



THE LANTERN

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**Faith United Methodist Church
Edmore, Michigan**



“Yet He has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” Acts 14:17.

Not only are we leaving the month of August behind us as we step into the month of September, but that transition means that we are stepping out of the summer season and entering the season of fall. The season of fall is where we see many changes taking place, as all the, plants and trees, birds and animals, all begin preparing for the winter. We also see a change in our own routines. The crops we planted back in the spring and maintained throughout the summer will now be flourishing with produce for us to harvest and prepare for both us and those we love, to sustain ourselves during the cold season ahead. Our summer clothing will start its trek towards the bin’s that store them for the winter as we break out the cold weather gear, pools will be covered and treated for a long rest, our summer recreational equipment will find its days of use shortened as the days start to shorten around us. But let us not forget, that the work we have put in this summer to restore our hearts, to restore our relationship with our Lord, and to restore our churches connection with the Edmore community, does not have to be put to rest for any season. Acts 14:17 says, “Yet He has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.”

Our Father has not left himself without testimony, and neither should we; for He has filled our bellies with food and our hearts with joy by bringing us rain from heaven and crops for the season. Not only are those crops of, corn, wheat, beans or potatoes, meant for our consumption, but also to bring full bellies and joy to the hearts of all those around us; the fruits of, restoring our hearts, restoring our relationship with the Lord and restoring a connection to the people of Edmore, should be the true joy that fills our hearts. As Jesus says in John 6:27, “Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” The changing season brings many changes to us and around us, but it should never change us and our walk with our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. May our hearts remain focused on our walk with Him, and may we continue to be a reflection of His Glorious Light!

Many Blessings,

Pastor Eric



Tuesday, August 9th, 2022

Members Present: Jane Beach, Georgia Bohne, Dan Caulkett, Peggy Graham, Cindi Scheiern, Pastor Eric, Becky West (Council Chairperson)
Members Absent: Terrie Eisenmann, Leonard Jordan
Guests: None

Note: The following member will need to receive communication via the regular mail as she does not have e-mail: Georgia Bohne

1. The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order on August 9th , 2022, at 11:00 AM.

- Prayer was led by Pastor Eric.
 - Georgia Bohne shared a devotion on praising God and finding joy.
 - Jane Beach will do devotions for the next meeting.
2. Review of previous minutes:
- The minutes from Tuesday, June 14 th , 2022 were reviewed.
 - With no changes or corrections, Jane Beach moved to accept the minutes as printed. Georgia seconded. Motion passed.
3. Treasurer Report –Peggy provided copies of church financial reports for June and July 2022, as there was no July Finance Meeting.
- June: Income: \$9,840.60. Expenses: \$16,787.64 Net: -\$6,927.04
Electric Pole Replacement was necessary and costly, and impacted Expenses
 - July: Income: \$14,640.24 Expenses: \$13,486.26 Net: +\$1,153.98
At this time, we are **-\$4300** for the year
 - Finances will be monitored closely
 - All bills are paid.
 - Ministry Shares are current through July
 - Dan Caulkett moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report and Jane Beach seconded.
 - Report accepted by group vote and placed on file.
4. Old Business
- An extra router was added near the Sound Booth and this has increased the reliability of the internet signal to the Sound Booth.
 - Long Term Project Fund-a few donations have come in for future items
 - Items considered for the Long Term Project Fund are as follows but aren't limited to this list:
 - Parking Lot Redo
 - New external church doors

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Parsonage Kitchen

- Audit 2021 completed

5. New Business

- A new additional computer has been purchased for the sound booth that will allow easier streaming of praise songs and worship videos. This will be paid by a donation.
- Tentmakers 2022-2023 Program in flex as the number of youth available in the total program is more limited this year. Pastor Eric has a meeting soon where more may be determined regarding Tentmakers and a possible timeline

6. Around The Table

- Jane Beach mentioned that Debbie Decker has agreed to be an on-call staff for nursery and Sunday School.
- Pastor Eric asked about the future of WGM staff that we have supported as Taylor Christian School is closing. This will be explored.
- Pastor Eric mentioned the possibility of a future stewardship campaign. Again, a topic to be explored.
- Dan Caulkett mentioned it was likely that the Church Maintenance Budget would need to be increased next year as many areas of the church need attention due to its age.
- Dan Caulkett asked about a Planned Giving Workshop.
- Peggy mentioned the parking lot patch by Consumer's Energy

8. Next meeting - Tuesday, September 20th, 2022, 11 AM.

9. Meeting was ended at noon with prayer for various individuals with needs.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE LIST OF UPCOMING NECESSARY EXPENDITURES BELOW:

Welcome Center Update—painting of west wall, purchase of tall tables
Completion of Sunday School Area
blinds for patio doors
Outside sign to be updated with vision and logo
Cameras for Sanctuary for streaming service-kind of tabled
Equipment for streaming service-kind of tabled
LED lights-tabled

Movie Musings

Camp Manna

Camp Manna is rated seven out of ten. It is available on Amazon prime video. It stars Gary Busey, Jimmy Tatro and Joey Morgan. Here is the amazing feature of this movie. It is a great family movie with NO SWEAR WORDS. It is a story that blends hilarious comedy with loving nostalgia. If you have ever attended summer camp, this will take you down memory lane. It is the story of a Christian camp turned crazy by the arrival of the wayward “new kid,” 15-year-old Ian Fletcher who lives with his well-meaning Christian aunt and uncle who ship him to summer Camp Manna, a Christian camp soaked in baffling religious subculture centered around the God Games, a Biblically--themed Olympiad. Because Ian is a “non-believer.” This is definitely the last place in the world Ian wants to be. After bunking with the Passover Private, a cabin of outcasts and misfits and their zealous counselor Bradley, Ian is introduced to Clayton, the cool and chiseled counselor of the Righteous Regiment. Ian wants to ditch Bradley and join up with Clayton, but as the God Games unfold and his fears are revealed, he realizes that Clayton may not be all he claims to be, and his new friends might not be so bad after all. Don’t miss this family movie too see if Ian can overcome his fear and embrace his faith?

Bible verse to go with this movie is below:

Proverbs 18:24 There are friends who pretend to be friends, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Against the Ice

This movie is available on Netflix with a rating of three out of five. I’m not sure why the rating scale is uncommon. It is suitable for family viewing. It is a 2022 movie exploring Greenland’s vast landscape for a lost map. On this expedition two men had to fight to survive. It is based on the true story of Denmark’s 1909 polar expedition. Enjar Mikkelsen and Iver Iverson were the two who traveled together. Their ship got trapped in the Arctic. Captain Mikkelsen wrote the book called Two on the Ice. The movie was released in February of 2022. The Endurance had drifted at least 1186 miles since first becoming fast in the ice 281 days previously. An Island 346 miles from Paulet Island, the nearest point where there was a possibility of finding food and shelter. Not only did they fight the weather but also fought off polar bears, exhaustion and freezing feet. They traveled over mountains and lost some of their dogs, all their food, and extra clothes they had to keep them warm. They fought frost bite and scurvy. After two trips on the ice, they finally ended their journey. The two men remained friends for life.

A Bible verse I used to reflect the principles are below:

John 15:13. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Church Council

Aug. 22, 2022

Attendance: Becky West, Chairperson, Pastor Eric Magner, Dan Caulkett, Jane Beach, Cindi Scheiern, Terrie Eisenmann, Jean Croll, Peggy Graham, Georgia Bohne, Sara Slusher.

Meeting opened in prayer by Pastor Eric

SPRC: Jane- Reviewing child protection policy.

Missions: Terrie- Andrea Copper – Taylor Christian School has closed. We will continue to send a donation to the newest project.

Classroom donations from United Way. Urging people to donate to sponsor a classroom.

Would our church consider letting the group that plays Euchre at the Curtis Center on Mondays play cards here, probably on a Thurs. or Friday. No one sees an issue with it.

Memorial : Karen- no report

Education: Jean – We have a group of five or six youth that are too old for Sunday School. We are in need of a room for them to meet. Possibly pull one of the curtains in the fellowship hall to make a classroom to start out.

Amy Magner and Dan Caulkett are interested in helping with the class.

Trustee – Dan- With the building getting older, we are having a lot more expenses.

Worship: Jean- We have the second computer for the sound booth, thanks to the anonymous donor. Need volunteers to do children's message. Terrie will do once a month. Pastor and Amy have many fun things in mind to do with the youth.

Children are singing this Sunday and plan to sing in October and they will have a Christmas program.

Finance: see report.

As of now we will have a team of tentmakers coming in Nov., not sure how many.

Hospitality- no report

United Women of Faith– Sara – A representative from the district office will be here for the next meeting.

Pastor Eric– Passed information out in regards to the split in the church. We need to make some decisions soon.

Motion by Terrie E. that Pastor Eric contact the District office for disaffiliation numbers. Motion carried.

Old business: none

New business: none

Next meeting will be on Sept. 12, 2022 at 6 pm

Pastor Eric closed in prayer

Meeting adjourned



POTATO TENT
Sept. 16-17
FRIDAY 11am-6pm
SATURDAY 11am –4pm
at Faith UMC

Baked potatoes with toppings (beef stroganoff, pork, butter & sour cream,
cheese w/vegetables)
Potato soup, hot dogs,
elephant ears,
Bottled water, soda

A picnic area will be available





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Please continue to use gift/shopping cards for your everyday purchases, gas, prescriptions as well as yearlong gifts! This painless fund raiser continues to earn steady profits for our church (over \$6,000+ for our church since start of program), thanks to your participation! We are happy to place orders for your friends as well. There are over 700 merchants from which to choose. Visa and Discover Cash cards are now available for purchase. Order forms are in the Welcome Center. The next order will be placed in early-mid September! If you would like help placing an order, Kathy Helms or Jane Beach would be glad to place an order for you! Walmart, Meijer, Leppink's and Amazon cards are usually available for purchase in the church office too! If you are one of our parking lot crew, please ask for order forms or card purchases! If you'd like to know how you can order from home, please ask!



Thanks to our faithful church family, we were able to send \$450 to Lovely at Mrs. Edy's orphanage so she could repair the cistern that was damaged by last year's quake. They will have water again soon! We still need \$208 to put a new solid wood top on the dining table; and \$233 to make new cabinets to keep the critters out of the dining and cooking utensils and food. If you would like to help please write check to FUMC and put what it is for in the memo line. Please continue to pray for Mrs. Edy and her family, all of the children and the people of Haiti. Things are pretty tough there. God bless you all! Terrie Eisenmann, Missions



August 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Present: Pastor Eric, Amy Magner, Kathy Bongard, Jean Croll

Absent: Priscilla Jeffers, Terri Eisenmann

Topics:

1. Need for a classroom for older (junior high age) youth. There are approximately six children presently in our congregation that would be in this age group. Discussed two people that maybe interested in being the instructors. Would need an area of the church that they could call their room. Jean will take this concern to the next Church Council meeting on August 22nd. Discussed various ideas of activities for this group and meeting times. Plan to get this started ASAP.
2. Peggy is working on a work sheet with names of children and their ages for reference.
3. Pastor would like to see teachers/nursery workers have the opportunity to attend the church service if they are not needed in the classroom or nursery. Jean will discuss this with Jane as Leader of SPRC team.



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Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate.”

Albert Schweitzer

“It’s nice to be important, but it’s more important to be nice.”

Unknown

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”

Mother Teresa

“A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves.”

Amelia Earhart

“To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.”

Several people have asked for the recipe. Enjoy!

Oatmeal Cake

Pour 1-1/2 c. water over 1 c. quick oats. Add 1 stick oleo. Cover and let stand 20 minutes.

Add:

1 c. white sugar

1 c. brown sugar

1-1/2 c. flour

1/2 t. salt

1 t. baking soda

1 t. cinnamon

2 eggs

1 t. vanilla

Bake 35 minutes at 350 degrees.

Topping

Melt 6 Tbs. oleo.

Add:

1 c. brown sugar

1/4 c. canned milk

1 c. coconut

1/2-1 c. walnuts

1/2 t. vanilla

Heat until bubbly. Spread on top of warm cake

Place in oven or broiler for a few minutes



Sept.



1st Chloe Decker
 4th Chuck Cobb
 6th Jean Croll
 Nicole Croll
 7th Donna Schmidt
 15th Terrie Eisenmann
 17th Edna Dyer
 18th Jan Hansen
 19th Ruth Perkins
 20th Bruce Sabin
 Jackie Topper
 22nd Kathy Perkins
 26th Howard Edwards
 28th Dennis Graham
 Kenneth Hughes

Continued prayers:
 Craig & Tanya, Shane Perkins, Joan Rasmussen, Frank & Elaine Leak, Angie Grandy, Roger Caris, Marty Anderson, Susie Pangborn, Rick Montague, Denny Sexton, family of Jamie Stockwell, family of Tom Sherington, Clare and Sue Isham, Sharon Lesky, Phyllis Himebaugh, Ted Flinn, Sallie Horner, Donna Schmidt, Pastor Steve & Pam (Jane's friends), people of Haiti, Shirley Parks, Sharon Deal, family of Morgan Lindsey, James & Kim Tanis.

Service men & women:
 Robert Nemetz, Chris Arganbright, Tyler Williams, Joseph Schmitt, John Michael Ayers, Mike West, John Withey, Asher Felty

(If there are any changes please let Peggy know so she can keep this updated)



1st Max & Marie Cook
 3rd Mark & Margo Ellis
 8th Lonny & Jane Hagen
 11th Greg & Kathy Perkins
 18th Eric & Amy Wagner
 22nd Arnie & Donna Schmidt
 28th Don & Hazel Christensen

	Offering	Attendance
Aug. 7	\$3,591.25	83
Aug. 14	4,202.00	88
Aug. 21	1,1949.00	87
Aug. 28 not available		

This year to date: \$106,667.21
 Last year to date: \$103,332.10



New address:

Margaret Harkness
 Hathaway Hills
 1515 Meijer Drive
 Greenville, Mi 48838

Congratulations to Jen (Deja) and Carl Davis on the birth of their son Heath Richard Davis, born on Aug. 2. Proud grandparents are Dan & Karen Caulkett.

Sept.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 1 pm United Women in Faith 6 pm Church Council	7 9am crafters	8	9	10
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18	19	20 11 am Finance meeting Noon Trustee meeting	21 9 am crafters 6 pm Friends and Fellowship	22	23	24
25	26 7 pm Church Council	27	28 9 am crafters	29	30	

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Sunday School/Gathering	9:00 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Children's church/Sunday School	10:30 am
Thurs. Bible study	10:30 am

