

The Outlook

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Annual Church Conference Report

Dear Church:

In June we attended the Michigan Annual Conference. Here is a summary report. We had a wonderful time seeing the new beginning of the United Methodist Church, catching up with friends, and meeting new friends.

1. The 2025 budget for the Michigan UMC Conference was decreased by 8.5%.
2. Resolutions on past service rate, housing and rental allowance for retired or clergy on disability, and equitable compensation schedule all passed.
3. A conference policy on the protection of children, youth, and vulnerable adults passed and is effective June 1, 2024.
4. A task force will be established to explore creating a Campus Ministry Fund and the plan to go with it.
5. A commitment was made to the people of Haiti through our long history with our Haitian partners.
6. A resolution to ask that the members of the United Methodist Church of Michigan use civility, compassion, and democracy in conversations about the 2024 voting.
7. A resolution Calling for Peace with Justice in the Middle East was passed.

Please take time to watch Rev. Ginger Gaines Cirelli's [Friday Lesson](#) and [Saturday's Sermon](#).

The full set of videos can be found on: [VIMEO page](#).

If you would like to even know more, please go to: [2024.MichiganUMC.org](#).

Prayers for new beginnings!

Blessings,

Liz Krol, Lay Member to Annual Conference

Keith Krol, At Large Member to Annual Conference

Mission Possible for July 2024

July 7 — Mission of the Month
Justice For Our Neighbors, MI

July 14 — Local Mission
Boys and Girls Club

July 21 — Helping Hand Fund

July 28 — Hunger/UMCOR
Mobility West

Monthly Pantry Donation

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Mission Accomplished May 2024

Mission of the Month Peace With Justice	\$520.00
Local Mission 1M Project	\$210.00
Helping Hand Fund	\$257.37
Hunger/UMCOR Red Bird Clinic	\$430.00
Pantry The Hope Project	\$340.00

Reminder...mission offerings can be given any time during the month even though we list our offerings by the week.

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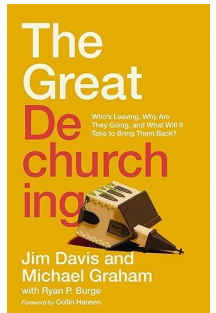
Please pray for Pastor Rob as he begins a graduate program in Practical Church Leadership at Dakota Wesleyan University! We are pleased to announce Pastor Rob has received a \$5000 scholarship from the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan to complete 21 graduate credits at this Methodist affiliated college in Mitchell, South Dakota. The Practical Church Leadership program combines relevant learning in areas such as leadership, financial development and management, governance, and strategic planning. In addition, it provides coaching and assistance toward the completion of a project designed to positively impact our own church community! Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the program.

Over the next year, Pastor Rob will be completing all his courses online. In addition, the United Methodist Foundation will be providing financial support for him to travel to three in-person learning events. The first will be in mid-July and **YOU ARE INVITED** to attend the Welcome and Keynote Address virtually! The Keynote Presentation will be delivered by Jim Davis, co-author of The Great Dechurching. Stay tuned for additional information in the coming weeks.

What an honor it is to have OUR very own Pastor be given a scholarship for this graduate program. Not only will Rob be recognized, but our church will be recognized as a Methodist church that not only supports further graduate studies, but one that will benefit from his studies as we plan our future as a church and in the sermons he will share during and after he has completed this program.

Let's give him our support by clicking on the above link to learn more and become part of his great adventure. For those who only receive a hard copy of the Outlook, a digital copy can always be found on our website.

<https://www.muskegoncentralumc.org/>



A Word from Our Master Gardener

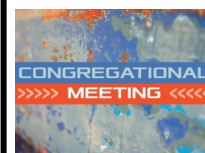


Spring has Sprung!
Plants are emerging.
Even the weeds are happy!

Our garden needs **you** and **I need you!** Your support of physical assistance or even financial support will keep the garden in good care and appearance **all year.**

Please reach out to me and let me know how you can help the garden bloom for the Glory of God.

~Lisa Lively



JULY 28TH

Please join us as we prayerfully discuss and consider two possibilities to care for our neighborhood and creation: 1) the sale of the Mike Miller Garden property to the Nelson Neighborhood Improvement Association and 2) the installation of solar panels on the roof of the church.

Please plan to join us on July 28 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel.

Worship at Central

Available online: **LIVE**

<https://www.facebook.com/muskegoncentralumc>

And on our YouTube Channel: **LATER IN THE DAY**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZUQe2i7FzjtcwwSG7Ednw/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

Central Cares

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 — Diane Case
- 2 — Jeanne Cotner
- 5 — Harry Wierenga
- 7 — Carol Tompkins
- 8 — Nova Fry
- 12 — Linda Roberts
- 13 — John Frisinger
- 20 — Sue Beattie
- 21 — Shirley Privacky
- 24 — Harry McKinley
- 26 — Bill Paulson
- 27 — Don Crandall
- 28 — Randy Dahlquist
- 29 — Debra Dahlquist
- 30 — Kelsey Cook



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 — Dexter & Abigail Larabee 2015
- 13 — Larry & Sharon Bradfield 1963
Randy & Debra Dahlquist 1986
- 21 — Dollie & Tom Hippchen 1985
- 26 — Hank & Sue Zack 1975

JULY CALENDAR

- 2 — Staff Meeting 11 a.m. (Conference Room)
*Garden Group Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 5 — Supper House 3:45 p.m. (Temple UMC)
- 7 — Worship 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)
- 9 — *Garden Group Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 10 — Volunteer at Kids' Food Basket 9:30 a.m. (1537 S. Getty)
- 11 — Romeo's 8:30 a.m. (Carmen's Café)
Juliet's 9 a.m. (Cherokee Restaurant)
Blood Drive 11 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. (Parish Hall)
- 14 — Worship 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)
Call To Prayer 11 a.m. (Conference Room)
- 15 — Mobile Food Truck 4:30 p.m. (CUMC Parking Lot)
- 16 — Outlook Deadline
Book Club 10:00 a.m. (Library)
Building Team Meeting. 11 a.m. (Conference Room)
*Garden Group Meeting 5:30 p.m.
MAP Clothing Pantry 12:30 p.m. (Temple UMC)
- 18 — MAP Clothing Pantry 12:30 p.m. (Temple UMC)
- 21 — Worship 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)
- 23 — Kitchen Crew Meeting. 11 a.m. (Church Kitchen)
*Garden Group Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 25 — Blood Drive 11 a.m. (Parish Hall)
- 28 — Worship 9:30 a.m. (In-Person & Virtual)
Congregational Meeting 11 a.m. (Chapel)
- 30 — *Garden Group Meeting 5 p.m.

*Garden Group is now meeting in different locations.
Call the church office for location of each meeting.

Special Request:

- ♥ Please keep Connie in the church office updated on any of the prayer requests you have made on behalf of your friends and family.
- ♥ **Where to send important information!**
Please send to all addresses.
- ♥ Juanita Joiner for the Newsletter:
jjoiner@muskegoncentralumc.org
- ♥ Connie Jones for the Church Calendar:
connie@muskegoncentralumc.org

Church Office Hours

Our regular office hours at the church.
Tuesday — Thursday 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.



THE CORNER HAS BEEN SOLD

We are grateful to announce that The Corner building has been sold to Michael and Theresa Bernhardt and family for \$285,000. We look

forward to their plans to use the facility for Tiny Town, Broadway Bootcamp, Little Miss Green Thumb, and other community and business opportunities.

We feel blessed to have sold the building after many years of faithfully caring for the Corner ourselves, and we SO appreciate all the prayers, donations, support, time, and energy that made our stewardship of the property possible!

Please continue to pray for the Bernhardt family's endeavors, and our own! After replenishing funds needed for recent Corner expenses and our deferred income accounts, we will use the majority of the proceeds for a Capital Improvement Fund for our Sanctuary building. We have much to do as we continue to faithfully care for our beautiful church building.

Thank you SO much for all your prayers and support!

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Have news for the Outlook? See page 3 for submission addresses. Next Outlook deadline is **July 16**. Thank you!

A BOOK OF INTEREST!

“Angels on the Clothesline” is an exquisite invitation into self-compassion.

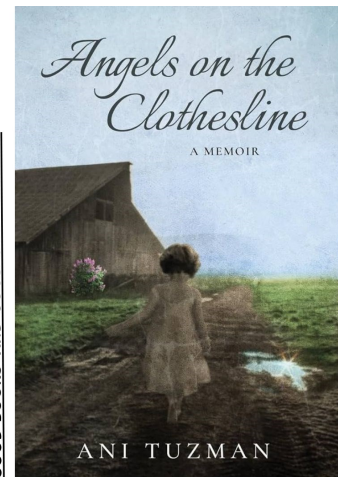
Ani Tuzman brings us into the heart of the child she was, growing up in the shadow of the Holocaust. We see through the eyes of a girl whose spirit, despite the burden of trauma in her life, is not diminished, but shines ever more strongly.

Consider joining **this Zoom Book Club!**

(Pastor Rob will continue his Justice Series during July.)



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