



July 2025



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A note from Pastor Drew

As I was reading through the various articles in this month's newsletter a phrase kept coming to my mind: "Sometimes you can't make it on your own." If you are a music person like I am you might recognize it as a lyric from U2's song of the same name. The song is about the lead singer, Bono's dad who died of cancer, but it speaks about the nature of community where we are better together than we could ever be on our own.

Our monthly celebration of birthdays and anniversaries and our yearly graduations, serve as a reminder that our church is like a family that marks these milestones together. Our mission and study advertisements provide more opportunities to meet others and grow together in our faith. And Sarah's piece from the Writer's Group is a beautiful reminder to step out of the busy schedules of summer and savor the season with friends and family because those are the relationships that bring meaning out of the time we have.

The new section of our newsletter this month is a Capital Campaign update. Our theme for this effort is: "Laying a Foundation of Love and Hope." I am very excited about the projects we are working on, but also the challenge that I feel God is placing before us. Paving our parking lot is going to be the largest single expense we have had as a church in many years, and the creation of a new endowment is a way that we can provide the future generations of our church a steady and reliable resource to expand and empower the ministries of our church.

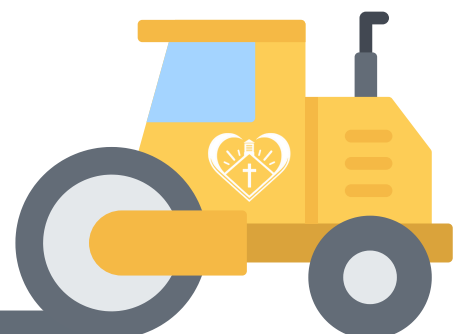
The scope of this effort is far more than any of us could do on our own, however, we are not by ourselves. God has brought us together as a church and together, we can accomplish all that God has set before us. I am looking forward to what God is going to do through this campaign.

Gratefully,



Rev. Drew Weseman

Laying a
Foundation
of Love & Hope



July Nurse's Notes

July is **UV Awareness Month**. According to the Cancer Research Institute, " UV rays are an invisible form of radiation that exist on the electromagnetic spectrum – just like X-rays and radio waves. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warns that UV radiation damages skin cells and can cause skin cancer. Additionally, UV rays can diminish the immune system's natural ability to fight off chronic diseases, such as cancer. " There are over 5 million cases of skin cancer every year and 90 % are a result of UV exposure. UV rays do penetrate clouds, so even if the day is overcast, your exposed skin is at risk. Consider wearing light weight long sleeved shirts and pants. Don't forget your scalp and put on a hat. Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes. Use sunscreen at least SPF 30 when you're outside and reapply at least every two hours. Peak time for sun exposure is 10 AM to 4 PM.

We've been experiencing some heat advisory days. Just as in winter we have to protect ourselves from the cold in summer, we must be aware of actions to take to protect ourselves from the heat. Keep hydrated. Our bodies sweat in order to cool, so we have to replace that fluid in the heat, even if you don't feel thirsty. Alcohol and pop don't count! Alcohol especially can increase dehydration. Stay out of the heat as much as possible. Wear light weight, light colored, loose fitting clothing. Avoid strenuous activity during the heat of the day. Children, elderly and chronically ill people are at a higher risk for heat related illnesses. Some medications interfere with our ability to regulate body temperature.

Heat cramps are more common in the legs and abdomen and occur due to loss of body fluid and electrolytes from sweating. **Heat exhaustion** symptoms include heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, nausea and headache. **Heat stroke** may present with a body temperature of 104 degrees or higher, confusion, loss of consciousness and seizures. This is a medical emergency. Call 911.

Of course Independence Day brings fireworks. Hands and fingers are the most common areas to be injured, followed by head, neck and eyes and hearing damage.. Even those fun little sparklers can lead to injuries that could be serious. The big thing is use common sense. Supervise children and husbands around fireworks.

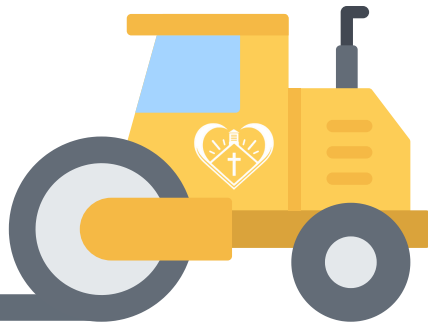
Having pointed out how our state can kill you during summer celebrations, have a wonderful summer season! Stay cool, hydrated and keep all your fingers intact.

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Office hours 10-2 Tuesdays at Building Hope Free Store

Laying a Foundation of Love & Hope

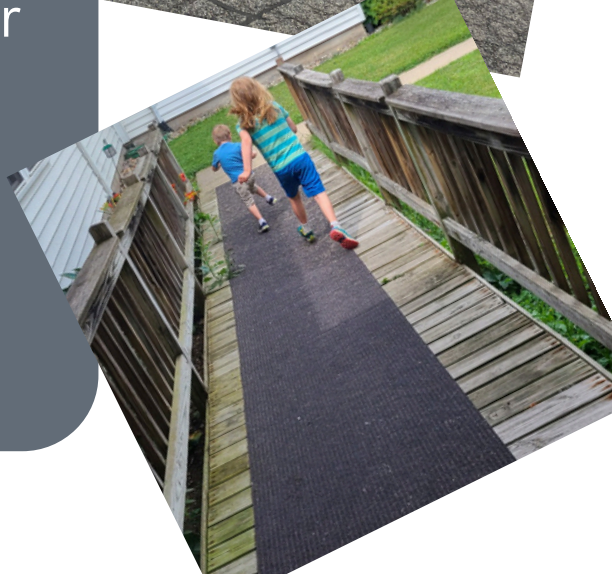


What are the projects in this campaign?

1. Re-paving the parking lots
2. Renovating our kitchen
3. Replacing our wheelchair ramp
4. Establishing an endowment

What are the dates to remember?

- **July 20th:** Congregational Meeting about the projects
- **August 17th:** Tentative date of Charge Conference to approve loan
- **September 28th:** Pledge Sunday for both campaign and General Ministry Budget
- **Late September/October:** Paving work scheduled to begin



July Birthdays

1 - Gary Millard
 7 - Charlotte Batten
 7 - Sarah McCall
 8 - Sandy Hunter
 8 - Dave Nicholas
 9 - Mary Millard
 10 - Caitlin Carpenter
 18 - Wendy Guess
 19 - Alex Cripe
 19 - Nila Mills
 21 - Leyton Wyckoff
 25 - Katlyn Batten
 26 - Logan Britton
 28 - Michael Tisdell
 29 - Tori Wyckoff
 30 - Sandra Sayer

Happy Birthday



July Anniversaries

12 - Jim & Joan Wetherbee
 26 - Mark & Katlyn Batten
 26 - Kevin & Dawn Eby
 27 - Steve & Sharon Clark
 29 - Ed & Dianne Rangler



HAPPY
 Anniversary

July Meetings

Happy July!

No Meetings this month



Church Office Hours

Pastor Drew: Summer hours vary,
 call for appointment.
 Friday: Sabbath

Tori: Monday, Thursday: 8:00-2:30
 Friday: 8:00-12:00

Financial Update

June 2025

Operations Financial Summary		
Income	June	Year To Date
Pledged Income	10,980.00	59,057.00
Non-Pledged Income	5,674.00	26,456.00
Endowment - Gen.	-	2,855.86
Building Use	120.00	1,760.00
Other	-	3,115.00
Total	\$16,774.00	\$ 93,243.86
Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	8,167.66	54,869.62
Ministry Shares	1,258.50	7,551.00
Property and Utilities	1,768.94	13,730.49
Administrative	343.08	4,754.21
Worship	1,005.04	3,389.55
Program and Education	-	471.11
Other	540.00	1,291.94
Total	\$13,083.22	\$ 86,057.92
Net:	\$3,690.78	\$ 7,185.94

Missions Income	\$ 1,435.50	\$ 9,453.05
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If you have questions or want full financial reports,
 contact the office, Michael Davis, Finance chair,
 or Pastor Drew.

Electronic Giving

Check out our online-giving! You can give to
 the general ministry budget, and any of
 mission partners and special Sundays. You
 can also setup automatic
 donations for your convenience.
 Please scan this QR code or go
 to: givebutter.com/centrevilleumc
 to check it out.



Serving, Growing, & Sharing the Journey

A Note from our Writer's Group

Summer Moments that Matter

By Sarah McCall

My excitement for July to arrive is palpable. My little sister and her family will be coming up to Michigan for the first time in about 10 years. Add onto that that our Katy will also be here, and I just cannot contain my excitement. Summer is the time we all look forward to, for Fun and Sun. but we also look forward to family. We plan, we vacation, we try to cram as much fun with friends and family as we possibly can. This is not so different from the Christmas season. Trying to cram and schedule all “relaxing” and “summer fun” into a short span of time.

Summer, like Christmas, is a time for family and friends, and for rest and relaxation. Like the holiday season from November through December we must remember to pace ourselves. Not overburden or over schedule all the fun and family. We must take breaks and rest when needed. Summer activities, festivals, sports, camping, cookouts and all are great, but we must also rest. God has shown us that a day of rest is important for us both physically and mentally. Enjoy your summer, be excited about family and friends, but be sure to rest also. Instead of running full tilt, find a time to simply be with your families. I know I will be sitting outside with a glass of iced tea with my sister and daughter many of the evenings here. We won't do anything but sit and talk about everything. We will just be enjoying each other's company. My wish and prayer is for you to enjoy your summer with friends, family, fun and relaxation.



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Tiny Jesus Updates

Tiny Jesus is enjoying summer.
He recently visited a lighthouse at
Tawas Point



Bible-It! Series

As we continue through the book
of Jeremiah this July, Pastor has
added the Bible-It! challenge: for
all who complete the book
Jeremiah this summer are invited
for a pizza dinner at the church
Sunday, August 10 at 5:30 pm.
Think back to those nostalgic days
of elementary reading to earn those
Pizza Hut Book-It! coupons.



Free Pizza Party!



Free Community Dinner

Join us on the 2nd & 4th
Wednesday's every month for our
free community dinner!



Just Show Up Class

Don't forget about our Just Show Up Sunday
school class! Every Sunday at 9:00 we meet to
discuss the Bible at Home packs, the weekly
scripture readings, and more.

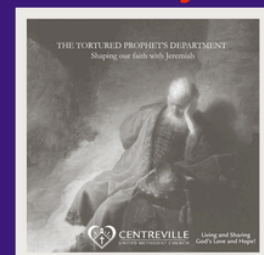


Join us for a time of
prayer, bible study and
discussion centered on
that Sunday's scripture.

No pre-reading is
required!

Sundays at 9:00AM

Next week:



Upcoming Blood Drive



Our next scheduled blood drive is July 15 from 12:00-5:45. The Red Cross does offer the Power Red option at all of our scheduled dates as well. We do a great job of filling up all of our schedule dates for them, and The Red Cross truly appreciates that.

The American Red Cross is currently experiencing an EMERGENCY NEED for type O blood donations. Summer often means a decline in donations due to vacations and busy schedules, yet the need for blood remains constant. Type O blood is what hospitals use most and is always in high demand.

All type O donors who come to give blood by July 31, 2025 will receive a BONUS \$20 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.* Or, they can make a Power Red donation (if eligible) and get \$25 instead.

All donors who donate between July 15-31, 2025 will receive a Fandango Movie Reward by email for a movie theater ticket!

Here is the QR code to schedule your next appointment!



Church Office Updates

The church office will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Also, please note that with summertime, schedules around here are bit more flexible as our kids are out of school. Pastor will be available for appointments, please feel free to reach out to him or call the office to set an appointment. His in-office hours will be less consistent for a bit. Tori will still be trying to keep her hours as consistent as possible: Mondays & Thursdays 8-2:30, Fridays 8-12. But please be patient as things do come up with summer that could create a need to flex some. We truly appreciate your understanding as we try to show up our best for all of you as well as our families.



Children's Moments

We are looking to add to our list for Children's Moments. If you would love to take a week on our calendar to put together a Children's Moment message, please let Pastor know or call/email Tori in the office.

Graduation Sunday

On June 1, we celebrated the 2025 graduates who mean the most to our church family. In person that day we had Leyton Wyckoff, Ally Butler and Abby Butler. Watching us online was Alex Cripe. Unable to make it due to his graduation ceremony was Lucas Dixon, but he and his mom sent us a note thanking us for thinking of and praying for him.



God's Servants

Our group of God's Servants have been busy making improvements around the church. After the tree removal in the lot by the playground, they worked hard on a hot Thursday to get the stumps cleared up. There is still a bit more work to do, but it is definitely coming along! If you are interested in helping with these projects, in any capacity, please reach out to Steve Clark.



July

2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	HAPPY 4th of July OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 Worship Service 10 am	7	8	9 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00	10 BHFS 6 pm	11 Food Pantry 10 am	12
13 Worship Service 10 am	14	15 Blood Drive 12-5:45 pm	16	17 Kinship Care 6 pm	18 Food Pantry 10 am	19
20 Worship Service 10 am Congregational Meeting 11:15 am	21	22	23 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00	24	25 Food Pantry 10 am	26
27 Worship Service 10 am	28	29	30	31		

July

Song Leaders

7/6 - Bev Michels
7/13 - Shone Rhyner
7/20 - Michelle Brokaw
7/27 - Barb Bungart

July

Liturgists

7/6 - Kathy Knautz
7/13 - Brenda Pearrow
7/20 - Mary Herendeen
7/27 - Chris McCall

July

Children's Moment

7/6 - Pastor Drew
7/13 - Shone Rhyner
7/20 - Jan Rhoad
7/27 - Jim Wetherbee

