



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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## MISSION AUCTION

Our annual mission auction raises the majority of our mission budget for the year. The budget is used for missionaries, M.A.P., Salvation Army, Family Promise, Community Encompass, disaster relief, meals at the holidays, and MORE!!!

### The mission auction is Saturday, May 6th

5:30pm—Boy Scout Dinner—Tacos!

6:00pm—Get It & Go Items/Bake Sale

7:00pm—Verbal Auction

For complete details, see Ric Fritz

**What's being auctioned off? Just some of the items: gourmet dinners, vacation rental, craftsman work crews, paintings, collectibles, & MORE!**

**FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED**

## MISSION CONFERENCE WEEK

For the third year, Community UMC will be hosting a mission conference week beginning Sunday, April 30th. This week long conference will focus on the IMPACT many of the missions we support are making here and around the world. You'll learn where your money goes when you give to our mission team and you'll get the opportunity to hear DYNAMIC SPEAKERS tell you about the work they are doing. The conference will also feature our annual MISSION AUCTION!!!

There will be a different speaker at each service on both Sundays, April 30th and May 7th. The schedule is as follows:

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**9am: 70x7 Muskegon**

**11am: Kids Food Basket**

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9am: North Muskegon Interact**

**11am: Kids Belong**

Be sure to check out our Sunday services during the conference and our annual mission auction on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th. Join us as we celebrate mothers, daughters, all women! Bring your mother, daughter, sister, friend and enjoy this day!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW ACCOMPANIST

With Pastor Phil and Gail relocating to Sparta, we'll be losing our gifted, talented accompanist, Gail. We're sad to see Gail go as she has added so much to our musical offering during our 1st service each Sunday. However, we're pleased to announce that following in Gail's big footsteps is Jera Saniga. Jera will be our new 1st service accompanist beginning in June. Many of you have heard Jera as she has filled in for Gail from time to time. Jera is a dynamic musician with years of experience and education and we know she will be a fantastic fit for our 1st service. In the coming weeks, please take some time to thank Gail for her service. She will be greatly missed.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 2nd**

Red Cross  
Blood Drive

**May 6th**

Mission Auction

**May 14th**

Mother's Day

**May 21st**

Pastor Jeremy  
and wife, Tamara,  
will be visiting  
during BOTH  
services

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

One Saturday a month, men from area Methodist churches gather together to enjoy a delicious breakfast and inspirational program. The location changes from month to month but the fellowship, food, and encouragement stays the same. Below is the upcoming schedule. If you would like to attend any of these breakfasts, please contact George Harryman to make note of your interest. Contact George by phone at 231-744-7325 or email him at [gharryman@comcast.net](mailto:gharryman@comcast.net).

- Saturday, May 13th at 9:30am at Twin Lake UMC
- Saturday, June 10th at Crestwood UMC

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Help boost the Red Cross blood supply by donating Tuesday, May 2 from noon-6pm in our fellowship hall. Volunteers also needed for registration and canteen. For information, contact Kim Wood at 670.3969

## **GRADUATION SUNDAY**

Have you graduated within the past year from high school or college? Do you know of someone who has or will be graduating? If so, please contact the church office. We'd love to honor them during our graduation Sunday on June 4th.

## **KIDS CAMPS and CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS**

Everyday, United Methodist camps are changing lives. At camp, kids discover new friends, grow in Christ, and experience the wonder of nature. Unplugged from the buzz of computers, t.v., and cell phones, kids discover God's grace. There are multiple opportunities for kids to experience a camping experience. If you are interested in learning more about camps for your kids, visit: [www.umcamping.org](http://www.umcamping.org). If you are interested in receiving a camp scholarship to help send your child(ren) to camp, please pick up an application at the welcome center and return it to Wendy in the office by **SUNDAY, MAY 28**. You can also contact Wendy and have her email an application to you.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

June 19-22

9:30—Noon (each day)

Age 4—entering 6th grade in fall of 2017

Theme: Hero Central

## **HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED:**

- 1) Begin praying for the leaders, volunteers, and kids
- 2) Volunteer

## **WHERE DO I FIND MORE INFORMATION?**

To volunteer or pre-register contact Angie Friesner at 747-8440 or [angiefriesner@gmail.com](mailto:angiefriesner@gmail.com)

## **May Birthdays & Anniversaries**

1—Mary Ann Haak  
2—Gary Martin  
4—Rob Huisingh, Madeline Huisingh, Molly Huisingh  
6—Todd and Vanessa Hyrns\*  
8—Vicki Halpin  
9—Bill & Donna Eckert\*  
10—Rowena Klapp, Carol Knowlton, Kelsie Vander Velde  
11—Becky Fairfield  
12—Joshua Greiner, Phil Friedrick  
13—Steve & Kathy Schultz\*  
14—Adam Batch, Laura Batch, Elizabeth Dykema,  
18—Mike & Robin Greiner\*  
22—Bill Bos, Maddie Friesner  
23—Deb Huisingh  
26—Betty VandeWater, Shirley VanHees  
27—Beth Slimko, Nick & Kim Zelinsky\*  
28—Bob & Sue Baglien\*  
29—Lori Eslick  
31—Gabe & Beth Slimko\*  
\* denotes anniversary

## **PASTORAL TRANSITION**

We're in a transition time here at Community UMC. In June, we'll say GOODBYE to Pastor Phil and Gail and HELLO to Pastor Jeremy and Tamara. Below are a list of important dates and times and how you can get involved.

**Sunday, May 21:** Pastor Jeremy and Tamara will be worshipping with us during both services. After each service, we'll have an expanded coffee and snack time.

**Sunday, June 11:** Pastor Phil and Gail will be saying goodbye. This is their last Sunday with us and we'll be reflecting and remembering their time with us with an ice cream social after each service.

**Sunday, July 2:** Pastor Jeremy and Tamara's first Sunday .

There's much work to be done as we say goodbye and hello. Below is just a list of a few of the things we need done.

- \_ Deep cleaning the pastor's office
- \_ Repairs and cleaning of the parsonage
- \_ Help the Williams unpack once they arrive
- \_ Prepare, serve, or clean up the ice cream social
- \_ Prepare, serve, or clean up the expanded coffee time
- \_ Donate a gift of money to go towards parsonage and office repairs/upgrades, restaurant meals for both families as they are in the moving process, and supplies for ice cream social/coffee and snack time.

If you want to be a part of the transition, contact one of the following people:

|                           |                 |               |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Stacie Vander Velde       | Diane Tennant   | Marjean Fritz |
| Kevin Dick                | Rob Huisingh    | Nancy Batch   |
| Wendy Hodgins (secretary) | Shirley VanHees |               |

If you would like to include news into the monthly newsletter, please submit an announcement form to the church office by the 20th of each month by dropping it off or emailing to:

wendy@communitychurchumc.org

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