



The Grapevine - Update

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"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing." Psalm 100:1-2



Dear Friends,

Summer time is a JOY-filled time to praise God our Creator, to gather on Sunday to worship the LORD, to serve Jesus in our work, and to sing and play at Vacation Bible School. "Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love!" is happening August 6 Sunday through August 11 Thursday (5:45-8:30pm), with an all church picnic potluck on Friday August 12 at 6pm. Reach out and invite kids to our VBS. The kids will sing VBS songs, including "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." It's a Christmas song that we will sing in the summer time. It reminds us all that praising God and serving Jesus is a JOYFUL experience in our lives and church. Let us volunteer and serve Jesus with JOYFUL hearts, prayers, and lives.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jennifer



August 7th - 12th Sunday after Pentecost "Get Ready to Serve" Luke 12:32-40
Reminder: Our 1st Sunday FISH Food Pantry Collection will take place today!
Today is the FIRST Day of Vacation Bible School!

August 14th - 13th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion / VBS Sunday
"Catching God's Love" Luke 10:38-42



August 21st - 14th Sunday after Pentecost "God's Bold and Brave Leaders" Jeremiah 1:4 - 10

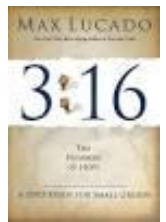
August 28th - 15th Sunday after Pentecost "God's Many Invitations" Luke 14:1, 7-14

NEW BIBLE & VIDEO GROUP STARTS: August 3 (10:30am)

"John 3:16" book and video group starts Wednesday, August 3. Drop in any Wednesday August 3-17. "3:16" by Max Lucado is the basis for this Wednesday group. No book is necessary. This interactive study illuminates one of the most loved Scriptures: John 3:16.

These words proclaim a message of love, a source of hope and a promise of life.

All are welcome!



RACHEL CIRCLE



The Rachel Circle ladies are not meeting in August. However, on September 12th at 10am they invite all women to join them at the home of Nadine Lychuk [2762 Lochmoor Blvd. - Lake Orion]. Contact Nadine (248-393-1448) if you have questions.

Oxford Lone Ranger Day Ice Cream Social

Saturday, August 6, 2016

from 11am - 5pm ~ \$3 per ticket

invite your friends and family!



Vacation Bible School: "Surf Shack"

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, August 7

through Thursday, August 11, 5:45-8:30pm

Preschoolers (3-5yrs old) and Kindergarten through
6th grade (5-11 years old) are invited to attend.

If you'd like to help out, please see Pastor Jennifer
(248-628-1289) or Michelle Wood (248-969-2545)

Register for VBS Today!

Register online at www.cokesburyvbs.com/Oxford2016 or with Becky during
church office hours (M-Th 8:30a-1:30p) at 248-628-1289.

VBS Family Picnic / All Church Potluck - Friday, August 12th - 6pm
Hotdogs provided, bring a dish to pass. Fun games on the lawn. Hymn Sing inside.

VBS Sunday Worship Service - Sunday, August 14th - 10am

Kids VBS sharing time - music, songs, drama, fun.



VBS MISSIONS - OXFORD / ORION FISH FOOD PANTRY

For the month of August, we encourage you to donate backpacks and back-to-school items including: 3 ring binders; lined paper; pocket folders; mechanical pencils; sharpies; highlighters; scissors; lined notebooks; pencil sharpeners; and pencil cases which FISH provides for the children of FISH clients.

Remember – someone will be greeting you the FIRST Sunday of each month with a red FISH bag ready for you to fill. Thank you for all your enthusiasm and generosity in showing God's Love to our local community. If you'd like to volunteer at the FISH Food Pantry, or have questions, please contact Mary Garrard (810-797-5840) or Julie Langley (248-628-9619).



SPECIAL TREATS "POTLUCK": August 21st

We are asking you to bring goodies (homemade or store bought cookies, brownies, etc.) to share at Fellowship Time with church friends and visitors. Please bring a treat to share.



COMMUNITY MEALS SET-UP HELP NEEDED : 8/3, 8/10, 8/31

We are asking for the following help on Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:30am: set up and clean tables, set cups out, roll silverware, and prepare drinks.

NOTABLES!

- ❖ We welcome our Bishop David Bard to Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences UMC beginning September 1st.
- ❖ Farewell prayers to newly elected Bishop Laurie Haller (Sr. Co-Pastor at Birmingham: First UMC) who was appointed to Iowa Conference beginning September 1st.
- ❖ Thank you to all who support the church's missions and ministries! It is wonderful to be in mission together. Community Free Meals and FISH Food Pantry depend on faithful volunteers.

