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“Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error’s ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.” (Samuel Wolcott)

Dear church friends, One of my favorite hymns is “Christ for the world we sing” because of its upbeat words that convey much love, hope and praise for our God and for all God’s people. Each Sunday we come to the worship service for different reasons. **The main purpose of worship is to love God and praise God together.** Rev. Jorge Acevedo shares some thought-provoking points about vital and growing churches and their worship services in his book *“Vital Churches Changing Communities and the World”* (Abingdon Press, 2012). “At its core, worship is about the wonder of worshipping the Creator of the Universe before whom we stand in reverence and declare, ‘O My God!’” Here are some key points on worship that we need to think about as a church: “Highly vital congregations have **worship that is transcendent, relevant, contextual, and excellent...**God invites us to worship with him in stillness...To have a future with hope, we had to offer worship services that spoke **the “heart language” of a younger generation...**Highly vital congregations tend to provide a mix of both traditional and contemporary services (and music)”...the character of their **worship as ‘joyful, innovative, and inspirational.’”**

These key points raise important questions: Is our worship service joyful and inspirational? Do we experience worship and music and feel more deeply connected with God on high (a transcendent God)? Does our worship language, rituals, and music speak to our community context (issues and needs) and the community people (broad diversity)? Does our worship service include different styles of music (contemporary and traditional music) to speak to different kinds of people (long-time church members who love hymns and newcomers who don’t know any hymns)? Do we convey God’s love and mission to others through our worship services and its words, rituals, and music? Do we love God so much that we are joyful and generous and loving in worship and with others? Does worship move us and inspire us?

Even as a young boy, Jesus was so eager and excited to go and worship God at the temple, and his parents were so devoted to bringing him to the temple regularly to worship and praise God. Let us also look to Jesus and the ways he expressed his love and devotion and praise to God through daily prayer and regular worship, through missions and service, through offering his whole life and heart to God. Let us truly believe “Christ for the world we sing!”

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jennifer Jue

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GOOD NEWS ON CHURCH FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP. Our Finance chairperson Harold Smith reports these January to December 2013 year-end figures. Budget requirement: \$162,916. Budget receipts: \$166,058. Over/under budget: \$3,140. The good news is that the church finances were in line and “in the black” this 2013 fiscal year! United Methodist Church apportionments for 2013 (total due: \$17,257.39) were paid at \$9,055.00 which is 42.48% percent, one of the highest percentages in recent years for our church. Part of the payment was from the Boyles estate gift. UMC apportionments support our connectional ministry of mission and outreach work at the state, national, and global level.

NEWS ON WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Jan. 5- 50 people, Jan. 12- 73 people, Jan. 19- 69 people. God loves his faithful, joyful people in worship. Come, let us praise God every Sunday!

NEWS ON STAFF CHANGES: Brendan Rowe is our new Communications Coordinator (formerly called church secretary). He works Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 2:00pm. His main focus is to publicize our church services, events, and missions and outreach in new ways through print, internet, social media, community connections, etc. He also does church office tasks and records. Staff Parish is conducting the Music Director application and interview process through February.

NEWS ON MISSIONS AND WITNESS: Souper Sundays was the mission committee’s project to provide free warm soup for community people on Sunday afternoons in January (12 noon to 3:00pm). Some church people stayed after fellowship time and enjoyed soup. The Anxiety and Depression group enjoyed soup on one Sunday. By the third Sunday, some new community people came in to enjoy soup and hot dogs. We need to get more publicity out to the community people to let them know we are open on Sunday afternoons and it is a warm place. Our next missions project is cooking and serving lunch at Cass Community Service Center. Please see Gale Wilbur and Jeannine Klay for the Feb/March date to volunteer to cook and serve the lunch to people in need in Detroit.



Prayers of Sympathy for family and friends of..

Charles Guernsey died January 6th.

Sui Chun Wong (Pastor Jue's mother-in-law) died January 11th.

Becky Chessin (Gale Wilbur's sister) died January 18th

Keith DeMolay died January 23rd.

The Wayne-Westland Observer, Sunday, January 26, 2014 Page B1 - Sports Section has a good article about Keith DeMolay. It is also available on-line at

<http://www.hometownlife.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/201401241457/SPORTS24/301240023>

SOME THOUGHTS ON PRAYER

Three men were discussing the proper position and attitude for prayer. One said, "You should be on your knees with your head bowed in reverence to the Almighty." The second man spoke up and said "Remember that you were created in God's image. The position in which to pray is to stand up looking into the heavens, into the face of God and talk to Him as a child to his father." The third man spoke up and said, "I know nothing about those positions, but the finest praying I ever did was upside down in a well."

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. (Acts 16:13) People in the scriptures often had a specific spot where they went to pray as many also do today. Having a specific place to pray helps by blocking out distractions around us and helps us focus on our prayer. The place could be a particular room in our home, a wooded area, a park or anyplace we can be alone and comfortable.

Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. (Romans 12:12) Prayer does not always come easy so we must continue to be faithful even when prayer seems difficult. Our faithfulness in prayer shapes our lives as no other activity can. Once we have experienced the power of prayer it will be difficult to live without it.

But I keep praying to you, Lord, hoping this time you will show me favor. In your unfailing love, O God, answer my prayer with your sure salvation. (Psalms 69:13) When we are tempted to turn from God, give up, and quit trusting him. When our situation seems hopeless, we must determine that no matter how bad things become we will continue to pray. God will hear our prayer, and he will rescue us. The greatest motivation for prayer is answered prayer. When others reject us, we need God most.

But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! (Matthew 5:44-45) Jesus' teaching about praying for our enemies is difficult for us, because we have a problem with what that person may have done to us. However, our understanding of the gospel is directly connected to this teaching. Jesus could have had bad feelings toward those who falsely accused Him, beat him and cruelly crucified him in humiliation. Even our sins were responsible for this terrible act, literally making us His enemies. But instead of condemning us, Jesus willingly sacrificed His life for our sakes. The very essence of the gospel is, **"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:16-17)**

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philip. 1:4

Red Miller

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, February 4,- 6:30 PM - Parlor

NOTE: CHANGE OF DAY TO FIRST TUESDAY

March will be March 4, also a Tuesday

CIRCLE MEETINGS

CHARIS CIRCLE

Monday, February 3, 7:00 PM - Parlor
Shirleen Curtis leads study from Upper Room
All women welcome - come join us in fellowship.

ESTHER-MARTHA CIRCLE

Tuesday, February 11 - 7:00 PM - Parlor
Lucille Farmer leads study on Prayer and Self Denial.
Bring your offering
All women welcome - Come join us!

“THE POWER OF PRAYER”

Prayer breakfast

Saturday, February 8, 2014
Flat Rock United Methodist Church

Registration - 8:45 to 9:45 Breakfast - 9:45 to 10:30

Speaker - Pastor Rochelle Hunter
Hazel Park United Methodist Church
Reservations due to Lucille Farmer by January 29

COMING UP:

- DRD Mission Workshop - March 8
- Lenten dinners - March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9
- Cass Lunch - March 15
- DRD Spiritual Life Retreat - April 4 & 5 Port Huron Retreat Center

PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Coffee Hour

February

2nd Tim & Denise Baily
 9th **YOUR NAME HERE**
 16th **AVAILABLE**
 23rd *Is a Methodist Service Truly Complete
 Without Coffee and Treats?*

Song of Solomon 8:7

Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned. (NIV)

Altar Flowers

February

2nd The Schoonovers
 In Memory of Ruth Schoonover
 and Emmie Weber
 9th Fran Boomer
 In Honor of
 Fran and Bob Boomer's Anniversary
 16th Shirleen Curtis
 In Memory of her Mother
 Claire Tavgigian
 23rd Lenora Krieger
 In Honor of her Birthday Feb. 27

"Do not waste time bothering whether you "love" your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone you will presently come to love him."

C.S. Lewis

FROM THE DESK OF KEITH DeMOLAY

A BIG THANK YOU to all who played in, organized, inspired, arranged props for the intergenerational presentation of "Mi, Mi, Mi" on December 15.

A BIG THANKS to Ananda Speakman, Vivian Speakman, Mona Beyer, Dylon Speakman, Twyla Hull, Miles Gallagher, Pastor Jennifer Jue, Aaron Scott, Dr. Curt Mathison, for all their help! We hope that the message of spiritual gifts and physical gifts reached all of us in this season of hope and renewal.

.....Continue to rejoice in this season of miracles, as we seek salvation

.....Welcome to Linda Weilnau as our new custodian. Congratulations to her upon her retirement from Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

.....Good job with the Christmas Cantata on December 22. Heard it was a great success, complete with narrations from our youth.

.....Don't forget to fill in the 2014 flower and coffee hour chart, located in the narthex. There are still places left Fill in your special dates.

.....Did you fill in/turn in your music survey? If you haven't, do so and return it to the offering plate, office or pastor. Really, it's not too late - - - we need your input

..... See you next month!

2014 CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR FIRST UMC Wayne-Westland (voted 10-28-13)

Pastor: Jennifer Jue (church 734-721-4801, home 728-3541)

Lay Leader & Prayer Advocate: Red Miller (728-4868)

Lay Member/Delegate to Annual Conference: Nancy Lewis (753-5330)

Treasurer: Gale Wilbur (734-709-5067) Finance Secretaries: Gale Wilbur and ___? (BOD258)

Membership Secretary: Alice Sheffield

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL: Phil Shelly-chair (728-7476) (2014),

Vince Maylone (2014), Doug Schoonover (2014), Lois Mathe (2015), Doug Dillingham (2015), Roy Klay (2015), Hwa Stacy (2016), David Dillingham (2016) BVO- Red Miller, Nancy Lewis, Harold Smith, Mike Szabo, Keith DeMolay, Linda Maylone.

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP: Harold Smith-chair (482-0360), Louis Poteau (2014), Sandy Ofiara (2014), Doug Schoonover (2015), David Dillingham (2015), Greg Lewis (2016), ___ (2016), Gale Wilbur-treasurer, Phil Shelly-Admin Council chair, Red Miller- Lay Leader, Ed Rothfelder-auditor.

TRUSTEES: Mike Szabo (721-5204) (2016), Phil Shelly (2014), Larry Nitzel (2014), Irene Schoonover (2014), John Mathe (2015), Sandy Ofiara (2015), Jeff Dean (2015), Dave Orwin (2016), Doug Dillingham (2016), Twyla Hull (2016).

STAFF PARISH: Nancy Lewis-chair (753-5330) (2014), John Mathe (2014), Michelle Hyde (2015), ___ (2015), Vince Maylone (2016), Keith DeMolay (2016), Red Miller (bvo).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/Small Groups: Vivian Speakman-co-chair (722-4672), Keith DeMolay-co-chair (722-1251), Ellen Rothfelder, Harold Smith, Alice Sheffield, Lisa Vipperman (Scott Woolum- Cokesbury).

MISSION & WITNESS: Tonia Szabo-chair (721-5204) (2015), Luann Grosse (2014), Nancy Lewis (2015), Jeff Dean (2015), Jan Podgers (2016), Lois Mathe (2016), Gale Wilbur (2016).

COMMUNICATIONS: Vince Maylone (newsletter), Nancy Farmer (powerpoint), John Mathe (Observer, Dispatch), Keith DeMolay (schools), Office staff- bulletins. (Rick Palmer- webmaster).

LEADERSHIP/NOMINATIONS: Keith DeMolay (2014), John Mathe (2014), Tonia Szabo (2014), Anita Smith Miller (2015), Gale Wilbur (2015), Jim Nault (2015), Roy Klay (2015), Nancy Lewis (2016), Chris Shelly (2016)

MEMORIAL GIFTS: Curtis Mathison-chair (392-7163) (2015), Ilene Suanders (2014), Linda Maylone (2014), Walleen Poteau (2014), Shirleen Curtis (2015), Fay Tolk (2015), Lucille Farmer (2015), Anita Smith Miller (2016), Kathy Jahn (2016)

OTHER GROUP LEADERS: Worship- Jeannine Klay (721-1703), Choir, Hand Bells, Praise Band- Tricia Nault (710-0598), United Methodist Women- Linda Maylone (728-0861), United Methodist Men- Mike Szabo (721-5204), FISH Food Pantry- Greg Lewis (753-5330), Depression & Anxiety group- Lisa Vipperman (721-9495).

Dear Church Family,

I was reading the book, *Stories for the Heart*, compiled by Alice Gray. As I read this essay, "Letting Go," by Anonymous, I found it really touched me, and helped me clarify my thoughts and actions. I hope and pray it may be helpful to you.

Linda Maylone

Letting Go

Author unknown

To let go doesn't mean to stop caring, it means I can't do it for someone else.

To let go is not to cut myself off, it's the realization that I don't control another.

To let go is not to enable, but to allow learning from natural consequences.

To let go is to admit powerlessness, which means the outcome is not in my hands.

To let go is not to try to change or blame another, I can only change myself.

To let go is not to care for, but to care about.

To let go is not to fix, but to be supportive.

To let go is not to judge, but to allow another to be a human being.

To let go is not to be in the middle arranging all the outcomes, but to allow others to affect their own outcomes.

To let go is not to be protective, it is to permit another to face reality.

To let go is not to deny but to accept.

To let go is not to nag, scold, or argue, but to search out my own shortcomings and to correct them.

To let go is not to adjust everything to my desires but to take each day as it comes and to cherish the moment.

To let go is not to criticize and regulate anyone but to try to become what I dream I can be.

To let go is not to regret the past but to grow and live for the future.

To let go is to fear less and love more.



- 4th Colleen Fairclough*
- 7th Pauline Reichard*
- 10th Hwa Stacy*
- 16th Charleen Johnson*
- 18th Frances Lange*
Gloria Dillingham
- 20th Joal Cort*
- 21st Harold Smith*
Terry Speakman
- 23rd Larry Nitzel*
- 27th Lenora Krieger*



- 9th Paul & Katy Jahn*
- 14th Roland & Brenda Quinn*

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Monthly Planner

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Mission Statement

We are the Congregation of First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland and are a committed, loving, Christian community of Jesus Christ, in ministry, witnessing to the love of God as experienced in our lives, and expressed by: worship together, Christian nurture, education evangelism, Christian fellowship and support of one another, invitation to others to share our faith, social awareness, involvement and support of world wide Methodism. Our witness embraces all people.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 A.M.
YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.

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