



# The Grapevine - Update

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*"Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed  
thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!"  
(T. Chisholm, 1923)*



Dear Friends,

Spring is here and summer is coming soon. The memorial garden flowers are blooming in full color and the green grass is growing every day. The beauty of nature and summer time reminds me of God's steady and strong faithfulness through the seasons of life- new births and dying endings, life's joys and life's sorrows. In this season, I hope you will spend time outdoors surrounded by God's beautiful creation. Take time to connect with God in peaceful nature settings. Take time to pray and worship, and give thanks to God for all of life. Summer time is a beautiful season of life. Praise be to God!

Peace,  
Pastor Jennifer

**PEACE WITH JUSTICE** June 7<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion / Peace with Justice Special Offering  
"Great is God's Faithfulness" 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

*Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace.*

*Reminder: Our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday FISH Food Pantry Collection will take place today!*

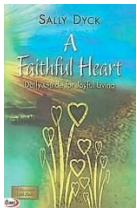
June 14<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost "Growing Mustard Seed Faith" Mark 4:26-34



June 21<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day  
"Steady in the Storms of Life" Mark 4:35-41

June 28<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost "Resurrection Faith and New Life" Mark 5:21-43

## Spiritual Growth Book Group



From June 3 - July 15 (7 weeks) we will be meeting on Wednesdays at 10:30am until 12noon. Come together for sharing life stories, prayer joys and concerns, scripture study, and spiritual enrichment as well as support. The book "A Faithful Heart: Daily Guide for Joyful Living" by Sally Dyck centers on 8 spiritual words: passionate, called, holy, equipped, joyful, loving, learning, authentic" and how we can experience God in our daily lives. For questions, see Pastor Jennifer (office 628-1289).

## Summer Coffee Hour Time

Our summer Sundays are a special time to fellowship together. The third Sunday will be Donut Sunday with special music by the praise singers. Dates still available to volunteer: August 23 and August 30. Check the sign up board in the fellowship hall or see Carol Hauxwell (248-628-4569).



## Rachel Circle



The Rachel Circle ladies invite all women to join them in the Fellowship Hall on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am. See Nadine Lychuk (248-393-1448) or one of the other ladies if you have questions.



## **Children's Church News**

Children's Church (ages 3-7 years old) starts May 31. It's a Bible story centered program for young children. We need volunteer helpers. Sign up for 1 or 2 Sundays a month. See Lucinda Bellairs (248-417-0214).

## **Vacation Bible School: "Everest"**

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, August 2 thru Thursday, August 6.

Friday, August 7 - VBS Picnic

If you are able to help with this wonderful week please contact  
Pastor Jennifer (248-628-1289 or [oumc.office@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oumc.office@sbcglobal.net))

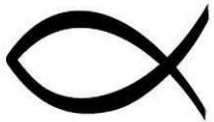


## **UMC Summer Camps**

It's not too late to sign up for UMC camp. Visit [umccamping.org](http://umccamping.org). Questions? See Lucinda Bellairs (248-417-0214).

## **Oxford / Orion FISH Food Pantry**

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"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

For the months of June and July, we encourage you to donate Laundry and Cleaning Products for the FISH Pantry. The Letter Carriers' May Food Drive was very successful, allowing the Pantry shelves to be full. However, the FISH clients also need cleaning products which usually are not donated. These products could include laundry detergent, bleach, spot cleaner, fabric softener/sheets, bathroom cleaner, floor cleaner, dusting products, and disinfectants – basically any cleaning supplies. Watch for sales and try the Dollar Stores. We would also like you to start watching for sales for Back-To-School items which we will be collecting in August and September for the backpacks which FISH provides for the children of FISH clients.

Remember – someone will be greeting you the FIRST Sunday of each month with a red FISH bag ready for you to fill. Thank you for all your enthusiasm and generosity in showing God's Love to our local community. If you'd like to volunteer at the FISH Food Pantry, or have questions, please contact Mary Garrard (810-797-5840) or Julie Langley (248-628-9619).

## **Thank You!**

- ❖ Thank you to all of the Sunday School Teachers (Jennifer Moore, Michelle Wood, Michelle Mumbrue, Kari Kater and Cindy Vincentini) for a wonderful Sunday school year!
- ❖ Thank you to all that attended and led the Bible Study groups this winter! It was wonderful to grow in our faith together. They will be back in the fall. For the summer, take a look at the new book group on Spiritual Growth (*see below*).
- ❖ Thank you to the 22 walkers and all donors who raised approximately \$1800 which supports the local food pantry and global food and clean water projects.
- ❖ To the Excelsior Bell Choir ringers and the Village Brunch volunteers who made Bells & Brunch 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday so special - Thank You! They will be on a break for three months and return in the fall.
- ❖ To the Trustees and other volunteers who cleaned up the church on May 17 and mow the lawn every week. Great job! Thank you.

## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the Rev. Jeremiah Mannschreck who was commissioned at Detroit Annual Conference on May 17. This status is before ordination. He is the son of our former pastor, the Rev. Jack Mannschreck. Please send cards to: Wesley United Methodist Church, PO Box 342, Ishpeming, MI 49849. (Email: [jj@ishpemingwesley.org](mailto:jj@ishpemingwesley.org))