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THE CHIMES

The Newsletter for Clarkston United Methodist Church



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SAFE SANCTUARY

Written by Rev. Rick Dake

Did you know we are a Safe Sanctuary Church? That means we follow guidelines for how we care for children and vulnerable adults. We always make sure there is the appropriate number of adults in charge of every event. All of our adults responsible for ministry with children, youth and vulnerable adults are required to pass a background check. This serves two purposes. It makes sure we know we are offering the safest and best ministry possible. It also means we can assure those who are seeking a place to grow in faith we are serious in caring for the whole person and family.

In this culture, parents come expecting us to have these standards. Our members do not have second thoughts about filling out background checks because it is standard practice in schools and volunteer groups in the community. That was not always true. It seemed odd and frustrating at first to ask people of excellent character to start taking background checks. There was worry that it added an extra layer of effort in getting volunteers. It took time, effort, and commitment to make the transition. It was worth it. Today, it seems like an obvious thing to do.



As I take a close look at Jesus, he created a space where people from all walks of life felt safe to approach him. He was accessible. Even when his message was hard to hear, it was accessible to all. In the safety of his love and grace, lives were changed and the Kingdom of God revealed. That is the ministry we seek to offer here.

What would it mean if we committed to be personal Safe Sanctuaries? It would likely require a little change in all of us. It would require daily commitment. Our lives would be committed to the highest standards where all around us were respected. The hurting, vulnerable and seeking would know they could find in us generous friends. Christ would be revealed through us by our actions. Through us, more could find themselves in the presence of Christ.

Seems like it might be worth considering.

Pastor Rick



JOIN US ONLINE

Did you know that we average 50 people streaming the worship service online each week? Can't make it to church? Join us online! www.clarkstonumc.org/worship/live



SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

Last fall, we found out that right in our neighborhood, there were some people who wanted to come to church, but needed a sign language interpreter in order to participate in worship.

We did some research and found an agency that could help us with providing professional signers. This wasn't in the budget, so we originally planned on hiring an interpreter once a month on communion Sundays. Pastor Rick mentioned it in a sermon and soon we had several people asking why we weren't offering this every Sunday? Due to the generosity of some of our congregation, we have enough seed money to get us started.

Sign Language interpretation began officially on Sunday, January 5th and our neighbors were here to enjoy worship for the first time! We seek to be an inclusive congregation. We are thrilled to be able to include our neighbors! If you want to help continue this ministry, please let us know! Contact | Rev. Laura Speiran

HELPING HEARTS HELPING HANDS MISSION UPDATE

Christmas "Zip It" Program

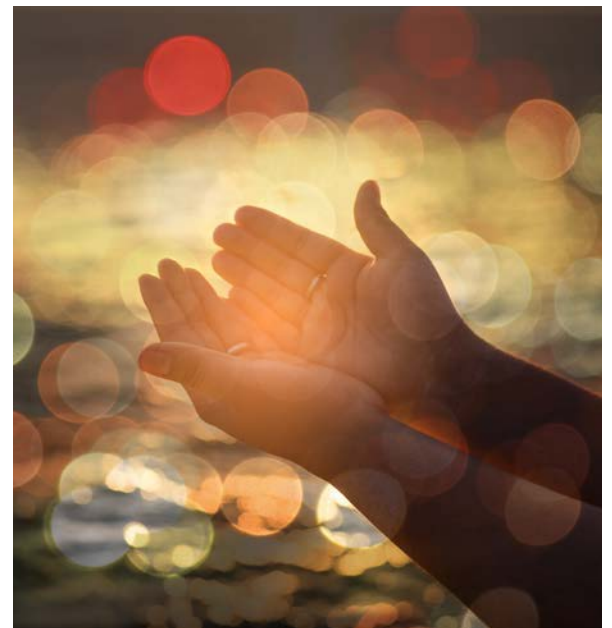
Thanks to your blessed donations, we were able to feed hot meals to over 500 children, provide them with special Christmas gifts, piñatas and a day full of Christmas activities.

Mission Trip to Honduras, February 2020

We look forward to taking a team to Honduras to deliver backpacks filled with school supplies, deliver food to our sponsored children, spend time with our foster girls, pass out hot meals to orphans, install water filter systems and host a community event. Please keep our team in your prayers as we embark on an incredible journey in Honduras

13th Annual Fundraiser, The Gatsby Gala

Support our mission work in Honduras! Join us for The Gatsby Gala on Friday, March 20th at 6:00 pm at the Lafayette Grande in Pontiac. Purchase discounted event tickets by the end of February: Adults \$65 each, Under 21 \$35 each, VIP table of 8 tickets \$440. If purchased in March ticket prices increase to: Adults \$75 each, Under 21 \$35 each, VIP table of 8 tickets \$520. Attire: semi-formal. Contact us to purchase tickets, make a donation for the auction, become an event sponsor or to find out more: helpingheartshelpinghands@hotmail.com | 248-980-5090 | www.HelpingHeartsHelpingHands.org





LEARN, SERVE & CONNECT

LEARN

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays | Begins February 2 | 10:15 am | Parlor

Join our Sunday discussion and devotion reviews. Share what devotions have inspired you and learn something new. Handout will be provided.

Contact | Ken Ermer, whaler1787@gmail.com

Beloved Community Class Part 1

Wednesday | February 5 | 8:15 am | Offsite, Linden

This class will study the book, *A New Dawn* in *Beloved Community: Stories with the Power to Transform Us*, edited by Bishop Linda Lee. It isn't always easy to engage in other people's stories, especially if those stories are difficult to hear. Will you be brave and go outside your comfort zone to read about another human being's experience? We will spend four weeks on this book in February and finish the book later in the spring.

Contact | Laura Speiran, lspeiran@clarkstonumc.org

SERVE

Mobility Worldwide (Formerly P.E.T.)

Wednesday | February 5 | 8:15 am | Offsite, Linden

Weather permitting, we will carpool to the Linden workshop to fabricate and assemble parts for the Mobility Carts. We will meet at the church at 8:15 am and be back by about 1:00 pm. You should wear clothing appropriate for the weather that would not be ruined by a little paint. Bring your favorite work gloves.

Contact | Dave Kauffman, dkauffyman@yahoo.com

Website | www.mobilitymieastmi.org

Midwest Mission Distribution Center Trip | Informational Meeting

Sunday | February 9 | 10:10 am | Room 148/149

If you are interested in volunteering to join the trip to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee, IL May 10-15, please attend this informational meeting.

Contact | Louis DuPree, ledupree@comcast.net

CONNECT

Susanna Wesley Circle

Wednesday | February 5 | 9:15 am | Fellowship Hall

Please join us to welcome Lisa French from United Methodist Retirement Communities Foundation for her presentation about all the life changing things they do for others. A 'heartfelt' day together!

Contact | Suzi Bork, suzi.bork@gmail.com

4th & 5th Grade Lock-In

Friday | February 7 | 9:00 pm -

Saturday | February 8 | 8:00 am

Fourth and Fifth Graders: Bring your friends for your very own Lock-In. Festivities begin after the dance, we'll have a snack, fun and games, fellowship, devotions and a bed-time movie. Breakfast will be served before you leave in the morning.

Contact | Shelby Ettinger, settinger@clarkstonumc.org

50 & Over

Friday | February 21 | 12:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

Enjoy lunch and an art project! Mary Gilhuly, Mosaic Artist and co-founder of Song and Spirit Institute for Peace, will lead us in a workshop to each make our own glass mosaic piece. The cost is \$35 per person for lunch and the workshop. Registration deadline is February 14.

Contact | Brenda Dupree, bkdupree@comcast.net

Register | Online, www.clarkstonumc.org

YOU'RE INVITED



Soup-er Bowl

Sunday | February 2 | 12:00 pm | Community Center

The Soup-er Bowl is a fun all church event that will take place directly after the 11:00 worship service on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2nd. This event is primarily a fellowship event with a side of fundraiser for the High School Righteous Mission Trip to Tennessee this summer. Soups, homemade bread bowls and beverages will be provided. There will be an entertaining live auction of Super Hors d'oeuvres to take to your Super Bowl parties that evening. Walk on down to our Community Center after worship and enjoy lunch and the amazing comedic talents of our emcees, Eric Manting and Charlie Wellman! Contact | Jeremy Dean, jdean@clarkstonumc.org

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Marian Emery's 90th Birthday Celebration

Thursday | February 13 | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

You are invited to help Marian Emery celebrate her 90th birthday on Thursday, February 13 at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate with a potluck lunch, birthday cake and ice cream. Please bring a dish to pass. No gifts. If you cannot attend, cards are appreciated and can be sent to Marian Emery. Please refer to the directory for her address.

Contact | Joette Kunse, jkhorses@comcast.net

Adoption Party for Maxine Walther

Sunday | February 23 | 12:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

You are invited to help celebrate Maxine's adoption with Pastor Megan and Pastor Joel. Come anytime between 12:00 and 2:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Write down a prayer for Maxine and offer encouragement to the new parents!

Contact | Laura Speiran, lspeiran@clarkstonumc.org

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THANK YOU



GENEROSITY

Thank you for participating in the Fall Generosity Challenge. The Generosity Campaign is targeted at securing funding for the ministries in 2020. We have so many exciting opportunities ahead of us and we appreciate your help. We had a record number of commitment cards turned in. Our budget for 2020 is \$1,440,000. We are grateful for your support of our ministry, programs, and outreach!

We also thank you for your Christmas Offering contributions this past December. We are grateful for your continued support and appreciate your generosity

CHRISTMAS CONNECTION

Thanks to your generous donations and support, this year we were able to serve 38 local families. Each family received gifts, a ham, a gallon of milk and a box of food.

WORLD CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thank you to all our volunteers, cookie bakers and shoppers who helped to make the 2019 World Christmas Market a huge success! This festive Christmas event brings the true meaning of Christmas back into our hearts and helps to spread the word of giving in our community. Our 15th annual event was able to support 20 non-profit organizations who sold gift items for local, national and international missions. Almost \$20,000 was raised to help these organizations continue their admirable service for Christ. New this year was our own Santa and his helper. Visitors from 5 months old to 92 years young posed for pictures. Mark your calendars for the 16th Annual 2020 World Christmas Market, scheduled for the 1st weekend in December.

PARLOR WINDOW TREATMENTS

Thank you to the Memorials Committee for their support acquiring the new Parlor window treatments. The room is complete and now provides much needed privacy and room darkening capabilities for classes and meetings. We sincerely appreciate the commitment this committee has and are grateful for their work within the church.



WEEKLY

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY

WORSHIP

9:00 & 11:00 AM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 & 11:00 AM | EDUCATION WING

NURSERY

9:00 & 11:00 AM | NURSERY

ANGELS IN TRAINING

10:00 AM | ROOM 211

PARENTS CIRCLE

10:00 AM | YOUTH LOUNGE

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

10:15 AM | PARLOR

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

6:00 PM | YOUTH LOUNGE

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

MONDAY

PICKLEBALL

9:00 AM | COMMUNITY CENTER

ZUMBA

9:00 AM | ROOM 210

KNITTING FROM THE HEART

1:00 PM | PARLOR

SENIOR FIT

1:00 PM | COMMUNITY CENTER

PRAYER GROUP

5:00 PM | SANCTUARY

AA MEETING

7:00 PM | YOUTH LOUNGE

TUESDAY

CARING HEARTS BIBLE STUDY

9:00 AM | PARLOR

WEDNESDAY

ZUMBA

9:00 AM | ROOM 210

SENIOR FIT

1:00 PM | COMMUNITY CENTER

ANGELUS BELLS

4:30 PM | MUSIC ROOM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH DINNER GROUP

5:00 PM | YOUTH LOUNGE & CLASSROOM

CHERUB CHOIR

5:15 PM | ROOM 214

WESLEY CHOIR

5:15 PM | MUSIC ROOM

YOUTH CHOIR

6:00 PM | MUSIC ROOM

CELEBRATION RINGERS

6:45 PM | MUSIC ROOM

JUBILATION RINGERS

7:30 PM | MUSIC ROOM

THURSDAY

PICKLEBALL

9:00 AM | COMMUNITY CENTER

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:15 AM | PARLOR

DIVORCE CARE

6:45 PM | YOUTH LOUNGE

CHANCEL CHOIR

7:30 PM | MUSIC ROOM

FRIDAY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:00 AM | ROOM 148/149

ZUMBA

9:00 AM | ROOM 210

SENIOR FIT

1:00 PM | COMMUNITY CENTER

AA MEETING

7:00 PM | YOUTH LOUNGE

SAVE-THE-DATE

Italian Night

Friday | March 6 | 6:00 pm | Community Center

Join us for the annual Italian Night Fundraiser to support the 2020 High School Righteous Mission Trip. This year we will again feature authentic Italian baked anellini, served all-you-can-eat family style in our very own Righteous Bistro! Carryout available. Buy your tickets online today!

Contact | Jeremy Dean, jdean@clarkstonumc.org

Tickets | Online, www.clarkstonumc.org



STAY CONNECTED

Sign-up to receive our weekly eNews, our Weekly Prayer, which also includes a link to watch the sermon, and our monthly Chimes emails. Register online today! www.clarkstonumc.org/news

50 & Over

Sunday | March 15 | 2:00 pm | The Village Players, Birmingham

Join us for comedy, drama and swashbuckling action! The Village Players present *Shakespeare in Love*. Tickets will be on sale in the Grand Hallway between services on February 16th & 23rd. Payment is due to the Brysons by February 23rd.

Contact | Kay Bryson, kdbryson@yahoo.com

Home Plate

Saturday | June 13 | 12:30 pm | Comerica Park

Home Plate started in 1987 and is a Christian Outreach pre-game program featuring current and former Tigers sharing about their careers and faith journey with Jesus Christ. Ticket price is \$29 per person and includes program ticket, game ticket, souvenirs, and access to an on the field baseball clinic put on by the Tigers. Children 4 and under do not need a ticket to be admitted to program or game. Contact Keith Verellen to purchase your tickets today!

Contact | Keith Verellen, kverellen1346@gmail.com

