

September, 2017



Loving God. Loving Others. Making disciples of Jesus Christ.

From the pastor:

“Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.”

--Galatians 6:9

This summer our family took on a project that we had never done before, something we literally had NO experience with, we planted a garden. In full disclosure prior to this garden keeping a single plant alive was an achievement in our household. I was once given an aloe plant that I was assured took NO maintenance as long as it got water once and awhile. Yet a short time later all I had left was the pot. So this endeavor into gardening was a new experience.

Now I will be perfectly honest Brittany was the brains behind the operation, she researched the best plants to put together, when things would need to be planted, how to best fertilize the soil to yield the best results, she did all the leg work. It was fun planting it and weeding it and watering it and watching it grow with the kids this summer. Then the most amazing thing started to happen, we actually had vegetables growing!

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Happy Birthday!

RJ Keller 9/5

Nate Gordon 9/11

Everett Smith 9/24

Happy Anniversary!

Brian & Elizabeth
Comiskey 9/7

James & Sarah Clark
9/16

Larry & Gwen Crus
9/19

Jim & Bertie Novak
9/20

Kerwin & Mary Ann
Leader 9/26





From the Pastor (Continued)

We have been up to our ears in tomatoes, peppers, onions and cucumbers, all of it coming from those little seeds that were planted months ago. Of course there was work that had to be done between the planting and the harvest, but seeing the results truly makes it worth it.

Our experience this summer tied in well with the verse from Galatians 6:9. There were some hot summer days when weeding or watering that garden didn't sound like a whole lot of fun. At that point we had no idea if the garden would even yield anything for us to harvest. That is how it often is in planting the seeds of faith in others. It can be hard work, work that we don't necessarily see immediate results from. But the work is necessary, it is ongoing, we are called to continue to carry the Good News to people of all nations, including those right here in our own community.

My prayer for us is that we do not lose heart in doing good, yes it is hard work, we can grow weary and tired, and we have no idea if we will ever see the results of that work. But Scripture does tell us that we will reap if we do not grow weary. As we enter the fall season and have activities going on around the church I hope you will join me in doing the necessary work to nurture, water and feed those seeds of faith that will be planted.

God Bless,
Pastor Devin



Church Rummage Sale

We will be hosting a rummage sale on Saturday, September 9 to help raise money for summer missions trips. If you have items you'd like to donate, please have them to the church by Friday the 8th.

Don't forget to stop by on the 9th and see what treasures you can find!

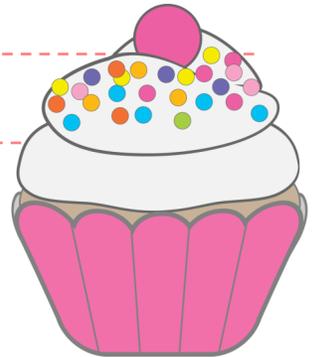
Septemer Memory Verse

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Cookies On Sundays

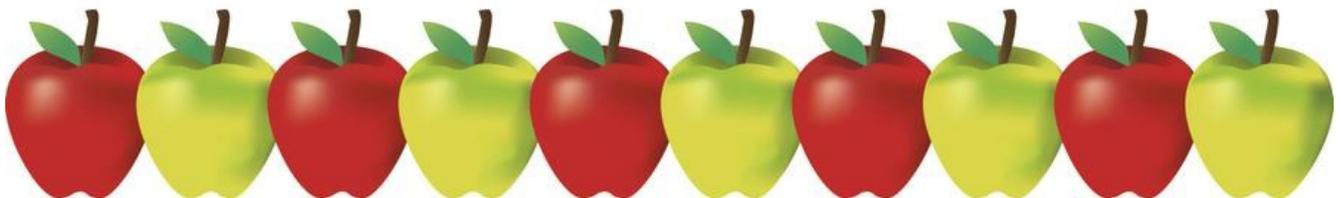
If anyone would like to bring cookies or other treats to share after worship on a Sunday morning, please let Patty Hamann or Judy Sampson know.

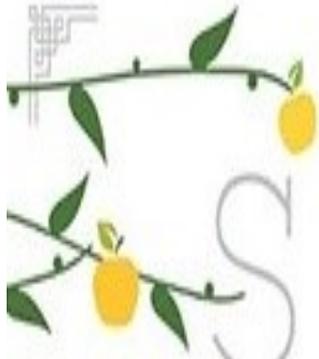


Food Pantry Donations

For the month of September, the Blissfield Area Food Pantry is asking for donations of cream of chicken soup, tomato soup, Jello, and pudding.

Donations may be left in the church entrance area. We will see to it that they get delivered to the food pantry.





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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

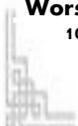
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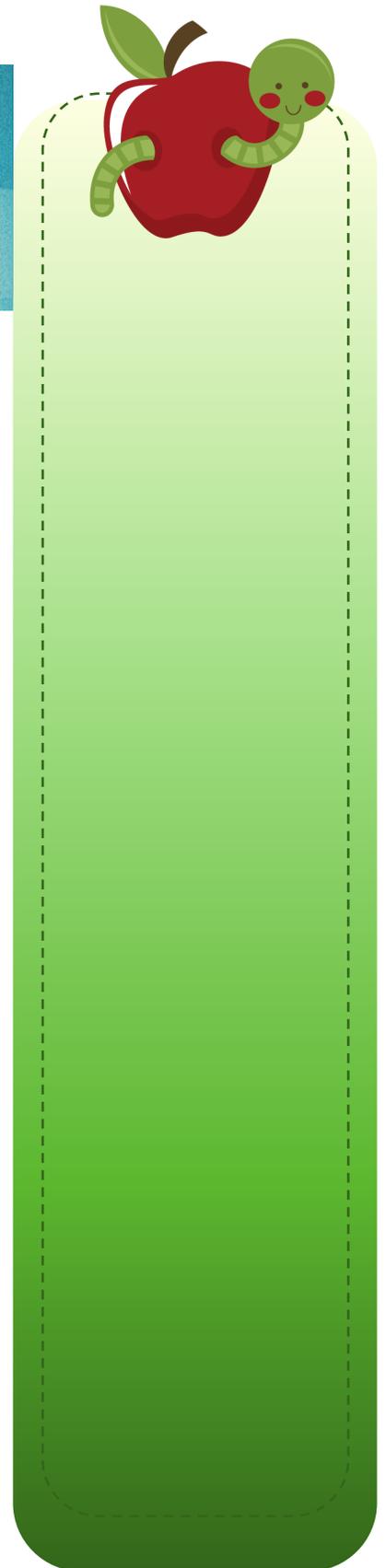
Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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						Craft Day 10pm—?	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Adult Sunday School 9:15 Worship at 10:30	<i>Labor Day</i>	First day of school for most MI students				Rummage Sale at Church	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Adult Sunday School 9:15 Worship at 10:30 <i>Grandparents' Day</i>			Fall Kick-Off Celebration 6:00-7:30 pm		Craft Day 10am—?		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
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Bring you friend, bring your neighbor, bring
your cousin, Sue!

It's going to be a great time!

Come join us on Wednesday, September 13 at
6:00 pm.

We'll provide the hotdogs. Feel free to bring a
side dish or dessert to share and your favorite
board games or yard games. Wear your play
clothes. The bounce house will be set up for the
little ones.

Our regular Wednesday night "soup and study"
will begin on September 20. There will be
classes for all ages, nursery-adult.

If you have any questions please feel free to
email the church at EmmanuelUMC@live.com
or call us at 517-486-3020.



“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” -1 Timothy 2:1

Those needing continued healing and strength:

- Wendell & Alice Goetz
- Cathy Jenkins
- Jim & Millie Tipton
- Kate Noelanders
- Lyna Mae French
- David Dexter
- Mary Roback
- Fall Kick off
- The children returning to school this month
- Zayne Warren
- Our covenant missionaries, Mary Gladstone-Highland and Kristen Brown
- Our nation, state and local community and those in leadership



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