

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 14th

UMM Breakfast @ 9:30am @ Montague UMC

April 22nd

Chalk Artist @ 5pm with Potluck Immediately Following

April 29th

Ist Sunday of Mission Conference Week

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EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

This year, Easter is also April Fool's day! Believe it or not, we'd love to welcome you at Community. Wherever you are in a walk of faith, or even if you have no faith at all, we hope your next step will be here. Our Easter services will be kid-friendly, full of great music, with a thought-provoking message that inspires all.

SUNRISE SERVICE: 7am
TRADITIONAL SERVICE: 9am
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 1 I am

Breakfast served all morning. Safe, secure childcare provided during the 9am & I Iam services.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request or would like to be added to the prayer chain to regularly receive requests, please contact Sandi Harryman at 744.7325 or sharryman@comcast.net

Spring Yard Clean Up

All are welcome to join us for a church yard clean-up! Let's get together and clean up the outside of our church to make it beautiful and welcoming to our congregation and community. Join us Sunday, April 15th from 10:30am-1:00pm. If possible, please bring your rakes, shovels, and other yard tools.

Membership Class

Have you attended Community UMC for at least 2 months and are interested in membership? If so, please join us on Saturday, April 14th from 10-2 here at the church for a one time membership class. Lunch will be provided. To register, please contact Pastor Jeremy at 231.720.5422 or

Jeremy@communitychurchumc.org —OR— Wendy in the church office at 231.744.4491 or wendy@communitychurchumc.org

Men's Breakfast

Attention All Men! Local United Methodist Men (UMM) are invited to a breakfast at Montague UMC (8555 Cook St) on Saturday, April 14th at 9:30am. If you are interested, please contact George Harryman at 744.7325 so he can get a headcount.

Potluck/Chalk Artist Program

Join us for a special Chalk for Christ program presented by Rod Snow on Sunday, April 22nd at 5:00pm in our sanctuary. Rod is a premier chalk artist and uses his talents to inspire. Immediately following the program, join us for a potluck downstairs. Bring a generous dish to pass and come expecting a great evening.



MISSION AUCTION

Our annual mission auction is not only fun but it raises the majority of our mission budget for the year. This budget is used to support missionaries, Mission for Area People (MAP), Salvation Army, Family Promise, Community Encompass, disaster relief, meals at the holidays, and SO MUCH MORF!!!

The mission auction is Saturday, May 5th

5:30pm—Hamburger, hot dog, brat dinner

6:00pm—Silent Auction/Bake Sale

7:00pm—Verbal Auction

Here's how you can become involved:

1) Join us for the mission auction

2) Volunteer your time before, during, or after the auction

3) Consider donating a new or gently used item, service item, or dinner

FREE nursery available for kids birth-3 years

Bid on items like a condo in Orlando, FL, homemade treats, artwork, meals, housecleaning, spa packages, movie passes, golf packages, and MORE!!

To donate or volunteer, pick up a donation form at the church. Donation and forms are due by April 22nd. For complete details, contact Ric Fritz (766.8614 or cumcric@hotmail.com), any mission team member, or Wendy in the church office.

ANNUAL MISSION CONFERENCE WEEK

We'll be hosting our annual mission conference week highlighting the amazing missions we sponsor throughout the year. This year, join us on Sundays, April 29th and May 6th as we hear from dynamic speakers sharing with us just a few of the missions your money supports.

ATTENDANCE

Here are attendance figures for March 2018 (and Mar 2017)

	1st Service	2nd Service	2018 Totals	2017 Totals
3/4/18	84	70	154	132
3/11/18	68	54	122	107
3/18/18	67	54	121	117
3/25/18	77	69	146	137

NEW ADDRESS

Linda Kaare has begun a new adventure in the Upper Peninsula. We will greatly miss her but wish her the best. If you'd like to contact Linda, her information is as follows:

lindakaare231@gmail.com

231.343-4237

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April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2—Mary Jane Mack
- 3—Angie Friesner
- 4—Brianna Ramsey
- II—Sharon Aley, Jack Berends
- 13—Phil Rathbun
- 15—Wayne Halpin, Jerry Lang, Gabe Slimko
- 19—Kathi Beck
- 21—Linda Decker, Alex Dykema, Cameron Ellis
- 22—JoAnn Bos
- 23—Kaylum Dicks
- 25—Dorothy Snow
- 26—Shirley Alvord, Jacob Vander Velde
- 27—Jerry & Alison Lang*
- 30—Tim Haak, Doug Wood

PROVISION OF MEALS

Among the missions of the Member Care Committee is support during difficult times such as illness and surgeries. One way we support is through the provision of meals when cooking can be difficult. Generous church members are enlisted to prepare and deliver a meal to a fellow parishioner. An update in the list of those interested in helping badly needed! Please let me know if you are willing to provide a meal on an occasional, as needed basis, or on a more regular basis (ie: monthly)

Julie Cutler - 231 744-5824 -or- 231 750-0847 -or- jacot2254@msn.com

MOON SCHOOL PROJECT

Our church has adopted Moon School in Muskegon. We are supporting them with donations and time. Here's how you can get involved:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Playground updates - Saturday, May 5th. Be watching for more details.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Collecting packaged non-perishable snack items for state testing periods to help keep students alert (crackers, granola bars, rice crispy treats etc)

Collecting playground items (jump rope, sidewalk chalk, soccer balls, basketballs, footballs)

Boxes for collection items will be in the gathering room

^{*} denotes anniversary

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

Return Service Requested

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(578.1463)

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Doug Wood (894.9677)

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Nominations: Pastor Jeremy (720.5422)

Senior High Leaders: Doug Wood (894.9677) & Kim Zelinsky

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United Methodist Men: George Harryman (744.7325)

& Dick Hammond (719.2724)

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