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July 2018

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Sunday Schedule: Worship Service 10:00 am

Email: freelandumc.org / Website: www.freelandumc.org Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:30 – 4:00 & Wednesday 9:30 – 1:30

As I write this I'm sitting in the gathering area of the church we are staying at in Pittsburgh, PA on the mission trip. I'm sifting through the materials for the week, preparing for Sunday's message when the students and I return. This week while on the mission trip the scriptures revolve around Peter's journey with Jesus and the GRIT that he discovered and grew inside himself. You will hear a little more about GRIT on Sunday as the Youth and I share our testimonies from the week.

It makes me think of the GRIT that we had last week as we navigated Vacation Bible School. I heard many comments that the challenge that was set before you was too large and that it wasn't possible. THAT wasn't the case...we not only met the challenge but we rose above it. The challenge required us to have GRIT of our own. I'm still overwhelmed by the love we poured into the 82 young people who attended VBS last week. You did something that many think you could do last week. I am thankful for your risk, and your willingness to step outside of your comfort zone. This will not be the last time you are asked to do this. Time and time again Jesus called those who were closest to him out of their comfort zones and we must follow their example, putting our trust in God that God will provide and lead us accordingly.

We need to remain faithful in our own spiritual formation – we must continue to spend time daily in God's word and in prayer for not only our families, but our local church, our community and the world, for God's will to be done, not our own. For this reason, you are invited to join me on Thursdays from 2-3 beginning July 5th for an hour of devotion and prayer. We will spend time in prayer for our church, our community, and our world, including joining our hearts and minds together during the 2:23-2:26 when we are to be praying for the Commission on a Way Forward. Please consider joining me for this journey over the course of the next month. My hope is that out of this we will continue to meet into the Fall as we begin to explore what is next for Freeland UMC as we continue striving to be a "Christ centered mission minded community called to serve all people through God's love."

Over the course of the next month, you will be presented with several ways in which you can engage with being mission minded through our Christmas in July Celebration that will be occurring each Sunday in July. Each week we will focus on a different mission ministry of the church: Red Wagon, School Bags, Haiti Dresses and more. Be sure to join us to see how you can be involved in these mission minded activities!

Blessings, Pastor Kayla

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

ASSISTED LIVING:

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

HOMEBOUND:

Mrs. Wilma Spyker	Mrs. Jill Ortega	Mrs. Barb Crocker	Ms. Mary Goodrich	Ms. Joyce Schuknecht
4700 E. Kent Rd	9670 Midland Road	5935 Shattuck Apt 33	6102 Jefferson #1404	180 South Colony Dr
Freeland, MI 48623	Freeland, MI 48623	Saginaw, MI 48603	Midland, MI 48640	Apt 325
				Saginaw, MI 48638

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

Ally Duley – CMU	Sarah Kusowski – Ferris State University
Lauren Guentert – CMU	Jessica Pfund – Ferris State University
Scott Haines – Delta	Matthew Rohn – Greater MI Construction Academy
Sam Uptmor - Delta	Kelsey Ruggles – Delta
Steve McGuire - Delta	Tatyana Spaulding - Delta
Mitchell Musial – Ferris State University	

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3	Della Wilder	12	Jill Ortega	The state of the s
5	Barbara Muessig-Short	13	Patricia Yates	Нарру
6	Julie Pfund	14	Evelyn Fraser	Birthday
7	Bree Castle		Tatyana Spaulding	
	Mary Goodrich	23	Kris Kreager	
	JoAnn Hargreaves	28	Kelsey Ruggles	

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	10	Randy and Sally Vollmer	27	David and Jennifer Hedlund
ANNIVERSARY	15	Tim and Ruth Dill		

Come celebrate Meghan Rohn's high school graduation July 7th! The party is starting at 3:00pm until who knows when. The pool will be open (no life guard) and we are planning a bonfire. 4120 Smith's Crossing.



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Reward Program: When shopping at Gordon's be sure to mention FUMC at the checkout as a nonprofit. Your sales dollars will be added to FUMC account and later redeemed for FUMC food supplies.



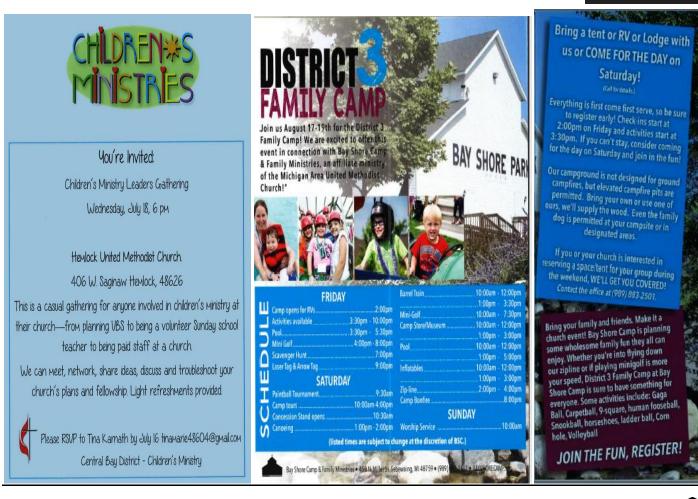
Endowment Town Hall Meeting: July 15th all are welcome to join us for a Town Hall Meeting regarding the Endowment Fund. Come learn about this generous gift that we have the joy of managing for the future ministry of Freeland UMC. Lunch will be provided and the Nursery will also be available.

School Bag Mission Project: As a mission project we are again making school bags. Soon July and August will be here when school supplies will be on sale. Each bag needs the following:

1 - blunt scissors	6 - unsharpened pencils with erasers
3 - wide ruled spiral notebooks (70 pages each)	1 - 21/2 inch eraser
1 - 30 centimeter (12 inch) ruler	1 - box of Crayola Crayons 24 ct
1 - hand held pencil sharpener	

Help in purchasing any supplies will be greatly appreciated. There will be a tub in Fellowship Hall starting in July. Goal is to have bags filled by August end. Blessings – Grace Leaman





<u>Prayer with Pastor:</u> All are welcome to join Pastor Kayla from 2-3 each Thursday in July and August from 2-3. We will gather in the sanctuary for a devotion, prayer for our church, our community, our world and the United Methodist Church as we pray our way forward together as a body of Christ. If someone is interested in facilitating an evening prayer group following the same format, please see Pastor Kayla.



<u>Christmas in July:</u> One of our Christmas projects this year will be a food drive. All during the month of July and August we all will have the opportunity to create a cross to hang on the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary during Advent. By donating the requested items of food you will earn pieces of the cross that can be put together to make the ornament. There is no limit of the number of crosses that can be made, so a family of five can make one ornament or ten. In addition to the Christmas project we will be getting "Mission News" each Sunday in July. This will be a short video of Missions that are supported by FUMC from your offerings. Look for list of items to earn the cross pieces. God Bless Your Mission Team



<u>VBS 2018:</u> Was a super fun time. There were 82 kids who rolled down the river and experienced the ride of a lifetime with God. From singing to listening to Bible stories to contributing to the water collection for the Flint water crisis, the kids loved it. "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." - Isaiah 43:2

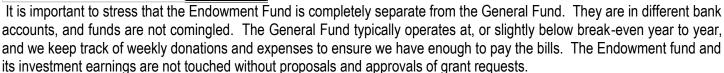
THANK you to the 35+ leaders who lent their time and talent to make this such a success. Plans are already underway for next year. Save the days June 18 – 20, 2019 for the next adventure. Tina Musial Karnath

Congregational Finance Meeting

Freeland United Methodist Church has been blessed with generous donations to the Endowment Fund in recent and not so recent years. The Endowment Fund was created as a separate account to be used for new or innovative ministries and outreach in the immediate community and beyond. This fund is to be used for non-budgeted initiatives approved by the Endowment Committee and Church Council. The donations to Endowment Funds remain intact; only the earnings on investments are used to fund programs. For example, if the Endowment fund had \$100,000 invested at a rate of 5%, just the \$5,000 of earnings can be used for grants. The \$100,000 principal remains in place for future initiatives.

Below is a summary of the current Endowment Fund balance:

Freeland State Bank Savings	186,504
Freeland State Bank CD's	136,714
Total	323,218



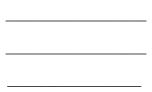
We are seeking input from the congregation on Sunday July 15th as to how funds should be managed. It will be an opportunity to ask questions on church finances, but we would also like to hear your thoughts on how to manage the Endowment investment. Is the congregation willing to seek higher returns by accepting the swings in valuation that come in investing in equity funds, or is preservation of the principal more important? Are we willing to pay an advisor to make recommendations, or defer to the Endowment Committee, Finance Committee, and ultimately Church Council?

We are blessed with these gifts offered by members no longer with us. We don't often talk about money other than during the Stewardship campaign. This time, we are asking members to offer their advice on how to manage funds in a way that honors the desire of the contributors to extend the ministries of Freeland United Methodist Church.

I hope to see you on July 15th. Pat McIntyre, Finance Chairman

JULY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00am Worship	7:15/8:00pm AA Mtg	3	4 Office Closed NO Alzheimer's Support Group	5 2-3 Prayer Group	6	7
8 10:00am Worship	9 7:15/8:00pm AA Mtg	10	11	12 2-3 Prayer Group	13	14
15 10:00am Worship 11:30am Town Hall Meeting	16 7:15/8:00pm AA Mtg	17 6:00 Worship Mtg 7:00 Council Mtg	18	2-3 Prayer Group	20	21
10:00am Worship	23 7:15/8:00pm AA Mtg	24	25 Newsletter Deadline	26 2-3 Prayer Group	27	28
29	30	31				

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