



March 2018

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The Prayer Before the Prayer – Desmond & Mpho Tutu

I want to be willing to forgive
 But I dare not ask for the will to forgive
 In case you give it to me
 And I am not yet ready
 I am not yet ready for my heart to soften
 I am not yet ready to be vulnerable again
 Not yet ready to see that there is humanity in my tormentor's eyes
 Or that the one who hurt me may also have cried
 I am not yet ready for the journey
 I am not yet interested in the path
 I am at the prayer before the prayer of forgiveness
 Grant me the will to want to forgive
 Grant it to me not yet but soon
 Can I even form the words
 Forgive me?
 Dare I even look?
 Do I dare to see the hurt I have caused:
 I can glimpse all the shattered pieces of that fragile thing
 That soul trying to rise on the broken wings of hope
 But only out of the corner of my eye
 I am afraid of it
 And if I am afraid to see
 How can I not be afraid to say
 Forgive me?
 Is there a place where we can meet?
 You and me
 The place in the middle
 Where we straddle the lines
 Where you are right
 And I am right too
 And both of us are wrong and wronged
 Can we meet there?
 And look for the place where the path begins
 The path that ends when we forgive.

Church – What a wilderness we find ourselves in for this season of Lent! This is the third tragedy within a year for our community. We all woke up in the shock of Monday morning on February 26th. Many are still in a state of shock, many are in a state of great concern for the church, for their loved ones, and the young people in our community. Many are asking, where is God? Many are struggling to turn to the only One who can bring healing to any and all the circumstances we are dealing with at this very moment in time and the One who will continue to bring comfort, healing and peace as the weeks go on. Father Bob has been a very cherished person in this community. He has done a lot of good work and ministry and none of that changes. We are reminded that we all are human and that evil exists in this world – and yet God is still a God of mercy, forgiveness and grace. What we are left with is dealing with the reality of the situation – the pain, hurt and trauma that each has – and figuring out how we move forward. Each and every person in this community is impacted in some way, shape or form by the events this week. Every person is affected differently, and that my friends, is okay! Many of you may have very strong emotions about this situation and if you need space to be present, to pray, and talk, please know that I am available for you. We are hoping more spaces will be made available as a community in the weeks to come as the proceedings continue with Father Bob. Please know I will communicate them as they become more concrete. In the meantime, I invite you to join me in prayer for the victims, for Father Bob, for those surrounding each of the victims and Father Bob in the days and weeks ahead. Please don't forget the staff of St. Agnes in your prayers either as they navigate the path forward for the congregation. Pray for courage, strength and peace for all involved. Please know that I am praying for and with you as we navigate this as a community together. I assure you that God is walking with us on each and every step of this journey. Keep asking yourself the question where God is – it will help to keep you centered in where the Divine is working in ways which some may not be aware.

God has been present in a number of ways this week. The Spirit is breathing in very difficult spaces of heated emotions and creating new possibilities of healing and hope. Christ has been present as I have met with the staff in prayer this week. God is with us each and every step of the way and providing us comfort, mercy and grace.

In the weeks ahead, I also encourage you to join with me Wednesday evenings at the church. There will be plenty of time to gather for food and community time as well as prayer. In the space on Wednesday evenings we will be gathering to share the Word of God in unique and perhaps new ways to some of you. I invite you to come – all ages for a space to draw nearer to our Creator, our Healer, our Teacher, our Rock and our Strength.

Toward the end of the newsletter you will see an article from Bishop Bard from the Conference website. Consider this your personal invitation from me to set aside the evening of Monday, March 19th to attend the Weaving Our Future Conversation with Bishop Bard & Rev. David Kim at Saginaw First UMC from 7-9. This will be a space where you can hear one another speak about the direction of the United Methodist Church, ask questions and hear answers presented by our Bishop and our DS. Prior to the evening, I would like to propose that we gather for a meal at Sullivan's at 5:30.

Friends, as we continue on this wilderness journey, may we keep our eyes on the One who can overcome the darkness!

Together in Christ,

Pastor Kayla

When entering the hospital or when confined to home, please notify the church office.

ASSISTED LIVING:

Mrs. Dolly Lincoln Barton Woods 9472 Kochville Road Freeland, MI 48623	Mrs. Laura Heffel Stone Crest 255 N. Main Street Freeland, MI 48623	Mr. Curt Thayer Medilodge 500 W Genesee St Frankenmuh, MI 48734	Ms. Kathyren Hilton Kings Daughters Home 2410 Rodd St Midland, MI 48640
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Mr. Ben Webb Brookdale Living 4004 Waldo Ave Midland, MI 48642	Evelyn Fraser Wellspring Living 2825 Wieneke Rd Apt 105 Saginaw, MI 48603
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HOMEBOUND:

Mrs. Wilma Spyker 4700 E. Kent Rd Freeland, MI 48623	Mrs. Lyndell Kintner 1708 Northview Drive Lapeer, MI 48446	Mrs. Jill Ortega 9670 Midland Road Freeland, MI 48623	Ben & Barb Crocker 5935 Shattuck Apt 35 Saginaw, MI 48603	Ms. Mary Goodrich 6102 Jefferson #1404 Midland, MI 48640
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IN THE MILITARY:

- AMN Anthony A. Miller
- Commander Christopher Osborn, U.S.Navy
- Alex Osborn, U.S. Navy

COLLEGE STUDENTS – Please contact church office with updates

Mollie Daly – CMU	Riley Hupfer – SVSU
Ally Duley – CMU	Mitchell Musial – Ferris State University
Amber French – Delta	Sarah Kusowski – Ferris State University
Zachary French - SVSU	Katie McIntyre – Michigan State
Lauren Guentert – CMU	Jessica Pfund – Ferris State University
Brendan Guilifor – SVSU	Matthew Rohn – Greater MI Construction Academy
Courtney Guilifor – Delta	Kelsey Ruggles – Delta
Scott Haines – Delta	Robert Trahan – Delta/Greater MI Construction Academy
Sam Uptmor - Delta	Ryan Trahan – Delta/Greater MI Construction Academy
Steve McGuire - Delta	Tatyana Spaulding - Delta



Ethan Brown	3-2	Ross and Dawn Olson	3/17
Jim Pfund	3-4	Dale and Bonnie Wichert	3/17
Harole Smith	3-5	(56 years)	
Owen VanHaaren	3-9	Lyle and Charlene LeCronier	3/26
Vicki Smith	3-9	(63 years)	

Charlene LeCronier	3-13
Sandy Lincoln	3-13
Elizabeth Burnett	3-14
Barb Muessig-Short	3-17
Jake Whitting	3-17
Mitch Whitting	3-17
Jennifer Haney	3-20
Holly Meyers	3-21
David Hedlund	3-22
Sue Trahan	3-25
Alyssa Davenport	3-30
Robert Trahan	3-31



Lent Calendar:

March 2nd: 5:00-7:00 Pasta Bar Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser @ Freeland UMC

March 5th: 6:30 "Restored: Finding Redemption in our Mess" book study with Pastor Kayla

March 7th: 6:30 Potluck & Deepening our Faith with Pastor Kayla

March 12th: 6:30 "Restored: Finding Redemption in our Mess" book study with Pastor Kayla

March 14th: 6:30 Potluck & Deepening our Faith with Pastor Kayla

March 19th: 6:30 "Restored: Finding Redemption in our Mess" book study with Pastor Kayla

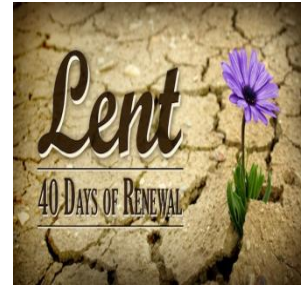
March 21st: 6:30 Potluck & Deepening our Faith with Pastor Kayla

March 25th: 5:30 Potluck, 7:00 Traveling Last Supper Performance

March 26th: 6:30 "Restored: Finding Redemption in our Mess" book study with Pastor Kayla

March 28th: 6:30 Potluck & Deepening our Faith with Pastor Kayla

March 30th: 7:00 Good Friday Community Service at Zion Lutheran



We are looking for someone to take charge of the Easter Breakfast on April 1st. Please contact the church office if you would be able to share your time and talent for this event.

Easter Breakfast

MANDOO – (Egg Rolls)

Our "EGG ROLLS" are ground beef, ground pork, cabbage, carrots & onions. They sell for \$12 a dozen & we make between 170 – 180 dozen each month.

Egg Roll Dates: Mar. 23th, & May 11th, None in April due to Walleye Festival



YOUTH UPDATE: The Youth Group continues to meet from 5:30-7:30 Sunday Evenings. Jackie Thering & Chris Davies are leading for the month of March. If you have specific questions about activities for the month, please see them!

Don't forget that your mission trip deposits of \$100 is due to the church. Please make checks out to Freeland UMC and note "Mission Trip Deposit" on the memo line.

Sound System: Have you "heard" ????

The sound system has been upgraded. It is now wireless capable. If you have Bluetooth hearing aids it will hook right into them. Ask the sound people on Sunday morning. I have those and it is wonderful. No excuses for not hearing Pastor Kayla's sermons. If you do not have those kind of aids maybe ask about that the next time you are getting an upgrade on your own aids. I know they also work at the Midland Center for the Arts and the Methodist Church in downtown Chicago in case you are planning a trip to Chicago. Della Wilder



Coming up in April

A Mission trip opportunity. Room for at least 6 more adults. Headed to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois (near Springfield). Becky Jenkins is leading a group again for fun, fellowship, good food, and service to others. Save the date, the week of April 8-14th. We start Sunday night and are finished Saturday morning. We stay in the dorm and go up to the warehouses to work each day. There is always a job for everyone. It does not matter physical ability, age, or skill set. Everyone is teachable and there are even lots of sit down jobs. They have a website <http://www.midwestmission.org> and Facebook page. If you have questions, ask Della Wilder 695-5808 or Becky Jenkins 859-2035.

‘Weaving the Future’ continues

A Communication from the Michigan Area UMC

FEBRUARY 19, 2018

Two conversations with Bishop David Bard are scheduled for this spring. Come speak and listen.



“How do we have difficult conversations in The United Methodist Church?” That is a question Bishop David Alan Bard raises as United Methodists across Michigan share hopes, dreams and concerns about the ministry of the church with those who identify as lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgendered, or queer.

At the 2016 General Conference of The United Methodist Church, delegates approved a proposal from the Council of Bishops to form a commission to explore how the church might live with grace with one another in light of significant differences on LGBTQ inclusion. In November 2016, the Council of Bishops asked each resident bishop to organize conversation in their area parallel to the work of the Commission on a Way Forward.

In keeping with that charge, Bishop Bard met with groups of persons around the state during 2017. He noted in his invitation, “It is my expectation that as followers of Jesus we will gather to listen deeply to each other and take from these Weaving the Future conversations not only a more profound understanding of both shared values and differences, but also a renewed commitment to compassionate, intelligent and courageous conversation even when topics are difficult.”

Now Bishop Bard has scheduled the last two conversations that will take place before the special General Conference in February 2019:

- March 19, Saginaw: First UMC, [4590 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI](#), 7-9 pm
- April 16, Grayling, Michelson Memorial UMC, [400 East Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI](#), 7-9 pm

Those interested in learning more about the official position of The United Methodist Church on human sexuality can visit <http://www.umc.org/topics/topic-human-sexuality-homosexuality>.

Potluck & Prayer Deepening Our Faith

Join Pastor Kayla on Wednesdays during Lent as we draw nearer to God and deepen our faith together.

March 7th 6:30 potluck & session
March 14th 6:30 potluck & session
March 21st 6:30 potluck & session
March 28th 6:30 potluck & session

These sessions will provide opportunities for you to explore new spiritual disciplines and take tools home with you to practice through Lent and beyond!

Pasta Bar Dinner

March 2nd, 2018

5-7 pm

Bowtie & Spaghetti Noodles

Maranera with and without meat and alfredo

Salad, garlic bread and beverage

Cost: Donation

Desserts available for purchase

Proceeds go toward the Youth Mission Trip to Pittsburgh, PA in June!

RECOVERY FAIR "A COMMUNITY OF ONE"

Join us for a unique gathering of numerous area organizations specializing in ALL aspects of recovery, support, and treatment.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018
6pm - 8pm

MESSIAH
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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00pm Trustee Mtg	2 5:00-7:00pm Youth Fundraiser Pasta Bar	3
4 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 5:30pm Youth Group	5 6:30pm "Restored-Finding Redemption in our Mess" Study 7:15/8:00pm AA Mtg	6	7 4-5:30pm Alzheimer's Support Group 6:30pm Deepening Our Faith	8 6:30pm Card Making	9	10
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