



Chimes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TO MARS AND BEYOND

June 23 - 27

Explore where God's power can take you! The fun begins on Sunday, June 23rd from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Children and their families can come to the church to meet their teachers, find their classrooms, and enjoy a picnic and games. VBS resumes Monday, June 24th through Thursday, June 27th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm each day. The cost is \$15 per child for those that register by May 24th, \$20 after May 24th. Registration is required.

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Register | Online, www.clarkstonumc.org

ADULT RIGHTEOUS MISSION (ARM)

June 17 - 21

All adults are invited to participate Monday-Friday, June 17-21 from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, and on Sunday, June 23 at 12:00 pm to set up for VBS. There will be a variety of projects within our community, as well as right here at Clarkston UMC. At the HOPE Recuperative Center in Pontiac we will build a backyard pavilion, make a concrete walkway, and add basement storage space. We will also have a team at DRAW helping with their warehouse and Green Initiative. The annual Sewing Bee will be held at the church, and we will spruce up the flower beds and landscaping and add some Community Center shelving at CUMC as well. New this year: A Wednesday evening work group (6:00 - 8:30 pm) for those who are unable to join us during the day. The fee for the week is \$75, or a per day fee if you aren't able to commit to all five work days.

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FUEL SUMMER MISSION WEEK

June 17 - 21

There is something for all of our middle schoolers this year; from a week long experience to serving only 1, 2 or 3 days. We will serve at Cass Community Services, DRAW and Clarkston UMC. Our incoming 6th graders are invited to join us for Thursday and Friday. For more details and registration, visit our website.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Bonfire & S'mores
May 17
- WOJO'S Fundraiser
May 21 & June 1



CELL PHONE PRAYER PICTURE ALBUM

To make a prayer album on your cell phone:

- Go to photos on your phone and select albums.
- Select create new album and name it.
- Select photos of people and places you want to pray for.
- Save them to your prayer album.
- Use these photos in your prayer life.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

Intercessory prayer invites us into God's care and concern for us, our families and friends, and the entire world. No concern is too trivial for God to receive with loving attention. However, intercession is not a means of manipulating heaven into doing our will. Rather it is a way we become aware of God's prayer for a person and join in that intercession. (Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices That Transform Us by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun, p231.)

HELP WANTED

Front Porch Coffee | Volunteers Needed

Ever wish to be a Barista? Here is your chance to give it a try. Front Porch Coffee is looking for volunteers! Please consider volunteering your time for this wonderful and fun ministry. Current Hours of Operation: Sunday, 7:45 – 10:30 am & 10:30 am – 1:00 pm | Wednesday, 4:00 – 7:00 pm | Thursday, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, 2:30 – 4:30 pm & 4:30 – 7:00 pm

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Volunteer as an Usher

Sundays | 9:00 & 11:00 am

Volunteer to be an usher during worship! This is a great opportunity to contribute a service to the church once every 5-6 weeks. If your schedule fluctuates, we always need on-call substitutes.

Contact | Skip Mellen, skipmellen@aol.com

PASTOR'S NOTES

Why would the burning of Notre Dame make news around the world? Perhaps there are three reasons. The first is the historical significance of an iconic structure whose construction began in 1163. It has survived and seen so much. Secondly, it has been a treasured part of the landscape of Paris and portrayed in art and literature for centuries. It has received visitors from around the world for centuries by travelers drawn to its beauty and historical significance.

Thirdly, it is recognized as an awe-inspiring holy site impacting generations. Those who have entered it are drawn its architectural drama reaching to God with its spires, stained glass and sheer size serving as a portal into the presence of a holy God.

Holy spaces matter to us. Some are globally adored. Others are treasured more regionally. Some are special to only a few. The importance of sacred spaces is their ability to draw us to a peace and meaning larger than ourselves. Holy spaces remind us of who we are and the majesty and intimacy of God.

As we enter into this season of travel and renewal, I hope you are able to revisit holy places where God has spoken to you. Perhaps you will discover new places to fill your heart with peace.

It is my joy to claim this church we treasure, and you, as a holy space and people. Our impact is not as broad as Notre Dame. Yet, it is true we have felt God here. We are walking together as disciples of Jesus Christ here. Surely the presence of God is in this place and community. Lives are blessed here.

Thanks be to God for all places and people who draw others into holiness. Thanks be to God for this place and for you making a difference in this part of the world and in me.

In Christ,
Pastor Rick



LAY READER RELECTIONS

Children of God

How can anyone grasp the result of the recent vote of our UMC 2019 General Conference? Lord, how do I process the horrendous thought that so many *United Methodists* were intent upon cutting out the heart of this denomination, stomping on the truth that each of us is made in God's image, that all are children of God? That there are United Methodists world-wide, including Michigan, that think exclusivity is OK? How do I wrap my head around the fact that this action is contrary to our Wesleyan directive: "Do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God"?

The rules of our denomination are contained in the all-encompassing UMC Book of Discipline, periodically updated. It has been this issue concerning the inclusion of the LGBTQIA community which has contentiously divided us for years and today witnesses the fracture of the faith of John Wesley upon which we have built our foundation. The belief in God's grace espoused by Wesley and his followers was a magnet as people were drawn into the movement.

Am I bitter, am I angry? Au-r-rggh . . . I admit to more than a little negativism. Much harm has been done in this rejection of God! Rejecting *anyone* is equal to rejecting God. Today, however, angry, courageous, forgiving, passionate, determined, and hopeful believers are on the march. By prayer, listening, dialogue, and positive action God is bringing us through this fire. The Wesleyan church to which we cleave was born in the late 1700s, a splinter of the English Anglican church, because of significant differences. Its example spurs us on. Am I hopeful? Yes, I am!

Still, there is deep concern about the adverse impact on the global connectional work of our current church, which is still viable until January 2020. It's an extraordinarily bright and shining star: creating colleges, seminaries, hospitals, sweeping programs for disaster relief, malaria, clean water, hunger, missionaries.

While the UMC path ahead is fuzzy, our mandate as children of God is clear: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27, RSV). **Boldly**, we WILL find new ways to join in transforming the world for Christ!

Brenda DuPree

Lay Leader

Table Talk With Pastor Rick

Wednesdays | May 1, 8, 15 & 22 | 5:00 – 6:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Join us for dinner and Table Talk with Pastor Rick on Wednesday nights! We will begin serving a light dinner at 5:00. At 5:30, Pastor Rick will start the weekly lesson and there will be plenty of opportunity for table discussion and fellowship. All ages welcome.

Contact | Pastor Rick, rdake@clarkstonumc.org

SPRING INTO SUMMER

Susanna Wesley Circle

Wednesday | May 1 | 9:30 am | Fellowship Hall

During our May meeting we will learn about the life of Malala Yousafzai, the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, by viewing the film, "He Named Me Malala". Please join us for brunch, popcorn and the program.

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Dinner and Missionary Speaker, Rev. Hyo-Won Park

Friday | May 3 | 6:00 pm | Parlor

Rev. Hyo-Won Park, a Global Ministries Missionary serving in Russia, will speak of his work as a new church planter. Free will offering.

Contact | Lou & Brenda DuPree, bkdupree@comcast.net

Register | Online, www.clarkstonumc.org

Ladies Tea to Benefit Esthers Children

Saturday | May 4 | 10:30 am | Meadow Brook Hall

We invite you to our 12th Annual Tea. Come experience elegance at Meadow Brook Hall, 350 Estate Drive in Rochester Hills. Tickets are \$75.00 each.

Contact | Pam Ruth, pamruth@gmail.com

Register | Online, www.estherschildren.org

UMW Spring Tea and Fashion Show

Saturday | May 4 | 12:00 pm | Community Center

Looking for some pop in your spring wardrobe? Join us for the UMW "Spring Fling" Tea and Fashion Show. Fashions by Kim Rose of Grand Blanc. Tea and lunch will be served. Silent auction of hand-crafted birdhouses. Tickets will be sold every Sunday in April in the Gathering Space. Cost is \$10. Bring your family, friends and neighbors for this fun event!

Contact | Mary O'Rourke, mkworourke@gmail.com

Register | Online, www.clarkstonumc.org

FUEL Youth Group Road Rally

Sunday | May 5 | 6:00 pm | Meet @ CUMC

Calling all middle school youth, it is time for our annual road rally! Join us for a night of fellowship and clue solving as we explore the achievements of our youth around the community.

Contact | Michele Ettinger, mettinger@clarkstonumc.org

Elementary Bucket Drumming

Wednesdays | Beginning May 8 | 4:45 pm | Music Room

A rhythm band experience for children in grades 2-5, led by percussionist Suzanne D'Ambrosio. Every Wednesday for 4 weeks, starting on May 8. Participants should plan on attending all 4 sessions.

Contact | Judy Mellen, jmellen@clarkstonumc.org

SPRING INTO SUMMER CONTINUED

Youth Bucket Drumming

Wednesdays | Beginning May 8 | 5:15 pm | Music Room

A rhythm band experience for youth in grade 6 and up, led by percussionist Suzanne D'Ambrosio. Every Wednesday for 4 weeks, starting on May 8. Participants should plan on attending all 4 sessions.

Contact | Judy Mellen, jmellen@clarkstonumc.org

Register | [Sign-up sheet](#)

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

Sunday | May 12 | 10:15 am – 12:45 pm | Community Center

Join us for the 2nd Annual UMM Mother's Day breakfast! Help support United Methodist Men and programs such as Strength for Service, Hope Warming Center, and the Society of St. Andrew. All are welcome. A \$5 donation for those enjoying the great food is appreciated.

Contact | Jim Degen,
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Alethea Rose Circle

Tuesday | May 14 | 5:00 pm | Community Center

We will have a work night at the Rummage Sale from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Pizza and cookies at 6:00 pm. Join us for a fun filled evening of discovery as we arrange the treasures donated for the sale.

Contact | Mary O'Rourke, mkworourke@gmail.com

50 & Over

Friday | May 17 | 12:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

Join us for food, fun and fellowship! Program TBD. Bring a dish to pass, your own place setting and friends.

Contact | Brenda & Lou DuPree, bkdupree@comcast.net

FUEL Youth Group | End of Year Party

Sunday | May 19 | 6:00 pm | CUMC

Join us to celebrate the end of an amazing year of youth group with food, friends, games and prizes. The final FUEL Incentive Program tickets for gift cards will be drawn.

Contact | Michele Ettinger, mettinger@clarkstonumc.org

Summer Sunday School

Sundays | Beginning June 2 | 11:00 am | Room 204

Summer Sunday School will be offered during the 11:00 am worship service only. Please check your children in and drop them off in Room 204 (our preschool classroom). Summer Sunday School is for children in preschool thru second grade. Older children are encouraged to attend worship with their family. There will be no Sunday School on July 7th. We are always looking for volunteers to help us cover all of the Sundays, please email Shannon Majiros if you are able to help.

Contact | Shannon Majiros, smajiros@clarkstonstaff.org

Susanna Wesley Circle

Wednesday | June 5 | 10:00 am | Fellowship Hall

For our last meeting of the year, the girls from Children's Village will join us for brunch, crafts and fun. This is always one of our best meetings of the year, please join us! During the summer we will schedule breakfast once a month at a local restaurant. Join us any time!

Contact | Patsy Edwards, patsyedwards@aol.com

Home Plate 2019

Saturday | June 8 | 12:30 pm | Comerica Park

Think Spring, Baseball, Tigers, Fellowship! Join us for Home Plate 2019 and see the Detroit Tigers vs. Minnesota Twins. There will be a pregame program featuring current and former Detroit Tigers (and other athletes) sharing about their careers in professional sports and faith in Jesus Christ. Tickets are \$34.00 per person (Includes: Game Ticket, Program, Food Coupon, Souvenirs and an on-the-field baseball clinic).

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High School Graduation Breakfast & Service

Sunday | June 9 | 9:30 am

The 2019 High School graduating youth of Clarkston UMC, along with their families, are invited to our celebratory breakfast at 9:30 am in their honor. The graduates will then be recognized during the 11:00 am worship service on Sunday, June 9th. The graduates are encouraged to wear their cap and gown during the worship service. Graduates will be asked to submit their senior picture and a future plans questionnaire for our annual graduate booklet to Jeremy Dean by May 30th.

Contact | Jeremy Dean, jdean@clarkstonumc.org

**CLARKSTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

Core Values:

- ◆ Committed to Christ
- ◆ Worship That Makes A Difference
- ◆ Making Disciples
- ◆ Biblical Hospitality
- ◆ Transformational Mission

Mission Statement:

“To vitally connect people to people and people to God”

WOJO’S FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, May 21 & Saturday, June 1

Spring is here! Buy all of your planting supplies at Wojo’s Greenhouse (2570 Oakwood Road, Ortonville) on Tuesday, May 21 or Saturday, June 1. Mention Clarkston UMC and 10% of your purchase will be donate back to the church.

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9:00am & 11:00am

