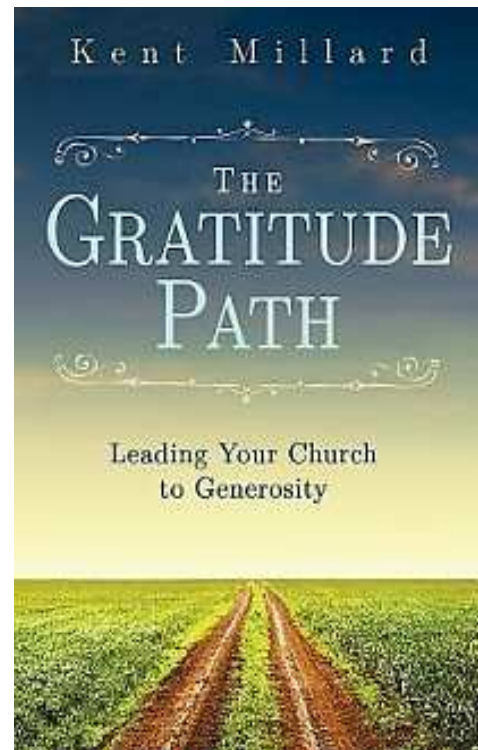


Join us after church September 16 - October 14 for our Adult Study: "The Gratitude Path"

This study demonstrates how to develop an attitude of gratitude that is spiritually energizing, personal, and thoughtfully devotional. We will be reminded in powerful ways how to "count our blessings."

The sign up sheet and books are located in the Fellowship Hall.



A donation of \$10 is suggested to help offset the cost of the books.

Serving ~ Strengthening ~ Connecting ~ Our Community

- ~ **Serve** our community in the name of Jesus Christ by spreading the Good News of God's unlimited love and forgiveness;
- ~ **Strengthen** faith through Christian education for people of all ages;
- ~ **Connect** in Christian fellowship with our family, our community, and the world.

WHO WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST?



As we kick off our fall season we will be exploring the stories of John the Baptist. And yes, that really is a locus (big bug) he is getting ready to crunch down on in this sketch – yum! How much do you really know about John? Did you know he was Jesus' cousin? Do you know how he died? There were even some who thought Jesus was John the Baptist come back to life. Find out about this fascinating (and weird) man as we worship this fall.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jodie

September 9 *Expecting* Luke 1:5-28

What do we do when our deepest hopes are delayed – maybe even denied?

September 16 *Arrival* Luke 1:57-66

What happens when we obey God, even if that's the last thing others expect us to do?

September 23 *Proclaiming* Luke 3:1-18

How might people respond when we tell the (harsh) truth in love?

*October 7 *Cousins* Luke 3:21-22; 7:18-35 World Communion Sunday

What are the connections between John the Baptist and Jesus?

October 14 *It Got Out of Control* Mark 6:14-29

What happens when we back ourselves into a corner - we know what the right thing to do is, but we've promised to do something else?

CUMC Youth Group has a new name!

“Wild and Free” is taken from Galatians 5:1

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

To live wild and free means to be true to yourself, to live unapologetically and entirely who you are at your deepest, most authentic core. It means owning your imperfections as much as your strengths and claiming both as worthy and valuable parts of yourself.

In Christ we have been set free to live our lives genuinely!

The first Wild & Free Student Ministry meeting of the school year will be September 5th from 6:00-7:30pm.

Youth Group is for anyone in 6th-12th grade. Friends are always welcome!

Wild &
Free

STUDENT MINISTRY

Lance Johnston is a Sophomore at Caledonia High School.

He plays in the CHS Concert Band and the Marching Band. As most teenagers, he also enjoys playing video games.

Lance’s favorite animal is a Bearded Dragon, and his favorite subject in school is Algebra.



YOUTH
of the Month

Take a moment to say “hello” next time you see Lance.



On Sunday September 9th following service your work team that traveled to God's Country Cooperative Parrish in Newberry, MI would like to share with you a short

pictorial of their trip. We will be showing pictures and narrative of the projects that were worked on while we were there. Please make plans to join us.

Be Blessed,

Your G.C.C.P. mission work team.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 3 ~ Chris Robinson | 12 ~ Joyce Gackler |
| 4 ~ Courtney Claflin | ~ Jim Engle |
| 5 ~ Thom Kohl | 14 ~ Marlee Furtwangler |
| 6 ~ Betty Bourn | 15 ~ Joan Pierce |
| ~ Carmen Furtwangler | 18 ~ Andrew Cherpes |
| ~ Rogan Furtwangler | ~ Joan Kegerreis |
| 9 ~ Ingrid Engle | 21 ~ George Clark |
| ~ Erica Lanning | 24 ~ Beckham Kolar |
| ~ Mindy Wilson | 27 ~ Gayle Ott |
| 10 ~ Keith Salmon | 29 ~ Josh Manby |

Happy Anniversary

- 7 ~ Keith & Sarah Salmon
 8 ~ Andy & Rachel Austin
 20 ~ John & Sandy Robinson



If you don't see your name on our birthday and anniversary list, please let us know so you can be included!

Worship Leaders

Acolyte

- 2 ~ Brody Benjamin
 9 ~ Tzila Handley
 16 ~ Sarah Kirk
 23 ~ Jillian Bellmore
 30 ~ Andrew Cherpes

Coffee Hour Hosts

- 2 ~
 9 ~ Bill & Sandy Robertson
 16 ~
 23 ~
 30 ~ Mission Committee

Counters

- 2 ~ Mona Jacobs & Donna Lanning
 9 ~ Jim & Jayne Porritt & Vicki Young
 16 ~ Joan Pierce
 23 ~ Mona Jacobs & Donna Lanning
 30 ~ Bill & Sandy Robertson

Hospitality

- 2 ~ Nancy Duiven & Betty Bourn
 9 ~ Pauline Brower & Jean Soest
 16 ~ Marc Battreall & Sharon Mortensen
 23 ~ Mark & Barb Freeman
 30 ~ Gary & Judy Kidder

Liturgist

- 2 ~ Joan Pierce
 9 ~ Sharon Burkart
 16 ~ Pat Schenk
 23 ~ Steve Kepsel
 30 ~ Laura Homminga

Nursery

- 2 ~ Erin Benjamin
 9 ~ Scott Handley
 16 ~ Karen Bradley
 23 ~ Shirley Besteman
 30 ~ Nancy Kinney

Sunday School Teacher

- 2 ~ *Labor Day (no Sunday School)*
 9 ~ Steve Kepsel
 16 ~ Erin Benjamin
 23 ~ Mona Jacobs
 30 ~ Nancy Duiven

Ushers

- 2 ~ Fred & Karen Bradley
 9 ~ Tom & Mona Jacobs
 16 ~ Jim & Jayne Porritt
 23 ~ Gary Besteman & Tex Bryant
 30 ~ Rich & Dianna Overmire

Worship Technician

- 2 ~ Thom Kohl
 9 ~ John Robinson
 16 ~ Johan Vargas
 23 ~ Mike Sackett
 30 ~ John Robinson

★ September ★

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00 am Worship 12:00 - 6:00 pm Brann's Fundraiser	3 <i>Labor Day</i> 	4 6:00 pm Handbell Practice 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice	5 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Wild & Free Student Ministries	6 10:00 am Mission Team 10:00 am UMW 6:30 pm Scout Planning 6:30 pm Finance Committee 7:15 pm Ad. Council	7	1 <hr/> 8 8:00 am Trustees
9 10:00 am Worship <i>Children's Sunday</i> <i>School Begins</i> 11:15 am G.C.C.P. Mission Team Presentation	10 6:30 pm Garden Team 7:00 pm Scout Meeting	11 10:00 am Peaceful Quilters 6:00 pm Handbell Practice 7:00 pm Choir Practice	12 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Wild & Free Student Ministries	13	14	15 Area SPRC Meetings
16 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am "The Gratitude Path" Study 12:00 - 6:00 pm Pizza Hut Fundraiser 2:00 pm Church Conference	17 7:00 pm Scout Meeting	18 6:00 pm Handbell Practice 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice	19 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Wild & Free Student Ministries	20	21	22 <i>Fall Begins</i> 
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30 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am "The Gratitude Path" Study	Trustee of the Month Bruce Hayden					

SMALL groups

change happens in circles, not rows

The **United Methodist Women** will meet at 10:00 am on Thursday, September 6th in the Fellowship Hall.

Women In Step will meet at noon on Wednesday, September 26th at American Legion Post 305 in Caledonia.

The **CUMC Book Club** meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. Currently we are meeting in the home of Nancy Duiven. We meet for 1 - 1 1/2 hours, have a lively discussion about the book and enjoy great fellowship. Light refreshments are provided. **All** are welcome to attend.

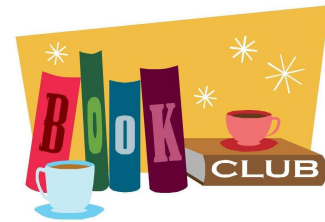
This month we are reading

“The Woman in the Window” by A.J. Finn

The October reading will be

“The Nest” by Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney

Please contact Chris Hayden or the church office for details.



“Never Alone” Special Needs Parent Support is a monthly support group for parents (or primary care givers) of children and adults with special needs. The mission is to provide a supportive environment where we can help each other to cope with life in a positive way, share experiences, discuss various topics and resources, pray together, and find support in the church for our special families.

The first meeting will be Sept. 13 at 6:30pm, and every 2nd Thursday thereafter. There will be sharing among parents, some months there may be a short speaker, and some months there may be a discussion topic. The group meets at Holy Family Church in Lower Level room 6.

Childcare may be provided with advanced registration of at least one week ahead of the meetings. Please contact Christine Shafer to register and get on the contact list.,

cshafer@hollyfamilycaledonia.org or 616-891-9259 x224.





Scout Troop 202

Troop 202 attended Summer Camp at Gerber Scout camp this July. Gerber Scout Camp is in Twin Lake, Michigan and is located inside Manistee National Forest. The first official summer camp program began in 1951. The land of 800 acres was acquired by the Michigan Cross-roads Council through a gift from Dan Gerber, president of the baby food company. Every summer, scouts from all over come to Gerber for a weekly session of camp which includes fun and hard work. The bulk of each day at camp is for scouts to attend Merit Badge classes. If a Scout attends all five sessions of Merit Badge classes, then they will have completed five Merit Badges by the end of the week. There is also swimming, free time, family night and firebowl ceremonies on the lake front. Each troop sets up camp at a campsite on the grounds and spends the week together as a troop. There is a nice dining hall where we eat our meals together. During the day, we each go off to our merit badge classes, and then come back together in the evening .



Direct Your Dollars

CUMC can earn \$1,000 from the shopping that we already do each day!

Please continue to save your receipts from all SpartanNash stores, which includes D&W and Family Fare.

We're over half way there! To date we have collected a total of \$92,550 in eligible receipts. Once we reach \$150,000, we submit them to SpartanNash and we will receive a check for \$1,000. It's really that simple.

As a reminder, it is CRITICAL that you include the entire receipt. If the "Direct Your Dollars" portion of the receipt is not included we are not able to count this toward our total.





Claudete de Mello Mora is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as mission administrator and program director of the United Methodist Mission in Honduras, based in Tegucigalpa. She was commissioned in late 2014.

The Mission in Honduras, serving a Spanish-speaking population, was begun as a Global Ministries mission initiative in 1998 and became a formal mission in 2002. It currently has 19 congregations and 53 faith communities. Many of the constituents are from the economic margins. Claudete works closely with the local groups in building program networks in education and leadership development, and in forging a national identity for the young church.

Claudete, a native of Brazil, is a member of the Evangelical Community of Paraguay in Asunción. She married her husband, the Rev. Pablo Mora, also a missionary, when he was in ministry in Brazil. Claudete holds masters degrees in school supervision and school administration from the University of Pedagogy in Campo Grande in Brazil.



She has worked as a primary school teacher in Brazil and in 1988 went to Paraguay as a missionary with her husband. Claudete worked with the young Evangelical Methodist Community for nine years, until in 1997 she joined the staff of the then new Methodist Biblical Theological Institute, a role she filled until 2013.

Born into a Christian home, Claudete says that the faith of her parents and their life testimonies instructed her in the way of Lord. She learned to use her ability and skills in the service of God and the church. When her husband left Brazil for mission service in Paraguay, the Lord used her in what she calls “an adventure in church planting.” She worked especially in child evangelization, primary education, Bible institutes, and ministries with women.

Claudete and Pablo have two grown children, Thiago and Rebecca.

Additional Information:

Make an online donation to: Claudete Mora #3022033

www.umcmmission.org/Explore-Our-Work/Missionaries-in-Service/Missionary-Profiles/mora-claudete



Music Ministry ~ Important Dates

Tuesday, August 28

- Music Ministry potluck at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- We will hold a short choir practice at 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 9

- The choir returns to Sunday morning worship

Tuesday, September 11

- Handbell / Handchime Choir practice resumes

Handbell/Chime Choir practice is each Tuesday from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Chancel Choir practice is each Tuesday from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.



***Please continue to save your pop can tabs for
the United Methodist Community House.***



These are recycled and turned in for cash to help UMCH with ongoing projects in their neighborhood. Just remove the pop tab, collect them in a baggie, and put them in the container in the Fellowship Hall.

They have a whole parking lot of security lights paid for with pop can tabs!

THE FOOD PANTRY STILL NEEDS YOU!

Overall giving to the local food pantry has been down over the summer months as many are away vacationing and their minds are on things other than the needs of the many in our community who rely on food from the local food pantry. If you've forgotten, our grocery cart is always available for collection in the lower level on the first Sunday of each month.

Canned fruit, cake mixes and frosting, brownie mixes, and the old staples peanut butter and jelly are items used a lot while children are home from school.

PLEASE,
DO YOUR PART,
HELP FILL THE CART!

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Team



Caledonia United Methodist Church
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Caledonia, MI 49316



Coffee Hour Hosts and Hostesses

We have some **special events** coming up this fall and would like to make sure we have coffee hour volunteers for the specific Sundays listed below. If you are willing to bring some simple snacks and/or cover setting up and serving for any of these days, it will help us offer our fellowship to all who attend. There also are some snacks available in the kitchen cupboards next to the stove and coffee, tea, and lemonade available for your use.

You may call the office or sign your name on the date(s) you are available on the coffee hour sheet hanging on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Thank you for your help with this important outreach opportunity.

- October 28: **All Saints Day** (special remembrance service for friends
And family of those whose lives were lost in 2017/18)

Thank you for your help.

