



## 2019 PENTWATER FAMILY CAMP

June 29 - July 6

All campers who signed up have been registered with Lake Michigan Camp. The cost is \$35 per night and if you haven't already paid you will pay in full when you sign in at the camp office upon arrival (see Facebook messages and/or emails sent out earlier for your specific site number and amount due). Contact Hanford & Eilene Brink (269-673-6031) if you have any questions.

**NOTE:** We are also collecting \$3 per night for each site to help cover the cost of renting the pavilion and walk-in cooler. Please give cash or check to Hanford Brink **by June 10** so we can pay when we check in at camp.

### **This is what has been planned for the week:**

Saturday – June 29 – Arrive, check-in time is 2 p.m.

Sunday – June 30

- Pancake Breakfast – 9:00-10:00 a.m. – the Jennings and H. Brink families will cook pancakes and sausage for all. Bring your own table service, syrup, beverage and anything else you would like.
- All-Camp Potluck at 6 p.m. followed by a Vesper Service led by Pastor Bob.

Monday - July 1

- Devotions at 10 a.m. led by Bobby Tremaine.

Tuesday - July 2

- Devotions at 10 a.m. led by Judy Jennings.

Wednesday - July 3

- Devotions at 10 a.m. led by Ginny Borgman.

Thursday - July 4

- Devotions at 10 a.m. led by Jon Brink.
- Hot dogs and potluck at lunch time (exact time TBD). Hot dogs and buns provided by the Odells; please bring a dish to share, your own table service, condiments, beverage, etc.
- Fourth of July activities (games, etc.) led by the Dentons.

Friday - July 5

- Devotions at 10 a.m. led by Bobby Tremaine.
- Camp Pie Night at 6 p.m. Bring your camp pie cookers and fillings to share.

Saturday - July 6 – All-camp cleanup. Camp closes at 11:00 a.m. Have a safe trip home.

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Other activities that may happen: Beanbag Baseball, Pepper, Horseshoes, Craft, etc.

2018 Fees: Campsite/tent \$35 per night. AC & elec. heaters an additional \$5/night; Ice - \$2/bag; Bikes - \$10/day unlimited use; Kayaks - \$5 for 4 hours.

### *Thankful Corner*



Our granddaughter, Allie, graduated from Hamilton High School last week. She is headed to Davenport University to study nursing. Allie has a kind heart and will be a very caring and compassionate nurse. Her sister, Emma, is beginning her final year at Grand Valley State University where she is studying to become a teacher. These girls are children of divorced parents, but both of them have supportive adults in their lives who have grounded them and encouraged them to do their best. Allie splits her time between her mom's and her dad's homes weekly, and each home has 2 brothers in them. At her dad's home she has 2 younger brothers, ages 8 and 6, and these boys love it when Allie is at their home. Her mom, dad, and her step-parents have done an amazing job making her life as normal as possible. When the time came to plan her graduation party Allie wanted only 1 party and for all the parents in her life to plan and do it together. Well last Saturday they came together, and she got her wish. It has not always been smooth sailing between her parents, but all of that was set aside for her special day. I have always called Allie a peacemaker as children know how to work out their differences and are great examples in forgiveness. There is a phrase "and a little child shall lead them," and she did! Perhaps this will inspire other divorced parents to listen to their children and work together to make their wishes and dreams that all the adults work together and get along come true. Dear God, Bless the children of divorce as their lives can be difficult. May their parents see and realize the importance of coming together for the good of the child. May it be so, may it be so. Amen.

*Judy*

## **Missions Moment**

The mission chosen for our church to support this month is

### **Safe Harbor**



*Children's Advocacy Center*

Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of Allegan County has been committed to preventing child abuse and neglect in Allegan County since 1983. The center's desire is to provide a safe and child-friendly atmosphere to allow a child to disclose neglect, sexual, or physical abuse and to heal from the abuse. Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center houses three programs: the Beverly Schroeder Advocacy Center, the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, and the Prevention Education Program. All three programs work with children who have been physically or sexually abused or neglected. Within these programs they offer free services that include: medical services, forensic interviews, counseling services, prevention education, and victim advocacy.

Let us join together to support this very worthwhile organization.

## FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

Rev. Robert Lynch

With Annual Conference convening May 29-June 2 and a Denomination trying to absorb the decisions made at General Conference 2019, it is important as a local church to faithfully continue to reach out as we always have done in love to all.

I found the statement below (issued by a special meeting of 600 people representing the 54 Conferences including 16 Bishops that opposed the Traditional Model passed by General Conference 2019) helpful as we try to move forward as a local church!

**Even though we, as members of Allegan UMC, may not all agree with all of the below statements, we can all agree that as we have in the past and will continue in the future to model our Theme of “Open Minds, Open Hearts and Open Doors”**

- Be passionate followers of Jesus Christ, committed to a Wesleyan vision of Christianity.
- To resist evil, injustice and oppression in all forms and toward all people and build a church which affirms the full participation of all ages, nations, races, classes, cultures, gender identities, sexual orientations and abilities.
- To resist the Traditional Plan approved at General Conference 2019 as inconsistent with the gospel of Jesus Christ and resist its implementation by making sure our community knows that “Allegan UMC” will continue to be welcoming and inviting to all God’s People who we believe from Genesis are made in the image and likeness of God!
- To work to eliminate discriminatory language and the restrictions and penalties in the Book of Discipline regarding LGBTQ Individuals.

### Sermon Themes



We finish our “Loving Worship Series” which focuses upon the action of God upon those who believe in and into Jesus and the action stirred among those who believe, thus creating a flow of divine energy from God to the church to the world.

**June 9, 2019** Loving Worship Service: “Empowered” Acts 2:1-21 The gift of the Spirit was not given as one blazing flame hanging over the whole community. Each person in the community experienced a “tongue” of flame.

This series begins with the observance of Trinity Sunday, one of the most widely debated yet central doctrinal understandings of the Christian faith. 50 days after God raised Jesus from the dead, God sent the Promise, the Comforter, the Paraclete, The Holy Spirit . . . and the Dance begins: God-in-Three, Three-in-One! God-in-us, revealed in us as Creator, Liberator, Mediator.

**June 16, 2019** Trinity Sunday (Father’s Day), The Inheritance of Wisdom

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 “What does this inheritance of wisdom teach us about the nature of our Triune God?”

**June 23 2019** 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, The Inheritance of Attentiveness

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15 In thinking about your community of faith, how is your church called to be more attentive to God’s still, small (and risky) voice?

**June 30 , 2019:** 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, - The Inheritance of Power(ment)

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 What type of power have we inherited as Christians? From whom and how?

**July 07, 2019** 4th Sunday After Pentecost, - The Inheritance of Trust

Acts 2:1-21 God has entrusted us with the stewardship of the world, everything from the natural realm to our relationships with one another. In turn, we are called to trust God in word and in deed.

# VBS



**This year we are combining with the 1st Congregational Church and The River for VBS.**

**Ages: Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Dates: July 15, 16, 17**

**Place: 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church**

**Time: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Looking for volunteers – children, teens, adults!  
Contact Beth Ann DeLaet 616-690-1294**



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Girl Scout Troop 80500 is setting up a container by the coat rack in Fellowship Hall for collecting pop can and pop bottles. They will be used to help support the Hands of Grace Food Pantry birthday Bag Project.

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Youth Group will not be meeting during the summer unless something urgent comes up. We will resume in the fall.

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Sarah Circle – Sarah Circle will dine out for lunch on June 20, at 1:00 p.m. at the Hawks Nest. We will meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. to carpool. Call Grace, 673-5723, by June 18<sup>th</sup>, if you plan to go.

**July Newsletter** – The July newsletter not be mailed through the post office. It will be emailed and there will be a few printed copies at the church.

## AD BOARD REPORTS

5/23/19

### Scouting – Joan L. Rininger -

**Boy Scouts** - The troop has been busy this past month with a couple short trips and camp-outs, but the big excitement is for their up-coming big trip to Yellowstone. The troop will leave Allegan on June 18 and return on July 1. They will be at Camp Buffalo Bill in Cody, Wyoming. The activities will go from beginners' groups to intense higher level scouting practices/activities/training. Their last fundraiser to support this trip is at the Allegan Pizza Hut on Wednesday, May 29.

**Girl Scouts** - They reviewed safety procedures and conducted a "lights out" fire drill to simulate a fire with a power outage. They also spent much time learning about outdoor safety and survival skills for their upcoming camping trip in June. There is the annual Court of Awards and Bridging Ceremony on June 2, where 5 girls will bridge up to the next level of scouting.

In addition, several girls will be receiving special awards, including leadership awards and one scout will receive her Bronze Award - the highest award for a Junior level scout.

### Food Pantry – Chris Jurkas –

**Financial:** The pantry has \$16,823.85, plus \$777 in Meijer Food Cards.

**Meijer Simply Give:** Purchase \$10 donation food card to help our pantry buy non-perishable food items and meat. May 31 and June 14 are double match days. The \$10 donation food card changes to \$30. WOW!!!

**Stuff The Bus:** Our pantry will be at Village Market “only” on Friday, June 21, 12 – 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 22, 9 am – 5 p.m.

**Facebook:** I have created (with Bridget from Allegan County Food Pantry assistance) a link to our pantry on my Facebook page. It is still in the working stages.

**May 29: FOOD PANTRY CLOSED –Due to Blood Drive**

**Membership - Judy Jennings** – Membership stands at 297.

**Missions – Trevah Dalrymple** – June POM will be Safe Harbor

### Pastoral Care – Barb Gibson –

We have 29 people on our list of recipients this month, receiving visits, cards, Upper Room booklets and prayers from our members. Last week, Barb and Woodie visited Norm Pierson in Kalamazoo. Norm absolutely delights in hearing about the church, especially the choir!

**SPRC – Dick Randels** – Nothing to Report

**Trustee – Sandy Oetman** – In the past month a new refrigerator was purchased for the parsonage to replace the non-working 25-year-old one. The LED lighting was completed in the office and nursery. A speaker was in need of replacement for the organ. A deposit to the Otis Elevator was sent in for hydro-testing the elevator (state requirement.) Paid the yearly certification fee for the elevator.

Currently in the works:

Inspections and estimates to replace/repair both the front and Fellowship Hall entrance roofs. They both leak. Estimate/repair of cracks in cinder blocks on the back wall of “old” Fellowship Hall and porch off the kitchen. Cap off rain gutter in same location.

### UMW – Cindy Thiele –

1 – Graduation Sunday

There were 5 Sturman, 3 Hall, Pastor and 4 UMWomen for breakfast. Two families could not attend – Trutsch/Wheeler and DeLaet.

2 – Cathy Foune is sponsoring a breakfast tea June 2 for the women and girls of the church family.

3 – The Allegan UMW Unit is in good standing at this time.

**Worship – Judy Jennings** – We reviewed the Lenten season and felt it had gone well. The summer season is upon us and we are looking for special music. Our hopes are to have Proclamation Brass on a summer Sunday morning and have a brunch to follow. Next meeting will be in August.

