

# CONNECTIONS

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**BELLEVILLE FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

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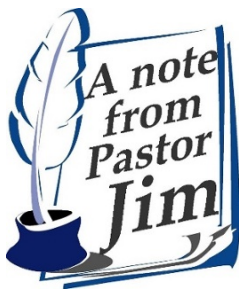
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**Mission:** *Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

**Vision:** *With Christ as our center, we are His extended family, compassionately sharing Jesus' love with all people. Our congregation is on a lifelong journey of discipleship to become more like Christ.*



Dear Friends,

I grew up in a family of photographers. My father was a dedicated amateur, and my mother went camera crazy when the grandkids came along. One of my sisters is a retired photographer, and her husband still shoots for the Chicago Tribune. I spent a lot of time around cameras and camera talk.

Technology is amazing. You can take the same camera and get two totally different views just by using two different lenses. For example, when you put on the wide-angle lens, you can get a picture that gives you a more panoramic viewpoint. Or you can change to a telephoto lens and single out the eye of an eagle one hundred yards away. A close-up lens may help you capture the veins on the underside of a mushroom. It's amazing to see how changing lenses can allow a camera can go from the big picture to the smallest details.

Jesus says in Matthew 6:9-11, "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.'" This is an excerpt from the Lord's Prayer, and it is really like a camera with two lenses looking at our heavenly Father. Think about the word father and what that means to you. You might have had a bad father experience growing up. When we think about God being our Father, we are thinking about the perfect father.

Look at God with the wide-angle lens focused on Him. He is in heaven, and His name is to be revered, hallowed, and revered. We should be driven to our knees by who He is. He is the God who rules a hundred billion galaxies, and when we pray, we are in the throne room from which it is all governed. Prayer should never again be boring, wimpy, or trivial when we know Whom we are with.

The Lord's Prayer says, "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Here is God's agenda on earth, His whole cosmic agenda, and the prayer is, "Lord, help me plug into Your cosmic agenda with my life. Your will that is done so awesomely in heaven, I want to do it on earth." We should pray with a sense of the bigness and the awesomeness of God. Then all of a sudden the Lord's Prayer switches lenses. "Give us today our daily bread." Jesus is telling us that we can come to this awesome

# Prayer Requests

## In the Hospital:

## Members At Home:

Betty Hughey  
Wayne Zechiel

## Please remember those in Continuing Care Facilities:

Luanne Genga  
Wellbridge of Novi

Darryl Raymond  
Walton Woods - Canton



Stephanie Boltrick  
Daughter of Nancy Boltrick

Christopher Stone  
Son of Mike & Dawn Stone

Michael Stone  
Son of Mike & Dawn Stone

Blake  
Grandson of Betty Hughey

Jared Stabnau  
Grandson of Harvey & Elaine Stabnau

Cody Ford-Aimone  
Grandson of Mike & Lynda Aimone

Justin Renton  
Grandson of Donna Sweeney

Chad Koenne  
Grandson of Dick & Lila Timm



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Chris	Scharlach	13
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Susan	Walker	25
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Ron and Dee Stansifer	9
Jack and Micky Keelan	10
John and Rhonda Cerone	10
Yvonne and Travis Pierce	23
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Father with His incredible eternal plan and even ask Him about today's lunch. Talk about going from the wide-angle to the close-up lens! We can aim all the power of heaven on a very real need on earth. Here is this hallowed Father in heaven, who is bringing in a great kingdom and has this tremendous eternal will, and we can talk to Him about our daily bread.

Hebrews 4:16 encourages us to "approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." This is God through the close-up lens. He is the God who cares about the details of your life. He cares about your bank account, about today's little need, about that hard phone call, and about the rent. He cares about the car, the trip, the repairs, the discomfort, and a million other details that make up our days.

What a Father we have, and we can come right to Him with any prayer. What a miracle prayer is; it brings us into the presence and love of a God who is big enough to rule the universe and small enough to care about our groceries.

Blessings,

*Jim*

Rev. Jim Walker

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## **Mark Your Calendars!**

The Annual Church Conference will be held Sunday, **October 27th at 2:00pm**. The conference will be held at Belleville First United Methodist Church.



## *Thank-You!*

We would like to thank our church family for all their support while we were out of state taking care of our granddaughter . We were uplifted by your calls, texts , emails , and prayers. April is coming along and brings joy to her family daily. Although she is full of smiles and laughter, and quite inquisitive with her books and toys now, further prayer for full recovery is appreciated. We feel blessed to be part of this church.

*Mark and Dee Groeneweg*



Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the Lounge. Come and join the fun and planning. Stay tuned for more exciting things to come in the fall and winter.

COFFEE HOUR News: The BUMW will be hosting our coffee hour two Sundays of the month. Please contact Yvonne Pierce at 734-483-4295 if you would like to participate. This will be our in-house Mission for the year, so all the wonderful bakers (or buyers) out there, let's go!

This year, the UMW will be hosting a Venous Insufficiency Screening. Dr. Miller will be here to present the program and do the screenings . It will be held Saturday, September 14, at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan on attending.

The annual District Celebration & Meeting will take place Saturday, Sept. 28, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, at the 1<sup>st</sup> UMC, 1230 Bower St., Howell, MI. All UMW are invited to attend. As in years past, there will be an ingathering for the support of a mission. This year it is for **Lacasa**, a center for victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. The following items are requested: paper napkins, paper plates, toilet paper, and disposable diapers (all infant and toddler sizes). Also remember to save soup and pop tabs, clean aluminum foil and all aluminum pans of any size. These items will be recycled by the pound to support Ronald McDonald Houses in southeast Michigan. Please place your donations in the bin marked UMW, in the Narthex. All items should be turned in by September 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be delivering them on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual Flu shot clinic will be Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am - 12pm in the Lounge. Please remember to bring your insurance papers and a photo ID.



# **Meijer's** Simply Give Campaign

The **Meijer** Simply Give campaign will be ending Saturday, September 28. You still have time to participate and support our *Emergency Food Closet's* largest fundraiser of the year.

Friday, September 13, is the final **Meijer's** Simply Give DOUBLE MATCH DAY. On

this day **Meijer** will double whatever you load on a **Simply Give** card. If you put \$10 on the card, **Meijer** will match with \$20, for a total donation of \$30. **Meijer** will **DOUBLE MATCH** up to \$5,000 on this day. Please support our *Emergency Food Closet* and purchase a card on this day at our local **Meijer** store at 9701 Belleville Rd. Thanks for helping to feed the hungry in Van Buren and Sumpter Townships and the City of Belleville.



Please share this information with your family and friends so that this fundraising campaign is a *huge success!* PLEASE continue to support our local Meijer store and their effort to *feed the hungry in our community!*

*Marilyn Wood*

The Food Closet staple for the month of September:

Canned Soup

## **Joyful Noise Program/Ministry Leader**

**The Joyful Noise is in urgent need of a  
Program/Ministry Leader.**

**This is a succession position, and all contact  
information is available. Mentoring is also  
provided.**

**Contact Paul McCrary (734-262-4696) for  
more info.**



***Sunday, September 29th following 10:30am service***

***Tickets: \$8.00 Adults; \$5.00 Youth 7-12; 6 & under Free***

***Menu Entrees: Baked Chicken and Meatballs***

***Lunch and Fellowship!!***





Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Back to School Word Search

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Worship Comm Mtg. (L)	<b>2 Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>3</b> 6 p.m. Christian Ed Comm Mtg (AR)  7 p.m. Ad Council (L)	<b>4</b> ) 1 p.m. Food Closet (L)  7 p.m. Prayer Group (AR)	<b>5</b> 10 a.m. AA (FH) 11 a.m. UMW Mtg (L) 6 p.m. Praise Band Prac. 7:30 p.m. Choir Prac. 8 p.m. AA (FH)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom)  <b>9 a.m. UMM Garage Sale</b>  10 a.m. GA (AR)
<b>8</b> 9 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Children's SS Classes 10:05 a.m. Children's Choir (FH) 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult SS Class	<b>9</b> 7 pm Comm Chorus (S)	<b>10</b> 7 p.m. SPRC (L)	<b>11</b> 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (AR) <b>6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise (S)</b> 7 p.m. Prayer Group (AR)	<b>12</b> 10 a.m. AA (FH) 6 p.m. Praise Band Prac. 7:30 p.m. Choir Prac. 8 p.m. AA (FH)	<b>13</b> <b>Meijer Simply Give Double Day</b>	<b>14</b> 8 a.m. Beg. Yoga (FH/Classroom) 10 a.m. GA (AR)  <b>11 a.m. UMW Venous Insufficiency Screening (L)</b>
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<b>29</b> <b>8:30am-12pm Flu Shot Clinic (L)</b> 9 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Children's SS Classes 10:05 am Children's Choir (FH) 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult SS Class <b>11:45 am Luncheon Fellowship (FH)</b>	<b>30</b> 7 pm Comm Chorus (S)	<b>Food Closet Item of the Month: Canned Soup</b>				