

The Web News

of West Bloomfield UMC

May 2017

From Pastor Brian

I love the end of John's Gospel. He celebrates the resurrection in Chapter 20, but he doesn't end there. In Chapter 21, three important things happen:

- Jesus asks Peter three times if Peter loves Jesus. Peter affirms that he does, and each time, Jesus responds, "Feed my sheep." Since Peter is referred to as the rock on which Jesus would build his church, I really see this as the mission Jesus gives to Peter for the church. Not merely an institutional structure or a religious movement or a set of dogmas, but the church as the place where God's people are fed and nurtured and cared for and where we grow and mature and live out our faith more fully.
- Jesus offers the same instruction as he did at the very beginning of his ministry: "Follow me." This simple statement shows that Jesus' ministry is not ending, but he still has work remaining. Our collective mission is to continue trusting and believing in Christ and following him even today.
- John finishes his gospel by writing "Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written." John is saying that Jesus had many other amazing deeds, and that Jesus will continue to do amazing things in our world - so many we could never contain them all!

Between these three statements in the final chapter of John, it's clear that it's not the ending of the story. Rather, it's "to be continued..." Jesus' ministry isn't over. It continues! Jesus' life isn't over. It continues! Jesus' love hasn't stopped. It continues!

It continues in the eternal life Christ himself has and that Christ offers us. And in a very real way, it continues in the church. And in a literal sense, John himself continues in the three letters he writes to the early church, 1st John, 2nd John, and 3rd John. That's why we're taking the month of May to look at the letter of 1st John and see how we as the church get the awesome opportunity to continue the work that Jesus began.

We'll see how we can shine the light of Christ into a darkened world. We'll see how we put our faith into action and walk in the light of Christ. We'll rely on the promise Christ made to us to forgive us when we're honest about our own brokenness and flawed nature. We'll see how the love Christ showed to us is now to be shared with all humanity by following his command to "love one another". And we'll celebrate how we share in the victory of faith and the life in Christ that is victorious over death itself!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Brian

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

impact youth ministry



- May 6, 9 AM - Noon Church Clean-Up
- May 7, 1 PM Crop Walk, First UMC, Farmington
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 21, 6 PM Youth Sexuality Dialogue
- May 28 Memorial Day

Come and join us. We have lots of fun!

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 women of WBUMC will continue to meet for their regular business meeting on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12 Noon except that there will be no meeting in May because of Memorial Day. The next meeting will be held on June 25th at Noon.

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
- 24 Pam Melton
- 27 Marcia Bopp
- 28 Angela Hernandez
- 30 Brandon Wayne
- 31 Justin Kammerzell



MAY

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

All Church Clean-up

The all-church clean up will be held Saturday, May 6th, 2017. Please bring yard tools and cleaning supplies to help with this effort.



LAST CHANCE TO JOIN TEAM WBUMC **CROP HUNGER WALK 2017**

The **2017 CROP HUNGER WALK** will be on Sunday, May 7th. Please put that very important date on your calendars. By participating in the **CROP WALK** you will make a **huge** difference in the lives of many around the world and the United States. We are still signing up WBUMC team walkers and sponsors. We also have information for you to sign up online to join our team or donating. If you cannot walk, please consider sponsoring our walkers with your donations. **Please join us as we all make a difference!!**

Questions?? Contact Fritz or Dorinda McMullen
248-363-8030

Michigan Week Hidden Treasures Honor Roll

At this year's Michigan Week Breakfast, one of our own will be recognized as a Hidden Treasure. Dorothy Maman has been nominated by our Church leadership to receive special recognition and to become a part of the Hidden Treasure Honor Roll.

As Education Chair, Dorothy has been tireless in her devotion to the children and youth of this church and has developed programs that serve our young in excellent fashion. She will receive special recognition at the Michigan Week breakfast on May 19th, 2017, at 7:15 AM in the Orchard Mall. A group from the WBUMC

congregation will be in attendance to help honor Dorothy and help her celebrate this special award.

Relay for Life

This year's West Bloomfield Relay for Life **"Hoedown for Hope"** will be held at Saint Mary's Preparatory High School on Commerce Road (Corner of Orchard Lake Road) on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017 from 10:00am until 12 midnight. There will not be an overnight stay this year.

Some of the events planned for the Relay include a cook-off, bring dogs to Bark for Life, a kids craft area, a bounce house, square dancing, a talent show, a mechanical bull 😊, hay rides, donations of crafts for U of M Mott kids to do (glue, paper, etc.) and much, much more.

WBUMC will be doing the photo booth again this year. Melissa Kimura, our team captain, needs help with this event. It has been suggested that we have bales of hay for the booth and design it to look like a barn. We will take donated western attire for folks to dress in for their pictures, hats, and maybe costumes made with Velcro so a changing area is not necessary.

The Survivor/caregiver dinner is May 17th. Invitations have been sent out for this. Please invite anyone that might want to attend. It is free.

There will be a **Relay Pie Sale** on Saturday, May 27th from 10 AM until 12 Noon at the church. The Pie crust workshop will be on Tuesday May 16th at 9:00 AM and the Pie Workshop to finalize the amazing pies will be held on Friday, May 26th at 9:00 AM. People are welcome to bake pies at home and bring them to the Pie Sale by 9:30 AM on Saturday.

If you wish to help with selling **luminaria** to honor survivors, support those fighting the good fight, and memorialize those whom we have lost, please let Melissa know. They are \$10.00 each and can be purchased at church or at the tent at the event. The children have decorated several in the past or you are welcome to decorate them yourselves. If you sign up as a team member on line at:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RLCY17LS?pg=entry&fr_id=81430 you can

receive your Relay tee shirt. Go to join event. Create a log in. Our team's name is West Bloomfield United Methodist Church or WBUMC.

If anyone knows of a business that would like to support our team this year, please contact Melissa.

Please contact Melissa or the church office if you can help. If you want to attend the next planning meeting with Melissa, she would love the company. This is a massive undertaking for one person. We all need to pitch (no pun intended) in and help!! WBUMC is one of the last churches to be a part of this community event and it is a great way to be involved and support folks battling cancer here and elsewhere.

Music Director Update

A quick update on how things are coming along with the music director search. The Search Team has made really good progress, truly taking time to explore the deeper meaning of worship and discovering the significance of music as part of worship.

Then we've been utilizing numerous publicity outlets, from Facebook to the Detroit Organist Guild to college music programs to area churches. We received several good responses, with two individuals who were interviewed last month. The Search Team didn't rule out either of these individuals, but felt we should continue looking.

We've continued to make new contacts with prospects, and we're in conversation with one potential applicant, so the process continues! Please be praying for the process and pray for God to bring the right person to help enhance our worship through music.

Adult Activity

The May Adult fellowship activity will be dinner and the Farmington Players performance of Monty Python's Spamalot on the 21st of May. Tickets are \$14-18 and a sign up list is on the bulletin board.



Liturgist

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| May 7 th | Shaun Hoffman |
| May 14 th | William Sutherland |
| May 21 st | Harry Ducu |
| May 28 th | Ralph Worley |

Greeters

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| May 7 th | Jim & Glenda White |
| May 14 th | Joanne Herbst |
| May 21 st | Vance & Barbara Shoger |
| May 28 th | Jerry & Doris Jefferies |

Trustee on Duty

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| May 7 th | Fritz McMullen |
| May 14 th | Kay Reese |
| May 21 st | Mark Borns |
| May 28 th | Bill Beach |

Counters

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| May 7 th | Joe Sutschek Ralph Worley |
| May 14 th | Kathy Chewing Sulaiman Kamara |
| May 21 st | Tim McCabe Gary Langner |
| May 28 th | Vicki Hernandez Dan Langford |

Administrative Meetings

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

Ushers

May 7th Ralph Worley
Mark Borns
Sean Hughes
Joe Sutschek

May 14th Barb Shoger
Vance Shoger
Wisam Jirjis
Brent Webster

May 21st Darwin Wayne
Butch Johnson
Gary Langner
Dora Wayne

May 28th Vicki Hernandez
Marty Bopp
Dorinda McMullen
Fritz McMullen

Coffee Hour Hosts

May 7th Barb & Vance Shoger
Dorothy & Bill Maman
Gary Langner & Karen Mitchell

May 14th Kathy Chewning
Naomi Morgan
Di Ahmed
Diane White

May 21st Becky & Jerome Meldrum
Mary & Brent Webster
Glenda & Jim White

May 28th Wendy & Simon Kissonergis
Jennifer Joseph
Jackie & Bill 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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Rev. Brian William, Pastor
Jo Anna Risk, Administrative Secretary
Warren Johnson, Youth Director
David Carlson, Custodian

Broader Church Connections:

Bishop David Alan Bard, Michigan Area
Rev. Charles Boayue, Detroit Renaissance District Superintendent

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 10:30 am Worship - Noisy Offering! 10:40 am G3 Kids & Sprout classes 12:00 pm Creative Gift-Giving Seminar | 1 2:00 pm Bingo at West Bloomfield Nursing and Convalescent Center 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Al Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting | 2 9:00 am Office Hours | 3 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 | 4 | 5 9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting | 6 9:00 am All-Church Clean-Up |
| 7 8:30 am Trustees Meeting 9:15 am Adult Class 10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids & Sprout classes 1:00 pm CROP Walk | 8 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Al Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting | 9 9:00 am Office Hours 7:00 pm Finance Meeting 7:45 pm Church Council | 10 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 | 11 | 12 9:00 am Office Hours 7:00 pm Bridge 8:30 pm AA Meeting | 13 |
| 14 9:15 am Adult Class 10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids & Sprout classes | 15 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Al Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting | 16 9:00 am Office Hours 9:00 am Pie Crust Workshop | 17 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 | 18 | 19 7:15 am Michigan Week 9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting | 20 |
| 21 9:15 am Adult Class 10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids & Sprout classes 11:45 am Discover WBUMC 6:00 pm Youth Sexuality Dialogue 6:00 pm Adult Activity - "Spamalot" | 22 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Al Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting | 23 9:00 am Office Hours | 24 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 | 25 3:00 pm Missions Meeting | 26 9:00 am Office Hours 9:00 am Pie Workshop 8:30 pm AA Meeting | 27 10:00 am Pie Sale |
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