

The Web News

of West Bloomfield UMC

June 2017

From Pastor Brian

Each year, I meet with the District Superintendent, Rev. Charles Boayue, who is responsible for oversight over all the United Methodist churches in Southeast Michigan, including ours. He was excited to hear how the multi-ethnic vision is becoming a reality here at West Bloomfield UMC.

The main reason I have such hope for efforts to become more fully multi-ethnic here at West Bloomfield UMC is that we seem to keep a good balance between honoring our individual characteristics while also celebrating what keeps us unified as one. When we celebrated Sierra Leone in April, we did so to honor the Kamara family and give thanks for Sulaiman and Kumba's presence in our church. During the service, there was a video featuring a prayer and footage from Sierra Leone, and it was clearly very emotionally powerful for Kumba. When Rev. Boayue heard about it, he said that those special moments are important for the people already within the church being honored as well as for the word of mouth they generate, since he predicted Kumba would share with other friends from Sierra Leone – "My church is so awesome they honored my ethnic heritage! It might be the only church in the state of Michigan to truly honor the people of Sierra Leone that way!" It's just one example, but it shows why these ways to honor one another are so important, and it's why throughout the year I hope to find ways to honor many ethnic heritages – Iraqi, British, Nigerian, Canadian, Romanian, American, etc.

At the same time as we honor our differences, we also celebrate what unifies us. On Easter Sunday, the most powerful thing that happened wasn't in worship. Marina Pesserl has been grieving the death of her daughter, Diana, since last December, and on Easter she sat next to Di Ahmed. But Marina found her emotions overwhelming and made her way to the narthex. Di followed her, offering sincere comfort and support. Her concern for Marina wasn't based on Di originating from England or Marina originating from Argentina. It wasn't based on skin color or native language. It was entirely about the concern and care one woman showed to another who is genuinely grieving and is in need of comfort. Again, it's one example, but we see many such examples of love that bridges ethnic differences within our church.

That's why I'm so hopeful. We can honor our differences and give thanks for the distinct personality, ethnicity, life experience, and background that each one of us brings. **And** we can show genuine love for one another that binds us all together in the love of Christ. Our church does both of these things well, and we will continue to do so as we seek to become a Christ-centered community of faith that more fully includes all members of our West Bloomfield community.

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

June 4 Relay for Life
 June 11 TBA
 June 18 TBA
 June 25 TBA

Come and join us. We have lots of fun!

Monday Night Women’s Bible Study

The women’s evening Bible study group is currently on hiatus. Plans for future meetings are underway, Stay tuned for more information>

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.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 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 Margaret Cantrell
- 23 Barbara Land
- 23 Kristofer Kissonergis
- 27 Stephen Mazurek



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 23 Jerome & Becky Meldrum

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 3, 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 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.

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/RFLCY17LS?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.

Bingo

Don't forget to sign up to help with Bingo at the West Bloomfield Nursing and Convalescent Home on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 2PM. The residents really enjoy the interaction with visitors from our church.



The CROP Hunger Walk held on May 7th was a community-wide event sponsored by Church World Service and organized by multiple local congregations in Farmington Hills & West Bloomfield to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs something CWS has learned through some 70 years of working in partnership around the world. In addition, 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community.

This year, 25 walkers from our church participated, raising a total of \$3,380.00 to alleviate hunger here and abroad! **HUGE** thank you to everyone who walked and everyone who contributed!!



Ushers

June 4 Ralph Worley
 Mark Borns
 Sean Hughes
 Joe Sutschek

June 11 Barb Shoger
 Vance Shoger
 Wisam Jirjis
 Brent Webster

June 18 Darwin Wayne
 Butch Johnson
 Gary Langner
 Dora Wayne

June 25 Vicki Hernandez
 Marty Bopp
 Dorinda McMullen
 Fritz McMullen

Coffee Hour Hosts

June 4 Dorinda & Fritz McMullen
 Pam Melton
 Dora & Darwin Wayne

June 11 Barb Carlson
 Barb & Butch Johnson
 Libby Beck

June 18 Kay Reese
 Mirella & Dan Ducu

June 25 Margaret Cantrell
 Joanne Herbst
 Pam Kimura
 Jo Anna Risk

Liturgist

June 4 Vicki Hernandez
June 11 Kay Ducu
June 18 Glenn Joseph
June 25 Mary Webster

Greeters

June 4 Dora & Darwin Wayne
June 11 Di Ahmed
June 18 Diane White
June 25 Dave & Barb Carlson

Trustee on Duty

June 4 Ralph Worley
June 11 Dan Ducu
June 18 Wendy Kissonergis
June 25 Glenn Joseph

Counters

June 4 Joe Sutschek
 Ralph Worley
June 11 Kathy Chewning
 Sulaiman Kamara
June 18 Tim McCabe
 Gary Langner
June 25 Vicki Hernandez
 Dan Langford

Administrative Meetings

June 11 8:30 AM Trustees Meeting
June 13 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

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids & Sprout classes	29 10:00 am Memorial Day Service 7:30 pm AI Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	30 9:00 am Office Hours	31 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	1 Pastor Brian at Annual Conference	2 9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting Pastor Brian at Annual Conference	3 10:00 am Relay for Life Pastor Brian at Annual Conference
4 10:30 am Worship – Rev. Brent Webster preaching 10:40 am G3 Kids & Sprout classes Pastor Brian at Annual Conference	5 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm AI Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	6 9:00 am Office Hours	7 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	8	9 9:00 am Office Hours 7:00 pm Bridge 8:30 pm AA Meeting	10
11 8:30 am Trustees 10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids & Sprout classes	12 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm AI Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	13 9:00 am Office Hours 7:00 pm Finance Meeting 7:45 pm Church Council	14 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	15	16 9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting	17
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25 10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids & Sprout classes 12:00 pm Women of West Bloomfield	26 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm AI Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	27 9:00 am Office Hours	28 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	29	30 9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting	1



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