



The Chimes

November 2011

... prepared especially for the friends and members of:

Bad Axe First United Methodist

“The Chimes”, They are A-changin’!

Some changes are coming to our newsletter, “The Chimes”. Beginning this month, we are going to try publishing “The Chimes” monthly in an attempt to keep our members and friends current and up to date with happenings in and around Bad Axe First UMC.

In addition to trying out a monthly newsletter, we want to explore different delivery methods for the newsletter. Lots of us have computers and email accounts; we could choose to have the newsletter emailed to us instead of having a hard copy sent to our home. Some of us could choose to pick up a hard copy of the newsletter at church on Sunday instead of having it mailed. Some others, folks who live out of town and shut-ins, would need to continue having their copy of “The Chimes” mailed to their home address. And there may be a few people on our mailing list who have been gone from Bad Axe for so long that they no longer want to have a newsletter.

For November, newsletters have still been mailed to everyone on the mailing list. Inside this newsletter, you will find a form to indicate which delivery method you would like to have beginning in December. Please put this form in the offering plate, return it to the church office (216 East Woodworth Street), call the church office (1-989-269-7671), or email us (bafumc@airadv.net) to let us know your choice *before Thanksgiving*.

In the spring, we will be asking you for official input on these changes to “The Chimes”, but we will welcome any suggestions/questions before then. You can give them to Sharon Sturgill in the church office or email Laurie Tousley at mrs_tousley@hotmail.com. Thanks for your patience as we endeavor to make “The Chimes” even better than it already is!

Grow-One Sunday

Grow-One Sunday is coming up November 6th. We are asking that you consider raising your giving by 1 percent of your income (GROW-TOWARD-TITHING) or that you GROW-A-STEP in a dollar amount of your own choosing.

When we Grow-One, how will our church use the money?

- *Staffing* to meet the needs of our youth, the elderly, and every congregational family
- *Christian education* to maintain and improve our teaching material, to offer new and expanded programs
- *Property and maintenance* to keep our property in an appropriate state of repair, to purchase equipment for the activities building (these are a few of our needs)

Our church budget process begins with our income. We can only budget our expenses after we determine our income.

We need EVERY MEMBER on the team! Let’s all GROW (at least ONE) together!

Methodist Tradition...Potluck Dinner!!

Your new Nurture Committee has taken over organizing our monthly potluck dinners. The first dinner was held on October 5th in Fellowship Hall. About 25 people came to enjoy the food and fellowship. Our next potluck will be held on **Wednesday, November 9th, at 6 PM**. This is a change from the first Wednesday schedule because of pictures being taken on November 2nd for the new directory. Hope to see you on Wednesday, November 9th, at 6 PM. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service; drinks are provided.

**REMEMBER YOUR APPOINTMENT FOR PHOTOS FOR OUR NEW DIRECTORY!
BRING AN ITEM FOR THE FOOD PANTRY TO GET A DISCOUNT IF YOU PLAN TO ORDER ANY PICTURES!!**

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: *Courageous* by Alex & Stephen Kendrick

Area of Library: Adult Fiction

As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes and their partners willingly stand up to the worst the world can offer. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. While they consistently give their best on the job, good enough seems to be all they can muster as dads. But they're quickly discovering that their standard is missing the mark.

They know that God desires to turn the hearts of fathers to their children, but their children are beginning to drift farther and farther away from them. Will they be able to find a way to serve and protect those who are most dear to them?

When tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Can a newfound urgency help those dads draw closer to God...and their children?

Title: *Robot Wars Book One: Death Trap*

by Sigmund Brouwer

Area of Library: Intermediate Fiction

Life in an experimental community on Mars is filled with adventure, new discoveries, and questions. As 14 year old virtual-reality specialist Tyce Sanders searches for the truth, he battles forces of evil—all while struggling to believe in God. In book one, the science station where Tyce, his mom, scientists, and other techies live is running out of oxygen. Tyce races against time and other forces to save himself and others. And as if that is not enough to battle, Tyce discovers evidence that points to other living creatures. Could dangerous aliens live on Mars?

Title: *Holly's Heart: Collection One* by Beverly Lewis

Area of Library: Teen Fiction

Holly Meredith lives her family, her friends, and her cuddly cat, Goofey. She has a fabulous birthday--- Valentine's Day---and her mom affectionately calls her "Holly Heart". But Holly has a lot to learn about dealing with life—her crazy family, school pressures, and unpredictable relationships. Thankfully, with the help of her closest friends and her strong faith in God, Holly can survive anything! The stories contained in this book are:

Best Friend, Worst Enemy-Holly and her best friend, Andie, face the biggest challenge yet to their longtime loyalty. Who'd think first crushes could be so complicated?

Secret Summer Dreams- A few weeks of California sun sound dreamy, but Holly's hopes of becoming reacquainted with her dad are deflated when a family emergency threatens to keep her in Dressel Hills.

Sealed with a Kiss- Holly thinks her motives are innocent when she allows her latest pen pal to believe that she's an older, published writer. After all, it's not like she's telling a lie...or is she?

The Trouble with Weddings- Holly wants to help her mom plan the perfect wedding, but she doesn't like her mom's "boring" ideas, so Holly finds her own ways to make the day unforgettable.

California Crazy-A California Christmas makes an ideal escape when Holly suspects her guy friend is hiding something. Then the tables are turned, and Holly realizes that she needs to give other the benefit of the doubt.

Title: *My Basket of Blessings* by Dr. Mary Manz Simon

Area of Library: Children

My Basket of Blessings is a precious gift for little ones, teaching true thankfulness and reminding them of the goodness of God.

Children will adore these sparkling illustrations that give them visual reminders of the many blessings God has placed in their lives.



Celebrations in November

Happy Birthday to

- 11-1 Dave DeCourval
- 11-2 Becky Forster
Joe Schmitt
- 11-5 Jack Adams
- 11-8 Tammy Laskowski
- 11-9 Brandon Krohn
David Ridner
- 11-13 Taylor Breault
Violet Darling
Kyle Mooney
- 11-16 Thelma Dibble
Lakeisha Ridner
- 11-17 Joe Carriveau
- 11-19 Jackie Iskow
- 11-20 June Ackerman
Rachel Kent Ivanec
- 11-23 Deb Cleland
Nancy Humphrey
- 11-24 Janie Ridner
- 11-26 Delphine Halasz
- 11-28 Claude Mestack
- 11-29 Hannah Gorkowski
Leonard Stirrett

Happy Anniversary to
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- 11-5 Joey & Lynn Schmitt
- 11-18 Kevin & Lori Trepkowski

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!



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

Rev. Jean Love
Room 404 Bed 2
Lutheran Home - Livonia
28910 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150

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

Missions Report

On Friday, October 7, 2011, six members of our church volunteered at the Blue Water District United Methodist Church Free Store in Port Huron. Sharon and Bill Sturgill, Maxine Wolfe, Deb Laity, Laurie Tousley, and Doralyn Cubitt participated. As volunteers for the day, we packed up Christmas decorations, shoes, some clothes and other miscellaneous items and generally helped where needed. This store is moving to a larger place in Fort Gratiot at the end of October so we helped with the packing of items to make the move easier. The "permanent" volunteers were very appreciative of our presence and our help.

The Free Store is run by volunteers and takes donations which in turn are offered to anyone that is in need. The mission of this store is "helping those who have too little so they can have an abundance. Serving with the love of Christ, a Community in need." It is for people that are down on their luck and, hopefully, will give folks some integrity, dignity and hope.

There were many "shoppers" in the store while we were there and they seemed excited to hear that the new store would be larger.

Recently, Rev. Joann Bartelt, our District Superintendent, set a goal to establish a free store in every zone in the Blue Water District. Bay Port/Hayes United Methodist Church has taken up this challenge and recently opened a store for our zone and residents of Huron County. The store is located on the corner of 2nd Street and M25 in Bay Port. The hours for the store are 10:00 a.m to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday but subject to change.

Any volunteer assistance, clothing, food, and furniture donations are welcome. Contact information for this store is: Rev Bruce Nowacek, 989-656-2151 or Pat Anderson at 989-453-3866.

United Methodist Men

During our October breakfast meeting we discussed several ideas we would like to do for the 2011-2012 schedule. The Buck Contest sign up will be done within the next two weeks and will have a second division this year. In addition to the buck with the highest number of total points, we will have a second contest for the largest Doe, regarding weight. Since this is a new division of the contest, we will have further instructions as to how to get the deer weighed. The entry fee remains \$ 5.00 per person and besides "bragging rights", a prize will be offered for each division. All monies collected will be given to further projects within our church.

We also will be having a bunch of our guys and their families visiting our shut-in member for a Christmas Caroling experience during December. We feel it is important to remember all of our congregation and share the seasonal experience with them. This is a new program for the guys that will become a part of our ongoing outreach effort in our community.

After the first of the year, we will be hosting the BUCK BURGER LUNCHEON. It will be held after our Sunday morning worship service and will include regular hamburgers, hot dogs, and of course Venison burgers. In addition to your choice of meats, it will include the traditional fare of Beans and Salad with beverages provided. Since this has been a tradition in our church we look forward to having a large group attend and enjoy the lunch time opportunity of fellowship with a good meal.

We have several new ideas for the upcoming year and a good bunch of Methodist Men to share in the experience. We have some new members joining our group this year so we are looking forward to having a successful season. We meet for breakfast the second Sunday of each month at 8:00 AM and all men are invited to attend the hour get together. We had several spouses join us for breakfast at our last meeting and we welcome all of them again in November.

L. Elwin Cubitt, President UMM

Is There Trouble Anywhere?

One of my favorite hymns, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, was penned in 1855. I find the words to be comforting and important to remember in these tumultuous times. We know that there is trouble almost *everywhere* these days. As I ponder those words I cannot help but wonder how things were in 1855. Was there trouble anywhere?

According to *Wikipedia*, an internet encyclopedia, several notable events occurred between the dates of January 1st and March 31st, 1855.

On January 23rd the first bridge over the Mississippi River was opened at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Meanwhile, on the other side of the world in New Zealand the largest earthquake ever recorded there measured 8.1 on the Richter scale.

On January 27th the Panama Railway connected the Atlantic and Pacific with a terminus on each end. Two days later Lord Aberdeen, Prime Minister of Britain resigned over his handling of the Crimean War. The charge of the ill-fated Light Brigade was probably a factor.

On February 12th, 1855, Michigan State University was founded. Just ten days later Pennsylvania State University was also established. A few weeks later, on March 3rd of that year, the U.S. Congress appropriated a whopping 30,000 dollars to start the U.S. Camel Corps.

As for troubles overseas, on March 31st, 1855, the Taiping Rebellion fielded an invading army of 350,000. Back in the United States the ferment over the issue of slavery was heating to the boiling point as Missourians jumped the border into the newly formed Kansas Territory in an effort to elect a pro-slavery government.

Was there “trouble anywhere” during the year that Joseph M. Scriven wrote “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”? Even a quick glance at an internet encyclopedia reveals

that during January, February, and March of 1855 there were “wars and rumors of wars”, and “earthquakes in diverse places”.

In this nation, there were disruptions in territorial legislatures, and there was civil unrest. In 1855 events were in motion in this nation which would result in the Civil War.

I imagine that the folks who lived back then were tempted to despair. The world probably seemed to be spinning out of control for them at times, and their inner peace was at risk because of these conditions.

We like all who have gone before us “bear needless pain” if we fail to “take it to the Lord in prayer”. Perhaps that is why hymns like “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” were written. In

times like these, when there seems to be trouble everywhere, we need to do more than to hear and sing the words of such hymns – we need to act upon them.

Are we frightened or experiencing great trials? Are we tempted, or filled with sorrows? Are we discouraged? Are we taking it to the Lord in prayer?

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

-Joseph M. Scriven

Pastor Phil



United Methodist Women

---Kathie Abke,
president

Our 23rd Annual Apple Pie Marathon was a huge success – with a total of 1230 pies made (last year's total was 1251 & the year before was 1222, so we were right on track). A huge "THANK YOU" to all who worked on each step of the process (bagging spices, making crusts, assembling boxes, peeling apples and making the pies), to all who prayed for this event, and to everyone who bought our delicious apple pies. Again, the Christian fellowship was well worth the tired feet, sore hands, aching backs and "crusty" shoes. We are so blessed, also, to have the manpower assistance of the Huron County Sheriff Dept. work crew. The number of inmates on hand to help us was down to 3 from the usual 8-10, but that's a good thing! And we completed our project in record time, which says a lot about the dedication of our congregation. Hard work and much laughter make a beautiful combination.

Be sure to thank and support the businesses that supported us with our Apple Pie Marathon by helping to minimize our expenses: **Michigan Sugar Co., Big Boy Restaurant, McDonald's Food & Family Center, and Thumb Office Supply.** With their help, we have more money to allocate at the end of the year to many mission projects, local and worldwide.

Many thanks, also, to everyone who took a wrapped shoebox to fill for **Operation Christmas Child.** There are still some boxes available to be filled. Directions and a rubber band are included with each box. If anyone would like more information about this project, visit www.samaritanspurse.org. There are heartwarming stories of children receiving the light of God's love through these small gifts given from our abundance. Please bring your box back to church by November 6th for its trip to Bay Shore Camp by November 15th.

The UMW Annual Christmas Party will be held on **Thursday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m.** in the church dining room. There will be a reservation form in the Sunday bulletins for a couple of Sundays in November, but you can also call the

church office to reserve a space for **yourself and a friend or two** at any time (269-7671). Everyone is asked to bring a \$5.00-ish gift to pass and an item for our kitchen. Some needs are: Decaf Tea Bags, Hot Chocolate Mix, Decaf, Regular and Light Coffee, Dish Towels, Dish Cloths, Sturdy Paper Plates – all sizes, Napkins, Splenda, Creamer, Paper Towels, Plastic Wrap, Foil and Zip-Lock Bags. This party is always a time of fun, music, great food and warm fellowship – Sure to put you into the Christmas spirit.

We will be selling **Rada & Cookbooks** at the Fox Hunter's Christmas Craft Show in November (watch for the date) and will have them available in the dining room in December for Christmas purchases.

Cookies will be needed for the St. Clair County Community College Nurses Graduation which will be held at our church on Wednesday, December 14th. There will be many other cookie needs in December, so start baking early!

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 for this month's gathering on **November 29th, 11:30 AM at Big Boy.**



Pastor Phil at his first Apple Pie Marathon!

More great moments in pie-making....

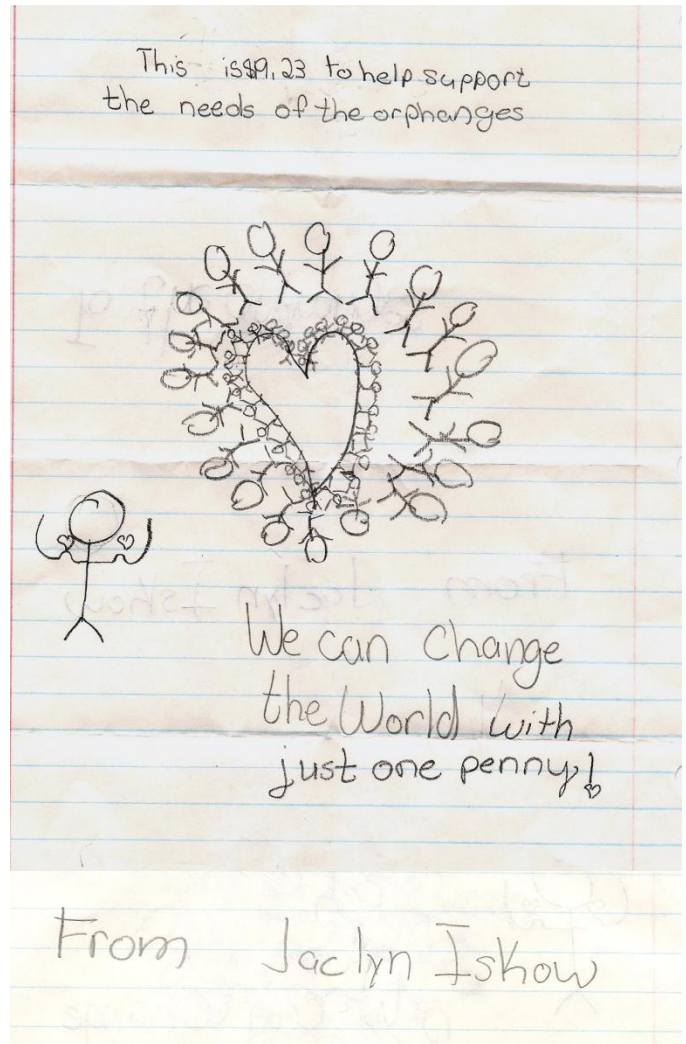


KUDOS

You are invited to submit information you wish to share to Laurie Tousley or email it to: mrs_tousley@hotmail.com

We all have those days when we are so proud of someone that we feel like our buttons are going to pop off....your son made the honor roll; your grandchild made the winning goal; your wife was promoted; your husband got that 12 point buck; your daughter gave you a new grandchild; ...you know the moments. If you have a moment of pride and joy that you would like to share with your church family, please let the church office or Laurie Tousley know about it. We will share those moments on our Kudos page in each newsletter. Thank you ahead of time for your input!

- † Our first Kudo goes to Jaclyn Iskow. When Jaclyn heard that the orphanage needed to raise money for rice, she rose to the occasion. This note was wrapped around the \$9.23 that Jaclyn donated. If you see Jaclyn, let her know how proud you are of her!





ORDER FORM

Please share the Christmas joy by donating a Christmas poinsettia to adorn the chancel for the holidays. The plants will be placed in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve and will be available for you to take home after the Christmas Eve Service. The cost is \$7.00 per plant. Please attach payment to the order and place in the offering plate or return it to the church office by **December 5th**.

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

or

In Memory of: _____

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Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

My delivery choice for “The Chimes” is:

- Email my issues of “The Chimes” to the email address above.
- I will pick up my copy of “The Chimes” at the church.
- I need to have “The Chimes” mailed to me at the address above.
- I am choosing to discontinue receiving “The Chimes” at this time.

Looking ahead....



You are invited to an Open House at the home of District Superintendent Joanne Bartelt, 3086 Aberdeen, Port Huron. The Open House will be held on December 3rd from noon to 5 PM. Joanne promises good food and great fellowship time! To help Rev. Bartelt plan enough food, please RSVP to the district office by Monday, November 28 at BlueWaterDist@gmail.com or 810-385-8840.

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

- Nonperishable 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

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

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