

The Web News

From Pastor Brian

of West Bloomfield UMC

February 2018

Before our mission team left for Haiti, I asked for your prayers for the ministry we shared. I suggested using the prayer from Ephesians 3:

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:14-21)

That was precisely what I believe we offered in Haiti! Yes, we could relay the numbers – hundreds of patients seen, hundreds of pounds of medical supplies delivered, hundreds of dollars of additional medicines purchased in Haiti, and so on. And those numbers are important, because those numbers represent real people whose lives were improved.

And in addition, as the Ephesians passage describes, we hope that our mission team’s efforts helped people experience more fully “the height and depth and breadth and length” of God’s love for them. We hope that through our service they (and we!) “may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Because we realize that’s what lasts. We are fully aware that the illnesses we treated was a temporary treatment. (Although in a sense, all medical care is temporary – the doctor may treat my headache today but I can still develop a stomach ache tomorrow!) But God’s love is eternal. Di Ahmed has told us a story about a loaf of bread she gave to somebody she saw in desperate need in India many, many years ago. The bread itself is long gone, but Di still recalls the man’s smile when he received the bread. And maybe that man recalls the generosity of a stranger when she gave it to him.

Long after the supply of medications we delivered has been consumed, we hope the people we served will remember how God’s love was shared by the mobile medical team – both the team members from Michigan **and** the team members from Haiti. Yet, ultimately, we hope that just as the Ephesians passages says, all glory will go to God – the God who might “work within us to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine.”

We hope you’ll join us on Sunday, February 11th when we’ll share some of the stories and photos from our time in Haiti during the worship service. Haiti won’t be the focus of the entire service, but we will take a bit of time to share our work and to celebrate the ministry.

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.

SUPER "SOUL" SUNDAY

Are you ready for some football?!
Are you ready for some worship?!

On February 4th, the biggest sporting event of the year takes place. And here at church, we'll be embracing the fun and festivities with Super "SOUL" Sunday. At 10:30 AM, we'll have football-themed worship, finding fun ways to deliver a meaningful and inspirational gospel message while we connect it with a football theme. Then at noon, we'll enjoy tailgating food as well as fun and games for all ages.

So what can you do to make this a fun event? We're hoping you will:

- Bring your favorite tailgating food to share chips & dip, wings, guac, chex mix, carnitas, etc. – whatever your family munches on during the big game!
- Wear your favorite team's apparel – NFL, college, your old jersey from high school – as long as it's football, it's good! (And we'll even let you wear Tigers or Redwings gear if you'd prefer!)
- Bring a friend! This will be a great opportunity to invite somebody to a very special event that's both fun & meaningful.



Wednesday, February 21	West Bloomfield United Methodist
Wednesday, February 28	Spirit of Grace 2399 Figa Avenue
Wednesday, March 7	Mary Freed Memorial Concert at 7 PM (no dinner before, refreshments after) Holy Spirit Lutheran 4800 Orchard Lake Road
Wednesday, March 14	Pine Hill Congregational 4160 Middlebelt Road
Wednesday, March 21	The Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King 5300 West Maple Road



February 4 Super Soul Sunday

February 25 Bible Study with Pastor Brian

Women of West Bloomfield

The next regular meeting of the Women of WBUMC will be held on Sunday, February 25 at Noon. All women are cordially invited to join.

Bingo

Bingo at West Bloomfield Nursing and Convalescent Center on Maple Road has begun again. The February session is on the 5th at 2:15 PM. Bingo is fun and the residents love it. Come join us. Look for the 2018 schedule on the bulletin board soon. Please sign up or contact Pam Melton at 248-676-9243.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study group will meet on Monday evenings 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.

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. 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. A percentage of each total purchase made at a Kroger store is given to the church on a yearly basis.

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 the 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.

The Memorial Committee

2017 Mission Report

The following is the 2017 report of the mission activities and projects. The members of the mission committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous support over the past year. Once again, WBUMC can claim a Spotlight Church designation.

Spotlight Church Projects

1. Apportionments: paid in full-total amount not available
2. Support DAC Mission & Ministry Projects
 - a. Asbury House-\$100.00
 - b. Samaritan Counseling- \$100.00
 - c. Baldwin Center-\$1716.00
 - d. Joy Southfield Community Health Ministry-\$554.50
 - e. NOAH Project-\$1302.00
 - f. Methodist Children's Home-\$554.50
3. Support for DAC District Project-United Methodist Urban Youth Initiative-\$165.00
4. Support for Global Missionaries-Chelsea Williams U.S. 2- \$500.00
5. Support International General Advance Ministries-Heifer Fill the Ark-\$267.00 (purchased chicks per request of children of the church.
6. Support USA General Advance Ministries-Redbird Mission-\$139.18.
7. UMCOR Undesignated-\$660.00
8. UMCOR Emergency Fund to Haiti-\$485.00
9. Conference Covenant Partnership Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic in Haiti-\$173.00
10. Special Disaster Relief for hurricane victims-\$2505.00
 1. Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse-43 boxes
 2. Sandwiches for NOAH-\$600.00+ (Congregation made sandwiches 2 different times in 2017.)
 3. # of sandwiches made for NOAH clients-920

4. Support for World Wide Communion Day-specific amount not available.

Other Mission Projects

1. Bingo at WB Nursing and Convalescent Home once a month
2. Scarves, hats, and gloves collected for Baldwin Center in the fall
3. Operation Christmas Child- 43 shoe boxes sent.
4. Gas cards and food cards for Help Fund
5. Support for planned medical mission trip to Haiti in 2018
6. Food and gifts for families at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter
7. Pie Sale for Relay for Life
8. Crop Walk- amount not available
9. Relay for Life-amount not available

If this report has omitted any one or any mission project, please let the Mission Committee know. Once again, thank you for your generosity and prayerful giving throughout the past year. If you would like to participate in the Mission Committee's work, please notify Jo Anna Risk. We always welcome new members.

The Missions Committee



Ash Wednesday Service

There will be a service to celebrate the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 PM.



- 1 Jeff Risk
- 2 Pat Borns
- 4 Yvonne Mile
- 10 Cooper Maman
- 11 Quinn McLellan
- 17 Mildred Bassman
- 17 Becky Meldrum
Mackenzie (Mickey)
- 19 Joseph
- 24 John Mars, SR
- 24 Darwin Wayne
- 25 Bill Beach
- 25 Marty Mandelbaum
- 26 Christopher Mulligan
- 27 Haven William



12 Jeff & Deborah
Herdman

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

February

Liturgists

February 4	Frank Ducu
February 11	Jo Anna Risk
February 18	Lassie Lewis
February 25	Ralph Worley

Greeters

February 4	Libby Beck
February 11	Kent Adams
February 18	Jan & Ralph Worley
February 25	Kay Reese

Trustee on Duty

February 4	Ralph Worley
February 11	Bill Beach
February 18	Wendy Kissonergis
February 25	Glenn Joseph

Counters

February 4	Mark Borns & Ralph Worley
February 11	Joe Sutschek & Sulaiman Kamara
February 18	Tim McCabe & Gary Langner
February 25	Vicki Hernandez & Dan Langford

Administrative Meetings

February 11	9:00 AM Board of Trustees
February 13	7:00 PM Finance Meeting
February 14	7:45 PM Church Council

Ushers

February 4 Ralph Worley
Mark Borns
Melodie Langford
Joe Sutschek

February 11 Brent Webster
John Hoover
Barbara Shoger
Vance Shoger

February 18 Darwin Wayne
Gary Langner
Butch Johnson
Dora Wayne

February 25 Vicki Hernandez
Marty Bopp
Dorinda McMullen
Fritz McMullen

Coffee Hour Hosts

February 4 Wendy & Simon Kissonergis
Jennifer Joseph
Jackie & Bill Beach

February 11 Dorinda & Fritz McMullen
Pam Melton
Dora & Darwin Wayne

February 18 Barb Carlson
Barb & Butch Johnson
Libby Beck

February 25 Kay Reese
Mirella & Dan Ducu`

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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Broader Church Connections:

Bishop David Bard, Michigan Area Bishop

Rev. Charles Boayue, Detroit Renaissance District

Superintendent

West Bloomfield UMC

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids & Sprout classes 12:00 pm Choir Practice 12:00 pm Women of West Bloomfield	7:30 pm AI Anon 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 5:00 pm Missions Meeting 7:00 pm Men's Exercise Group	1	9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting	3
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11	9:00 am Trustees 10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids & Sprout classes 12:00 pm Membership Exploration Class	7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Jackie Beach's Home 7:30 pm AI Anon Meeting 8:30 pm AA Meeting	9:00 am Office Hours 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 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm Men's Exercise Group	15	9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting	17
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