopp  
Dorinda McMullen  
Fritz McMullen

October 30     Joe Reese  
Ivy Nuamah  
Simon Kissonergis  
Bill Maman

## Coffee Hour Hosts

October 2      Barb Carlson  
Barb & Butch Johnson  
Libby Beck

October 9      Kay Reese  
Mirella & Dan Ducu

October 16     Margaret Cantrell  
Pam Kimura  
Joanne Herbst  
Jo Anna Risk

October 23     Kara & Rob Mulligan  
Ralph Worley

October 30

Melodie & Dan Langford  
Karen & Bill Sutherlin

## 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 David Bard, Michigan

Area Bishop

Rev. Charles Boayue, Detroit Renaissance District  
Superintendent

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>25</b> 9:15 am Adult Class 9:45 am Bell Choir Warm up 10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids &amp; Sprout classes 12:00 pm Impact Youth-Cross Roads for Youth Adventure Center 12:00 pm Women of West Bloomfield</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Al Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:00 am Office Hours</p>	<p><b>28</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Office Hours 9:30 am Prayer Team 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Exercise Group</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:15 pm Staff-Parish Relations Meeting with Rev. Boayue 7:00 pm Church Conference</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>
<p><b>2</b> <b>Collection of hats, scarves, &amp; gloves begins</b> 9:15 am Adult Class 10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids &amp; Sprout classes 12:00 pm Impact Youth - Teaching with Pastor Brian</p>	<p><b>3</b> 2:00 pm Bingo @ W. B. Convalescent Center 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Al Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:00 am Office Hours</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Office Hours 9:30 am Prayer Team 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Exercise Group</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> 8:30 am Trustees 9:15 am Adult Class 10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids &amp; Sprout classes 12:00 pm Impact Youth - Low Ropes</p>	<p><b>10</b> 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Al Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:00 am Office Hours 7:00 pm Finance Meeting 7:45 pm Church Council</p>	<p><b>12</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Office Hours 9:30 am Prayer Team 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Exercise Group</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:00 am Office Hours 7:00 pm Bridge AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b> 8:00 pm Adult Activity - Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery</p>
<p><b>16</b> 9:15 am Adult Class 10:30 am Worship - Rev. Chris White preaching 10:40 am G3 Kids &amp; Sprout classes</p>	<p><b>17</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</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9:00 am Office Hours</p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Office Hours 9:30 am Prayer Team 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Exercise Group</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> 9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:00 am All-Church Clean-Up 12 pm Youth carpool to Ward's Apple Orchard</p>
<p><b>23</b> <b>Operation Christmas Child begins</b> 9:15 am Adult Class 10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids &amp; Sprout classes 12:00 pm All-church Clean-Up 12:00 pm Ornament Making Workshop</p>	<p><b>24</b> 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Al Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9:00 am Office Hours</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Office Hours 9:30 am Prayer Team 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Exercise Group</p>	<p><b>27</b> 3:00 pm Missions Meeting</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
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