

October 2025



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A note from Pastor Drew

I know that November is the official month of gratitude, but after Pledge Sunday and the culmination of our capital campaign, I am going to petition that we start that a month early!

As Michele Cripe and Jan Rhoads reported back the initial pledges and gifts from the end of our capital campaign, I was simply blown away by your generosity and excitement over these projects. It is my pleasure to report that of our \$150,000 goal for the four combined projects, we are over 80% of the way there. I know that there are many people who have verbally committed to participating, and others who were not there and will bring their cards and gifts in later. All that to say, \$128,575 in pledged gifts and \$69,475 in cash given is an incredible start to this campaign. I want to say a huge thank you to the whole capital campaign team, the home gathering hosts and our finance and trustees teams for their work and leadership in this effort.

We also collected our first round of pledges for the Ministry Budget that supports the ongoing work of our church. These were also very encouraging and I would ask that if you have not turned yours in that you please do so as soon as you can so that we can finalize the Ministry Budget by the end of the year. These estimates really do help us in being good stewards of your generosity and enable us to have the largest impact possible.

Within the pages of this Newsletter you will be able to catch a glimpse of all the ways in which our church is reaching out and making an impact in our community. This is not done by one or two people, but by all of us giving of our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. When God is moving through all of us, there is no telling what amazing things can happen. We have seen this numerically in this campaign, but the difference in the lives of those who are touched by our church is truly incalculable.

Thank you!



Rev. Drew Weseman

Laying a Foundation of Love & Hope (2026-2028)

Goal: \$150,000

Pledged: \$128,575



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29 pledges

Given: \$69,475

October Nurse's Notes

Spiritual Care Week is October 19-25. Have you ever thought about your faith and spirituality as being a large component of your health? "Spiritual health is a fundamental component of total wellness, encompassing a person's search for meaning, purpose, and connection to something greater than themselves, whether that be a religious belief, nature, or an inner sense of values and ethics. It is distinct from religious affiliation, and fostering it can improve physical and mental well-being by reducing stress, increasing hope, and promoting resilience. You can cultivate spiritual health by practicing mindfulness, engaging in self-reflection, aligning actions with values, and finding connection through prayer, meditation, spending time in nature, or participating in meaningful rituals." If you would like to go deeper in developing some spiritual practices or meet with a spiritual director (a person trained in the art and practice of recognizing and growing in relationship with the Holy), please see Pastor Drew or me (Christy).

October is **National Talk about your Medicine Month**. If you are taking an antidepressant, what herbal supplements should you avoid? Should you be concerned about any drug, food or activity interactions? Is there a certain time of day you should take your medicine? Please visit https://www.bemedwise.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/must_askquestions.pdf for a list of questions to discuss with your pharmacist and health care provider. Also see <https://www.bemedwise.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/medicationwalletcard.pdf> to print off a very good medication wallet card. Ask questions! Be sure you understand what you're taking, why you're taking it and how/when you should take it. Are you having trouble paying for your medication? Ask your provider for less expensive alternatives. Check with the maker of the drug; many have programs available to help financially.

October is **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. Domestic violence is best understood as a pattern of abusive behaviors—including physical, sexual, and psychological attacks as well as economic coercion—used by one intimate partner against another (adult or adolescent) to gain, maintain, or regain power and control in the relationship. Batterers use of a range of tactics to frighten, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, often injure, and sometimes kill a current or former intimate partner. In the U.S. one in four women and one in nine men have experienced domestic violence. Children who grow up with violence are more likely to repeat the pattern, seeing it as normal. We were camped across from a couple who were visited by the police and the male given a ride in a black and white. Later when I was in the shower rooms, I overheard one of the children at that site say to another, "I don't know what the big deal was. All he did was slap her around some." The **National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-7233**. Help is available. And it IS your business.

Blessings,

Christy Friedel, R.N., Spiritual Director

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Office hours 10-2 Tuesdays at Building Hope Free Store

October Birthdays

17 - Don Eby 26 - Becky Schneider
 23 - Aidan Schrock 27 - Mary Martinson
 24 - Michelle Brokaw 30 - Ron Santoro
 24 - Pat Easterday 30 - Ben Sayer
 24 - Lily Preston 31 - Lynda Hart

October Anniversaries

5 - Brian & Shauna Palmer
 15 - Chris & Leannah Carpenter
 17 - Bill & Michele Cripe
 20 - Jim & Bev Michels
 27 - Vince & Annette Mifsud
 27 - Daniel & Dora Stephenson



October Meetings

10/7 - Trustees Committee - 6:00 pm
 10/7 - SPR Committee - 7:00 pm
 10/14 - Finance Committee - 6:00 pm
 10/21 - Memorial Committee - 6:00 pm
 10/21 - Worship Committee - 7:00 pm
 10/28 - Church Council - 6:00 pm

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.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Drew: Available by appointment
 Friday: Sabbath

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

Financial Update

September 2025

Operations Financial Summary		
Income	August	Year To Date
Pledged Income	\$9,020	\$83,852
Non-Pledged Income	\$3,442	\$35,348
Endowment - Gen.	-	\$2,855.86
Building Use	-	\$2,090
Other	-	\$4,528
Total	\$ 12,462.00	\$ 128,674.04
Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	\$9,703.49	\$86,818.10
Ministry Shares	\$1,258.50	\$11,327
Property and Utilities	\$2,053.63	\$19,850.17
Administrative	\$1,616.42	\$6,795.33
Worship	\$220	\$4,326.52
Program and Education	105.90	577.01
Other	-	1,368.44
Total	\$ 14,957.94	\$ 131,062.07
Net:	-\$2,495.94	\$ (2,388.03)

Missions Income	\$1,277.13	\$ 18,744.49
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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.



A Note from our Writer's Group

Writer's Group meets Tuesdays at 9 am in the join us classroom across from pastor's office.

The Gladness of Hope

by Shone Rhyner (taken from one of our writing prompts)

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. And why should I be so glad? Because I have hope. I have hope in tomorrow, though tomorrow is not promised. I have hope in the opportunities found in trials. I have hope in the Lord and how can that make my heart anything but glad? God has promised to provide all I need; so, there is hope when the bank balance gets low. God has promised forgiveness; so, there is hope when I stumble over my sinful nature. God has promised a place in His kingdom; so, there is hope when nothing seems to be going right. God has promised never to forsake me; so, there is hope when I feel alone or that the world is against me. God has promised to love me- always; so, there is hope when I feel most unlovable. God has promised salvation, so there is hope. And this hope is where gladness resides.

The Writer's Group is seeking submissions for this year's Advent book.

The theme for 2025:

Great Joy!

focus verse:

Nehemiah 8:10

"Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.""

Submissions may include essays, short stories, poems, photographs, drawings, etc.

Submissions are due November 2
emailed to Shone (shonersbooks@yahoo.com)
or dropped off/mailed to the church.



Capital Campaign Update

One of the guiding principles of our campaign has been a commitment to letting everyone know what is going on at every step of the way. On the first page of this newsletter you can see the progress bar that we will be using over the next three years as we progress towards our campaign goal. In keeping with our current practices, we will be publishing this update each month in the newsletter, so please keep an eye out here for how we are doing. If you have any questions you can always reach out to Pastor Drew or our Finance Chair, Michael Davis.

As of this writing we are currently scheduling the closing date of the loan sometime between October 14-16. Once that is finalized, the Michigan United Methodist Foundation will transfer the money into our account.

We do not currently have a date for the Parking Lot Repayment project.

The Wheelchair Ramp will be rebuilt on Saturday, October 11th. We are using volunteer labor for this project, so if you are interested in helping with this, please contact Steve Clark

School Mission

We partnered with Centreville Jr/Sr High School to help provide emergency hygiene products for their students. In true CUMC fashion, we stepped in & provided! Here is a breakdown of our final count that was sent to the school on Monday, September 29th.



Centreville Schools Emergency Hygiene Supplies



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Bar Soap	51	Toothpaste - mini	100
Body Wash - Travel	8	Toothpaste - small	11
Body Wash - Full Size	7	Toothpaste - large	12
Toothbrushes	68	Deodorant - girls	42
Toothbrush/paste combo	8	Deodorant - boys	54
Chapstick	7	Shampoo - travel	115
Small Lotion	8	Shampoo - Full size	7

FINAL: As of 9/28



God's Servants

Are you interested in helping with small projects within our church and in the community?

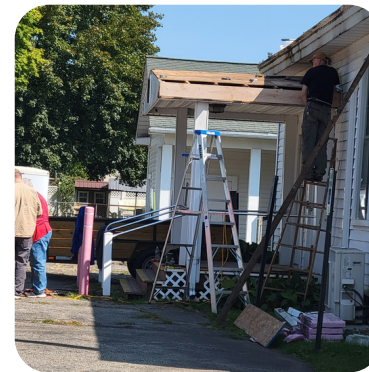
Contact Steve Clark to get on the notification list as opportunities come up.

No commitment, just come when you can.

God's Servants

Our group of hard-working God's Servants have been busy with projects again. They refurbished the "bulletin board" out front on the corner to create a better way to serve the church. They also had to fix the roof on the Fellowship Hall porch.

They next plan is to fix the wheelchair ramp on Saturday, October 11 at 8:30. All who feel called to offer a helping hand are welcome.

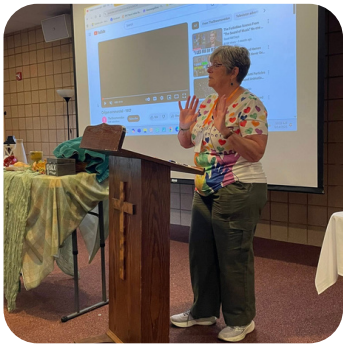




Admin Retreat 2025



In mid-September, Tori went to the annual Michigan Administrators in Ministry (MI-AIM) retreat in Dewitt, MI. The theme this year was “Planting Hope”. It was very renewing and always a blessing to go, relax, enjoy fellowship with other church office administrative assistants in Michigan. There was Holy Yoga, arts & crafts time, we all discovered our spiritual gifts, enjoyed a nature walk, an escape room, “work” stuff, lol, Andrew from the Wesley Foundation of Kalamazoo came to fill us all in CCLI licensing and streaming our services. Retired Pastor June Marshall-Smith Webster joined us for the weekend from Colorado, and she was a true joy with her message and her prayers. It was truly a rewarding trip. We are looking for ideas for a theme for next year, so feel free to send ideas over to Tori!



Welcome Preschool!

We are excited to welcome back Hansel and Gretel students for the new school year. CUMC has hosted this cooperative preschool for 50 years since it was started by members of our church. We love the partnership we have and the life it's students bring to our community. This year we worked with their new director to purchase a sensory wall for the kids to play with as they wait for class to start. Thank you to Mr. Steve for installing it for us!



On Sunday we subbed out our usual can offering for this Gardens of Hope offering that Michigan Conference approved at Annual Conference, and has challenged the churches to support. This mission also aligns with our Engage MI missions title, so we are excited to participate!



**A \$200,000 life changing campaign to
support EngageMI partners in Haiti.**

**We can meet this goal of hope with a gift of \$350
from each Michigan congregation**

Join us in planting seeds of hope in Haiti!

Overwhelmingly approved at the 2025 Michigan Annual Conference, this campaign can transform our Haiti covenant partner communities through sustainable agriculture, education, and healthcare initiatives.

Your gift supports our EngageMI partners

- Grace Children's Hospital
 - HAPI
 - Jeremie Rising—nurturing a “healthy field” for lasting change.
- Half of all donations also empower local leaders through a new partner, Grassroots Community Voices Foundation (MUSO).

Together, we're growing a future rooted in dignity, resilience, and hope.

We can build a brighter future for Haitian families, fostering resilience and sustainable growth. Every donation counts.



**Scan the QR code to give through
our giving platform.
Choose “Gardens of Hope - Haiti”**

FREE
Community
Dinner



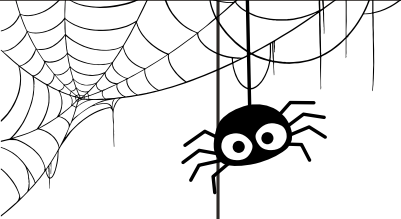
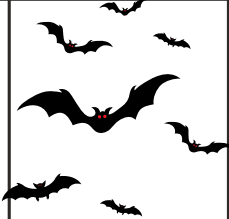
October 8
October 22



November 12
November 26



October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Food Pantry 10 am	4
5 Just Show Up Class 9 am Worship Service 10 am	6	7 Trustees 6 pm SPRC 7 pm	8 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00 Choir Practice 7 pm	9	10 Food Pantry 10 am	11
12 Just Show Up Class 9 am Worship Service 10 am	13 ARF Meeting 7-8:30 pm	14 Finance 6 pm	15 Choir Practice 7 pm	16 Kinship Care 6 pm	17 Food Pantry 10 am	18
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October Song Leaders

10/05 - Shone Rhyner
10/12 - Michelle Brokaw
10/19 - Michelle Brokaw
10/26 - Bev Michels

October Liturgists

10/05 - Kathy Knautz
10/12 - Jan Rhoads
10/19 - Brenda Pearrow
10/26 - Joyce Yoder

October Children's Moment

10/05 - Pastor Drew
10/12 - Jim Wetherbee
10/19 - Tom Miller
10/26 - Tom Miller