

The Web News

of West Bloomfield UMC

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From Pastor Brian

When we think of the big sins – the felony-type sins that lead to extended time behind bars – most of us can't really relate. But the seemingly small sins of pride, envy, lust, anger, greed, gluttony, and sloth often seem very minor and are even celebrated by our culture. For the next month and a half, we'll find out why, even though they may seem small and insignificant, they are considered "deadly" to our souls and to our relationships.

I compare it to cancer. Cancer doesn't seem as harmful as a stroke or a heart attack, simply because those do their harm in quick and obvious ways, while cancer is much slower. Yet in the end, they can be equally deadly. While the news media and the legal system and our society tends to focus much more on the big, obvious sins, in the end, sins like envy and greed and lust can be just as deadly.

And like cancer, there are ways we can deal with the harmful effects:

1) Once cancer is in an advanced stage, the doctors treat it aggressively. Likewise, once we identify sins in our lives, we seek forgiveness and find remedies to repair the harm caused by our sin.

2) But even better is when they can detect cancer in an early stage, as there are many more treatment options when caught early. Likewise, if we can catch the small sins in our lives in their early stages, we can address them before they are able to grow into much larger sins.

3) But the best option is to prevent cancer in the first place, by avoiding behaviors (smoking, getting sunburned, etc.) that we know lead to cancer. With our sins, if we seek to live a righteous and upstanding life for God, it doesn't inoculate us from sin, but it does prevent sin from getting as much of a foothold in our soul.

That's the goal of this sermon series on the Seven Deadly Sins. It certainly isn't about being judgmental or condemning people for their sins. Rather, it's an opportunity to take a close look at our own hearts and lives and see how we are susceptible to these seven deadly sins. And we'll find out how we can find hope in the seven virtues that counteract the effects of sin and help us live more spiritually healthy lives.

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

- March 4** Sunday School at 9:30 am
March 11 Pancake Breakfast
March 18 Sunday School at 9:30 am
March 26 Sunday School at 9:30 am

Women of West Bloomfield

The next regular meeting of the Women of WBUMC will be held on Sunday, March 25th 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 March session is on the 5th at 2:15 PM. Bingo is fun and the residents love it. Come join us. Look for the 2017 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.

Needed: G3 Kids Sunday School Teacher

The G3 Kids Sunday School program is in need of a teacher for the fifth Sundays during the year. (for 2018- April, July, September, December). Please consider prayerfully whether or not you would be willing to provide the children of our church with the wonderful stories that help them develop their faith! If you are interested, please notify Dorothy Maman.

Mission Report UMCOR Sunday March 11th, 2018

The major Mission Project for March this year will be the One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, March 11th. This offering supports critical relief work all over the world and in our own country. Since 1940, when UMCOR's (The United Methodist Committee on Relief) forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II. UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. UMCOR provides humanitarian relief when war, conflict or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities cannot recover on their own. Learn more at www.umcor.org.

When you give you equip Christ's Body to serve in His name. That's because your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need. Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, they responded.
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, they responded.
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded.

- As thousands flee Sudan, UMCOR is responding.
- As refugees all over the world seek to escape violent and repressive regimes, UMCOR is there.
- As flood relief efforts in Detroit are ongoing, UMCOR is there.
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, they will be prepared to respond.

100 % of the gifts given for specific projects goes directly to that project. None of it is used for administrative purposes. When we give to unspecified projects, 90 % of the gifts are used for projects all over the world.

On Sunday March 4th envelopes will be available to the congregation for this special offering. There will be more information provided during worship that highlights some of UMCOR's most recent work. Please prayerfully consider giving to help people who are suffering disasters, famine, floods, and disease all over the world. The Missions Committee asks that you prayerfully consider giving generously to this very special offering.



March Madness for Missions

March is almost here and that means it's time for the college basketball National Tournament. The tournament is known as 'March Madness.' Here at the church, we'll hold "March Madness for Missions" for the fifth year. 100% of the money raised goes directly to the Baldwin Center in Pontiac.

To enter the contest we just ask that you make a contribution. How much is up to you—

\$5 or \$500, it all goes to missions! It's all on the honor system, so you can:

- Donate cash (with a note attached 'For March Madness for Missions')
- Write a check (to WBUMC with "March Madness for Missions" on the Memo Line)
- Use the E-Giving option on the website westbloomfieldumc.org and choose "March Madness" from the menu

Once the teams have been selected on March 11th, Pastor Brian will send the website link where you can fill out your bracket before the first game on March 13th.

Throughout the tournament, the website will tally your score and well as all of the others from WBUMC. You can anticipate some good-natured ribbing going in all directions.

Participation is not limited to members of our church, so be sure to invite friends, family members, and co-workers to join the fun and support the Baldwin Center!

WBUMC Financial Information from January 1 - January 31, 2018

	Offering
Received	\$11,490
Other Income	<u>240</u>
Total Income	\$11,730
Total Expenses	<u>\$14,991</u>
Net Income (Deficit)	<u>(\$ 3,261)</u>

Easter Plants

The youth will again be taking orders for Easter plants for the altar on Easter Sunday. This is a fund raiser for the youth to help cover the cost of their summer work project. We are asking that orders be placed no later than Sunday, March 18th. Checks should be made payable to **West Bloomfield UMC**. Order forms are available in the bulletin. Orders can be given to the Johnson's or placed on Jo Anna's desk.



- 1 Gary Langner
- 2 Bill Maman
- 5 Bea Scaglione
- 10 William Kozlowski
- 13 Jim White
- 15 Steve Mazurek
- 20 Warren Johnson, Jr
- 23 Paige Sutherlin
- 26 David Carlson
- 26 Raina Pintamo

Wednesday, February 28th
 Spirit of Grace
 2399 Figa Avenue

Wednesday, March 7th
 Mary Freed Memorial Concert
 7:30 pm (No dinner before, refreshments after)
 Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
 4800 Orchard Lake Road

Wednesday, March 14th
 Pine Hill Congregational
 4160 Middlebelt Road

Wednesday, March 21st
 The Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King
 5300 W. Maple Rd.



- 2 Jim & Glenda White
- 7 Bill & Dorothy Maman



Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, the 24th of March at the church at 11 AM



50th Anniversary Celebration

West Bloomfield United Methodist Church
Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th, 2018

Please join us
 as we celebrate 50 years of Christian service,
 renew old friendships, and worship together.

Questions: contact Joe Sutschek at
jsutschek63@yahoo.com
 or call 248-681-6115



HOLY WEEK



MAUNDY Thursday

West Bloomfield UMC – 7:00 PM, Thursday, March 29th

Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning ‘command’ (it’s where we get the word mandate from!), referring to Jesus’ words at the Last Supper: “I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.” And Jesus kneels down to wash his disciples’ feet, demonstrating the fullness of love that is found in service. As one of the most special services of the year, it is not to be missed!

Orchard United Methodist Church – 12:15 PM, Friday, March 30th 30450 Farmington Rd.; Farmington Hills

Paul wished to “partake of [Christ’s] sufferings by being molded to the pattern of his death, striving towards the goal of resurrection from the dead.” (Philippians 3:10) To share in the journey Christ takes from death to new life means being led to the cross where he suffered. We will recognize the suffering of Christ and reflect on our own suffering, knowing that the cross leads us to the empty tomb!



Marshbank Park (East of Hiller Rd., just north of Commerce Rd.) 7:00 AM, Sunday, April 1st

John 20:1 says, “It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark when Mary came to the tomb,” so we will gather at Marshbank Park at 7 when it is “still dark” and will worship and celebrate the resurrection as the sun rises over Cass Lake!

West Bloomfield UMC – 9:00 AM Breakfast, 10:30 Worship

At 9 AM on Easter morning, we will enjoy a delicious breakfast provided by the men of the church!

Then at 10:30 we will hold a true **Resurrection Celebration** as we rejoice once again that death could not defeat life, the grave could not contain Jesus, and God’s love for humanity could not be thwarted. We will boldly proclaim “Christ is risen!” knowing that in that resurrection moment, everything truly has begun anew.





March

Liturgists

March 4	Joanne Herbst
March 11	Ben Kissonergis
March 18	Glenn Joseph
March 25	William Sutherlin

Greeters

March 4	Joanne Herbst
March 11	Di Ahmed
March 18	Libby Beck
March 25	Levada Geisey

Trustee on Duty

March 4	Fritz McMullen
March 11	Kay Reese
March 18	Dan Ducu
March 25	Ann Sutschek

Counters

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

Administrative Meetings

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

Ushers

March 4	Ralph Worley Mark Borns Melodie Langford Joe Sutschek
March 11	Brent Webster John Hoover Barbara Shoger Vance Shoger
March 18	Darwin Wayne Gary Langner Butch Johnson Dora Wayne
March 25	Vicki Hernandez Marty Bopp Dorinda McMullen Fritz McMullen

Coffee Hour Hosts

March 4	Margaret Cantrell Joanne Herbst Pamela Kimura Jo Anna Risk
March 11	Kara & Rob Mulligan Ralph Worley
March 18	Melodie & Dan Langford Karen & Bill Sutherlin
March 25	Levada Geisey Ilene Herdman Bernie Westfall

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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David Carlson, Custodian

Broader Church Connections:

Bishop David Bard, Michigan Area Bishop

Rev. Charles Boayue, Detroit Renaissance District Superintendent

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	10:30 am Worship 10:40 am G3 Kids & Sprout classes 12:00 pm Choir Practice 12:00 pm Women of West Bloomfield 12:00 pm Youth Miniature Golf	26 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Jackie Beach's Home 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 6:30 pm Soup & Bread Supper at Spirit of Grace Church	1 7:00 pm Men's Exercise Class	2 9:00 am Office Hours 8:30 pm AA Meeting	3
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