



The Grapevine

Oxford United Methodist Church ~ Rev. Dr. Julius E. Del Pino, Pastor

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"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them, bear much fruit...." John 15:5

OUR MISSION

*Uniting in Jesus Christ
we spread God's love*

OUR FOCUS

We envision a church with a vibrant Christian spiritual life where we welcome and value all God's people... Where we grow, discover, and share our gifts in the church and in the world.

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I want to thank all of you for your steadfast love, service and commitment for carrying out the various ministries of this local church. Good Friday was a wonderful Ecumenical Service and was hosted by Oxford UMC. It was well attended and represented by different faith traditions. What a great Easter celebration we had with lots of people who came from different regions of Michigan and around the country. The Bells and the Praise Team were spot on as usual. New faces were present to greet and usher people as they came expecting the Good News of Easter.

Just recently, Patty Dennis, Congregational Resilience Catalyst, returned to help guide us to the next steps of discipleship and spiritual growth. Below you will see the recommendations that she shared with us on Sunday, April 24, 2022. These recommendations will be turned over to the Church Revive Team for careful and timely implementation...

THE BALL IS IN YOUR COURT, AND IT HAS BEEN...

- What does it take to be successful as a coach and/or team?
- Do you hope things improve?
- Does wanting to win, guarantee success?
- What has to change?
- Do you develop new skills or continually use ones that are not working?
- How is that different/same for this church?
- Work on your Kingdom Concept
- Review the "Anatomy of a Revived Church"
 - *Re – read it and look at it from a different lens - what is it tasking leaders to do differently.
 - *Make a to-do list
- Commit to leadership training/spiritual training (HC)
- Commit to an outward mindset rather than an inward. Do some reading on this concept. Consider reading, "The Outward Mindset" by the Arbinger Institute

IMPORTANCE OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- You only grow at the rate that you are expanding your leadership capacity.
- Leaders must have the heart of God for mission. If you are going to lead, you are going to bleed (which takes heart)
- Clear understanding of what a mature disciple looks like and a clear process to help people get there. Without that, people learn to "play church"
 - *Think through how people are going to move from attendance to discipleship
- Always ask, "What happens next?"

Also, the Education Team is intentionally moving forward caring for children and youth in our community. There is room for you to join this team to bring hope and joy to the children of Oxford and beyond. I **invite** you to have a conversation with me about how your gifts, skills and abilities may be applied to advance God's purpose for Oxford UMC.

Again, thank each of you for all you do to enliven the Vision of your Church. Remember, there is a place for you to serve as you share and live out your faith with Christ who shows us the way!

Julius E. Del Pino, Pastor



May 19, 20, 21

(Thursday - Saturday)

9:30a - *4pm

* (Saturday hours may end sooner)

At Oxford United Methodist Church

oxfordunitedmc.org

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SALE ...

To volunteer contact Carolyn (586) 925-2687

[texting preferred, or call, you may also sign up at the church kiosk]

Help is needed to set up before the sale (Tues. & Wed.) & also on the sale days (Thur. Fri. & Sat.)

Missions to benefit from proceeds :

Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ)

Oxford/Orion FISH (food pantry)

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee of Relief) - Ukraine Relief

Oxford United Methodist Church

DONATIONS... We will accept gently used household / kitchen items / furniture / garden equipment / yard furniture / books in good condition / jewelry / small working appliances / linens in good condition / clothing, in clean, good condition (*clothes must either be brought in on hangers or neatly folded*)

**No garbage bags of clothing will be accepted. No baby car seats or baby equipment.*

No textbooks, computers or luggage older than 4 years old or non-working items.

Cash, check & non-perishable food donations will also be accepted

Thank You! & Happy Spring Cleaning



WOJO'S PLANT DAYS

MAY 18th and 19th

By buying your Spring plants and flowers on these two days you will be supporting the bell group, as Wojo's will donate 10% of all sales back to the church.

Please tell Wojo's, as you check out, that you support Oxford United Methodist Church.

Wojo's Greenhouse is located at:

2570 Oakwood Rd. Ortonville, MI

They are open from 9am-6pm

Church Spring Cleaning Day

May 14th

9am - noon

Questions? Contact David Cischke

[248-863-8037]



Native American Sunday

Posted on April 9, 2022 | MIconnect



[Native American leaders prepare charcoal that will be used to burn cedar during a prayer service for immigrant children held at the Casa Padre detention center in Brownsville, Texas. Many Native Americans believe that cedar smoke carries their prayers to God. ~ UM News photo/Mike DuBose]

Native American Ministries Sunday will be celebrated across The United Methodist Church on May 1, 2022. These resources will support your observance of this important special offering.

Cynthia Mosely of Fordville, St. John UMC, Bridgeton, NJ, is excited about Native American Ministries Sunday. St. John's, a Native American congregation, is a vibrant community of 185 families (an increase of 50 families) that occurred during the pandemic as pastor Roy Bundy moved services online to support the needs of church members. With this growth, the church has also increased the amount of food they serve to the community in their immediate area.

"Perhaps its greatest benefit [of Native American Ministries Sunday], said Mosely, is the chance for "the general church family [to] learn and understand more about the Native American community right here in New Jersey. We share our drums, our dancers, our speakers, and our love of the Creator with everyone."

Thank you for your commitment to God's word and the ministry of The United Methodist Church. Your gifts to

the Native American Ministries Sunday offering provide scholarships for seminarians and outreach within The Michigan Conference and empower congregations to find fresh, new ways to engage their communities with Christ's love.

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Join us on May 1st for our own special Native American Ministries Worship!

We ask you to wear red

This is for a variety of reasons:

- 1. To raise awareness about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIW)**
- 2. This is the color of blood**
- 3. This is the color of life**
- 4. This is the color of love**
- 5. This is the color anger**
- 6. This is the color of Pentecost**
- 7. This is the color of power**

**HELP US
REMEMBER
THOSE WHO
HAVE
WALKED
BEFORE US.**

1 Corinthians 10:6-11

For thousands of years, the space where we prayerfully gather every week to worship was under the care of the Anishinabewaki. Their presence in this region is remembered and woven into the history of our community. On Native American Ministries Sunday and every day, we are encouraged to partner in repairing past harm and to move forward with awareness and respect, celebrating and embracing the contributions of First Americans.

Good Friday Worship

We were very blessed to host a Community worship service here on Good Friday. Many pastors from the area took part in the worship. Our neighbors enjoyed the service...

Remember, the God who turned the most awful day in history into Good Friday is still at work in our world and in our lives.

Sunday has come and
HE IS RISEN!!!





Birthdays

May 2 - Ron Etherton | Julie Langley
 May 5 - Rev. Laurie
 May 7 - Samuel Jones
 May 9 - Amy Cischke | Ruth Patterson
 May 16 - Amy Beth Fleischer | Charlotte Nicholson
 May 20 - Emaleigh Von Knorring
 May 21 - John Lychuk
 May 25 - Rosemary Rumbold
 May 27 - Joanne Bogus | Kymber Nelson
 May 31 - Zoe Fleischer

June 1 - Morgan Gross | Cora Nicholson
 June 3 - Kevin Kater
 June 6 - Sue Rizzo
 June 10 - Jay Smith
 June 17 - John Warren
 June 20 - Jennifer Moore
 June 25 - Ronald Bunker | Mitch Gruenberg



Anniversaries

May 20 - Bernie & Rosemary Rumbold
 May 21 - Jay & Jan Smith
 May 30 - Peter & Carolynn Foss

June 3 - John & Shawn Gross
 June 5 - Barry & Deanna Moser
 June 24 - Tom & Lynda Bertich
 John & Devon Warren
 June 26 - Bruce & Ginny Conrad
 June 27 - John & Nadine Lychuk

PRAY for and Encourage One Another Daily

Lord - we lift up these people to you by name:

Carolynn Foss Linda McIntyre Shelia Burdette - Mother of Christy Turk Mary Dempsey
 Doug Mann - Brother of Sue Smith Robert Willobee Laura Hubbard - Niece of Mary Dempsey
 Julie Imirowicz Mark Miller - Brother-in-law of Bob Willobee Roselyn Van Wagoner
 Charles Nelson - Father of Fred Nelson Bruce Conrad Kristina Del Pino Ron Bunker
 Charlie Garrard Chuck McIntyre Shirley Conner Sue Enekes

We ask your blessings upon:

All those affected by the Oxford High School Shooting
 All of our brothers and sisters who deal with racism & hatred
 First responders, caregivers, medical personnel and all affected by Covid-19
 Those with mental illnesses, are lonely, or do not have someone to pray for them
 All our school children and graduates, their teachers and administrators
 Our local and national representatives in all three branches of government
 Those in the military serving on our behalf
 Those affected by Natural Disasters & Violence in the US and worldwide
 Oxford UMC, Pastor, Staff, Guests, United Methodists, and Christians everywhere
 Our Revived Church - ***that Oxford UMC may be a great source of love
 for this community and that we may revive our vision***

We also pray for those whose names are unmentioned, dear Lord, for you know and love them.

We ask all these things in your name, Lord Jesus.

**The Church is always open for prayer! Come anytime when it is open or when there is a meeting.
 Need prayer with Pastor? Sign up on the sheet outside the office.**

Amen!



The Revive Team - Meeting with Patty Dennis

Reflections of Steve Laidlaw & Michelle Wood...

On April 24th - Patty Dennis who a year ago began coaching us towards our church revitalization journey, returned to check on our progress. We as a church body shared with her all the wonderful things we have been doing from an established prayer team to a children's ministry and community outreach activities. It was apparent that we have been working hard but still are not attracting people to Sunday church as we all desire.

Patty revisited the Kingdom Concept she initially shared with us and challenged us to discuss as a church body - "What is OUMC's unique calling?"

Patty educated us on the Mind, Heart and Feet model. This model suggests that if ideas and knowledge are just in the head, but do not reside in our heart, we will not move in the right direction, or in any direction. Our energy should be placed on intentional action that focuses on our unique calling and mission statement and not just great ideas and activities.

She advised us to read the book *The Outward Mindset* by the Arbinger Institute which focuses on the acronym SAM.

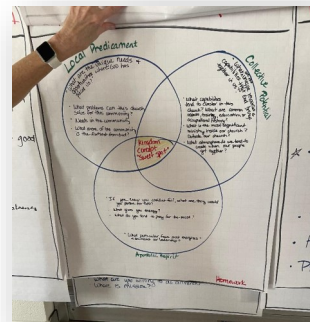
S – **SEE** the needs of others and the challenges

A – **ADJUST** our efforts to help each other and impacts on the greater good

M – **MEASURE** and hold ourselves accountable

Patty's parting thoughts:

- Ultimately the ball is in OUR court and always has been.
- Our focus needs to be on God and His unique purpose for OUMC not on ourselves and what may make us feel good.
- She is here to support as needed and will continue to Pray for OUMC and our journey.



*Be Doers
of the Word...*



Please contact Michelle Mumbue or a member of the Worship Team to be a Sunday Servant. We very much appreciate your service! Thank You!



*"Do all the good you can,
in all the places you can,
to all the people you can."*

Rev. John Wesley (founder of Methodism)

Finance Update

Thank you for your faithful giving each month to God's Church. We as a Finance team keep track of giving and expenses each month. Thank you for your faithfulness. Please help monthly with our General Fund.

January Giving	\$ 5,965.00
February Giving	\$ 5,642.00
March Giving	\$ 6,424.00
April Giving	\$ 6,067.00
 Budget for 2022	 \$ 115,725.00

*If you prefer to write a check or donate with cash please
use your offering envelopes.*

*If you need envelopes, please call the church office
or Larry Bradford, financial secretary.*

*Please consider giving your donation electronically!
It will be paid as you decide and directly deposited
into the church account. It is so easy!*

And no more check writing!

There is no fee to join. Safe and secure.

Forms are available from the office.



Conner/Wood Memorial Scholarship Application

The Conner/Wood Memorial Scholarship is a gift of up to \$1,000.00 given each year to a graduating High School Senior or current College Student who is a member of the Oxford United Methodist Church. The recipient will use the funds toward the cost of their education. This is a non-renewable scholarship and the recipient will not be able to apply for the scholarship again. You however, may reapply if you haven't been awarded the Conner/Wood Memorial Scholarship. **If you are interested in applying for the Scholarship, please complete this application and return it to the Church Office by: Sunday, May 15, 2022.**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Name of School attending or will attend: _____

Course of study: _____

Year you became a member of the church: _____

Please submit, in writing, your response to the following questions:

- ◆ List the activities and involvement you have had with the Oxford United Methodist Church during the last 4 years.
- ◆ How has the Oxford United Methodist Church helped prepare you for your post High School educational experience?
- ◆ Having benefited from your involvement with the Oxford United Methodist Church, what do you see as your role in the church-at-large (during college, after college)?

Local Missions & Outreach



Oxford / Orion FISH Food Pantry

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

We are collecting FISH donations on the first Sunday of each month. You may also make out a check to Oxford UMC and put "FISH Food Pantry" in the memo line and we will make sure that your donation gets there. "Thank You!"

FISH Location: 1060 S. Lapeer Rd., Oxford
Website: www.oxfordorionfish.org

**To receive food from
FISH: (248) 628-3933**

Current Hours -

Office: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 to noon

Pantry: Tues 1-2:45pm; Wed 10-11:45am; Th 1-4:45pm and 4-5 pm; Sat - 3rd Sat of month 9:45-11:30am

Any questions, contact Julie Langley (248-628-9619) or John & Devon Warren (248-778-8735)

Remember, FISH is a 100% volunteer organization and they need your help.
 All donations are tax deductible.

Oxford UMC Meal Outreach



ALL ARE WELCOME!

All are invited to the community
Free! meal program at OUMC!!

On Saturday mornings we are serving breakfast at PFP (People Feeding People)! We encourage you to attend and not only be fed by food but also with fellowship. We are lifting people up through nutrition and friendship. We are providing a hot breakfast and most weeks a sack lunch for people in the Fellowship Hall (the 3rd week is carryout). If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Kathy Laidlaw (248) 701-5910. We hope that you come and enjoy!!!

WHERE: Oxford United Methodist Church

WHEN: Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 am

Community Free Meals

If you or someone you know would like a **Free!** hot meal please invite them to visit:

Lake Orion UMC (Mondays)
 and/or

Immanuel Congregational
 (Tuesdays) from 5:30-6:30pm

and/or Oxford UMC (Saturdays)
 from 9:30-10:30am



Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) of North Oakland County is a non-profit network of churches in the area, including Oxford UMC.

The mission of Love INC is to mobilize local volunteers and churches to help those in need and transform lives in the name of Christ. They try to provide any help that is beyond the scope of the churches on their own. If you would like to donate your time or money to help your neighbors in need please contact them:

Website - www.loveincnofnoc.org or
 call 248-693-4357 for more information.

The clothing closet will soon be moving from St. Mary's in-the-Hills Church to Oxford Free Methodist Church at 790 S. Lapeer Road in Oxford. Stay tuned for information on the grand opening, hours of operation and donations needed with drop off times.

The CROP WALK this year will be on May 1st and begin at Christ the Redeemer Church in Lake Orion. Registration begins at 1:15pm.

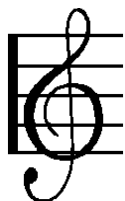
Fellowship, Music & Service Groups



Our group has been enjoying meeting together again on a regular basis. We haven't selected our first project for 2022, but watch for updates in later Grapevine articles.

We meet every Friday from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us if you enjoy any type of needle work. We are always willing to teach anyone who would like to learn. If you have any questions, please call Mary Garrard, 248-613-4505.



If you have experience with music, please consider joining one of these groups...

Bell Choir

The Excelsior Bell Choir rehearsals are on

Wednesdays (6:30-8pm)

If you have any questions please contact
Rosemary Rumbold (248-391-0973)



All Are Invited

On Saturday, May 7th at 7pm

The Classic Chorale

a local choir will be giving a concert
at the Free Methodist Church of Oxford
(790 S. Lapeer Rd - about a mile
south of Oxford UMC)

Our Bell Choir will be playing
during the intermission.

Please come and enjoy an evening
of music and also support the Bell Choir
Hope to see you there!

2022 Church Council

Church Council Chairperson:

Michelle Wood (248)969-2545

General Fund Treasurer: Becky Sallans (248)628-1289

Designated Fund Treasurer: Kevin Kater (248)628-7804

Financial Secretary: Larry Bradford (248)628-5759

Finance Co-Chairpersons:

Bernie Rumbold (248) 391-0973
and AmyBeth Fleischer

Board of Trustees: David Cischke (248)863-8037
Michelle Wood (248)969-2545

SPRC Chairperson: John Warren (248)778-8735

Worship Team: Michelle Mumbrue (248)969-9173

Missions & Outreach: John & Devon Warren
(248)778-8735

Adult Bible Study:

Sue Rizzo (248)628-1787
Rosemary Rumbold (248)391-0973

Education Team:

Lynda & Adam Bertich (810)656-1629
Mary Dempsey (810)797-5736
Amie Von Knorring (248)342-8051
Bob Willabee (248)628-2357

Camp Ed. Coordinator:

Marketing: Christy Turk [turk.oumc@gmail.com]

Revive Team: Steve Laidlaw (248)801-5924

UMM President: Fred Nelson (248)628-9826

UMW / Rachel Circle: Carolyn Lawrie (586)925-2687

Lay Member to Annual Conference: John Warren
(248)778-8735

Church Council meets the last Monday of the
odd month at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.



Praise Singers

Join us to practice Sunday's songs and hymns.

Rehearsal days and times are midweek.

If you have questions or if you
would like to be a part of the Praise Singers please
contact Renae Shagena (248-969-2225).

UM Women: Rachel Circle

Rachel Circle members are busy these days with interesting events. We are inviting you to join in as we share ideas, support & plan events for this Spring, Summer & Fall. We support one another through all of life's challenges through prayer, texting, hugs & scripture. If you like to enjoy the 4 F's* Please Join Us !

The past couple of years have been rough, emotionally exhausting & has stretched our faith. When you are feeling like it's all just too complicated, Rachel Circle support will be there for you.

If you are interested in being a Rachel Circle member but can not fit another meeting into your schedule, let us know. We will gladly add you to our new email newsletter.

Helpful things to know :

- ⇒ We meet the second Monday of each month Sept. through June at 10am.
- ⇒ Rummage Sale on May 19, 20 & 21. We are looking for volunteers.
- ⇒ Last Summer we met through the summer months also.
- ⇒ You do not need to be a member of this church to attend, everyone is welcome.
- ⇒ Our next hosting of Friendship (Coffee) Hour is May 22nd then again on June 26th.

*(Faith, Fellowship, Friendship & Food)



Questions? Contact
Carolyn Lawrie
Rachel Circle President

UM Men: Band of Brothers

The United Methodist Men focus on Evangelism, Missions, and Spiritual Development.

Questions? Please contact
Fred Nelson, UMM President
(248-628-9826) or
John Warren (248-778-8735).



UMC Camping

It's the time of year to think about signing up for Camp! There are many choices at our Michigan United Methodist Camps for all ages and interests. Be sure to go online [www.umcamping.org] to find out the schedule for this year. Forms are also available on the kiosk.

Summer camps are taking registrations.

Scholarships are also available both from the church and the camps if needed. Contact the church office [248-628-1289] if you need more information.

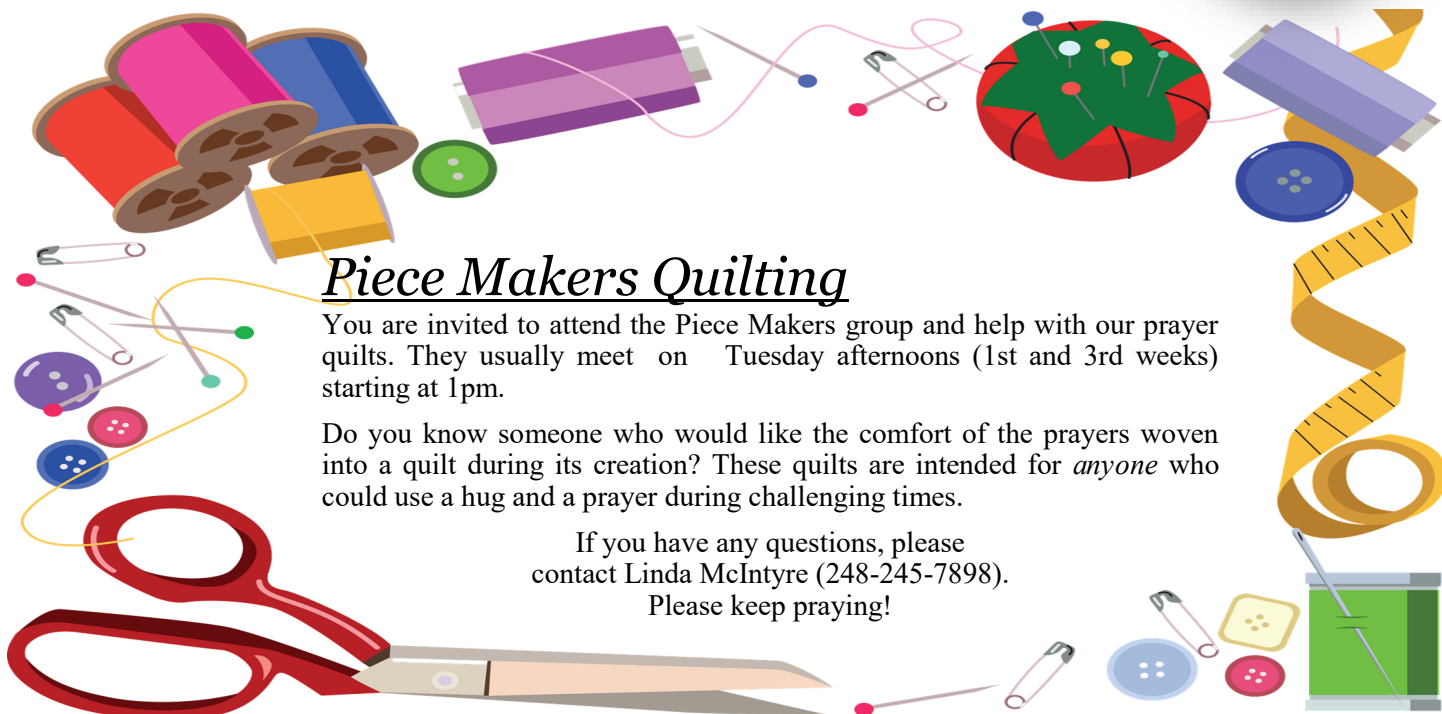


Piece Makers Quilting

You are invited to attend the Piece Makers group and help with our prayer quilts. They usually meet on Tuesday afternoons (1st and 3rd weeks) starting at 1pm.

Do you know someone who would like the comfort of the prayers woven into a quilt during its creation? These quilts are intended for *anyone* who could use a hug and a prayer during challenging times.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda McIntyre (248-245-7898).
Please keep praying!



Education Notes

On Earth day (April 22nd), we met with many friends and family in Oxford to learn about helping our planet and created many fun make and take crafts...



Mark your Calendars:



May 20th | 6:30pm
hosted by the Education Team
G-rated movie to be decided
Popcorn & drinks provided



June 10th | 3:00pm
hosted by the Education Team
Fun Day Outside
Games, food & fun!

the Education team - Lynda Bertich, Mary Dempsey,
Bob Willobee, Adam Bertich,
and Amie Von Knorring

Visit Us
ONLINE

We are always
updating and
keeping our
website current

Did you know there are daily
scripture readings?

Have you seen it lately?

Join us at - oxfordunitedmc.org

Book Discussion Group



Do you enjoy reading? We do!!!

Our book group is always looking for more readers who like to chat with friends about books. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the Memorial Room.

Wednesday, May 11, 2022: *A Single Thread* by Tracy Chevalier. 1932. After the Great War took both her beloved brother and

her fiancé, Violet Speedwell has become a "surplus woman," one of a generation doomed to a life of spinsterhood after the war killed so many young men. Yet Violet cannot reconcile herself to a life spent caring for her grieving, embittered mother. After countless meals of boiled eggs and dry toast, she saves enough to move out of her mother's place and into the town of Winchester, home to one of England's grandest cathedrals. There, Violet is drawn into a society of broderers - women who embroider kneelers for the Cathedral, carrying on a centuries-long tradition of bringing comfort to worshippers.

Violet finds support and community in the group, fulfillment in the work they create, and even a growing friendship with the vivacious Gilda. But when forces threaten her new independence and another war appears on the horizon, Violet must fight to put down roots in a place where women aren't expected to grow. Told in Chevalier's glorious prose, *A Single Thread* is a timeless story of friendship, love, and a woman crafting her own life.

Wednesday, June 8, 2022: *The History of Bees* by Maja Lundé. England, 1852. William is a biologist and seed merchant who sets out to build a new type of beehive, one that will give both him and his children honor and fame.

United States, 2007. George is a beekeeper fighting an uphill battle against modern farming, but he hopes that his son can be their salvation.

China, 2098. Tao hand paints pollen onto the fruit trees now that the bees have long since disappeared. When Tao's young son is taken away by the authorities after a tragic accident, she sets out on a grueling journey to find out what happened to him.

Haunting, illuminating, and deftly written, *The History of Bees* joins these three very different narratives into one gripping and thought-provoking story that is just as much about the powerful bond between children and parents as it is about our very relationship to nature and humanity.



If you have any questions, please contact

Joanne Bogus (248 747-7544).

Hope to see you at Book Discussion!

Mr. Rogers, to graduates — and to us all

Our world hangs like a magnificent jewel in the vastness of space. Every one of us is a part of that jewel, a facet of that jewel, and in the perspective of infinity, our differences are infinitesimal. We are intimately related. May we never even pretend that we are not. ... Deep down, we know that what matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What really matters is helping others win too, even if it means slowing down and changing our course now and then. ...

[Roman philosopher] Boethius wrote this sentence: "Oh happy race of mortals if your hearts are ruled, as is the universe, by love." ... [There is a] deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive: love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed. So in all that you do, in all of your life, I wish you the strength and the grace to make those choices which will allow you — and your neighbor — to become the best of whoever you are.

—Fred McFeely Rogers, 2002



UMCOR Relieving Ukrainian Suffering

By Elliott Wright

Michigan Conference Communications

Posted on April 25, 2022

Working with three other aid organizations, UMCOR is collaborating to send medical supplies to Ukraine.'

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the Arlene Campbell Foundation – a Texas-based humanitarian organization focused on Ukraine – and Ohio Health is collaborating to send 47,895 pounds of medical supplies and equipment worth \$935,000.00 to three hospitals in Kyiv, Ukraine. AEC Parcel Services is handling the transport of the supplies, which are being sent in three shipments.

The effort was put together by the Arlene Campbell Humanitarian Foundation, headquartered in North Zulch, Texas, which has links to health facilities in Ukraine. UMCOR is paying specific costs, including transportation, of approximately \$160,000. Ohio Health, a not-for-profit, charitable, health care ministry of The United Methodist Church, donated the supplies through a medical surplus program. UMCOR put the foundation in touch with Ohio Health and opened the door to the United Nation's Logistics Cluster to move the supplies into Ukraine after they arrived in Poland from the U.S. via chartered jet.

The first shipment arrived at the State Ukrainian Health Ministry Heart Institute in Kyiv on Thursday, April 14. The second shipment was shared between the Heart Institute, the Center for Pediatric Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery Clinic for Children and the National Specialized Children's Hospital, which is the nation's largest children's hospital, on April 20. The third shipment is scheduled to follow soon, according to Roland Fernandes, general secretary of UMCOR and its parent organization, Global Ministries. "UMCOR is pleased to facilitate both the procurement and the transportation of essential medical supplies to war-torn Ukraine," he said. "We multiply our own efforts and the generosity of our contributors when we engage in creative service partnerships."

Lena Denman, president of the Arlene Campbell Humanitarian Foundation, expressed appreciation of UMCOR for its role in the project. "The Foundation is honored to receive the support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief for our efforts to provide medical supplies and medical equipment to the State Ukrainian Health Ministry Heart Institute in Kyiv, Ukraine," she said. "This hospital serves not only Kyiv but also suburbs of Kyiv that have experienced mass atrocities. It was because of the support of UMCOR and its contributors that we were able to arrange transportation for these three shipments of vital medical supplies."

"This is the biggest shipment we have ever had," said Dr. Vitaly Demyanchuk, deputy director of the State Ukrainian



~ image courtesy of Dr. Adril Maxymenko

Health Ministry Heart Institute in Kyiv. "Every box contains useful supplies that give us the possibility of providing high-quality medical care to our patients, wounded individuals, and others in our area. We thank all of the American people. Together we are strong."

Playing a vital role in the transport of these supplies is AEC Parcel Services, a Chicago-based shipping company. AEC Parcel's long-established connections with key points and customs agencies on the Ukrainian border has made them one of the few shipping companies still able to deliver regular parcels and aid from the U.S. and Canada. When war broke out, AEC partnered with several international nonprofits to provide greatly reduced overseas shipping costs to Ukraine and other affected areas.

Items in the shipments include wound care/triage supplies, surgical kits and masks, examination gloves, mask respirators, varieties of hospital gowns, stethoscopes, sterile containers, and basic medicine.

The Arlene Campbell Humanitarian Foundation, founded in 2016, provides medical supplies for hospitals in Kyiv and helps facilitate physician training and research programs between U.S. and Ukrainian physicians. It continues the work of the late Arlene Campbell who, in 1989, started a not-for-profit agency called Russian Relief, one goal of which was to supply medical equipment and supplies to Ukrainians. The current foundation memorializes Ms. Campbell.

Ohio Health represents 35,000 associates, physicians, and volunteers, a network of 12 hospitals, more than 200 ambulatory sites, hospice, home health, medical equipment, and other health services in 47 counties of the state.

As part of the **General Board of Global Ministries**, the mission and humanitarian assistance agency of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR provides relief and recovery responses throughout the world. UMCOR is extensively engaged in services for refugees from Ukraine both inside Ukraine and beyond in the wake of the Russian invasion of late February 2022.

To support UMCOR's continued efforts to offer immediate relief and long-term recovery from the war in Ukraine, make a gift to Oxford United Methodist Church and note "Ukraine" in the memo line.

About UMCOR and the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church

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Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

ADAM	REUBEN
CAIN	DAN
ABEL	ASHER
SETH	JUDAH
NOAH	LEVI
HAM	GAD
SHEM	NAPHTALI
JAPHETH	SIMEON
ELKANAH	ISSACHAR
SAMUEL	ZEBULUN
AARON	BENJAMIN
NADAB	JOSEPH
HUR	MANASSEH
CALEB	EPHRAIM
ABRAHAM	SAUL
ISHMAEL	JONATHAN
ISAAC	DAVID
ESAU	SOLOMON
JACOB	

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A D A V I D A D A M N H M E E
S O L O M O N C C H C J M I B P
S H A O N I A H C A A S I H
E S E T H M H O A K M E S T E
H I O S S M S S N Z E N L N
E S H S M A T H P A N R O O U
S S H S M A U J A P H E T H L
A A E U S R U D H A D U J E U
U E H F O D J A C O B L U B
A L E V I N A D A B E E S K E
W R D I T N A H T A N O J N

Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called puzzleb_0622 on this month's CD and on the website, www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.




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 1 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY COMMUNION <i>Native American Ministries Sunday</i>	2	3 7p (Zoom) Staff Mtg.	4	5 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	6	7
8 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY 	9 10a (F/FK) Rachel Circle 7p (Zoom) Worship	10 6:30p (U) Revive Team 7p (Zoom) Trustees	11 1p (M) Reading for Fun	12	13	14
15 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	16	17	18	19	20 6:30p (W) Movie Night	21
				Rachel Circle Rummage Sale		
22 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Bells Ring Today Brunch</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ASCENSION SUNDAY	30 <i>Memorial Day (Office Closed)</i>	31 7p (Zoom) Church Council				




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 5 PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION	6	7 7p (Zoom) Staff Mtg.	8	9	10 3:00p (W) Last Day of School Celebration	11
12 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Peace with Justice Sunday	13 10a (F/FK) Rachel Circle 7p (Zoom) Worship Team	14 6:30p (U) Revive Team 7p (Zoom) Trustees	15 1p (M) Reading for Fun	16	17	18
19 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FATHER'S DAY	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	27	28	29	30		

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