



THE LINK

Auburn United Methodist Church

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

We would all like to push things forward and make giant leaps toward getting things back to normal but as in the race of the Turtle vs, the Hair, “slow and steady wins the race”. The Church Council has taken into consideration our congregations risk levels vs. the Bishops guidelines for reopening, and decided that slow and steady is the only way we are going to keep our people safe and win the race against this Covid virus.

At the June 15th meeting, they made the decision to continue to have Drive In services through the month of July with a target opening date of August 2nd. However, this will be reevaluated at the July 20th meeting in comparison to local trends of infections.

A re-entry team has been established to make recommendations to the Council about our opening procedures and policies. In the mean time, please rest assured that we are as anxious to get things “back to normal” as you are but we have to assure that it is done following guidelines to keep everyone safe.

Slow & Steady Wins the Race...

Meet Tommy Turtle, he will be popping up around the church to remind you that slow & steady will win the race against this nasty covid virus.



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Eternity by Kathy Gilson

Infinite time; duration without beginning or end. [Dictionary.com]

Eternity have you thought about that word? I have, and it's a word that I cannot comprehend. But we are all going to be in heaven or hell for eternity, and we have to make our choice before we die.

Heaven is where I will be, by God's grace. I think of it as being in the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve were locked out of. A place where all our five senses are enhanced to a degree that our earthly bodies could not even tolerate: smells, colors, sight, taste and sound. Just thinking about what is waiting for me excites me.

The Garden of Eden had animals, birds, fish and maybe even bugs, but not annoying ones. They will in the Garden with us where we all will all play together. The animals will join us in Worshiping our Creator God.

Our other choice is Hell. Where all our senses will be shifted in the opposite direction for eternity! It grieves me to think of anyone whether they be family, friend or foe spending eternity there.

God is waiting for you to come to him. He will not force you to choose Him. Christ died, He was raised from the dead, and He lives now and is interceding for us with God His Father. If we accept Christ, we can call God our Father.

Going to church, giving to the poor, loving your neighbor, etc, won't get you into Heaven. You have to say, "YES, God, come into my life. I am sorry for my sinning. I want you to be my God and my Savior." You can say yes to God while taking a bath, fishing, before going sleep or in a church service. If you do, it isn't up to your feelings to make it true. It's up to God, who has promised to answer if you pray that way. And He'll be with you, now and throughout eternity.

Below are a few verses from the bible and there are many more.

John 14:6 NIV—Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

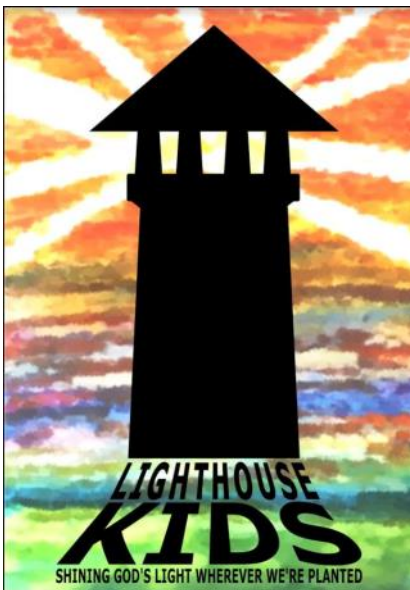
Romans 8:1 NIV—Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

Galatians 2:16 NIV—know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified

Ephesians 2:8 NIV—For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--

Revelation 3:20—Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Please don't forget about the people on the Caring Team Visitation List who are not able to come to Church as often. If you need their address please contact the Church office.		FINANCIAL STATUS	
Roger Anderson	June Filcek	JUNE'S INCOME	YTD INCOME
Don Gilson	Echo Ignafol	\$14,191.00	\$88915.67
Sharon Dengel	Don Spaulding	JUNE'S EXPENSES	YTD EXPENSES
Shirley Doll	Leatha Fahrner	\$14,055.91	\$84,183.96
Ardis Juhala	Robert & Dolores Wise	A detailed Income & Expense Statement is available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.	
Ken & Ruby Christopherson			



LIGHTHOUSE KIDS

SHINING GOD'S LIGHT WHEREVER WE'RE PLANTED

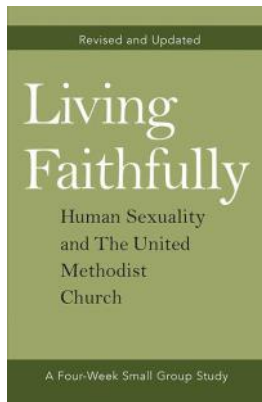
LIGHTHOUSE KIDS is a VIRTUAL VBS PROGRAM designed specifically for summer 2020. Inspired by all of Michigan's beautiful Lighthouses that cast their light far beyond the small plot of land to which they're planted, this VBS will show kids how to shine GOD'S LIGHT wherever they're planted this summer. This VBS will provide opportunities for BIBLE STUDY, RECREATION, PROJECTS WITH PURPOSE, MUSIC, CRAFTS, STEM LEARNING, REFLECTION TIME, AND WORSHIP. We'll use a variety of media platforms to deliver learning and fun each day. Additionally, each family will be able to pick and choose the segments that work best for their schedule and situation.

Each family will be safely delivered a VBS KIT that will contain everything needed to participate. T-shirts included! Registration will start soon...so keep watching. Everyone is welcome. Please consider inviting friends from churches that aren't offering a VBS this summer. Everything is free for everyone!

If you'd like to help, or have questions please contact Becky Jenkins at cmumom83@hotmail.com

JULY 20-24, 2020

JULY BIRTHDAYS		JULY ANNIVERSARIES	
3	Lyndsay Morris	12	Denise Corbat
3	Katie Krueger	15	Barb Cody
4	Rowan Morris	17	Jerry Nahgahgwon
4	Chloe Marsh	21	Bryan Stevens
5	Dave Klida	25	Melissa Grew
5	Donalee Jose	25	Denise Horswill
9	Gordon Westphal	26	Brenda Sinicki
9	Jim Cody	26	Monica Bedtelyon
10	Don Gilson	29	Connie Rogers
12	Kelly Krueger	29	Matt Roth
		31	Betty Stark
		7th	Ron & Gayle Gibbon
		12th	Mike & Dawn Lapham
		20th	Nick & Krystle Gibbon
		24th	Carson & Darlene Randall
		25th	Jerry & April Nahgahgwon



STUDY BOOK AVAILABLE

We have purchased copies of “Living Faithfully” a book about the LGBTQ issues confronting the United Methodist Church. The book represents both sides of the issues to help people understand what they believe and why, AND, what those with whom they disagree believe and why. As mature Christian brothers and sisters it is important that we are able to discuss matters openly and respectfully. A number of my clergy colleagues have used this book in the churches they serve and have found it helpful. I hope that you will take time to learn about this important issue in the coming months. Books can be signed out from the office. Please call Jenn in the office or email the office, if you would like to schedule a time to pick one up.

IN OTHER NEWS....

- This year’s Worship in the Park has been canceled due to social distancing restrictions.
- The Marsh family would like to thank everyone for their support during Gracia’s illness and passing. Your kindness is very appreciated.

Electronic Giving

Did you know that you can give to our church without sending cash or writing a check? Beginning May 1st, we set up electronic giving through Vanco Give Plus. We have been using Vanco services for years for repeated automatic withdrawals but now we have reached out to electronic giving through their app or website.

Seem scary? No worries, visit our webpage www.auburnumc.org and click on the Give Plus box, that will take you to a page that is full of information. There are step by step videos to show you how to set up their app on your phone or tablet or give via a website. It is really simple and you can set up both one-time payments and recurring payments.

It is safe and secure and you can even see a record of your giving before you would receive your giving statement from the church.

If you need help setting this up please call Jenn in the office. 989-662-6314

AUMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			6:30 Praise Band			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00 AM DRIVE IN SERVICE	6:00 Re-entry Task Force		1:00 Missions Meeting 6:30 Praise Band			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:00 AM DRIVE IN SERVICE	6:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 Council Meeting	6:00 Food Pantry Prep	6:30 Praise Band			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00 AM DRIVE IN SERVICE	6:00 Finance Meeting 7:00 Council Meeting		6:30 Praise Band			
		LIGHTHOUSE VIRTUAL VBS				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
10:00 AM DRIVE IN SERVICE			6:30 Praise Band			
MICHIGAN CONFERENCE VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE						



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Nursery:
Pastor:*

*Jennifer Williams
Jennifer Williams
Pat McIlvenna
Gabrielle Cook
Phyllis Roberts
Rev. Rob Nystrom*

Church Office Hours:

**Monday – Thursday
9:00 am – 1:30 pm**

Pastor's Typical Office Hours:

Monday & Thursdays
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

If you would like to meet with
Pastor Rob please call the church
office to schedule an appointment
or contact Pastor Rob.

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Our Vision:

Creating a church where children and youth love
to attend.

Our Mission:

Connecting people with the love and life of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

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).

