



The Chimes

First United Methodist Church of Bad Axe

September/October 2011

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Psalm 32: 8-9; NRSV

“Trust and obey, for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.”

Once upon a time I had a mule named Festus. I’d ridden mules a couple times when I lived in Colorado, and I really like them. Having moved back to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, I thought that the sure and hard feet of a mule might be just the thing for riding the trails. I had high hopes for Festus, but things didn’t work out too well. After thinking about my experience with Festus, I realized that in the end, all our problems boiled down to a simple matter of trust.

When I first encountered Festus, I rode him around the ring a few times, and I even took him out on the trail behind the place where he was a little ways. Everything seemed fine, but after I got him home, things began to change. The first thing I discovered was that you could forget all about catching him in the pasture, and that was but the start of our troubles. I soon realized that I didn’t trust him, and he didn’t trust me. When I finally decided to try riding him, he bucked me off. Since I had arrived at the point where I was making a dent in the ground with such landings, I decided to find a buyer for him.

It’s become clear to me over the course of many other lessons with God’s creatures that trust means everything. After all, it’s an amazing thing that any herd animal would ever allow potential predators like us on their backs. For it to work out at all, our leadership must be trusted. As is often the case, our experiences in the natural world can help us to understand the principles of God’s Kingdom.

We are called to trust and obey God. It’s important to note that the hymnists who wrote Trust and Obey had that process set down in the right order. This is a lifetime’s work, and it is part and parcel of who and what we are. As we learn to trust, we become better at obedience, and contentment comes to us more often, and stays longer and longer. John Wesley said on many occasions that happiness and holiness are one in the same, and I know by faith and experience that he was right about that. Unless, of course, I am having a moment when I don’t seem to have the sense God gave a mule.

Blessings,
Pastor Phil

Trust and Obey; UMC Hymnal, page 467

Words: John H. Sammis, 1887; Music: Daniel B. Towner, 1887



Dear Scholarship Committee,

I just wanted to take the time to thank you all for awarding me the Thelma Allen Scholarship of 2011.

When paying for one's own college, any scholarship is extremely helpful.

Thank you again!

God Bless,
Holly Wencel

Dear Church,

Thank you for your prayers and support. I went to Camp Kinawind, South Manitou Island. I had a great time camping in the wilderness and playing in the sand dunes. Thanks for your donations.

Jessica Cubitt

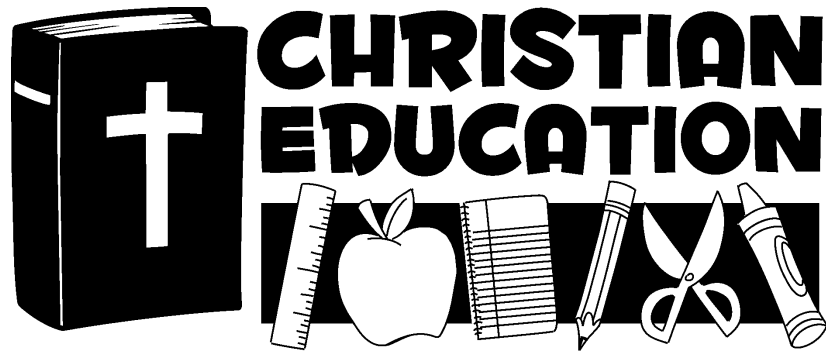
Thank you for praying and supporting me so I could have fun at camp!

Emma Cubitt

THANK YOU for helping me go to BayShore Camp. I made 3 new friends, Rachel, Reagan and Elise. I had a lot of fun on the bouncy house obstacle course.

Thank you for sponsoring me.

Danielle Cubitt



SCHEDULE FOR THIS FALL

September 11, 2011
9 a.m.

Pre/K Class – upstairs – Room A

Leaders: Virg Dorsch and Kari Hildreth

Kid's Kingdom 1st – 5th grade – upstairs – Room B

Leaders: Jill Rowland, Carrie Walsh

Station Guides needed

Middle School 6th & 7th Grade – upstairs – Room C

Leaders: Lance and Renee Krueger

Great Expectations 8th Grade – downstairs Youth Room

Leaders: Bill and Sharon Sturgill

Donuts with Pastor Phil 9th – 12th Grade – Pastor's Office

Leader: Pastor Phil

All Adults encouraged to meet for fellowship in the Dining room at 9 a.m.

Coffee and Snacks provided

Please call Dawn Cubitt (989-975-1908) with questions and to volunteer.

UMW NEWS ** UMW NEWS ** UMW NEWS ** UMW NEWS

Ahhhhh...September. Cooler evenings, budding mums, slower-growing grass, school buses hitting the road, the beginning of autumn fragrances – nostalgia at its best. While these thoughts are calming, September also brings a burst of energy – hurried breakfasts, the beginning of many school activities, choirs back in the loft, handbell rehearsals, renewed friendships and fellowships...



AND... planning for **the 22nd Annual Apple Pie Marathon**. Many details are well underway, but one of the most important is each person's commitment to make this Apple Pie Marathon the same successful, largest fund-raising event it has been since 1989. This church-wide project is more than a means of raising money to support many local and world-wide missions. It's a time of great fellowship – a get-to-know-your-church-family time – another “don't want to miss” time, while turning 85 bushels of apples into 1200 beautiful 10” deep-dish apple pies. Everyone's help is needed – church family, as well as a few friends. The dates to be on everyone's calendars are October 20, 21, 22. (and, of course, we need to sell pies!)



Planning for Operation Christmas Child has also begun. Everyone is invited to start bringing shoeboxes and Christmas wrapping paper to church beginning the first week of September. Plans will be made to wrap the boxes on a Saturday morning and be made available to our congregation for filling with goodies to make Christmas special for needy children around the world. For more information visit www.samaritanspurse.com.



The Bay Shore Camp Annual Benefit Auction will be held on Saturday, September 24th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Member churches are asked to create a Theme Basket to be part of a special silent auction. Our basket this year will have a Tea Theme. We will fill a basket with a variety of items based around a relaxing tea time: Cute Teapot, a Tea Cozy, Tea Towels, Tea Cups & Saucers or Special Tea Mugs, Tea Infuser, a variety of Loose Teas, a variety of Tea Bags, Cookies and/or Biscuits, some Good Books (good reading & devotional)..... These are just thoughts to make our basket attractive and sought-after. Gift Certificates & Gift Cards seem to be a real draw. Church members have been asked to help fill the basket by selecting a post-it-note from a board displayed at church.

More news....

Sat., Sept. 10th – 9:30 a.m. UMW District Prayer Breakfast – Lapeer Trinity UMC

Thurs, Sept. 15th – UMW Meeting at Denice Hind's –635 N. Barrie Road

Sat., Oct. 15th – Port Huron District Annual Meeting – Pigeon First UMC

Bad Axe United Methodist Church
APPLE PIE ORDER FORM
10" DEEP-DISH HOMEMADE APPLE PIE
Ready for the Oven or Freezer

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

No. of Pies – Reg. _____ @ \$ 8.00

Sugar Free _____ @ \$ 8.50

Amount Paid With Order _____

Amount Due _____

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is getting a very nice start with many beautiful Prayer Shawls already made. They are awaiting special cards and a final blessing before being ready to be presented to someone, accompanied by a prayer and a hug. Each shawl is a reminder of God's presence and love, and the love and prayers of our congregation.

These shawls are provided for anyone who needs comforting in a very special way – someone who has lost a loved one, someone who is ill or who has had surgery or may be awaiting surgery, someone who is or will be separated from their family – the possibilities are endless. Cards will be made available for anyone who would like to recommend someone to receive a Prayer Shawl. They can be picked up in either entryway, or at the church office. Each recipient will be entered in a journal so that they can continue to be prayed for.



PROJECT CONNECT

On Saturday November 5th, 2011, the Huron County Homeless Coalition, in partnership with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the Thumb Area Continuum of Care, will be hosting Project Connect at the Huron Area Technical Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Area service agencies and businesses will be providing information and assistance to those families at risk for homelessness or currently in need of housing, food or other types of assistance. Find out what help is available and have fun at the same time. Bring the family...one-stop shopping for community services, assistance and information. Free food, haircuts and fun. Call Jessica Rokicki at 269-9502 for more information or transportation.

A couple of years ago, Bad Axe First United Methodist Church participated in Project Connect, hosting a table filled with food items, blankets, Bibles, seat covers (undies for all ages of children), toiletries and smiles. Nearly everything we took to share was received with enthusiasm, gratefulness, awe and even some tears.

*We have again been asked to participate in this wonderful event. We already have a few blankets, some towel sets, soaps, deodorant, feminine supplies and toothpaste to share. But we need MORE. Anyone who would like to help reach out to others in our community are encouraged to bring the following items to church anytime before November 5th: **Blankets – new or used (but clean & repaired), Towels or Towel sets, Feminine supplies, individual Toothbrushes and Toothpaste and Bath Soap (any size) – to add to what we have. Also needed badly are cleaning supplies.***

Help is needed on Nov. 5th to take items to the Tech. Center, and to help man our table. Please call the church office – 269-7671.

Keep These Friends in Your Heart

Huron County Medical Care Facility
1116 S. Van Dyke
Bad Axe, MI 48413
Doris Galloway
Edna Weaver
Earl Rooney
Georgina Running
Sheri Vincent
Marlene Murdock

Meadow Lane Assisted Living
150 Meadow Lane
Bad Axe, MI 48413
Bill & Gladys Hamilton Apt. #5
Thelma Dibble Apt. #3
Alice Gottsleben Apt. #15
Evelyn Irwin

Alice Leonard -TCMCF
1285 Clever Rd Rm. 17A
Caro, MI 48723



Women of the church are invited to lunch the last Tuesday of each month. We meet at 11:30, buy our own lunch and just catch up on our visiting for an hour or so. It's a fun time to see old friends and meet new friends. Please join us! Below is the schedule for the next few months –

September 27, 2011 11:30 a.m.
Mancino's

October 25, 2011 11:30 a.m. Pizza Hut

November 29, 2011 11:30 a.m. Big Boy

Card Ministry ~

Mallory Klosowski has been busy keeping up with our First United Methodist Church Card Ministry. If you know of someone who would enjoy a card, please call Mallory at

963-0420 or leave a message in the church office.

If you have any blank cards that you could donate to this ministry, please leave them in the church office.

Missions and Outreach (part 1)

The first **Free Store** in the Port Huron Area opened Friday, May 6 2011. The store is housed in Port Huron Victoria Plaza (a strip mall) located at 4819 Lapeer Rd in Kimball Twp. For those who know the area, it is just across the street from Landmark Academy. It's in a nice large space with two changing rooms and two bathrooms and is handicapped accessible. Many workers from all the churches in the Blue Water Area have spent countless hours getting the Free Store ready for its first customers. This is the culmination of hard work by Rev. Bob Chapman, UMM President, Mel Scott and Rev. Bartlett bringing this to the point where it is an operational "store", where people can "buy" without money.

Volunteers meet the needs of the community at the Free Store on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am until 3pm. Saturday is a drop-off day. Volunteers are sorely needed to keep the Free Store running smoothly. You can volunteer, even if you can only be there a few hours it will help, by calling the Rev. Bob Chapman at the church 810-985-6206 or his home at 810-982-2049. So if you can spare a few hours....many hands make light work – and fun!

The people who are keeping The Free Store up and running are requesting our/your help. The need is great. We are told that you do not have to go all three days, or even all day; but they are looking for church groups who could sign up for a weekend to help them organize and put out donations. We, the Missions and Outreach committee, would like to know if there is any interest in our own congregation to volunteer for a weekend or a day. We could carpool and if enough people sign up we could send a different group each day. If you are interested in a mission trip to support the Free Store, please contact Ron Myers at 269-8848 or email him at RonaldMyers@gmail.com. Let us know the dates you are available, and if there is enough interest we will pull it all together.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

9/4 Karen Pankau
 9/8 Darcie Humphrey-Phillips
 9/9 Jane Rosenthal
 9/10 Shawn Laskowski
 9/11 Doris Western
 9/13 Virg Dorsch
 9/15 Rita Wencel
 9/20 Valeria Terwilliger
 Paeten Wolfe
 9/21 Tyler Gorkowski
 Rachel Swartzendruber 1011
 9/23 Danielle Cubitt
 9/24 Sam Hass
 Teddy Hass
 Hope Rowley
 9/25 Craig Lehrke
 9/28 Tom Laity
 Kristina Swartzendruber
 9/29 Cheyenne Harris
 9/30 Grace Gehring
 Frank Gorkowski

October

10/4 Emily Swartzendruber
 10/7 Lance Krueger
 Jim Wencel
 10/9 Heather Berger
 10/12 Dale Farver
 10/14 Cliff Willett
 10/15 Ryan Rowley
 10/15 Edna Weaver
 10/17 Mike Klosowski
 10/23 Winnie Cleland
 Carrie Walsh
 10/24 Elaine Paul
 10/28 Marilyn Cubitt
 Scott Hewens
 Leroy Rooney
 10/29 Nancy Elliott
 10/30 Marlene Murdock
 Alexis Myers



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



September

9/2 Jack & Lynn Adams
 9/12 Dale & Johanna Farver
 9/30 Paul & Nancy Humphrey

October

10/4 Tim & Rebecca Kady
 10/11 Rick & Virg Dorsch
 10/15 Jim Hass & Luann Parks
 10/17 Leonard & Jill Iskow
 10/24 Ron & Mae Hoffman
 10/25 Steve & Julie Watson
 10/26 Dale & Marilyn Cubitt

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let either the church office (269-7671) or Doralyn Cubitt (269-7237) know your information. Thanks!

Books in the Library

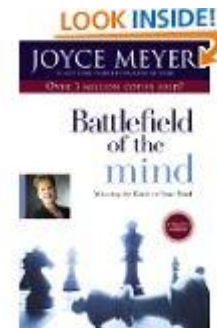
Look on the book cart in the south entryway for these books in our library. If you borrow one, when you are finished please return it to the library cart so someone else can enjoy it. Thanks!



Title: *Battlefield of the Mind* by Joyce Meyer

Area of Library: Personal Christianity

A war is raging. Your mind is the battlefield. Worry, doubt, confusion, depression, anger, and feelings of condemnation...all these are attacks on the mind. If you suffer from negative thoughts, take heart! Joyce Meyer has helped millions win these all important battles—and she can help you, too.



In her most popular bestseller ever, now with newly updated content, the beloved author and teacher shows you how to change your life by changing your mind. She teaches you how to deal with thousands of thoughts you have every day and focus your mind to think the way God thinks. And she shares the trials, tragedies, and ultimate victories from her own marriage, family, and ministry that led her to wondrous, life-transforming truth---and reveals her thoughts and feelings every step of the way.

Title: *Unlocked* by Karen Kingsbury

Area of Library: Adult Fiction

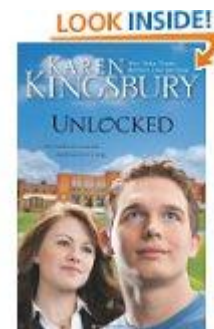
Holden Harris is an eighteen-year-old locked in a prison of autism. Despite his quiet ways and quirky behaviors, Holden is very happy and socially normal—on the inside, in a private world all his own. In reality, he is bullied at school by kids who only see that he is very different.

Ella Reynolds is part of the "in" crowd. A cheerleader and star of the high school drama production, her life seems perfect.

When she catches Holden listening to her rehearse for the school play, she is drawn to him...the way he is drawn to the music. Then Ella makes a dramatic discovery—she and Holden were best friends as children.

Frustrated by the way Holden is bullied and horrified at the indifference of her peers, Ella decides to take a stand against the most privileged and popular kids at school. Including her boyfriend, Jake.

Ella believes that miracles can happen in the unlikeliest of places, and that just maybe an entire community might celebrate from the sidelines. But will Holden's praying mother and the efforts of Ella and a cast of theater kids be enough to unlock the prison that contains Holden?



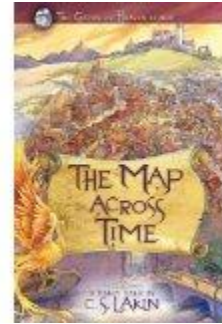
Title: *The Map Across Time* by C.S. Lakin

Area of Library: Teen

"Heaven is not impressed with power and strength, but favors those with a true heart. Let your heart lead you, Adin, for love is what will drive you and protect you. The solution to all your troubles lies in your past."

An ancient curse plagues the kingdom of Sherbourne, and unless it is stopped, all will fall to ruin. The King, obsessed with greed, cannot see the danger. But his teenage twin children, Aletha and Adin, know they must act. A hermit leads Adin to a magical map that will send him back in time to discover the origin of the curse. Once back, Adin must find the Keeper, who protects the Gate of Heaven, but all he has is a symbol as a clue to guide him. Unbeknownst to Adin, Aletha follows her brother, but they both arrive in Sherbourne's past at the precipice of a great war, and there is little time to discover how to counteract the curse.

One unexpected disaster after another forces the twins to make difficult choices. Adin's only hope for saving his kingdom is to return to the future to manipulate events so his quest can succeed. Through his trials and failures, Adin learns that nothing can stop heaven from accomplishing its goal, and that all events work for the good of those who trust heaven. An epic fairy tale with surprising twists, embracing the enduring power of love and faith.

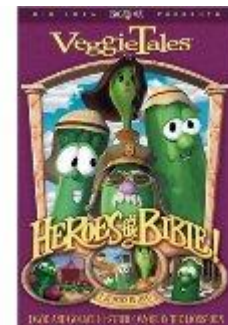


Title: VeggieTales: Heroes of the Bible

Area of Library: DVD

This DVD contains 3 stories:

- *Daniel and the Lion's Den*- In this musical adaptation of the classic Bible story, Daniel, played by Larry the Cucumber, finds himself in deep trouble thanks to the King's conniving wisemen, played by a trio of slippery scallions. In an exciting finish, Daniel learns that even in the lion's den, his is still in God's hands.
- *David and the Giant Pickle*- This Veggie version of David and Goliath pits Junior Asparagus (as David) against a really mean, REALLY big pickle! In the end, little Dave learns that it makes no difference whether you're 9 feet tall or 2 feet tall—with God's help, even little guys can do big things.
- *Esther... The Girl Who Became Queen*- When a small town girl wakes up with the weight of the world on her shoulders and the fate of her people in her hands, can she find the courage to do what is right? *Esther... The Girl Who Became Queen* teaches kids that "you never need to be afraid to do what is right!"



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH (Part 2)

When he had finished washing their feet he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord', and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. (John 13:12-17) ... and those of us on the Missions and Outreach team are truly blessed. We have been very active, supporting the Forgotten Man Ministries, our area nursing homes, Bread and More for Missions (now called Bread for the Journey), Safe Place and Heifer Project.



We provide the "Upper Room" and treats for the Forgotten Man Ministries, as well as financial support. The nursing homes also get the "Upper Room". Seasonal items are also donated, pumpkins, cookies, seeds for plants... Bread for the Journey continues each Sunday. Thank you to those who have either brought items or stopped to support this program. A little money **does** sometimes go a long way. The money in this fund supports

our local families who need a little TLC. Also a big thank you goes out to those who have been bringing coupons. So far we have spent about \$50 and saved at least \$150, if not more! Safelace needs our continual support so keep bringing those coupons to church. Last, but certainly not least, the Heifer Project fund continues to grow due to your donations of bottles and cans. We recently made purchases and are starting over, but have already over \$50 in this fund. Certain offerings throughout the year are designated to help fund Heifer International, but bringing in those cans and bottles keeps that total rising. Thank you Ron for returning all those bottles! So you can see we're quite busy and I'm sure I've left some things out which I apologize for. Thank you to all who support our work, with their time, talents, and of course, money. If you would like to help our wonderful group we'd love to have you. Many hands make light work.



Things to look forward to:

Volunteering at the first FREE STORE in the Port Huron area - there will be a group going down on a Friday or Saturday, if you're interested contact the church or Ron Myers.

Calendar Party 2012 - more details to come

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**Changes to our Sunday
Morning Schedule!**

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 11

8 a.m. Worship Service

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship Service

Coffee will be served in the dining room between services. Everyone is encouraged to come to this time of fellowship, while children and youth are attending Sunday School.

Don't forget our on-going collections here at FUMC.

- **Non perishable food for the Shared Blessing Food Pantry**
- **Yarn for our laprobe/prayer shawl ministry**
- **Used DVDs/CDs for Huron Co. Medical Care Facility**
- **Spartan labels**
- **Campbell Soup labels**
- **Used ink cartridges**
- **Returnable cans and bottles for Heifer International**
- **Coupons to be used by Missions & Outreach Committee**
- **Paper/magazines/cardboard to be recycled**
- **School supplies to be given to schools in our area**

Thank you for always giving generously to support the many different projects here at First United Methodist Church!