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PASTOR PARISONER PEDAL



August

2014

MACKINAW to AUBURN Bike-a Thon

The Mackinaw to Auburn Bike-a-thon will take place over four days in September, Thursday the 11th to Sunday the 14th. We'll be going up on Wednesday night to stay at Doug and Jane McDonalds place in Millersburg. We will prepare for the trip Thursday morning in Mackinaw City at the rail-trail trailhead. It's only a couple of blocks from there to the park by the bridge so that we can start right at the foot of the bridge if we choose. From where we start in Mackinaw we'll follow the gravel rail-trail to Cheboygan and then to Aloha State Park where we'll have lunch. From Aloha we'll bike to Millersburg where we'll spend the night. The trip from Mackinaw to Millersburg is fifty-one miles. If we can go farther we'll continue on and carpool back to the McDonald's.

Friday is going to be a hard day. We'll start on the rail-trail where we left off and finish up on the gravel rail-trail in Alpena where we'll lunch. After riding through town we'll start heading south on US-23. The ride on US-23 will be easy until just past the Ossineke United Methodist Church where we'll begin to encounter a series of long hills that run most of the way to Oscoda. Some grades stretch for a mile or more. The goal will be to reach Harrisville and, if possible, Oscoda where we'll be staying at Pastor Duane and Lynn's Cabin. If we can't cover the whole distance we'll carpool.

Saturday we'll go back to where we left off and proceed down to Standish. It will be another long day but there are almost no hills. The most difficult part will be to get through the towns where the shoulder isn't defined and great care will be needed. We've been invited by Pastor Dan Gonder, for lunch at Tawas United Methodist Church. I'll be checking out the feasibility of doing that. The plan is to make Standish and stay at the Standish United Methodist Church for the Night.

Sunday we'll get up and have a short church service and then start riding following M-13. If everything works out we'll pause long enough to skype greetings to Auburn at the beginning of the service to create some excitement for the picnic. We'll be on M-13 until Kawkawlin where we'll leave

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“...exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

M-13 and ride down to Wheeler Road that we'll follow to Nine Mile Road and then south on Nine Mile Road to Auburn and to the church. These back roads will be the only roads that won't have paved shoulders so great care watching for traffic will be needed while riding on them. This distance on Sunday is purposely short so that we can get in early enough for the picnic and so that we have time to recover a little before Monday.

Anyone who thinks they can make the trip, or a portion of it, can ride. All we ask is that you get pledges per mile from as many people as you can for whatever distance you ride, the idea being to involve everyone in the church. You can plan to ride any distance any day. For the fun of those that can't do the big trip there will be a Mini Pastor Parishioner Pedal—Mackinaw to Auburn starting at Wheeler and Mackinaw Roads where people can join the riders for the final leg (keep in mind there is no paved shoulder on these roads.) Kids can ride too, with their parent's supervision starting anyplace on nine Mile/Auburn Road. I would recommend that children not ride on Wheeler Road. A good place for the young ones to start might possibly be at the railroad tracks on Auburn Road. All anyone needs to do to take part is to sign up and get some pledges per mile for their ride, (or quarter mile for the kids.)

There is a sign up sheet and you can get a pledge sheet at the display in the Fellowship Hall Serving Center. We need riders and we need drivers with vehicles and trailers to carry equipment and sleeping gear. Several drivers are necessary especially if someone should not be able to bike a full day and for if we need a car pool to our sleeping destinations. Both cabins that we we're staying at are small, so if you have a tent it would be helpful. Air mattresses, sleeping bags and pillows are necessary. The advantage of staying at the generously offered cabins over staying at churches is the showers.

This is a church function so each evening there will be a short devotion and then a prayer time each morning before we leave. I'll be asking different riders to help out with evening devotions and leading morning prayers. On Sunday morning there will be a short church service before we leave. I don't know yet what form it will take but we will worship.

The rail-trail from Mackinaw City to Alpena is crushed limestone, I rode it on Memorial Day Weekend and it is more challenging than riding on pavement. I can ride 12-13 miles per hour for 25 miles on pavement. On 25 miles each day of the gravel rail-trail I could only maintain an average of 9mph the first day on the section from Mackinaw to Aloha, the second day I rode a slow 8 average mph from Aloha to Millersburg. I'm going back up over the 4th of July to ride from Millersburg to Alpena and I'm hoping that as summer dries out the gravel it will be easier riding. I'm telling you this just so that you know these trails are a challenge.

I can't report on the hills because we don't have anything like them around here. Depending on our vacation plans I may ride some of them over the 4th just to see how hard it will be. My hope is that we'll average at least ten miles per hour over each day. That will have us riding at least six hours three days in a row and less on Sunday.

As of June 15th I've ridden about four hundred and fifty miles and it still hurts to sit on a bike seat after a couple hours. You need to prepare! I've also ridden two long trips and after 40 plus miles each I'm too tired the next day to do it again. I'll admit to being an old man but even if you're young don't think you can do this trip without lots of preparation and time spent riding a bike to get into shape.

I'm excited and can't wait for this trip. I love a physical challenge and having an excuse to get into shape, I hope lots of you do too. See you on the trails .

Sam Samborn

June 15, 2014

There will be a potluck to welcome the Bikers back to the Church from their long journey on September 14th.

Come and share in their journey.



Who is your favorite Biker?

Make sure to Pledge for your FAVORITES...

Signed up to ride so far...

Rev. Duane Harris

Pat McIlvenna

Lynn Harris

Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna

Sam Samborn

Doug McDonald

Dave Jesse

Name of Person Pledging	Name of Biker	Pledge Per Mile	Miles Expected	Actual Miles	Pledge x Actual Miles = \$\$\$



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th

Dr. Steven Shephard and family will be here to share about their work in Jos, Nigeria.

They will make a brief presentation during the service, and will present a more in depth review of their experiences at 11:00 with question and answer time.

Everyone is invited to a potluck following the 11:00 presentation. Meat will be provided.



Did you hear the news?

*Big things are happening in
AUMC Sunday School program...*

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

& GRRRRAND OPENING

Sunday, September 7th

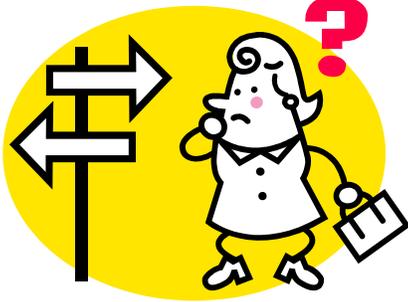
after the 9:30 worship, downstairs.

Coffee, Juice, Treats, & Surprises!!!

Stay for a class from 11-11:45am.

Come down in to the basement for coffee hour on 9/7/14 and see what super secret project took place over the summer. There will also be a scavenger hunt and some fun activities to do as you look around the new setup. Thank you to Tamara Klida and Zaq Putnam for all their hard work on the super fun looking downstairs. Come and see what all of the hubbub is about...

UMW MYSTERY TRIP



Will be on August 14th, 2014. We will be leaving the church at 8am and returning by 4:30pm. You will need money for shopping, lunch, and gas. There will be a sign up sheet on the UMW bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions call Joan Schrott at 989-662-7376.



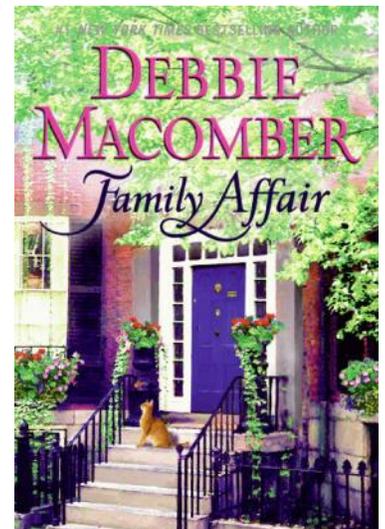
The Rebekah Circle will have their first meeting of the year on September 8, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the parlor at the church. The book we are reading for the first meeting is "Family Affair" by Debbie Macomber. It is a novel, easy reading and should give us plenty to think about and discuss.

I recommend that you check the library first, and then look at places like Target, WalMart, K-Mart, etc., before going online or to a bookstore. I got my copy at Target for about a third of the original cost.

ALL ladies of the church are invited to attend this group. If you like to read and discuss the books you read, this is a great group to join.

You should have read the book before the first meeting of the fall.

Hope to see lots of you there.



Is anyone interested in leading a Team AUMC for the Making Strides breast cancer walk on October 18 at Dow Diamond? Team can form and fundraise now!

See Tina for details.

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The Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial is coming to Auburn Park on September 4 – 8. As part of our outreach, our church is providing some of the meals for the volunteer guides and guards who will be working around the clock at the monument. There is a sign-up sheet in the Service Center for various food items that make up the meals. For example, we are looking for bagels, cream cheese, sandwich meat, cookies, taco ingredients, etc. All donations need to be to the church by Thursday night (9/3), 7 pm to prepare and deliver for Friday. See Tina, Linda C or Kelly Krueger if you have any questions.



Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial Parade

As the trucks bring the Moving Wall pieces in to town, there will be a solemn parade down Midland Street and Auburn Road leading in to Auburn Park on September 4th. The community is being invited to line the streets waving flags as the Patriot Guard riders lead the truck through town. All of Auburn schools are

releasing students to make sure the streets are lined with flag wavers. The church will have a number of flags or you are welcome to bring your own to wave in front of church property on Thursday morning. Line up along the road around 9am. The parade start time is an estimate as the truck and riders are traveling from out of state, but it is anticipated to start around 9:15-9:30 am. Stay tuned to Facebook and email updates as the event gets closer. See Tina if you have any questions or if you would want to organize a casual breakfast beforehand.



Children & Family Ministries



August 2nd we will be playing the movie “Ice Age” and having a themed snack and activity! Bring all of your friends, it is FREE!

Movie will be played outdoors if the weather cooperates, indoors if not. Bring blankets and lawn chairs, just in case.

Movie starts at 7 pm. Fun for all ages...



CAMPFIRE NIGHT!

MUSIC AND SNACKS AROUND A FIRE WITH

SHELBY & PAT

AUGUST 16TH

7:30 PM

AUBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

207 S. AUBURN RD, AUBURN

BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET TO SIT ON
LEMONADE AND S'MORES INGREDIENTS PROVIDED



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

There will be a blessing of the backpacks during the 9:30 service on September 7th. Please bring your backpack in to worship and receive a special blessing for back to school.



Sunday School Teacher Update

We have had enough volunteers to offer Children’s Sunday School classes in the following formats: Preschool-K, 1st-2nd grades, 3rd-5th grades, 6-9th grades, & High school. As you can see, that is very different then what we have been able to offer in the past year. What we are looking for now is a couple of people who would be willing to be trained as substitutes in case on of the regular teachers needing a Sunday off due to illness or other family obligations. If you would be willing to do this please contact Tina at 989-395-2710 or tinamarie48604@gmail.com.



Looking Ahead at AUMC

August 2nd	Family Movie Night
August 16th	Campfire & Camp Song night
Aug 29-Sept. 1	Labor Day Weekend
September 7th	Sunday School Open House Blessing of the Back Packs
September 14th	Pastor & Parishioners Pedal Picnic
September 30th	Leaman's Applebarn Fall Festival

Please don't forget about our Homebound Members who are not able to come to Church. If you need their address please Contact the Church office at 662-6314.

Rose Anderson	Kay Pashak
Betty Beane	May Seifert
Sharon Dengel	Dorothy Skyrme
Shirley Doll	Naomi Edwards
Verlyn Davis	Donna Norton



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J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) Sessions

Our brand new, mid-week program for kids will focus on music and fellowship! We will gather at 6:00pm and have three groups travel between an activity/story, recreation and music based around a weekly theme and genre. Kids will sing and play different instruments during their music exploration time and this will also include Children's Choir practice. There will be snack time and **LOTS OF FUN!** Ages preschool through 8th grade. J.A.M. Sessions are **FREE** to attend! Invite a friend and come join the fun!

Fall Session – 7 weeks, Thursdays 6 - 7:30, October 9 – Dec 4

Winter Session will be starting in January.

AUMC Church Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
						<i>MOVIE NIGHT 7:00 PM AUMC</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship 9:30 Worship Staff Meeting 11 a Spiritual Gifts Training 11:30 SPRC meeting 1:30	Trustees Meeting 7pm	Staff Meeting 12:30 Prayer Team 6pm	Spiritual Gifts Training 1pm Carving Club 6:30pm	Worship Ministry Team 6pm	FridayCHAT Registration 9AM-Noon	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 9:30 Worship Staff Meeting 11am <i>The Shephard's Family Sharing</i> Spiritual Gifts Training 11:30	Church Council Meeting 7pm	Staff Meeting 12:30 Prayer Team 6pm	Spiritual Gifts Training 1pm Carving Club 6:30pm	UMW Mystery Trip		<i>CAMPFIRE NIGHT 7:30 PM</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship 9:30 Worship Staff Meeting 11am Spiritual Gifts Training 11:30	UMM 7pm	Staff Meeting 12:30pm Prayer Team 6pm	Spiritual Gifts Training 1pm Carving Club 6:30pm	Sunday School Set-up Meeting 6:30		Private Party in Fellowship Hall
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 9:30 Worship Staff Meeting 11am <i>Sunday School Training Noon</i> Spiritual Gifts Training 11:30		Martha Esther Circle 9:30 Staff Meeting 12:30pm Prayer Team 6pm	Spiritual Gifts Training 1pm Carving Club 6:30pm			
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Worship 9:30 Worship Staff Meeting 11am						



Birthdays of the Month

1st—Rob Samborn
Debbie Tyler
10th—Donna Samborn
Gloria Putnam
14th—Linda Czyzewski
19th—Kay Pashak
22nd—Carson Randall
24th—Tim Fournier

27th—Donald Tomkinson
John Duranczyk
Elizabeth Grenesko
28th—Megan Thompson
Nancy Tiede



1st—Duane & Lynn Harris
3rd—Paul & Arlene Erwin
5th—Barb & Gary Doner
8th—Dave & Tamara Klida
10th—Bill & Liz Shepard
11th—Clayton & Marilyn Davis
14th—Agness Schmidt & Ralph Wackerly

WORSHIP GUIDE

August 3, 2014	8th Sunday after Pentecost	Deep Well	Grow	Psalm 1 John 15:1-11	Duane Harris
August 10, 2014	9th Sunday after Pentecost	My God is a Rock	Solid Rock	Psalm 18	Duane Harris
August 17, 2014	10th Sunday after Pentecost	My God is a Rock	Lead Me to the Rock	Psalm 61	Duane Harris
August 24, 2014	11th Sunday after Pentecost	My God is a Rock	Shelter of the Rock	Psalm 27	Duane Harris
August 31, 2014	12th Sunday after Pentecost	My God is a Rock	My Rock My Redeemer	Psalm 19	Duane Harris

SERVICE ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS	PRAYER ROOM	WELCOME CENTER	COUNTERS	COFFEE HOUR
8/3	Chuck & Bev Witherspoon	Roger & Deb Plessner	Janet Rahl	Betty Stoddard	Betty Stark	Darci Chambers & Dennis Rogers	Linda Czyzewski
8/10	Chuck & Bev Witherspoon	Rob Samborn Bill Chambers	Janet Rahl	Trudy Pischel	Deb Plessner	Darci Chambers & Dennis Rogers	The Shepard's
8/17	Bill & Darci Chambers	Bruce Bbedtelyon Chuck Witherspoon	Janet Rahl	Monica Bedtelyon	Pat Lyvere	Bernie Hoy & Dennis Rogers	No Volunteers
8/24	Steve & Kelly Krueger	Bernie & Sheila Hoy	Janet Rahl	Marilyn Davis	Jim & Barb Cody	Bernie Hoy & Dennis Rogers	No Volunteers
8/31	Bill & Liz Shephard	Ted & Nancy Tiede	n/a	Sue Plessner	Roye Burr	Bernie Hoy & Roger Plessner	No Volunteers



A 220 mile bike-a-thon to raise money towards our apportionments “World Service Fund”. Can’t do 220 miles? Try the Mini-Mac and join us at Mackinaw Rd to Auburn. More information is available on our website. www.auburnumc.org



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CHURCH STAFF

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Church Office Hours:
Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Pastor’s Typical Office Hours:
Tuesday 9 am–12 pm & 1pm–4pm
Wednesday 9 am–12 pm & 2 pm–4 pm
Thursday 9am–12pm
Friday 9 am–12 pm

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<i>Bookkeeper:</i>	<i>Patti Behmlander</i>
<i>Coordinator of Children & Family Ministries:</i>	<i>Tina Musial</i>
<i>Coordinator of Music:</i>	<i>Pat McIlvenna</i>
<i>Keyboardist:</i>	<i>Gabrielle Meisel</i>
<i>Nursery:</i>	<i>Ashley Stevens</i>
	<i>Kendra Gauthier</i>
<i>Pastor:</i>	<i>Rev. Duane Harris</i>

Our Current Vision: AUMC has a vision that “STIKS”

Serving all families

Teaching Christian Love

Increasing involvement of children and youth by

100% by the end of 2015

50% by the end of 2016

25% by the end of 2017

Known in the community

Shout Amen!

Our Core Values:

1. Prayer is a powerful means through which we relate to God.
2. The Bible is the authoritative source for knowing God.
3. Jesus is God's Son. He is the One who reveals in a way like no other that God loves us unconditionally with amazing grace.
4. Mission, local and distant, is a means to love our neighbor in real and relevant ways.
5. Imitating our Lord by practice, practice, practice realizing that none of us are perfect, but we are all on the faith journey together.
6. The Holy Spirit is God’s guiding Presence in whom “...we live and move and have our being.” (Acts 17:28)

