



Gull Lake United Methodist Church

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May Sermons & Scripture

May 5, "The Bread & the Vine"

John 15: 9-17

May 12 "Mother's Day"

John 17: 6-19
Communion

May 19, "The Holy Fire"

John 15: 4-15

May 26, "Nicodemus "

John 3: 1-17



The Peace of Christ Be with You All,

Hello all, and Happy May! We are moving from the busy time of Spring into the Season of Pentecost and the end of the school year! Our lives have been filled with special Sundays, flowers, blossoms, and holy days, but now we move into a new season in which we are invited into the presence of the Holy Spirit once again.

This month, we celebrate the arrival of that Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost! During the Season of Easter, we reminded you all that the Resurrection is not a one-time event only to be celebrated on a single Sunday, but a continuous process of renewal in which God invites us constantly into new life! The Holy Spirit is the same way. Pentecost is our chance to recognize and act on the movement of that Spirit within us. It is always there, waiting to be rediscovered by God's children each day.

Of course, we will also recognize Mother's Day and continue our Roof Fundraising Effort during the month of May! Thank you to all who have already contributed to this effort, and to all those who are working to organize future fundraising events for us! Shared endeavors like these are where the Holy Spirit comes to life most in the church.

This month, may each of you carry the blessings of Spring into the Season of Pentecost, and may both offer you renewal and new life in the name of God and Christ. God Bless you all, and hope to see you in church!

Grace and Peace,

Ian

MISSIONS

Richland Mobile Home

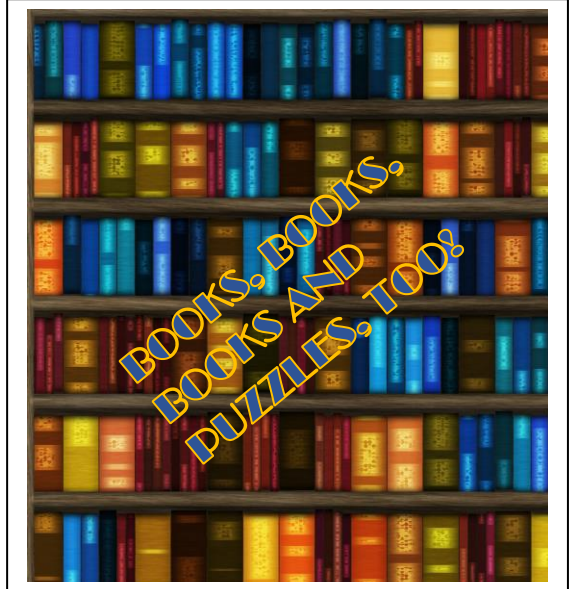
Our delivery to the mobile home park in May will be picnic items for a Memorial Day celebration. We are asking for packages of **Cookies**. Please place your donations on the cart in the Narthex. As always, the donation box will be on the cart, and if you wish, we can do your shopping for you! Thank you for your continued generosity.

YWCA Kalamazoo

The YWCA in Kalamazoo provides services and programs for women and their families in Kalamazoo County. One of their critical needs is diapers, which is a costly item in raising babies. This month we are collecting **Dollars for Diapers** for the YWCA. Please place your donations in the Narthex. Thank you!

First Community Youth Mission Project

Thank you to all who participated in the workday at the mobile home park. We accomplished many of our tasks and we all enjoyed our intergenerational project. Painting the speed bumps was done by our youth while the adults tackled the building clean-up. We all celebrated our accomplishments with a root beer float.



Steve



Matt



Hilary,
Aidan
and
Ryleigh



May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			9:00A Bulletin Deadline 9:00A Wed. Walkers			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00A Worship, Communion 11:15A Sun. Connections 11:15A Tacos  11:15A Joyful	9:00A What's Happening? Deadline 6:45 P Ministry Clusters	7:30A Liz's 10:00A Care Team	9:00A Bulletin Deadline 9:00A Wed. Walkers 10:00A Finance 6:30P Roof Comm.	10:00A ¿¿Puzzling?? 		
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Donations to Camp Affordability Fund Matched!!



Have you ever felt the transformative power of camp? For some it is that special time around the campfire when the Holy Spirit weaves our stories together. For others, it's relaxing in the cabin with new friends released

from the stress of daily life. If you've been to camp, you know that the friendships forged, the skills learned, the confidence built leave a lasting impact on your life. At Grace Outside, **everyone is welcome and the cost of camp should never be a barrier.**

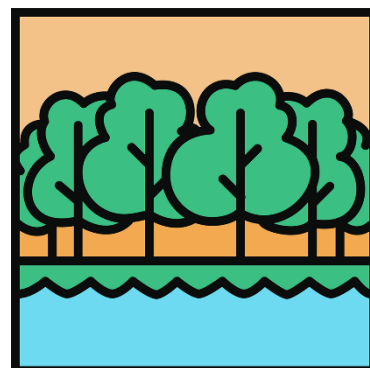
You can help make camp **accessible to everyone by donating to the Camp Affordability Fund.** Thanks to a **generous anonymous donor who will match all camp scholarship donations, you can double your impact!**

Your gift helps campers:

- Connect with nature: **Immersed in the outdoors, campers learn to appreciate God's creation.**
- Develop **independence: Away from familiar surroundings, campers gain confidence and self-reliance as they try new things.**
- Create **community: Camp fosters a sense of Christian hospitality, love and belonging, creating lasting friendships.**
- Build a spiritual **foundation: Through fun outside activities, role models and Christian teachings and conversations, campers grow closer to God and walk their own faith journey.**

Be part of this life-changing experience! Our "scholarship" account is depleted after helping campers the last few years and **we no longer receive funding from the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church.** As a non-profit organization, your gifts may be tax-deductible.

Thank you!



WESLEY WOODS
camp and retreat

Roof Fundraising Update

Current roof fund: \$8094.19 (4/10/24)

Opportunities available to join the roof fundraising campaign

Join the fun, pick one or more of these events and join in or take charge; is highly encouraged:

1. May 5, Taco Bar for Cinco De Mayo, to help contact Sue Mains, watch for more info.
2. All church bakers, upcoming bake sale May 19, contact Sue Mains to help and for info.
3. Set-up and coordinate an ongoing "Garage Sale" room in one of the classrooms. Set-up the guidelines, publicize the activity, monitor the ongoing event.
4. Set-up and coordinate an ongoing "Craft Sale" room in one of the classrooms where folks can bring in their craft projects and sell them. Good opportunity for raffles, silent auctions, etc.
5. Create fund raising activities during fellowship time after church
6. Create parking lot events: sell space in parking lot for flea market type events. (Probably would require some kind of approval from the village of Richland)
7. Research and seek grants from foundations and charitable organizations, lots of opportunities here.
8. Seek organizations that would pay for use of the building and grounds

Activities are not limited to those listed. Creation of other new and innovative activities are encouraged.

There are great opportunities for everyone to get involved. Just let us know what you are planning so it gets on the calendar and does not interfere with other activities planned for the same time or space.

The Roof Fundraising Team



On Behalf of Your Trustees

When the kitchen is not being used, please keep the hallway doors closed, Additionally, the rolling metal door above the coffee area should also be down. This is in accordance with the Richland Fire Chief to help prevent a fire from spreading should it start in the kitchen.



Financial Secretary Announcement

1st Quarter Giving Statements were emailed and mailed on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Please look over your statement and let me know if you have any questions! My email address is: ediefinancialglumc@gmail.com. Thank you very much for your generosity!

Edie

GLUMC FINANCIAL REPORT

1/1 2024 - 3/31/2024

Unified Income \$43,466
Unified Expenses \$50,191

Shortage -\$ 6725

Ministry Shares for the period
paid @ 50%.

Roof fund \$6,781. See additional
updates in church and next
month's Trailblazer.



Governance Board

Hello Gull Lake!

Spring is here and with spring comes thoughts of new life, renewed energy and for our church, change as we transition from Pastor Boley to a new Pastor.

Recognizing that change is difficult for everyone; the Governance Board spent our April meeting focusing on team building and the aspects that make a team strong and efficient during change. As a team, we committed to working on communication, trust and respect.

The Governance Board currently includes the Pastor, Joe and I as Co-Chairs, Sue Worgess and Kathy Ruger from Finance, Joan Bosserd-Schroeder and Lorence Wenke from SPRC, Phil Mains and Jeff Iler from Trustees, Craig Schroeder from Leadership/Engagement, Eileen Dolbee as Ministry Cluster Representative and John Bowden as Member-at-Large. Please reach out if you have any questions, comments and/or concerns.

Together we are the church and together we can accomplish much!

Hope and Peace to all!
Peggy Iler and Joe Alberding
Governance Board Interim Co-Chairs

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION – ROOF FUNDRAISER



May 5

Please join us for a **Cinco de Mayo** Taco Bar after church on May 5. We will have beef and chicken tacos, lettuce, cheese, sour cream, and salsa as well



as tortilla chips for those who might want to make a taco salad. Donations to the **Roof Fundraiser** will be collected.



CALLING ALL BAKERS!!

May 19



Dust off your mixers and get your favorite recipe(s) out for a traditional bake sale to be held on May 19. Whether your specialty is cookies, pies, cakes,



brownies, candy, etc., all are welcome here (ever heard that before?)!! Please bring your homemade treats packaged to sell on Sunday morning, May 19. Items will not be priced – donations will be collected for the **Roof Fundraiser**.



Would you like to pamper yourself or someone you love?

The Care Team has a deal for you!

On June 2nd & June 9th

Silent Auction on

ONE Care Basket

All proceeds are for the Roof Fund!





Blessing of the Quilts



Aidan & his Quilt



Blessing of the Campers



Diane the Balloon Lady



Up Close Cobra Weave

CAMP SUNDAY

On camp Sunday this year's campers received a handmade quilt by Bonnie Newburn. Bonnie hopes they will help to soothe first time campers, comfort lonely campers and warm cold campers. These quilts also serve to remind all campers that there are people at home who care for them. Quilts and campers were blessed following their presentation. Then we went on to camp-type games, crafts, snacks and fellowship.



The Snack Ladies



Visor Table



Tinfani & Amy Creating Cards



Emma & Aria Enjoying the Day



Mr. S. teaching Apolo & John the Cobra weave

From The Chronicles of a Teenage Missionary

9:10 p.m. August 4, 1993

Today was a beautiful day. We only worked half a day. Time and I went to tour the coal mine while the rest of the youth group went to the mall and Pizza Hut. We saw a wonderful talent show tonight.

10:00 p.m. August 5, 1993

This work camp is coming to a close. At evening program tonight we did foot washing. It was really neat! Maybe we could implement this into our church services. Some churches have foot washing ceremonies every six months.

9:45 a.m. August 7, 1993

We have left Scranton heading aback home to those we love, yet missing the mew friends we have made this week.

9:35 a.m. August 8, 1993

We have passed the Cuyahoga River... This morning we are discussing ideas for Sunday morning service when we return.

1:05 p.m. August 8, 1993

Hattie came up to Mrs. Schultz during lunch and reminded her that she still needed to pay for the gas she pumped before we started eating!

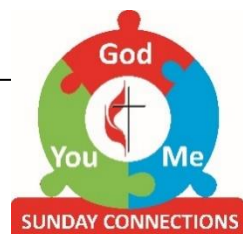
Note from the editor:

We arrived safely home later on August 8th. And Mrs. Schultz DID stop and pay for her gas! 😊

Adult Sunday Connections

“The Methodist Movement in America Brought to Life”

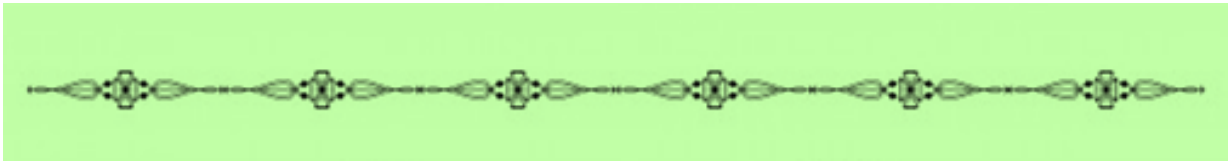
Led by Pastor John Boley in Hamill Hall at GLUMC Sundays at 11:15.



Did you know that we are living right now in a monumental moment of the Methodist Movement in America? We are in a dynamic time – this is our moment in history. But the truth is that the Methodist Movement has always been dynamic, both in England and America!

John Boley will lead this class on the Methodist Movement in America for five weeks beginning on Sunday, April 14th. This will be a thorough survey, with focus on historical, theological, prophetic, cultural, and organizational aspects of this Movement. It will point to today’s dynamic moment and the historical momentum that brought the Methodist Movement to Kalamazoo. This is especially timely with the 2024 UM Church General Conference concluding in early May. All are invited for coffee and discussion.

The dates of the five sessions are as follows: April 14, April 21, May 5, May 12, and May 19.

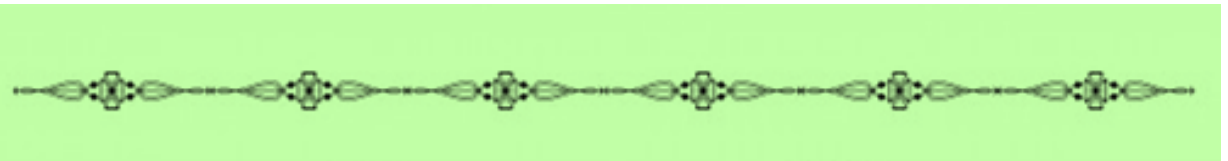


What is the Care Team?

The Care Team is a group that not only prays for you but also acts in the ways of an outstretched hand. Our focus is the needs of our congregation and their close family members. For the past 4 months, the Care Team has highlighted, in the Trailblazer, some of the ministries that we do for our congregation. We not only listen on Sunday mornings to the Joys and Concerns raised, but we mail cards that speak of thinking of you, sympathy, get well, thank you, and concern. We are “ears” for Pastor Ian for visitations and surgeries. We keep in touch with our college kids twice a year with Care Packages. We find homes for beautiful quilts in the laps of those experiencing health concerns with our Quilt Ministry. We provide lambs so that **you** may provide comfort to someone having a rough time via our Lamb Ministry. We provide a quick meal with our Soup Ministry when we hear of someone needing a pick me up or returning home from surgery.

With some members residing at Beacon Pointe, we reach out through hosting a teatime and chat. We have partnered with Sunday School and Worship Design to help with craft activities that have been delivered to Beacon Pointe. We provide **you** with cards for Monthly Card Showers during our winter months to our shut-ins to keep them connected.

There are many ways to be the hands and feet of Christ. Our goal, through these small acts of kindness, concern, and comfort is to provide a little bit of Christ along the way. If you feel led to be a part of this team, we meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the library. If you would like a list of those on the team, we have printed cards on our bulletin board located beside the nursery in Fellowship Hall. We also have provided you with our smiling faces!





May

Happy Anniversary

7th Doyle & Joy Sandefur
23rd Mike & Lori Morrett
24th Jim & Connie Wise

5th Jeff Randall
6th Sue Paulson
11th Liz Morse
13th Ahna Falzon
13th Kase Wilson
14th Connie Wise
20th Charles Bearden
24th Franco Antias
27th Marian Day
27th Angie Flynn
29th Aria Antias
31st Julie Ann Wood



LOST 'N' FOUND

Items will be collected for three months and at the end of the quarter be given to charity. Look for lost items until the end of **June**.

Found: Nothing at this time
Lost: Nothing at this time

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Giving

Shortcuts to information or giving.



YouTube



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From the Editor:

Articles for inclusion in the monthly Trailblazer are due the third Thursday of each month by 3:00 p.m.

Your article may be edited for punctuation, spelling and occasionally, grammar or syntax, space, or just to make it more easily understood.

Make sure to include: Who, What, Where, When, Cost, Contact person and phone number.

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Trailblazer

Leslie Schultz
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629-4048

This 'N' That

Coffee With the Pastor



offee with the Pastor is on hiatus for the winter months. This group will resume in the spring.



Joyful Noisemakers



oyful Noisemakers will meet at 11:15 am following the worship service on May 5, 12, 19. All children's voices needed!

Bible Study



ible Study is also on hiatus. Stay tuned.

Sunday Connections



unday Connections follows church Sundays in Hamill Hall. We will meet May 5, 12, and 19th.

Wednesday Walkers



ednesday Walkers meet every week @ 9:00 am @ the Richland Township Park. Please join us!

Women at the Well



omen at the Well meet on the second Monday of each month in the Youth Room at church. This month we meet May 13th @ 6:45 PM.



Breakfast at Liz's on Tuesday's at 7:30 AM. We'd love for you to join us.



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Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We are energized by faith – Engaged to grow – Empowered to make a difference.