
Vision

June 2019



We are planning on having a G.C.C.P. trailer available for donations throughout the summer. If you have items to donate please call and leave your name and number with the church office and we can set up a time for you to drop off.

If you have questions please call
Sharon Burkart at 269-967-0301.

Thanks CUMC mission committee



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.

Pastor's Page

thankful
grateful
blessed

Words cannot express how blessed I am to have been to be in ministry with you these past seven years. It has been a joy to work, walk, and pray with you as we serve, strengthen, and connect with Jesus Christ. You will remain in my heart and prayers forever. Blessings in the missions and ministries God has in store for your future.

*Blessings,
Pastor Jodie*



Caledonia United Methodist Church will be transitioning pastors this summer. Pastor Jodie Flessner will be thanked and honored with a potluck dinner after worship on June 9th by the congregation. Pastor Jodie will be moving to Traverse City and will become the District Superintendent of the Northern Waters District of the UMC. She will oversee 77 churches in this northern district. Along with her greatly increased duties, she will also maintain her current position on the National Board of Town and Rural Advocates. Pastor Jodie will be greatly missed by her church family here in Caledonia. We thank her dearly for her time with us and wish her well with her newly enlarged service to the United Methodist Church.

The Caledonia United Methodist Church will then welcome Pastor Elizabeth Hurd as it's new pastor on July 7. Pastor Elizabeth comes to us from the Port Huron area, is newly graduated from seminary and very excited to get established at CUMC and Caledonia. Please help us welcome her to our lovely community.

Youth Ministry



Due to popular demand
Wild and Free Student Ministry
will continue to meet each
Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:30 pm
through the end of June.

In addition to our weekly youth meetings we have an upcoming

SUMMER KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

Date and time will be announced

There will be water games, so dress accordingly and bring a warm change of clothes for a bonfire.

Everyone finishing 6th - 12th grade is invited, and so are friends!

Hailey Terpstra will be in 11th grade at Caledonia High School and Kent Innovation High in the fall.

She participates dance at Caledonia Dance Company.

Some of Hailey's favorites include:

Color: Purple

Food or special treat: Sushi

Animal: Horse

Subject in school: Choir



The one thing that Hailey loves most about CUMC are the people!

Take a moment to say "hello" next time you see
Hailey at church or out in the community!



Are you interested in going to camp this summer?

Scholarships are available.

Check with the office for information.

"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."
- 1 Timothy 4:12

SAY AMEN!



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Pastor's Page

I am so excited to begin my ministry journey with you in July. I wanted to take the time to introduce myself more. I grew up in Port Huron, MI and attended Port Huron First United Methodist Church my entire life. My home church provided me with love, encouragement, support, and many opportunities to grow in my relationship with God. One opportunity was going to Choir Camp at Lake Louise in Boyne Falls, MI every summer. Camp was a place where I met with friends, connected with mentors, and discovered God through the beauty of creation. Camp was so formative for me as I was growing up and coming into my own. I knew that the unconditional love of God I felt at camp was something I could feel in every part of my life. I always wanted to make sure that others had the opportunity to feel this unconditional love, and so I became a camp counselor, which has, this summer, turned into a dean position.

My home church also provided me with the opportunity to apply for the Mission Intern Program, which operated mainly in the Detroit Conference. I worked with this program for five years in a variety of ways. I served for three summers at a children's day camp program at my home church. I served one summer at Cass Community Social Services in Detroit. My final summer serving with the program I was a senior intern in charge of fundraising and social media. This program helped shape my ideas of what ministry can be, while encouraging me to follow God's calling for my life.

I followed this calling to the Boston University School of Theology, the oldest Methodist seminary in the United States. My time in Boston was so meaningful and formative, especially my time spent as a Pastoral Intern at Crawford Memorial United Methodist Church in Winchester, MA. In this position I worked with the senior pastor to conduct visits, attend meetings, and design worship services. For two years I was immersed in the life of a church and doing church work, both of which helped to ground me in my calling.

I am very excited to begin serving Caledonia United Methodist Church. We are going to be entering a new chapter together, one where we will serve God and the world, where we will strengthen ourselves and our relationships, and where we connect with God and one another in meaningful and spirit giving ways. I look forward to getting to know you better, allowing you all to get to know me better, and striving together to do the good work of God's kingdom.

Peace,

Pastor Elizabeth

*Let's get to
know each other*

As we prepare for the arrival of Pastor Elizabeth Hurd in July and prepare for Pastor Jodie's farewell on June 9th, the SPRC asks that we pray for all pastors and churches in transition. The following prayer may help guide you:

Spirit of promise, Spirit of unity,
we thank you that you are also the Spirit of renewal.
Renew in the whole Church
that passionate desire for the coming of your kingdom
which will unite all Christians in one mission to the world.
May we all grow up together into him who is our head,
the Savior of the world. Amen.

(Olive Wyon, England, 20th Cent., Alt.)

In preparation of Pastor Elizabeth's arrival this summer we would like to make sure we all have name tags to help her associate names with faces. If you are in need of a button, please contact the office and we'll make sure you receive one.



In the back of the Sanctuary there is a box with sheets of paper beside it. We ask that each of you write a greeting, print a prayer or just say welcome to Pastor Elizabeth.

Please place these in the box and we will insert these in a "baton". After her arrival in July, we will "pass the baton" on to her.

Thank you for helping us make her feel welcome.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

- 3 ~ Karen Clark
- ~ Carolyn Olree
- 6 ~ Annabelle Freeman
- 8 ~ Katie Furtwangler
- 9 ~ Haley Bovee
- 10 ~ Landry Hammond
- 11 ~ Romilly Graham
- 14 ~ Erin Benjamin
- ~ Chuck Swift
- 15 ~ Tom Emery
- 16 ~ Benjamin Norris
- 18 ~ Tina Bovee
- ~ Dianna Overmire
- 25 ~ George Edgar
- 28 ~ Anne Lillie
- 29 ~ Brent Overholt



Happy Anniversary

- 10 ~ Ron & Rosalie Shook
- 16 ~ Al & Sallie Niles
- 17 ~ David & Loralynne Clark
- ~ Ked & Jan Leatherman
- 20 ~ Jim & Ingrid Engle
- 23 ~ Joel & Christine Freeman
- 24 ~ Larry & Donna Lanning
- 27 ~ Fred & Karen Bradley
- ~ Jim & Jayne Porritt
- ~ Jerry & Joyce Schuur
- 30 ~ Karl & Laurie Seper

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 ~ Adam Haynes
- 9 ~ Brody Benjamin
- 16 ~ Adam Haynes
- 23 ~ Brooke Haynes
- 30 ~ Jillian Bellmore

Coffee Hour *set up and clean up*

- 2 ~ *Volunteers Needed*
- 9 ~ Pastor Jodie's Farewell
- 16 ~ *Volunteers Needed*
- 23 ~ *Volunteers Needed*
- 30 ~ Mission Committee

Counters

- 2 ~ Joan Pierce & Sharon Weaver
- 9 ~ Jim & Jayne Porritt & Vicki Young
- 16 ~ Barb Scott & Shirley Tolan
- 23 ~ *Volunteers Needed*
- 30 ~ Donna Lanning & *Volunteer*

Hospitality

- 2 ~ Jeannie Soest & Vicki Young
- 9 ~ Nancy Kinney & Erin Benjamin
- 16 ~ Jim & Jayne Porritt
- 23 ~ Jeannie Soest & *Volunteer*
- 30 ~ Gary & Judy Kidder

Liturgist

- 2 ~ Joan Pierce
- 9 ~ Joan Pierce
- 16 ~ Donna Lanning
- 23 ~ Tex Bryant
- 30 ~ Jeannie Soest

Nursery

- 2 ~ Nancy Duiven
- 9 ~ Mona Jacobs
- 16 ~ Laurie Seper
- 23 ~ Shirley Besteman
- 30 ~ Eliz Gundlach

Ushers

- 2 ~ Jim & Jayne Porritt
- 9 ~ Ernie & Pat Schenk
- 16 ~ Gary & Judy Kidder
- 23 ~ Fred & Karen Bradley
- 30 ~ Jim & Jayne Porritt

Worship Tech

- 2 ~ John Robinson
- 9 ~ Thom Kohl
- 16 ~ Mike Sackett
- 23 ~ John Robinson
- 30 ~ Erin Benjamin

Trustee of the Month
Tom Jacobs

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 am - 1:00 pm 2 nd Best Sale 9:00 am Garden Planting Ann. Conference
2 10:00 am Worship 12:00 - 6:00 pm Brann's Fundraiser Ann. Conference	3 7:00 pm Scouts 	4	5 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Wild & Free Student Ministry	6 10:00 am UMW 6:30 pm Scout Planning	7	8 8:00 am Trustees
9 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Pastor Jodie's Farewell Potluck	10 6:30 pm Garden Committee 7:00 pm Scouts	11 9:00 am Pieceful Quilters 2:00 pm Visitation Committee	12 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Wild & Free Student Ministry	13 6:30 pm Finance Committee 7:15 pm Ad. Council	14	15
16 <i>Father's Day</i> 10:00 am Worship <i>Ron Bailey & Easy Idle String Band</i> 12:00 - 6:00 pm Pizza Hut Fundraiser	17 7:00 pm Scouts	18	19 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Wild & Free Student Ministry	20 6:30 pm SPRC	21 <i>Summer Begins</i> 	22
23 10:00 am Worship <i>Thom Kohl Preaching</i> <hr/> 30 10:00 am Worship <i>Thom Kohl Preaching</i>	24 7:00 pm Scouts	25 9:00 am Pieceful Quilters	26 9:30 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Women In Step 6:00 pm Wild & Free Student Ministry	27 7:00 pm Book Club	28	29 Caledonia Independence Day Celebration 

On Sunday June 30th we will be celebrating **“Peace with Justice” Sunday**. This special offering is used to support a variety of projects whose goals are to spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States and globally. The offering will be split, with ½ going to Peace with Justice and ½ going to purchase new mattresses for GCCP. You will be provided envelopes in you bulletin and we will have a basket downstairs for your donations, along with an assortment of treats.

I always thought the name of this special offering was Peace and Justice, but the title is Peace with Justice. Peace and Justice connotes two individual concepts, while Peace with Justice puts meaning into how we should promote peace.

DO learn to do good. **SEEK** justice. **RESCUE** the depressed.

DEFEND the orphan. **PLEAD** for wisdom.



Isaiah 1:17 describes how the people had forgotten or turned away from God’s laws and it is here God explained explicitly how the people could get back to following the law. Society today, around the world have also turned away from Go’s laws and are being very harmful and hurtful to others. Countries are at war, women and children are forced into human trafficking, people are shunned and bullied because of the way they look or the views they have. Children are going to bed hungry, families live in their cars. You do not have to look globally to find these injustices, they happen right here in our country, our state and in our community.

So what can you do about the lack of Peace with Justice in today’s world? Micah 6:7 tells us “to seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with our God.” Also you can give generously to this special offering.

The other half of the donations will go to buying mattresses for God’s Country Cooperative Parish, which serves several counties in the Upper Peninsula. Many families are forced out of their homes with nothing for themselves or their children. They need to establish new households and new mattresses are an essential need to do this. GCCP is an example of doing Peace with Justice here in our own state.

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to EACH OTHER.”

Mother Theresa

Thank you,

Chris Hayden



Who is knocking at the backdoor?

The book of James 3:13 says “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.” To my understanding he is telling us that true wisdom can only show itself in humble service. So quietly knocking at the backdoor and offering help today is a way of serving with humility.

I would like to share with you about of group of women in our church referred to as the United Methodist Women. They are continually knocking at the backdoors of marginalized people here and around the world and extending a helpful hand.

This year alone they have provided financial assistance to all of the following programs: UMW district pledge to mission, Access 6, UMCOR, The Methodist Community House in Grand Rapids including camp scholarships for 6 children to go one week through their program, God’s Country Cooperative Parish, Kid’s Food Basket, New Life PET (mobility) Zambia, and Sacred Beginnings in Grand Rapids.

They work at Kid’s Food Basket throughout the year and are continually seeking ways to learn about social injustice issues through study, prayer and action.

So with all of my heart I would like to give thanks for them and for their willingness to go quietly and humbly knocking on backdoors and giving their time, talents and gifts. Their strong faith and desire to serve God is spoken through their actions. Again thank you.



Sincerely in Christ,
Sharon

Mission Opportunity

Mt. Hope UMC has a group traveling to Africa University from March 16-27, 2020 and would like to invite you to join their group. Most of us know and have supported Africa University, but those who may not know, Africa University is a consequence of the growth of United Methodism in Africa. It provides quality education within a Pan-African context through which persons can acquire general and professional knowledge and skill, grow in spiritual maturity, and develop sound moral values, ethics and leadership qualities.

If you are interested in finding out more please email putman_family@yahoo.com with your questions.

In HIS service~ CUMC Mission Committee



Women In Step will meet on
Wednesday, **June 26th** at noon
at the Caledonia American Legion.



The **UMW** will meet on Thursday, **June 6th**,
at 10:00 am in the church Fellowship Hall.

The book club will meet on **Thursday, June 27 at 7:00 pm at Chris Hayden's house.**



June's book **Miracle Creek** by Angie Kim

July's book **Cold Mountain** by Charles Frazier

August's book **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens

All interested are encouraged to attend .

The SPRC will meet on
June 20th at 6:30 pm
in the church conference room.



It happened quickly, so you may have missed it on page 3. Go ahead, flip back, I can wait. Did you notice what I noticed? On more than one occasion Hailey has told us that her favorite thing about her entire experience here at CUMC is the people. That includes you! What a blessing we are! This makes me think of my years growing up in this church and all of the people who have played a role in the formation of my faith. Many of these people probably have no idea they played any role at all.

Please take a quiet moment to consider this:

- Did you have role model during the formative years of your faith journey?
- Do you realize the truly vital role every single one of us play in the spiritual and personal development of our youth?
- Is there some way you are feeling called to fuel the spiritual spark in our youth?

As a parent, a former CUMC youth and now a staff member, thank you for all you do for the youngest among us! Erin Benjamin



Troop 202

***Congratulations to Jacob Snyder and Brian Langejans and Colton Brocker
for earning their Eagle!***

May is a busy month for our Scouting family! There is a campout almost every weekend. Our troop traveled to Dorchester, Canada to attend the international camporee. This camporee attracts scouts from all over who participate in fun, competitive activities all weekend. The weather was nicer than it has been in previous years (no freezing rain this time).

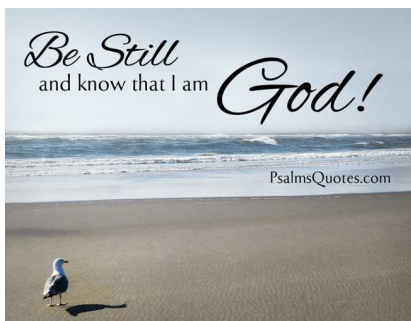
There was also the Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave at Camp Gerber. Arrowmen from the Lodge worked all weekend providing service to the camp by helping clean up for the coming summer camp sessions.

Memorial Day weekend we will celebrate at CUMC with a Court of Honor and by constructing our annual Floating Flag Pole. We will also march in the Memorial Day parade and participate in flag planting at local cemeteries.

May is also a Month of Service for Troop 202. We worked in the Community Garden pulling weeds, raking dirt and clearing tarps. We also worked in the Village of Alto to help them clean up. Taylor Nietling Day is a day of cleaning up St. Mary's Cemetery in honor of Taylor, a Troop 202 Eagle Scout who is laid to rest there.



Worship service is our individual time to celebrate and honor our Lord, with our family and friends.



Please try to remember that it's not a time to conduct Church business. That time is Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm during the summer. The Church employees are very willing to help you at those times but would also like to worship our Lord on Sunday morning with their family and friends, just as you do.

Thank you for your respect and consideration of our employees.

(not written or solicited by an employee) 😊

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Happy Father's Day!

*We thank all of the fathers
and those who have played
a fatherly role in our lives.*

