

SEPTEMBER  
2018



Mission Bell  
Frankenmuth United Methodist Church  
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

## Sermons for September

Sermon Series: "Discipleship Is Knowing Christ & Being Known by Him"

Sunday, September 2 (Labor Day Sunday) "It's Who Ya' Know" John 17:1-5, Matthew 7:21-23

Toward the beginning of Jesus' final prayer over his disciples after the last Supper he says, "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." Since eternal life is possibly the most important thing we can have, it might be worth looking at what it means to know God and Jesus.

Sunday, September 9 (Tailgate Party) "Jesus' Meet N Greet" Matthew 7:21-9

The simple gospel message is presented in a fresh, yet Biblical, way for friends who are visiting the Tailgate Party. Our membership vows include accepting Jesus as both Savior and Lord. Jesus wants to know you.

Sunday, September 16 "Getting Fired by Jesus" Luke 3:16; John 1:24-34

The Bible talks about 2 baptisms, one with water and the other with the Holy Spirit and fire. Fire?? So, what's it like to get fired by Jesus? The supernatural works of the Holy Spirit and fire almost got snuffed out in history. Our Methodist heritage has an interesting role in reviving the Holy Spirit and fire without a lot of the questionable "trappings" prevalent today.

### A Disciple's Path: 7-part Book Study / Sermon Series begins

Sunday, September 23 "A Great Cloud of Witnesses" Hebrews 11:38 - 2:3

The history of how God's church got to where we are today is a tremendously important subject to establish our solid foundation. How do you do that in 25 to 30 minutes?? Our Fall series "A Disciple's Path" begins with this foundation and then provides what's called the "Pastor's Coffee" – an after-worship coffee and discussion with the pastor for all who desire to learn more about how we got here.

Sunday, September 30 "Honest to God!" Mark 9:14-29

Establishing a life-long relationship with God begins by being real with God. A disciple's path is marked by "benchmarks" that are found throughout scripture. In each benchmark we discover more of God's grace coming back to us. Amazing.

Sunday, October 7 (Annual Church Conference @ 2pm) "This Time I Really Mean It!" John 15:1-8

How many times have I started daily prayer and Bible study but lost steam over time? This is sooooo important that with each attempt I think, "This time I really mean it!" In addition to the Holy Spirit, there actually are wonderful ideas and helps that can make this possible.

## COMMUNITY TAILGATE

September means back-to-school and tailgating. For our September 9th Sunday-Funday we are having a tailgate type outdoor (weather complying) party. See the flyer for details. We will have lots of good BBQ, Mac & cheese, coleslaw, great homemade desserts, yard games for the kids and music for everyone. PLEASE plan to come and bring a friend. We are opening this up to our church, neighborhood and the entire community. Watch for ads in the Frankenmuth News. Pastor says Invest and Invite. Don't miss this opportunity to be the church.



## BREAD PAN

Disasters Happen!

The Bread Pan offering for the month of September will be toward UMCOR Disaster Relief. When disasters happen, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response. United Methodists in California are again responding to deadly wildfires — on top of ongoing recovery efforts from fires in previous years.

### **US Disaster Response, Advance #901670.**

When you do make a financial donation, you can be assured that every dollar will go to the program you specify. UMCOR can guarantee this because all of our administrative costs are covered by the UMCOR Sunday offering and other undesignated gifts. Volunteering or sending relief supplies to one of our supply depots are two more ways you can be a sign of hope for others. Your prayer support is vital to all that UMCOR does.

Thank you for your giving to our School Supplies, August Bread Pan. As of this time the total is \$777.

Please consider a continuing school supply need by collecting the following:

- Coke and coke products: bottle tops and box flaps with coke rewards points
- Used pencils and pens
- Note pads
- Scraps of ribbon for crafts as small a 6 inches or the whole roll
- Gently used or new notebooks
- Canceled postage stamps

A box for donations is located on the counter in the narthex.

## DONATIONS TO LIBERIA AND HAITI:

In recent years donations have been given to Liberia and Haiti. The Mission Team has decided to donate \$2187.00 to help refurbish a children's cottage at Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village. \$1547.00 is being donated to the Leon Center in Haiti to help with rebuilding the kitchen. The money will be used to put plumbing on the roof to fill a cistern.

**October 1st is the deadline for all Fishin' for Mission Auction donations to be placed in the Wesley Room (by the kitchen). Please bring baked goods by Noon on October 9th.**

## FISHIN' FOR MISSION



Fishin' for Mission Auction needs your help with donations, set up, working the night of the event! Donated items are bid on during the silent or live auction in fellowship hall. Sloppy Joes will be served during the silent auction at 5:30 until 7:00 when the live auction begins. Proceeds from the auction are divided among various local charities and mission organizations during the December meeting of UMW. This is the 19th year for the auction. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 9th. Join us for a WHALE of a good time! Contact Karen Jennings 989.274.0331 or Judy Dale 989.295.4696

## IS YOUR HOME SECURE?

Come to the LUNCH BUNCH gathering on September 18th and find out! Lisa Hill, Community Resource Specialist from the Frankenmuth Police Department will present a program on how to make our homes more secure. Lisa will also have a time for questions you may have.

We meet at 12 noon in the Gathering Space for a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service.



## BAG LADIES

Bag ladies meet on Tuesdays from 9am-noon in the Bethany Room. Our bags are popular with many groups including McNally House in Saginaw (we accept travel size toiletries for these), Saginaw Rescue Mission and Franklin Street Mission in Flint. Our Pajama Party is held in October & November to create pjs as Christmas gifts for the Rescue Mission. Our goal is 100 sets, we overachieved by 35 last year, come join the fun, we have the supplies! Contact Gretna VanFleet 652-8538 or Karen Jennings 989-274-0331 for more information.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

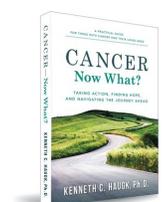
The 2018 Stephen Minister Training class is well under way. The very first and most important fact that the new trainees learned is that Stephen Ministry is distinctively Christian Ministry. What does that really mean? It means that the power for this ministry comes from Jesus. As Stephen Ministers, we learn that we are NOT to try to fix the problem of anyone. Our job is to provide a warm, welcoming, accepting, compassionate and confidential atmosphere in which conversation can take place. As uncomplicated as this sounds, it is not always easy to do so. Our society is very process-oriented. Define the problem and then take the steps to solve the problem. To stay true to this ministry, the distinctively Christian part, each of our Stephen Ministers and Trainees, must do everything possible to keep our relationship with Christ Jesus alive and well, so we are able to put others in touch with his healing power. Jesus is the Cure-Giver. He is at the center of this distinctively Christian Ministry.



## HOW CAN I HELP?

People who are dealing with cancer are faced with a host of new challenges and need support in many ways. One simple, powerful way to offer that support is to give a copy of *Cancer-Now What?*

Copies are available in the narthex across from the office for your use or for you to share with others. This is one way to show both you and FUMC cares.



# VOLUNTEERS FROM CHRIST'S FLOCK

## Sept. Greeters

- 2 Duane & Darlene Gerstenberger
- 9 Dick Peters & Ken Worley
- 16 Charlie & Mary Brown
- 23 Randy & Denise Bartlett
- 30 Steve & Laurie Arnold

## Coffee Hour Hosts

- Administrative Council
- Staff-Parish Relations Committee
- Trustees
- Stephen Ministry Team
- Finance Team

## Sept. Altar Flowers

- 2 Charlie & Mary Brown
- 9 Norm & Pat Myers
- 16 Glen & Jenny Thompson
- 23 John & Donna Fox
- 30

## Scrip Table Hostess

- Connie Coulter
- Karen Dukovich
- Amy Wales
- Renee Somerville
- Cindy May

## WE WISH A VERY HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

- |                   |                      |                    |                |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1 Jim Barger      | Joyce Scholz         | Linda Strappazon   | Gabbi Michael  |
| Dale Smith        | Kylie Ostrofsky      | Abi Samson         | Audrey Mahoney |
| 3 Les Dale        | 14 Rosanne Notestine | 23 Jan Varney      | Tyler Trudell  |
| Pat Arvilla       | Michelle Trudell     | 24 Marie Haake     | Hazel Woodke   |
| Lisa Woodke       | 15 Maurice Pahr      | 25 Betty Goyings   | 30 Reg Schulz  |
| 6 Carol Banes     | 18 Dick Peters       | Darryl Smith       | Becka Phillips |
| Tina Samson       | 19 Jenny Thompson    | 26 Randy Bartlett  |                |
| 7 Art Loeffler    | Alex Mawer           | Gary Strappazon    |                |
| Gail Sylvester    | 20 Greg Dowis        | Jeanne Rezmer      |                |
| Evan Kellom       | Kris Worley          | 27 Dave Somerville |                |
| 9 Amy McDowell    | Brady Totten         | 28 Kieran Gill     |                |
| 13 Dale Van Fleet | 21 Glen Thompson     | 29 Sarah Sahr      |                |



## CHURCH WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK!



Frankenmuth United Methodist Church's website has a new look! The web address has not changed—please check it out at [www.fmuthumc.org](http://www.fmuthumc.org). Our website functions as the digital front door to our church. Our goal is to be welcoming, informative, and user friendly! We have contracted with Post Companies of Dexter, Michigan to design the new look and they will be doing all of the updating that it needed.

If you have ideas for information that should be on our website or if you see anything that needs updating, please contact Lori Ettema (989.652.3784 or [leettema@chartermi.net](mailto:leettema@chartermi.net)). You can also pass suggestions on to the church office.

Many thanks to Roger Yerion who has been managing our website. He is “retiring” from this effort. We appreciate your service!

## COMMUNITY TAILGATE

For our Community Tailgate to be successful, we will need lots of help before, during and after the event.

We want to go door-to-door to hand deliver flyers (invitations) within a few blocks of our church and to the apartment dwellers in Frankenmuth. You will see a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. 16 teams of two are needed.

Please be the family that invites, sets the table, and does the clean-up for a fun event. Details will follow at church and in emails.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

The Children's Ministry is gearing back up for school! On September 9 we will start Club Orange at 10:00 am and continue for all future Sundays, except the first Sunday of the month. The first Sunday of the month (starting in October) will be an inclusive service that allows families to worship together for the whole service and enjoy communion with each other. Please find these and other details in our full edition of the Children's Newsletter online, via email, or color printed copies at the church by the big bulletin board.

## NOTES FROM THE WORSHIP TEAM

**Sunday morning worship will continue to be at one service at 9:30 a.m. throughout the year!**

There will be no worship service time change after Labor Day. A letter will be forthcoming to further explain these worship decisions. Thanks so much for your patience, understanding and input during our worship changes.

**Welcome Table**...please take time to refer visitors to the Welcome Table before or after worship services! There will be church information, Frankenmuth information, some gifts to remember FUMC, and an opportunity to leave contact information if they wish to be contacted by our church.

**Worship design team** meets on Tuesdays to plan our worship services. Please let the office know if you have information to include in the service.

**Next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 18th at 5:45 p.m.**

## THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE

The Stephen Ministry of St. Martin Lutheran Church and FUMC are sponsoring "Through Death to Life", a program featuring author, public speaker and hospice volunteer Ron Gries. The free event will be held Tuesday, September 18th from 6:30-7:30 pm at St. Martin Lutheran Church, 10995 Canada Road, Birch Run. Reservations are not necessary.

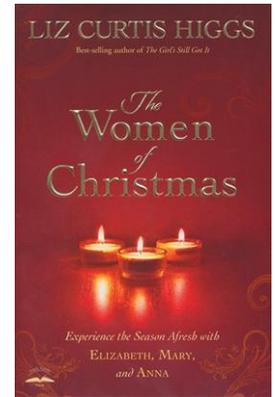
Ron shares his story of personal and spiritual growth during a five year journey covering the illness and death of his wife and his healing. Throughout the ordeal Ron wrote in a most personal way about the testing of faith, the sadness of loss and most importantly, the triumph of spirit. That writing later became a book, "Through Death to Life", that has given Ron a ministry of helping those on that same path. In speaking engagements across the state at hospice organizations, conferences, churches, civic groups, educational organizations and bereavement groups Ron encourages others to look into their own hearts and find the spirit and resolve to persevere and ultimately triumph when life challenges us in major ways.

Books will be available for \$20 with the profits donated to the sponsors.

**Eve Friendship Circle will meet on September 20th at 1:00 pm in the Resource Room. All women are welcome!!**

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday evening women's Bible study will be preparing for Christmas a bit early this year. Come join us as we study *The Women of Christmas* by Liz Curtis Higgs. We will meet the women who played pivotal roles in Christ's birth. Elizabeth is barren, yet trusts God's promise. Mary is a virgin, but says yes when God asks her to bear his Son. And prophetess Anna proclaims the Messiah's arrival. Unpacking each verse from the Gospel of Luke, Liz Curtis Higgs illuminates their love, faithfulness, and obedience to God. We meet Tuesday evenings 6:30 -8:00 p.m. We will begin September 11th and be finished with the 9 week study just in time for Advent. Contact Suzanne Schreiner to order your book 989-652-8947 or [suz1994@yahoo.com](mailto:suz1994@yahoo.com). Cost \$10.



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## Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2018

**Staff Parish Relations Committee** – Pastor shared that our congregation is still searching for a youth leader. Pastor met with the district superintendent and there was discussion regarding hiring a full-time youth pastor; someone who can start something from nothing. Shannon Pringle requested that she would like us to look for a back-up for the organist, Andy, and she would like us to hire a guitarist and a vocal lead. Lisa Woodke presented material to the SPRC regarding an after school program and if approved she would like us to hire two individuals for that program.

**Trustees** – Randy Bartlett reported that the trustees are still discussing safety and security issues. They are going to form a safety team and Jim Halverson has volunteered to chair that team. If you are interested in serving on that team, you can contact Randy Bartlett or a member of the trustees team. The trustees requested an estimate on updating all the church exterior lights to LED.

**Children's Ministry** – Lisa Woodke wants to thank all the Vacation Bible School volunteers. VBS was a huge success. The family fun day in July was swimming at the Totten's pool with four families attending. The family fun day in August was fishing at the Worley's pond with five families attending. Lisa is proposing our church start an after school program. The program would be Monday thru Thursday from 3:30 to 6:00. It would be free for students 12 to 16 years old. Two paid staff members would work with the students providing a healthy snack, help with homework, activities, and discussion topics. The program would utilize the fellowship hall, the kitchen, and the youth room. She has created a handbook for children who attend and their parents. In the fall, Sunday school will be called 'Club Orange' and an orange dinosaur will be the mascot. Club Orange will be Sunday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00.

**Discipleship** – Sandy Karls reported that in the fall, the church is going to begin an all church book study. The book is called *A Disciple's Path*. The book study will be Sept. 23 thru Nov. 11.

**Kitchen Ministry** - The kitchen ministry team has been busy with snacks for the Wednesday night summer concert series and comfort meals.

**Missions** - Pat Arvilla reported that there is money left over from the Haiti and Liberia trips. It was decided a portion of this money will be used to help a Ministry Center in Haiti build a new cistern for their lunch program. The rest of the money will be used to help fix children's cottages at the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village in Liberia. The August bread pan offering will help provide back to school supplies for surrounding communities.

**Worship** - Cheryl Weirauch reminded Administrative Council that it was decided in the fall we would only have one worship service. The worship committee put together a survey for members of the congregation to choose what time they would like that worship service to be. After tabulating the results of the surveys, Cheryl made a motion that starting Sept. 9 the worship service would be at 9:30 AM. There was some discussion. The motion was voted on and passed. Just a reminder that the last summer concert series will be Aug. 29 at 7:00 PM and it will be a quartet called Justified.

**Heritage Team** - Cindy Rogner requested that if you take any pictures of activities this summer, please get them to her and identify the picture and who is in it.

**United Methodist Women** – In August there was a successful shower presenting Frankenmuth teachers with supplies for the new school year. The meeting in September will be Judy Dale presenting Stephen Ministry information.

**Finance** - Randy Ettema is going to e-mail his committee to get approval for the after school program. Lisa Woodke moved that the church start a free after school program for students ages 12 to 16. She is requesting to hire two paid staff to work with the students. This motion is conditional on the finance team's approval. Marie Koch seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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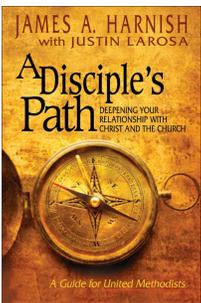
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## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP



At 8:30 am each Sunday Morning starting September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will join the church wide study by studying the book A Disciple's Path, Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church. We will meet until 9:15 am. Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness...this is what we commit to when we become members of The United Methodist Church, and it's a big step. Discipleship is ongoing, each of us taking our own unique path. This 6-week study and discussion will help you develop spiritual practices, discover your unique gifts, and engage in ministry that brings transformation to your own life and to the lives of others. Join us in the Jordan/Jericho room each week for this study.

## SAGINAW RESUCE MISSION BITS

The Saginaw Rescue Mission is in need of kitchen volunteers to help prepare and serve meals for each shift every day. Volunteers may help once, daily, or on a weekly or monthly basis.

The Mission will be hosting monthly volunteer workdays on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month during the school year. Saturday, September 22, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. will be the first one for the 2018/2019 school year.

We'll be working on different projects throughout the mission.

Saginaw Rescue Mission's women and children's shelter staff are in need of ladies who will volunteer to answer the phone and take messages or provide child care at the mission.

If you would like to help, please contact Jenny Deweese at 989-752-6051, ext. 122, or [volunteer@rescuesaginaw.org](mailto:volunteer@rescuesaginaw.org). Thank you!

Our annual Consecration Sunday is set for October 21, 2018. That Sunday will wrap up our two week pledge campaign for 2019, and will feature a guest speaker, who will help Pastor Mark explain spiritual giving. A catered celebration luncheon will be served following the 9:30 church service.

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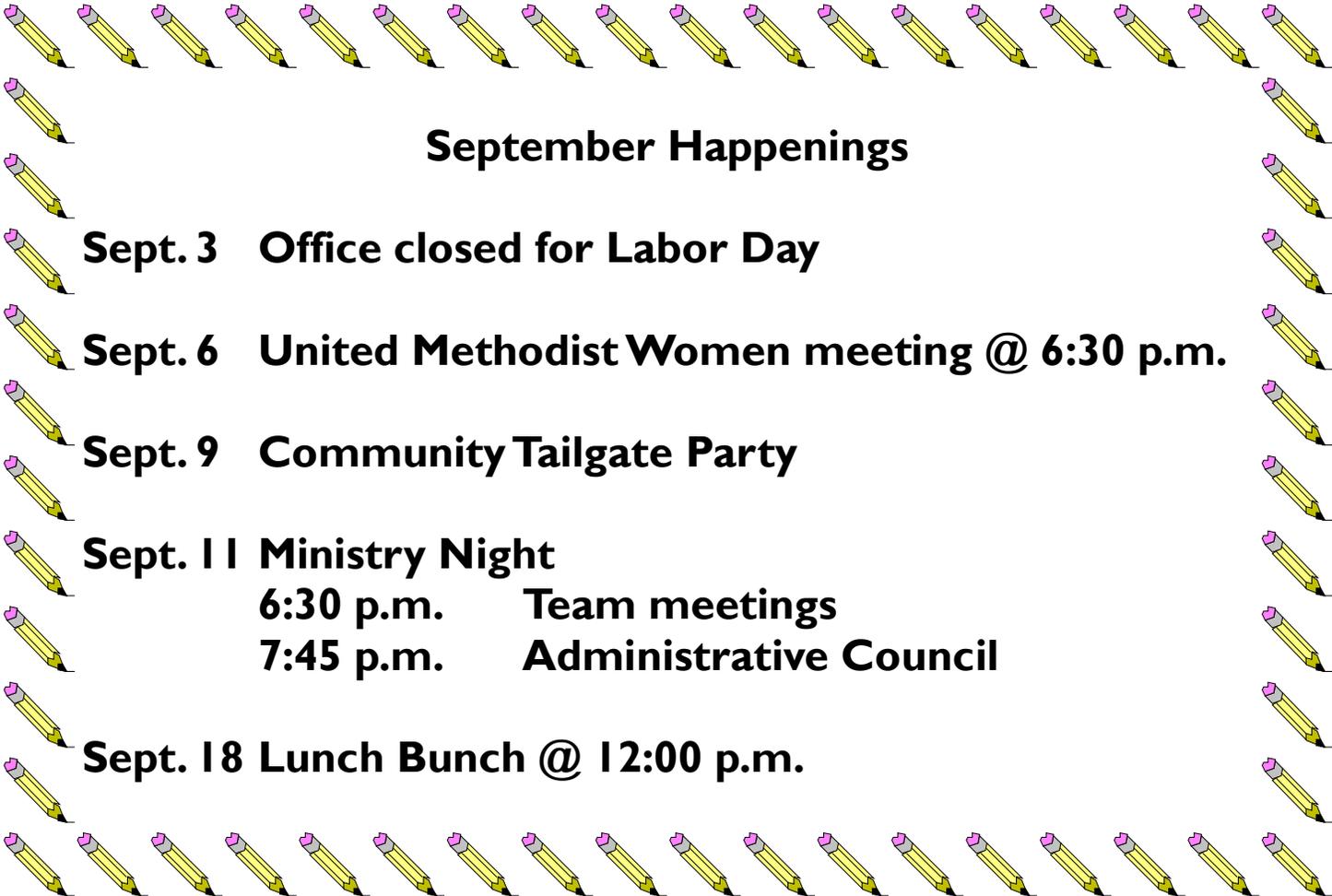
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### September Happenings

**Sept. 3 Office closed for Labor Day**

**Sept. 6 United Methodist Women meeting @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Sept. 9 Community Tailgate Party**

**Sept. 11 Ministry Night**

**6:30 p.m. Team meetings**

**7:45 p.m. Administrative Council**

**Sept. 18 Lunch Bunch @ 12:00 p.m.**