Pastor Nancy’s Contemplations

There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. ...Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. ...If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12, 26-27 (Common English Bible)

As each of our two congregations gathered to on Sunday, May 22, to discuss the suggestions we received from the district team, one important topic came up at both meetings: the fact that each person has gifts for ministry. These gifts are given to us by God’s Spirit for the common good, as Paul wrote in the scripture passage above.

Paul wanted Christians to understand that everyone in the church is a needed part of the body of Christ. I invite you to read the entire chapter quoted above and see how carefully Paul explained the importance of respecting and celebrating each other’s gifts. He directed some of these passionate words to the people who might be tempted to think their gifts are more important than others, and Paul stressed to them that they are no more important than anyone else’s. Paul directed other words to people who might think that, because their gifts and contributions are not as visible, they are not as important. Paul assured these folks that they are just as essential to the body of Christ as anyone else.

Here’s another important message from Paul’s words: we are the body of Christ. Paul didn’t claim that we can be the body of Christ or that we should be the body of Christ. For better or worse, we are the body of Christ in this time and place. The Spirit equips us with every gift we need to to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world in each way God calls us.

Of course, we are part of the larger body of Christ that includes many other churches in our community and around the world. That means that we shouldn’t expect each local church is called to every kind of ministry. But there’s another truth that follows from Paul’s assurances: whenever we fail to use the gifts God has given us to share, our part of the body of Christ is not as strong as it could be AND we miss out on the joy that comes from sharing our gifts in the church and the world.

Paul listed several kinds of gifts the Spirit gives people to equip them for ministry. But don’t think that’s all the gifts. For any need God would have us meet, the Spirit will provide gifts that equip the body of Christ to meet that need. I’ll be offering some opportunities to explore our spiritual gifts through study, prayer, discussion and discerning together. In the meantime, as always, I would be delighted to talk with you about discerning and/or using the gifts you’ve been given to share.

Christ’s peace & joy,

Pastor Nancy
BISHOP KIESEY, OF THE MICHIGAN AREA, IS RETIRING

On May 19 at General Conference, Bishop Deborah Lieder Kiesey, our Michigan Area bishop, was among those who were honored as they prepare to retire. Four new bishops will be elected. The North Central Jurisdiction (NJC) of The UMC will meet in Peoria, IL July 13-16, 2016 for the Jurisdictional Conference. (Our West Michigan Annual Conference is part of the NJC.) The task of the Jurisdiction Conference is the election of four new bishops and the assigning of bishops to all the annual conferences in the Jurisdiction.

Below is a devotion prepared by Bishop Kiesey for the series of e-mail devotions that led many of us in prayer during the General Conference and the days leading up to it.

From 60 DAYS OF PRAYER E-MAIL SERIES OF DEVOTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 15
READ EPHESIANS 4:25–5:2

The book of Ephesians is a “circular” letter, meaning it wasn’t directed to one particular church but was passed from one congregation to another. In chapters 1–3, the writer deals with some great truths of the Christian faith, and in chapter 4 the author explores how we can live out those truths. Ephesians 4:25-32 (The Message) says this:

- No more lies
- Be angry—but don’t use your anger as fuel for revenge
- Watch the way you talk
- Don’t break God’s heart
- Forgive one another

These rules make sense on one level, but we still have trouble living by them. Too often we distrust those who disagree with us and choose to believe that we alone have the answers. We fear those who are different. We care for ourselves and our passions first. And yet . . . listen:

“Watch what God does, and then you do it. . . . Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with [God] and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn’t love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.” (Ephesians 5:1-2)

Our call is to live an extravagant life of love that exceeds the rational limits of our society, our culture, and our world. A love so simple, yet so profound. A love so extravagant that we willingly give ourselves away for the sake of God, for the sake of Christ, and for the sake of the world.

Loving God, give us hearts for love alone so that when our day is done and our work complete, it is you who is glorified. Amen.

—Deborah L. Kiesey

Bishop Deborah Lieder Kiesey was elected to the episcopacy in 2004 by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference and appointed to the Dakotas Area. In 2012, Bishop Kiesey was assigned to the Michigan Area, where she currently serves. Prior to the episcopacy, she pastored several churches in Iowa.
Prayer Meetings

note day/time change at Perry UMC, beginning June 7

Tuesdays: 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. at Perry UMC
Thursdays: 9:30 – 10 a.m. at Shaftsburg UMC

All are welcome either day.
Join us as we make room in our hearts and minds for God’s Spirit to speak to us, and as we pray for each other and for the world.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY:

THE PSALMS
FOR WORSHIP, STUDY AND PRAYER

WEDNESDAY MORnings at perry UMC
JUNE 15 THRU JULY 21, 10:00 - NOON

THURSDAYS EVENINGS AT SHAFTSBURG UMC
JUNE 16 THRU JULY 22, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

This study explores God’s Word in the Psalms as teaching, poetry, devotional reading, and liturgy (“the work of the people” in worship). We’ll be experiencing the Psalms together through study, prayer and the arts, including music and visual arts. Materials will be provided.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. SESSION CONTENT WILL BE THE SAME FOR MORNING AND EVENING SESSIONS. YOU MAY ATTEND EITHER ONE EACH WEEK. IF YOU DID NOT SIGN UP FOR THE CLASS, PLEASE CHECK WITH PASTOR NANCY (517-375-7479) BEFORE ATTENDING A SESSION, IN CASE IT WAS NECESSARY TO RESCHEDULE THAT SESSION.

BACKYARD FELLOWSHIP AT PERRY UMC

THIS SUMMER’S THEME: LOVE THY NEIGHBOR
Theme Song: “Love Thy Neighbor” from Veggie Tales
7 – 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, June 14 thru August 25
Bring friends and family and a snack to share! Everyone welcome!

June 14 — Bocci Ball       June 21 — Croquet
June 28 — Pool Party       July 5 — Basketball
July 12 — Soccer           July 19 — Volleyball
July 26 — Pool Party       August 2 — Baseball
August 9 — Kickball        August 16 — Badminton
August 25 — Pool Party
The SUMC Church Council meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were, Tammy F, Connie H, Fred K, Mike S, Jim & Luann L; P.Nancy joined upon returning from PUMC SPRC meeting.

Jim L. opened with prayer. Prior minutes were approved.

EDUCATION: Any confirmation classes will be held in summer (with potential of extending into early fall). Evening bible studies planned and will be announced. The Thursday prayer meetings are being contemplated for evenings to allow working folks opportunity to attend.

TRUSTEES: Work bee was successful with many folks helping out. The office ceiling issue seems to be stabilized. Ron H. is checking on concrete for shed & sidewalk; also will see if the contractor has suggestions on the front entry walkway that has significant heaving & settling problems. Dick R. has a bid for shed materials. Also planning on an electric stub allowing power in shed if desired.

WORSHIP: Easter services and breakfast went well - though observed that our 48 in 9:30 service is a long way from the 164 we had for opening service Easter, 2000. Graduation Sunday to be June 5, PN to send invites to Will S., Emily F and Kearny S.. Choir to finish 5.15 and PN noted that, due to Annual Conference, will need pulpit covered June 12.

MISSIONS: Continuing w/ Perry Schools meals/snacks for 6 children per week (up from 3/week); also holding a 'Pb&J' drive to cover the summer months.

SPRC: Will hold a 'Town Hall' type meeting with congregation on 5.22 to go over the proposed recommendations from the 213 District Leadership team - this will be held during the SS time. PN plans on having PUMC pulpit covered to allow attendance here.

PLANNING COMMITTEE: No plan to plan a Planning Comm meeting...

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP: Everything is paid current; however, the general fund continues to erode as giving is down $500/wk from 2015 (though expenses are somewhat lower too). An updated early-payoff of the mortgage schedule will be presented at above mentioned 'Town Hall' meeting on 5.22 - hoping to get paid off in under 18 months.

NON-COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- Rummage Sale went very well with approx $3,500 net (still funds coming in) - looking for suggestions on use-of-monies.

Next meeting will be June 6; meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.
Present: Gerrad Leitelt, Carol Nama, Heather Nolen, Pastor Nancy Powers, BJ Rosen

Chairperson Carol Nama opened with a reading from a devotional book titled “Jesus Calling” by Sarah Young followed with an opening prayer.

Minutes from the March 14, 2016 meeting were read and approved.

Trustees:
- Trustee Chairperson Gerrad Leitelt reported that clean up of the yard happened on May 7th. The Leitelt's, the Powers, and one Girl Scout worked.
- Gerrad reported that he and Misti Leitelt had met with Sue Hammond to check out the copy machine Sue has for sale. She wanted $200.00 for it. BJ Rosen moved that we buy it from Memorial money, Gerrad seconded it and motion passed.
- The trustees are still working on the problem with water leaking into the basement in the south east corner of the kitchen. The UMW will wait awhile yet before replacing the kitchen flooring.
- The new front doors should be installed soon. The delay in this project was an accident with the glass at the factory.

Education:
- Heather Nolan's Sunday School Class will finish on May 15th and the other 2 classes will finish on May 22nd. The children's class will sing at church on the 22nd.
- Pastor Nancy is planning at least one Bible Study this summer.

Worship:
- Worship met today and talked about some ideas for getting other folks to join the choir in the fall.
- They worked on choosing some songs for a song of the month through the summer months.

SPRC:
- Chairperson Gerrad Leitelt reported that at the May 2nd meeting Shirley Tobias was invited to discuss her job as choir director and organist. This meeting went well.

UMW:
- The meeting was held at the new home of Duane and Loyola Dysinger.
- Plans were finalized for the Spring Rummage Sale this coming week.
- Plans were also finalized for the Spring Fling on Thursday, May 19th. Shelly Nyquist and Billye Wilson will take care of decorations and table setting for the dinner. Living Truth 2 will perform at 7:00 pm.

Finance and Stewardship:
- Treasurer BJ Rosen gave her report. Due to the payment from the Conference for Molly Euler found we are a little ahead in Ministry Share payments.
- BJ thinks we are looking okay at this point in the year.
- BJ’s report is attached with these minutes.

Non-Committee Reports:
- Pastor Nancy gave us each copies of: Perry UMC Abuse and Neglect Prevention Policy, Perry UMC Covenant and Limited Access Agreement, Perry UMC Volunteer or Training Request Form, Perry UMC MI State Police ICHAT Release Form and Perry UMC Travel Permission Slip. We are to look these over before our next meeting.

Our next meeting is Monday, July 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm
Meeting adjourned.
Secretary, Carol Nama
JUNE & JULY SPECIAL MISSION OFFERINGS

Each year, local United Methodist congregations in our West Michigan Conference are encouraged to observe special Sundays about once a month, and many of these special Sundays have a special mission offering connected with them. Through these offerings, we can be part of many different kinds of mission work around the world, as well as close to home. Some of these special Sundays are observed worldwide in the United Methodist connection. Others are specific to our conference. In June and July this year, we will be observing the conference special Sundays described below.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY: JUNE 5, 2016

What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. The one who supplies seed for planting and bread for eating will supply and multiply your seed and will increase your crop, which is righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us. Your ministry of this service to God’s people isn’t only fully meeting their needs but it is also multiplying in many expressions of thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9: 6, 10 – 12

Rural Life Sunday celebrates God’s blessings and the ministries of our rural and small town churches. Your Rural Life Sunday Offering is the source for initiatives in rural and small town ministries administrated in our West Michigan Conference through the Town and Country Committee. These ministries include:

- Scholarships for Seminary and Course of Study Pastors in training for rural ministries
- Scholarships for rural pastor’s continuing education
- Technology consulting for rural and small town churches
- Rural Life Sunday worship materials for each church at our website.
- Town and Country church ministry orientation materials for each new pastor entering the conference
- Promotion of cooperative ministries throughout the conference.

GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY: JULY 10, 2016

“I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:35-36)

Up to 50% of this offering may be used by our local congregations for mission and ministry related to disabilities, aging and health care concerns. The rest goes to the West Michigan Conference to help support this kind of ministry through these organizations:

- Methodist Children’s Home Society
- Clark Retirement Community
- Bronson Methodist Hospital.

The Michigan Area Annual Conference 2016 meets June 9-13 at MSU.
For the first 2½ days, we’ll be meeting together with the Detroit Conference. The bishop and leaders from both conferences in the Michigan Area have paired districts and churches from the conferences and asked them to pray for each other. The Lansing District has been paired with the Flint Crossroad District for this Prayer Partner activity, so please lift these churches in prayer. Some who are near us are the Morrice, Pittsburg, Middlebury, Bancroft, Durand and Laingsburg UMC’s. For more information about our Annual Conference, go online at http://2016.michiganumc.org or contact Pastor Nancy (517-375-7479).
Every four years, delegates from United Methodist conferences around the world, gather at General Conference to worship, pray, engage in holy conferencing, and make decisions about ministry and mission. This often includes changes or additions to The United Methodist Book of Discipline and/or The United Methodist Book of Resolutions, documents that describe how we have agreed to be the church together as United Methodists. No individual or group besides the General Conference is authorized to officially speak for The United Methodist Church.

Below are some excerpts from an online report about this year’s General Conference written by Rev. Kay DeMoss, an ordained UM Deacon and Senior Editor-Writer for the Michigan Area communications team.

What things [that happened at General Conference] will make a difference to people within their congregations and neighborhoods? As the dust continues to settle on legislation, here are a few possibilities of how actions in Portland might affect ministry and mission in Michigan.

- General Conference 2016 (GC2016) reaffirmed the Four Areas of Ministry that have provided a platform for the work of both the Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences. 1) Ministry with the Poor; 2) Improved Global Health; 3) Developing Principled Christian Leaders; 4) Creating New and Renewed Congregations.

- A committee was authorized to develop a new cloud-based, print-on-demand United Methodist Hymnal. This high-tech effort could have congregations in Michigan singing some new songs (as well as belting out their favorite old tunes) by 2021.

- Through spokespersons Chelsea Spyres and Peter Cibubaua, The United Methodist Church was challenged to take young people seriously. And they made it clear that youth around the world yearn for God’s people to live out of unity and grace. Chelsea, a native of Delaware and a missionary serving the NOAH Project in Detroit, asked, “How would the church grow if we encouraged each person to discern their calling, to discern where God is leading them to make a difference in the world? If we listened before we spoke?” Peter spoke of how his life in DR Congo taught him to live his faith, “out loud,” and he challenged everyone to do the same, “with compassion and love, no matter what happens.” Their call to “connect with the young people in your own life and ministry,” needs to be heard in the Michigan Area. It’s time to begin new conversations across generations.

- During morning worship on May 19, 29 new missionaries were commissioned. They came from 11 countries and will serve in 16 countries. The Detroit and West Michigan Conferences have a long history of missionary salary support. As servant leaders like these are sent from everywhere to everywhere our mission leaders have a chance to form some new covenant relationships.

- The Imagine No Malaria campaign segued to a new initiative on Abundant Health that seeks to engage 10,000 congregations in life-saving health interventions for 1 million of the world’s children by 2020. Michigan celebrated its $1.7 million share in the INM effort and can now consider new outreach.

- The Michigan Area is a strong supporter of Special Sundays so, heads-up. The United Methodist Church will no longer observe One Great Hour of Sharing. GC2016 renamed this historic and very significant fund-raising effort as UMCOR Sunday. In addition, two Sundays (without offerings) were added to the calendar: 1) Women’s Ministry Sunday (at a date established by the Annual Conference) and 2) Volunteer in Mission Awareness Sunday (scheduled by each local congregation)

- Pre-conference stories of possible delegate manipulation set up a degree of suspicion that found expression on the floor and in the hallways of the convention center. However, after arrival in Portland sharing that took place across national boundaries that built significant bridges of new understanding. During intentional moments of holy conferencing and personal moments of engagement, delegates transcended cultural differences and embraced each other as children of God. The Committee on General Conference projects that around half of the delegates to the 2020 General Conference will come from outside the United States. Multi-cultural experiences are an everyday possibility in cities and villages across Michigan. Delegates invite the Michigan Area to model faithful living in this unfamiliar setting of a less American-centric church. God calls United Methodists to practice a “world-wide church” outlook whenever and wherever able.

- What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past, fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last. That was the heart song of many United Methodists on May 10 as they took their seats in (continued on next page)
the Oregon Convention Hall. A week later those fightings and fears had escalated as rumors of schism spread. The General Conference called upon the Council of Bishops “to lead” and their newly elected chair brought back a plan for the creation of a Commission and the suspension of action on petitions concerning human sexuality for the duration of GC2016. While the debate continued in a rough and ready fashion throughout the day on May 18, the General Conference emerged with cautious hope. Some believe this to be a benchmark moment regarding the grass root’s relationship with the Council of Bishops, the bishops’ relationships with each other, and relationships of United Methodists across the theological spectrum.

In recent years the Michigan Area has experienced its share of pain and grief as persons of all viewpoints have sought to be in covenant with Christ, the Scripture, the Discipline, and each other on human sexuality. These comments reflect a few Michigan reactions to GC2016’s decision.

- The Rev. Dwayne Bagley, pastor of Mason UMC (Lansing District) and soon to be Superintendent of the Kalamazoo District: “For some the Bishop’s proposal will be the catalyst for a sigh of relief. For others it will prompt a sighing and shaking of head as they consider what, to them, represents another adventure in kicking the can down the road. I am coming to feel that it is an attempt to call the Church to seek community in diversity. Some talk about ‘unity’ being a goal of the proposed “time out.” I believe that will not be possible unless those who are part of the United Methodist tradition begin once again to see each others faces and realize that no matter what our positions on LGBT issues, we have something to lose if separation surfaces as our only option.”

- Chelsea Spyres, US-2 serving in Detroit: “This morning I enter General Conference full of hope. Yesterday did not bring all of the solutions but it brought a flicker of hope. Hope that we can find a way forward. Hope that we can be kinder in conversation than in our past (still not always great but better). Hope that we can pause and trust the Spirit to help us discern. Hope that the body continues to listen to young voices. Yesterday was a first step and a step of hope.”

- Rev. Michael Riegler, Provisional Elder from West Michigan: “While I cannot help but feel that the General Conference decision to form a Council of Bishop’s Commission represents just another delay, I am hopeful that this might actually be a step toward some sort of appropriate resolution … I am hoping and praying that this commission will not be made up of hard-liners from either end of the spectrum–intent on nothing but total victory–but rather by prayerful, thoughtful and discerning people who will seek God’s Will and a truly workable solution to our dilemma surrounding human sexuality. It is my hope that much careful, prayer-filled discernment will go into the selection of commission-members, as this will determine to a great extent whether we get the result that will lead us forward and strengthen God’s Kingdom.”

- The Rev. Jack Harnish, retired pastor from the Detroit Conference: “It is a step that doesn’t satisfy everyone. The strong voices on the left who believed ‘It’s time!’ to clearly demonstrate that our motto ‘Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors’ extends to our LGBTQI brothers and sisters feel like it is one more rejection, and our staunch conservative brothers and sisters on the right (including most of the African delegates which make up 30% of the conference) think it is one more subtle attempt to undermine their strongly held convictions. But I truly believe that for most American United Methodists, it represents a chance to gather at the table once again and to try to move to the center; to find a way to remain at the table in spite of our differences and to be United in spite of our divisions.”

FOR MORE INFO ON GENERAL CONFERENCE 2016 GO ONLINE AT
http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2016

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1 United Methodist Churches are organized into conferences served by the same bishop. Perry and Shaftsburg UMC’s are part of the West Michigan Conference, served at present by Bishop Deborah Kiesey. She also serves as bishop for the Detroit Conference, so the two conferences are referred to as the Michigan Area. The two conferences are in the process of merging to become one conference sometime within the next three years.
Prayer Joys & Concerns:

Shaftsburg Prayer List

Please keep the following concerns in prayer:
Walt Saxton back surgery as he recovers.
Shannon for her Achilles tendon Surgery. Travel Mercies for Rice’s, and our Snow Birds how are returning or going on vacation. Paula’s daughter Jennifer who had a benign tumor behind her eye. Baby to be delivered 3 week early. Dwight Kittle Great-Grandson who is undergoing leukemia treatment but doing well now that he is out of the hospital with an ear infection. Krista Wixcus Family who are mourning the loss of a daughter. Paul Powers who is onto a new medicine, but experience some problems. Amanda’s baby who has an issue. Dan & Mitchell and their battles with cancer. Ron Halfner surgery on a heart valve. Savannah who will be undergoing an MRI and placement of shunt for fluid on the brain. Savannah’s mother who also has issues.
We are thankful for the answered prayers received. For new babies on the Way for the Grahams, Kittles. Bob Graham for being out of the hospital and back at church. Ina Erhart on her safe return. Linda Marsh no broken foot. The response we have had for Peanut Butter & Jelly with crackers for the Children Snack Program. Walt for the visitors, card he received and being back in church. Shirley for the prayers and cards for her knee surgery.

Perry Prayer Concerns

Baby Jovi; Maddie DeLau; Melanie Davis’ cousin Crystal; Char Bragg’s sister in-law Sally; George Nama; Ray & Charmelle Gadd; Mike & Julia Pavich; Paul Powers; Dick Locke; Dick McDevitt; Clif Tobias’ nephew; Heather Nolan’s dad & grandparents; Roxane Benjamin’s friend’s husband; Mary Piper; Van Polhemus; Jim Nyquist’s dad; Tony Salmeto’s sister Melinda; Zenna Leitelt’s recess aide; Arden & Bev DeZess’ son in-law; Olivia Leitelt’s social studies teacher; Jim & Shelly Nyquist’s daughter Katie; Russ VanNortwick; Pete Grandy; Bonnie Dunn.
Continued prayers for our shut-ins: Harold and Jean Canfield, Rich Polhemus and Liz Taylor.
Keep all of the service men and women around the world in prayers, especially Kevin Polhemus and Logan Stevens.

June worship scriptures:

June 5: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146:1-2, 8-10; Luke 7:11-17
June 12: To be determined
June 19: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Luke 8:26-39

July worship scriptures:

July 10: Colossians 1:1-14; Psalm 82; Luke 10:25-37
July 31: Colossians 3:1-11; Psalm 107; Luke 10:38-4
June & July CELEBRATIONS

**Perry**

**Birthdays**

Julia Pavich 6/7  
Zenna Leitelt 6/18  
Harold Canfield 6/27  
George Nama 6/28  
Dick Locke 7/4  
Melanie Davis 7/10  
BJ Rosen 7/15  
Carol Nama 7/20  
Amy Slocum 7/21

**Anniversaries**

Harold & Jean Canfield 6/11  
Dave & Jan Luft 6/16  
George & Bonnie Dunn 7/18

**Shaftsburg**

**Birthdays**

Dick Rice 6/3  
David Hammond 6/5  
Dick Barker 6/7  
Laura Sayles 6/13  
Kathy Rice 6/15  
Carol Maize 6/23  
Krista Colby 7/4  
Karen Carroll 7/6  
Sandy White 7/7  
Majorie Kline 7/10  
Jake Frazee 7/11  
Gaylord Hunt 7/14  
Shawn Weaver 7/29

**Anniversaries**

Lee & Pat Boone 6/14  
Walt & Cyndy Saxton 6/26  
Sandy & Richard White 7/20

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To Worship

**June & July Ministries**

In Shafsburg Worship

Opportunities to Serve

Bulletin Board: Luann  
Greeters: Open  
Flowers:  
6/5 – No Flowers  
6/12 – Connie Henske  
6/19 – Open  
6/26 – Sandy White  
7/3 – No Flowers  
7/10 – Jim Carroll  
7/17 – Jim Carroll  
7/24 – Jim Carroll  
7/31 – Jim Carroll

Liturgist June: Sandy White  
Liturgist July: To Be Determined

Music Prelude:   Pat Murley

Meet & Greet  
6/5 – Simple Spread  
6/12 – Connie Henske  
6/19 – Simple Spread  
6/26 – Lori Whipp-Weaver  
7/3 – Simple Spread  
7/10 - Open  
7/17 – Simple Spread  
7/24 – Open  
7/31 – Open
Don’t Forget your Box Tops for Education! We use these to fund our Shaftsburg Sunday School Programs. Place them in the white container in the Narthex.

Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, June 4
Begin eating at 8:00 a.m.
If you would like to help cook, be at the church at 7:00 a.m.
This will be the last one for the summer. Will pick it up again in the fall. See you in October.

Perry UMC will collect non-perishable food items for the Perry food bank on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (the same Sundays as Noisy Change offering). Items may be left in the box in the entryway.

Kid’s Cupboard News
Spread the word about Kid’s Cupboard at Shaftsburg UMC: Open the 4th Monday of each month, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. We supply children’s clothes sizes 0 to 6 years, baby food, diapers, shoes, baby equipment and toys. Have questions? Please call Kathy Rice at 675-5359

An Al-Anon Group meets at the church in the Adult Sunday School Room at 7:30 pm on Wednesday nights. This is a support group for all family and friends of alcoholics and all are invited to the meetings. Any questions, contact Mary at (616) 648-2052

Any dates that you need to reserve the Shaftsburg Church for a group, function or activity please add it to the calendar on the wall by the office.
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131 South Madison St. – P.O. Box 15 Perry, MI 48872
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Office phone (517) 625-3444   http://perryumc.weebly.com

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12821 S. Warner Rd. at Lansing Rd.  P.O. Box 161 Shaftsburg, MI 48882
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Phone (517) 675-1567   shaftsburgumc.weebly.com
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