

FROM THE Read: 1 John 3:1-3



Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Resurrected One! As you may have heard, I am currently in the process of preparing for my

departure from Mancelona and Alba UMCs. As I write, the parsonage is full of boxes, my office shelves are beginning to empty, and I find myself filled with both excitement and sadness at the looming end of our time together. It is my hope that our remaining time will be filled with fond remembrances and moments of celebration for what we have accomplished together, however, as this will be my last official newsletter article, I'd like to share a little bit about what you all have meant to me and my ministry.

When I was called to Mancelona and Alba, I was in a liminal space within my personal ministry. My previous appointment had not been what I expected, and I was wrestling with whether I was cut out for this whole pastoring thing. I was in such a valley of despair that I earnestly believed that this might be my last appointment and began looking at how my credentials and degrees could translate into the larger business world. When my family and I arrived here, I was blown away at how joyous and eager you all were to engage in ministry, and through your energy I rediscovered why I became a pastor in the first place. You are the reason I move on to Lambertville UMC (It's a good thing even though it's sad.), and the reason why I will continue my ministry, and from the bottom of my heart, I thank you for helping me rediscover my passion and purpose. Our time together will forever burn in

my mind as some of the best times I have experienced in ministry, COVID and all.

And yet, we still must say goodbye. I take comfort in the words of 1 John, words often read at funeral services, which remind us that, "now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be." None of us know what the future will hold, but I will share with you my hopes for you as we part ways. I hope you will continue to let the Spirit guide you in new and wonderful directions. NEVER be afraid to say "yes!" I hope that you continue to strengthen the bonds between the church and your community, for though we serve Jesus, He calls us to go out and serve our neighbors. I hope you continue to celebrate with one another in times of joy and hold one another close in times of struggle. But above all else, I hope you do all in your power to never give up on each other. This world is fractured enough as it is, and it is comforting for a community to know that there are some people who still strive to build relationships and make life better. We might not yet know what we will be, but as long as we trust in the Spirit to lead us, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. I wish you all the best, and pray that the peace and love of Christ be with you always.

Pastor Bryan Kilpatrick





MANCELONA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

We are sad that Dana and Ken Proffer are moving but are happy they will be enjoying their new home in Arkansas near their daughter. Dana was our Vice President and will be greatly missed. Jackie Bates has agreed to fill this position and we will officially vote for this change at our May meeting.

Another program Dana headed up was coordinator of the RADA fundraising program. Kathy Johnson has agreed to take over that responsibility.

MARCH & APRIL MEETING SUMMARIES

- March - Our program was presented by Michele Scott representing the Iron Vault program at Mancelona High School. She explained that the name of the program came from the school's mascot (Ironmen) and Vault came from making this a place for "safe" keeping (as you would put items in a vault). Students who participate are not being judged; it is open to all, not based on financial need. The Iron Vault is a free store. Michele said they need volunteers for Wednesday, June 1 – A Community Give Back Day. We agreed to help by providing cookies and a thank-you note for 75 bags. They could also use more bags for take-home meals. We agreed to sew bags from T-Shirts in the fall for the coming school year.
- April - Wendy Aldrich was our program leader. She began with a devotion by Patsy Clairmont focusing on God's beautiful creation from nature to new births and read a portion of the creation story in Genesis. The program was titled "One with Each Other, One with the World" from our UMW program book. She read Psalm 103 which

begins: "'Bless the Lord, O my soul". This Psalm deals with God's compassion for us and encourages us to be joyful and thankful for God's many blessings. Wendy asked us to share "What brings us joy and what are we thankful for?" Our answers included nature, family, home, health, friends, grandchildren, and a good career. We indeed have so much to be thankful for!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- May 11 (1 pm at the church) – Our program will be a Spring Clean-Up of rooms in the church to declutter and possibly donate some items to the June 18 Garage Sale. The community meal room and kitchen also need a good cleaning in preparation for Community Meal start-up in June.
- June 8 (1 pm) – Luncheon at Dockside. We did discuss the possibility of having the meeting in the evening, but most felt they would like to keep it in the afternoon.
- July 13 (1 pm) – Laurie Allison is hosting at her home. Program will center around our personal devotions.
- August 10 (1pm) – Rhonda Allen is hosting at her home. Program will be personal devotions.





Community Meal

Community Meal Update

It's really happening! We are scheduled to reopen our community meal on Tuesday, June 7 at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

We are excited to announce that we have two new cooking teams! All Team Leaders are responsible for planning and cooking the meal.

New - First Tuesday Team Leaders: Troy Orman and Michelle McClelland

Second Tuesday Team Leaders: Returning Jackie Bates, Rhonda Allen, and Ellen Whitehead. The three of them will share the cooking responsibilities.

Third Tuesday Team Leaders: Pathway Community Church will continue headed up by Dale Stephenson. Pathway's Church provides complete staffing for their Tuesday which includes set up, serving, and cleaning up tables.

New - Fourth Tuesday Team Leaders: Marilyn Avery-Swan and Shirley Tracey will share planning and cooking.

Fifth Tuesday Team Leaders: St Matthews Lutheran Church led by Betty Sell. St Matthews provides complete staffing for their Tuesday which includes set up, serving, and cleaning up tables.

Each team has plenty of returning volunteers. Many from our own church. Several new recruits have agreed to volunteer.

Food has been ordered and is in the freezers and on the storeroom shelves. On May 11, our UMW

will organize the kitchen. We have notified the Food Coalition and Food Rescue of our reopening.

An organization meeting of the Community Meal Advisory Team and all Team Leaders will meet on Monday, May 9 from 2:30 – 3:30 pm in Fellowship Hall to review some rules and regulations directed by the Health Department. We will acquaint and reacquaint everyone with the kitchen and storeroom.

We are overwhelmed and so encouraged with the community volunteer response that enables us to continue this mission. Can you believe that this all began on March 27, 2012. Amazing!

Submitted by Sandy Neumann and Carol Kingsley

Community Meal Co-Chairs



Mancelona United Methodist Church will once again be participating in the M88 Outdoor Market Tour on June 18 from 9am to 3pm. This is an annual county wide event along M88 from Mancelona to Eastport. Village sidewalk sales, garage sales, arts & crafts and more!

We will be collecting goods for the garage sale from June 14th to June 17th. Contact Laurie Allison for timing to put your goods in the garage. We will need volunteers to help.



News from Missions - May 2022

These two mission projects have been switched, please make a note of it.

May - The Student Assistance Fund , "The Student Assistance Fund," (known to our congregation as the Mike Hayes Apple Pie Fund) administered through Communities in Schools, provides funds for application fees for Mancelona High School students applying for post high school training whose families do not have the financial resources to do so.

June - Bike and Book Bash – Our church is working with Communities in Schools, the Village of Mancelona, and other organizations to provide the children of Mancelona and their families with a summertime free event that includes fun and educational activities outside of the regular school schedule. Many of the families in Mancelona live beneath the poverty line, come from single-parent households, and have no church home. We will reach out to these families by enriching their lives and showing compassion as Jesus would have done. The event will take place this summer on **July 21** and includes a bicycle safety program, free books and book bags, nutritious snacks, and more.

Submitted by Brenda Lockman, Mission Chair



NURTURE AND OUTREACH NEWS

Church Outings

On Saturday, May 14 from 3 to 6 pm we have planned a Wildflower Walk at Grass River Natural area with dinner afterward at Shorts Brew Pub. RSVPs are appreciated so dinner reservations can be made. To RSVP, call, email, or text, Ellen Whitehead. Remember if you choose not to walk, you can visit the Grass River Education Center and/or join us for dinner! This is a great opportunity to get to know your church friends better. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us. The more the merrier!

Watch for more fun outings. Our next planned event will be to attend a Concert in the Park in downtown Mancelona on July 27.

Goodbye Potluck for the Kilpatrick Family

June 12th will be Pastor Bryan's last Sunday with us. We will greatly miss the entire Kilpatrick family and want to honor them at a potluck following worship service on that date. Please mark your calendars and plan to fill up the pews that Sunday. Then stay for potluck, hugs, and heartfelt goodbyes.

Bike & Book Bash

We are still waiting to hear if we can have the Bike & Book Bash this summer. Communities in Schools is our partner for this program, and they are still making plans for summer. More to come!

Girl Scout Recognition

Girl Scout Troop 4995 was honored with a potluck following our April 10 church service. The girls all received a beautiful, embroidered bag made by Rhonda Allen filled with a journal, pen, and other treats. Jackie Bates and Lou Patton coordinated this program.

Submitted by Ellen Whitehead co-chair Nurture Committee.

Trustees May 2022

A big thank you to Ken and Brenda Lockman for picking up some of the sticks around the church yard. There is always some raking to do after the winter to clean up where the snowplow pushed snow and dirt. Anytime anyone has a free moment, raking is always welcome to repair these areas. We have signed up through the High School and the Iron Vault to have a few H.S. kids rake around the church for their "Give Back" day the first of June. We have a big yard, lots of areas to be raked.

A summer mowing sign-up schedule will be posted soon in the Narthex.

As most of you know we will be getting a new pastor in July. We will need to get the parsonage ready for him/her. As soon as I have a date when the Kilpatrick family will be out of the parsonage, we'll need a cleaning crew to spruce it up. Pastor Bryan has requested a moving van as soon as June 13 and no later than June 20. We may only have 2 weeks to get everything in tip-top shape. Depending on how much rain we get in June, the yard may also need mowing. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

A couple of things that I'm working on...

1) Dry-loc on the furnace room walls, done. Hopefully this will help with some of the leaking when we get heavy rains. We will be getting the rain gutter back up soon to help with water runoff onto the furnace room.

2) Lighting in the fireplace room above the library area. This is a very dark area and will be remedied soon.

Submitted by Laurie Allison – Trustee Chair

What's Happening

Each week (usually Monday) an email is sent noting prayers, praises, and announcements, that have been shared in our service on Sunday, and it includes Pastor Bryan's Gospel Lesson, Music, and Message for the week which he posts on Facebook and YouTube. If you wish to be on that email list, send an email request to carolkingsley62@gmail.com text or call 231.360.9029

May 8 – Potluck – Mother's Day

May 14 – 3 to 6 pm - Wildflower walk at Grass River

May 22 - Coffee Hour in the Welcome Center.

June 12 –Potluck – Farewell to Kilpatrick's

June 18 – Garage Sale

June 26 Coffee Hour in the Welcome Center.

MUMC May/June Newsletter deadline will be June 25, 2022.



Keep saving Family Fare receipts. There is a box for them in the Narthex.

Mancelona United Methodist Church

PO Box 301
117 E. Hinman Street
Mancelona, MI 49659
231.587.8461
Sunday Service @ 11:00am

Ad Council Meeting - 2nd Monday of month/Odd
Months at 4PM

Alba United Methodist Church

PO Box 136
5991 Alba Highway
Alba, MI 49611
Sunday Service @ 9:30am

Ad Board Meeting – 2nd Monday of month/Even
Months at 6PM



MAY and JUNE
birthdays

Barry Moeke	May 1	Laurie Allison	May 18	Ashley Kilpatrick	June 6
Shaylee White	May 2	Bryan Kilpatrick	May 19	Yvonne Olds	June 9
Denise Plakmeyer-Vliet	May 4	Elsa Brenner	May 20	Devon Harvey	June 9
Doris Felton	May 8	Donna Simons	May 20	Ken Lockman	June 14
Emily Nixon	May 11	Angela Gapinski	May 21	Mary Ann Petersen	June 18
Jan Patterson	May 11	Christian Marcus	May 22	Mitch Gates	June 18
Nate Derror	May 12	Annemarie Rasor	May 22	Chris Derror	June 22
Chester Gapinski	May 12	Emily Sheldon	May 23	Lori Derror	June 24
Victoria Rusnell	May 13	Jeanette Rusnell	June 5	Keith Rusnell	June 29
				Bob Humphrey	June 30
				Lucas Kilpatrick	June 30

Anniversaries

Don & Teena Blasko	May 2
Brian & Diane Lirones	May 10
Perry & Jeanette Rusnell	May 21
Jeremy & Grace Smith	June 6
Jennifer & Kyle Toms	June 7
Robert & Cheryl Olds	June 10
Scott & Penny Coon	June 17
Bob & Charlene Geer	June 17
Jim & Michele Jewell	June 21

