Trunk-or-Treat

October 22nd | 3:00 pm
Clarkston Elementary School

Trunk-or-Treat will be held at Clarkston Elementary School on Sunday, October 22nd at 3:00 pm. Dress in your favorite costume and trick-or-treat from car trunk to car trunk. Stay for donuts, cider and special entertainment!

Trunk-or-Treat Cars Needed: If you would like to decorate your car trunk and pass out candy for Trunk-or-Treat, email Hallie at hguzal@clarkstonstaff.org. We need lots of trunks to help make this event memorable for the children and community. Please plan to be parked and ready to start passing out treats by 2:30 pm. Thank you!
The devastation of hurricanes in the South led people to reach out in heroic measure to assist. Strangers have opened their homes to strangers without question about their politics, sexual orientation or income status. Money has poured out to meet the overwhelming cost of caring for those who have lost everything and to begin the work of rebuilding. Teams from across the country raced into the trouble to offer their help with out being forced and before they could be asked.

Vision can also bring people together in powerful ways. In Proverbs 29, The Message records verse 18 this way, *If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.* One way of receiving this blessing is the joy of coming together as we experience the movement of God.

On September 10th, our congregation had a great day of seeing vision become real. Our introduction to the Community Center and other new space caused great excitement for the congregation and drew new people to us. The months ahead will continue to bring challenges as we adapt to living Adventure Church as space around us changes. With that change will come an honoring of the best of our past and fulfillment of the foundation for God’s vision of the Future.

When you hear others talk about differences and division in our world, tell them about our church. Let them know they are welcome to be part of a community where a vision of faith and needs of the world have come together.

Glory to God!

Pastor Rick
Philippians 4: 11-13

“for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. 12 I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In all circumstances, I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

The words of Philippians 4 were written in response to generosity. The Philippian congregation received the apostle Paul as their guest, praying for him and meeting his needs. The witness of scripture and nudging of the Holy Spirit has led me to grow in my faith and understanding of the power of generosity.

I used to believe generosity began with what I had “leftover” to give. Part of me was afraid of the concept of generosity because I thought it would force me to give what I wanted to keep. Instead, I have learned generosity is a primary gift of the Holy Spirit. We can only become truly generous when we act out of gratitude for our blessings. I needed to open my heart to Christ before I could truly open my life, my talents, my prayers and my gifts to others.

During the month of October, I invite you on a spiritual journey to Take the Next Step as God’s generous people. Please join us in every worship service or watch online during the week, as each Sunday will build upon the others. You won’t want to miss worship on October 29th, when we will take steps in our generosity together at the same time. This will be a sacred and powerful moment in our ministry. Please keep our ministry in your prayers this month, as we claim generosity as a defining spiritual characteristic of our church. I pray this time will bring joy, blessing and hope to all.

Pastor Rick
FAMILY MINISTRY - CHILDREN

1st Fall Family Fun Day: Join us on October 29th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Diehl’s Orchard & Cider Mill for a hayride, corn maze, donuts, cider and bonfire. The cost per family is $25. Feel free to bring bag chairs or picnic blankets. Register online at www.clarkstonumc.org or contact Hallie Guzal at hguzal@clarkstonstaff.org.

Sunday School Volunteers are needed for 2017-2018. If you would like to team teach a children’s Sunday school class we are still in need of a preschool teacher at the 11:00 am hour. If you feel led to minister to our youth in this way please contact Shannon Majiros at smajiros@clarkstonstaff.org.

Sunday School Registration forms are due. Please complete all registration and volunteer forms and return to the church ASAP. We must have these forms before you may leave your children in any Sunday School program. Thank you! Forms are available in Children’s Church on Sunday morning.

Parent Circle: Join a warm, supportive group of parents of children from birth up to 5th grade that support each other through the inevitable challenges of parenthood. We will be reading Sticky Faith, an easy-to-read guide that presents both a compelling rationale and a powerful strategy to show parents how to actively encourage their children’s spiritual growth so that it will stick to them into adulthood and empower them to develop a living, lasting faith. We meet on Sundays between services in room 101 (previously the nursery). Angels in Training (grades K-5) as well as the nursery are available. Contact Shawn Wood at shepherdsh@hotmail.com or Jessica Reed at Jessica.g.reed@gmail.com.
FAMILY MINISTRY - FUEL (MS YOUTH)

FUEL activities for the fall of 2017 have kicked-off to a great start! We had 29, 6th, 7th and 8th-grade youth at our Kickoff celebration on September 10th! Thank you to all the youth and parents who came out to celebrate, gather information and help for the evening. We embraced the CUMC fall theme of “Putting the Church Together” with each person that evening being a very important piece of the puzzle that helps to make our youth and church thrive!

Sunday Morning Worship Opportunities for our 6th, 7th and 8th graders: Worshiping and learning together is a huge part of growing in our faith and CUMC wants to make sure that our youth feel welcomed, involved and inspired to get up on a Sunday morning and come to church. Below are our Sunday morning opportunities for our FUEL youth, we encourage them to participate and invite friends. We also invite our youth to take part in worship if they desire by joining the usher or greeting teams, signing up to be an acolyte, lay reader or communion server. Contact Michele Ettinger at mettinger@clarkstonumc.org for youth assistance in becoming a part of these ministries.

Studio 67: Sunday Mornings at 9:00 and 11:00 am, Room 210 Our Sunday morning class for our 6th and 7th graders continues to build community and make disciplines of Jesus Christ. Our students are invited to dive into God’s word each week as they are led by our adult volunteers, using the Cokesbury Curriculum, Submerge. A light breakfast is provided.

Breakfast in the Balcony: Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 11:00 am, Sanctuary Balcony Each Sunday our 8th through 12th graders are invited to sit together in the church Balcony to experience worship together. A continental breakfast is served at 9:00 am and a warm breakfast at 11:00 am to help to make the experience unique. All are welcome! It has been a delight to see multiple generations in the balcony eating and worshiping together. Feed them and they will come!

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**A special request:** If you would like to donate to the Sunday morning youth breakfast fund that helps to purchase food for our 3rd through 12th graders each Sunday morning, we would greatly appreciate it! Simply submit a donation with Sunday Morning Youth Breakfast in the memo to our Finance Office. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

**FUEL Sunday Night Youth Group:** Each Sunday night we will meet and cover a variety of topics, such as community building, mission, Biblical learning and social issues that affect our youth today. We do these activities to help grow in faith, but most importantly to build friendships and a connection to God and the Church. Below are our upcoming events for October. Our goal is for our youth to love to come to youth group and want to bring their friends. We need your help as parents to reach this goal! If you ever have questions, concerns or ideas please feel free to contact Michele Ettinger at mettinger@clarkstonumc.org. Your support is crucial!

**FUEL Upcoming Events:**
- **October 1:** Food and Faith: Pizza with the Pastors, Cake with the Clergy 6-7:30 pm
- **October 8:** Corn Maze Field Trip: Exact time to be announced, anticipated time 5-8pm
- **October 15:** Your Brain on Jesus: Exploring the adolescent brain. Why do we do that? 6-7:30 pm
- **October 22:** Trunk or Treat 3-5pm, FUEL: Can Food Scavenger Hunt 5-6:30 pm
- **October 29:** FUEL and High School Youth Group Halloween Party 6-7:30 pm

**FAMILY MINISTRY - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

High School Youth Group: 6:00-7:30pm, where will we meet, nobody knows! Be sure to text @clarkstonu to 81010 to find out, it’s changing weekly (Adventure Church)!

**B-I-G Dates to Save:**
- **October 22:** Parent Meeting AND Trunk-or-Treat
- **November 19:** Youth Group Thanksgiving Dinner
- **January 26-28:** Spring Hill Retreat
- **March 3:** Spaghetti Dinner
- **July 8-15:** Righteous Mission

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Thanks so much for the warm welcome!

I’m feeling so blessed to be a part of this incredible youth program. After many years of serving Christ as a youth counselor I’m supremely honored to now serve as the High School Youth Coordinator. A huge shout out to Annette Siminski for setting me up with a solid plan for success and being an amazing friend and mentor. We’re off to great start! Our Youth Group Kickoff was a smashing success! Literally we smashed down cardboard houses the youth built playing a game appropriately named “big bad wolf”. Our Youth Counselors led two other fun games, we ate ice cream, played basketball and 9 square and roasted marshmallows by a toasty camp fire, but most importantly we devoted time to God.

In October High School Youth Group will be taking a look at gratitude, creating projects for Mission Possible, traveling to a corn maze at Long Family Orchard, decorating cars for Trunk-or-Treat and having a good old Halloween Costume Party!

Mandatory Parent Meeting: Please mark your calendars for October 22nd. At least one parent from each family should attend our parent meeting for important information about our year ahead including; Springhill, the Spaghetti Dinner, Righteous Mission and more. Your attendance is very important.

Welcome Steve and Janice Slunick to our 2017-18 High School Youth Counselor Team: Along with Cody Senkyr, Karen Girard, Bill Ballew and Jenny Dean. We are grateful for your time, love and dedication to our youth.

Worship at 9:00 & 11:00 am: Join us each week in the balcony as we sit and worship together on Sunday mornings. Watch for a weekly email indicating whether there is a theme for the youth that week (i.e. a “white out” where the youth will all where white t-shirts), what food will be provided, the weekly scripture, what to bring etc. See you in worship!

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR MEGAN

Thank you for the wonderful welcome on September 10th! I am grateful for the outpouring of support and love. I appreciate all of the gifts that you shared with me - from staples like flour and sugar (and chocolate!) to things like goldfish crackers and games. Thank you to each of you who helped make the day special for me and Joel.
Music & Worship

Sara Hazen, Director of Music and Worship Ministries wants to know and learn about YOUR gifts and talents.

- Do you play the piano?
- Do you play another instrument?
- Is there a high school student in your house that is in band or orchestra or choir at school?
- A college student?
- Did you sing in the Glee Club in college?
- Were you in Campus Band or Community Orchestra?
- Were you a member of the Marching Band?
- Does anyone that lives with you play in a Garage Band? What do they play?
- Are you an artist? Painter? Photographer?
- Textile or Fabric Artist? Glass Artisan or Potter?
- Do you knit or crochet or quilt?
- Do you or have you sung with the Oakland Festival Chorus, Cantata Academy or Madrigal Chorale?
- Are you a Barber Shopper? A Sweet Adeline?
- Are you a thespian?
- Are you a dancer, or is someone in your family a dancer?
- Is your daughter a World Class Double Bassist that recently got married and moved to Tennessee, but may be home for Christmas or Easter?
- Are you the person that for the last 60 years has played “Oh Little Town of Bethlehem” on the accordion in the parking lot between the Christmas Eve Services?
- Do you want to tell me that you sing in the shower, play the kazoo or play the radio? - Because, believe me, if you are the person that really feels like you need to divulge that information, that speaks VOLUMES.
- What can you tell me about YOUR gifts and talents?
- What resources do I now have available to me as I plan Music and Worship?

If any of the above applies to you, let Sara know! (shazen@clarkstonumc.org)
**Make Music with Us!**

**Cherub Choir** | 4 years – 1st grade  
Wednesdays, 5:15 – 6:00 pm | Karen Girard

**Wesley Choir** | 2nd – 5th grade  
Wednesdays, 5:15 – 6:00 pm | Sara Hazen

**Youth Choir** | 6th – 12th grade  
Wednesdays, 6:00 – 6:45 pm | Sara Hazen

**Chancel Choir** | College students and adults  
Thursdays, 7:30 – 9:00 pm | Sara Hazen

**Angelus Bells** | 2nd – 5th grade  
Wednesdays, 4:30 – 5:15 pm | Judy Mellen

**Celebration Ringers** | Intermediate level ringers  
Wednesdays, 6:45 – 7:30 pm | Judy Mellen

**Jubilation Ringers** | Adult ringers  
Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 pm | Judy Mellen

**Contact Information:**
Karen Girard: jkgirard91@gmail.com  
Sara Hazen: shazen@clarkstonumc.org  
Judy Mellen: jmellen@clarkstonumc.org
MISSIONS

**PET Volunteer Opportunity**: On Wednesday, October 11th, we will be carpooling to Ed Noll's workshop near Hadley to fabricate and assemble parts for the PET vehicles. We will meet at the church at 8:15, and be back by about 1:00. You should wear clothing appropriate for the weather that would not be ruined by a little paint. Bring your favorite work gloves. Please let Dave Kauffman know by e-mail or phone if you can help with this activity: dkauffyman@yahoo.com or 248-425-3132. Website: www.petmieastmi.org

**Order Pies to Support Personal Energy Transportation (P.E.T.)**  It's time to order home-made pies for Thanksgiving! Choose apple($12), blueberry($14), cherry($14), or peach($14). Proceeds benefit the P.E.T. project, which builds mobility carts for people in developing countries who cannot use their legs. Pies are unbaked; pick up is Tuesday, November 21 (unless you make other arrangements). Contact Dave Kauffman to order pies: (248)-425-3132 or dkauffyman@yahoo.com

**Hurricane Harvey Relief Update**  
Thanks to your generous donations, we have collected $12,439.25 for UMCOR’s hurricane relief efforts. This is in addition to the donations made by our Missions Team of $1,000 to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), $1,000 to MMDC (Midwest Mission Distribution Center), and $500 to DRAW (Disaster Relief At Work). If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Clarkston United Methodist Church and include "Hurricane Harvey Relief" in the memo.

For more information about any of these organizations, please visit their websites:
**UMCOR**: http://www.umcor.org  
**MMDC**: http://midwestmissiondc.org  
**DRAW**: http://drawbuckets.org
Lay Leader Reflections

Created in His Image

God.  God created.  God created the earth and all that is in it and gave it away with his blessing and direction for us to be good stewards.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.  God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.  Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”  Gen 1: 27-28  (NIV)

Being part of the creation story, this passage is familiar.  I saw it in a new light, however, as I recently read Robert Schnase’s book Practicing Extravagant Generosity. He interprets it as such, “We are created with God’s nature imprinted on our souls: humans are hard-wired to be social, compassionate, connected, loving and generous.”  (p. 56)  And I amplify – creatures that are extravagantly generous, because we know that to be the nature of God.

Do you give a gift in the hope the receiver will want to use or enjoy it?  God gives us individual spiritual gifts, for us to, yes, use and enjoy.  We first need to learn the nature of our spiritual gifts, then contemplate “how do I use this?” or “where do I go from here?” and . . . then . . . move!  Step in!  Jump in!

From Stewardship to Generosity

It is that time of the year when, traditionally, we enter the stewardship phase.  We are urged to think about the money the church requires to function and are asked to prayerfully pledge to its needs.  This is not a day to fear or ignore.  The tune has transitioned!  This is not a once-a-year event.  It is an invitation to year-round generosity.  It is a magnificent opportunity to view our own gifts in a fresh light, to practice that spiritual gift of generosity with which we are endowed, to do more.  Generosity of money, to be sure!  But there is so much more to do!  Let’s practice giving of our hearts, of our time and talents.  Let’s get outside our boxes to Take the Next Step!  Give as He gives, be that godlike image He ordained for each of us.  If we fall short of this fruit of the spirit - which is possible - we can pick ourselves up and . . . keep practicing, practicing, practicing.  God presents infinite opportunities for us to live into that image of Him.  Pick one!  Pick a bunch!

Brenda DuPree
Lay Leader
### CUMC WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY** 9-10am Worship Service
9-10am Sunday School
9 & 11am Breakfast in the Balcony
9am Studio 67 (210)
10-11am Angels in Training (205)
10:10– 10:50 Parlor Class (Par)
10:10– 10:50 Parent’s Circle (Nursery Mtg Rm)

**11-12pm Worship Service**
11-12pm Sunday School
1-3pm Festival Singers Reh (Music Rm)
6-7:30pm FUEL and HS Youth Grps

**MONDAY**
1:00 - 2:30pm Knitting from the Heart (Par)
5pm Prayer Group (Sanc)
6:00-7:00pm Tai Chi (Music Rm)
7:00-9:00pm AA Meeting (Par)

**TUESDAY**
9:30-12pm Caring Hearts Bible Study (Par)

**WEDNESDAY**
9:15-11:30am Companions Grp (Nursery Mtg Rm)
4:30-5:15pm Angelus Bells (Music rm)
5-6pm Wed Night Dinner Grp (Par)
5:15-6pm Cherub Choir & Wesley Choir (Children’s Church)
6pm Youth Choir (Music rm)
6:30pm Companion Group (OS)
6:45pm Celebration Ringers (music rm)
7:30 Jubilation Ringers (Music rm)

**THURSDAY**
7:30—9:00am Clarkston Coffee Club (Par)
9:15-11:30am Beth Moore (Par)
6:45— 8:30pm Divorce Care (Par)
7:30—8:30 pm Chancel Choir (Music rm)

**Friday**
7:00—8:00am Men’s Bible Study (Par)
7:00—9:00pm AA Meeting (Par)

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2017 Mission Possible Fundraiser/Auction  
Saturday, Nov. 11th  
Mark the Date!

Enjoy a really great night of fun, laughter and fellowship.  
$10.00 ticket in advance (age 12 & up) or $12.00 at door will buy you good munchies, a silent & live auction and loads of entertainment that benefits Missions work locally and internationally.

**Step 1: Donate if you can**  
Do you have a talent or gift that you can donate toward this event? Items like; 4 hours of babysitting, help with spring yard cleanup, cooking a dinner, a weekend at your cottage, a special quilt you made—you get the idea.  
Fill out a donation form available in the Chimes or church office.  
Drop form into the briefcase located in church office by Oct 30th.

**Step 2:**  
Buy a ticket—bring a friend and come enjoy a fun night. Tickets on sale at the Crossroads, or church office starting Oct. 15th. Mastercard and Visa are welcome at the auction.  
Any questions contact Cheryl Kelly in the church office at ckelley@clarkstonumc.org or 248-625-1611.  
We will be featuring donated items in the showcase so check them out!

**2017 MISSION POSSIBLE**  
Choose to accept the mission
2017 Mission Possible Fundraiser/Auction
Donation Form

Please fill out form and drop off in the office.

I commit to provide to the highest bidder,
the following service or item:

(Examples: 4 hours babysitting, help with spring yard clean up, cook a
dinner, clean your house, read a book to you or your child, a weekend at
my cottage, dessert for 6 months, Sporting & Theatre tickets, Sports
Memorabilia… etc)

My service or item will be ….

Value of item: $
(this will be placed on the bidding sheets)

Minimum bid if needed: $
(If this price is not meet the item will be returned to you)

Name:

Email Address:

Choose to accept the mission
UMW
United Methodist Women Circles

Alethea Rose Circle will meet on Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 pm. Meeting place in the church to be determined. We will be firming up the activities for the year and discussing a new mission opportunity. Food pantry items for the month are red jelly and Kleenex. Questions? Please contact Mary O’Rourke at 248-620-9491 or mkworouke@gmail.com.

Susanna Wesley Circle will meet at 9:30 in the parlor on Wednesday, Oct 4th. Program is book sharing and Halloween bags for Clarkston’s Meals on Wheels program. Please bring bags of candy. Pantry needs are $5 gift cards from Kroger and/or Strawberry Jam. For questions, please call Paula at 248-625-5797.

Crossroads District UMW Annual Meeting and Leadership Development Training – October 14 – Clio Bethany United Methodist Church. Our speaker for this event is Rev. Dr. Tara Sutton (former Crossroads District Superintendent). Dr. Sutton will speak on “Is it Enough?” Also, there will be the annual Leadership Development Training for local unit officers. More in-depth information on this event and registration forms are on the UMW Bulletin Board in the hallway past Collen Godfrey’s office.

Detroit Conference UMW Annual Celebration – “Harvest Your Spiritual Gifts: Prayer.” The speaker for this event is Rev Marva Pope from People’s United Methodist Church in Detroit. More in-depth information on this event and registration forms are on the UMW Bulletin Board in the hallway past Collen Godfrey’s office.

If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Tinka – (248) 625-3405.
UMM

**CUMC Men's Bible Study**: Join us on Friday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 am in the Parlor. Contact Bob Hoff with questions.

**CUMC Men's Committee Meeting**: The CUMC Men's monthly committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 pm. All men are welcome to drop in and join the meeting.

**CUMC Men’s Breakfast**: Make the Sunday Men's Breakfast part of your monthly routine! Join us every 3rd Sunday at 7:30 am for breakfast, fellowship and guest speakers, focusing on a variety of informative topics. The cost is a free will offering, and no reservations are necessary. The breakfast will conclude no later than 8:35 am. We welcome all men of the church! Our next breakfast will be on Sunday, October 15th with guest speaker Roger Norberg - C12 Group (Christian based Business Owners).

**CUMC 2017 Sleeping Bags for the Homeless**: Now thru November 12th we are collecting new or gently used sleeping bags for the homeless. Sleeping bags can be dropped off at the trailer in the church parking lot by the garage. We are also collecting adult and kid size winter coats, boots, socks, gloves/mittens, hats and $5 McDonald’s gift cards. Unable to shop? Consider making a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you. Please make checks payable to CUMC with Sleeping Bags in the memo line and turn it into the Finance Office. On Saturday, November 18th, we will deliver the donated items to Father Blasko's in Flint. If you would like to be a part of the delivery team, please contact Jay Bleim at 248-625-0875 or Jeff Smolek at 248-625-4784.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

50 & OVER is a zippy group that enjoys the fun and fellowship of monthly midday social gatherings. We meet for potluck lunches, programs and field trips. You are enthusiastically welcomed and encouraged to attend any time! We usually meet on the third Friday of the month. Watch the Bulletin, Chimes and Bulletin Board for detailed information. To attend, sign up on the Bulletin Board or contact Lou and Brenda DuPree, bkdupree@comcast.net, 248-625-5141.

October 20, Friday noon potluck: Practicing Extravagant Generosity and a brief travelogue of an African Safari.

November 17, Friday noon potluck: Justice for Our Neighbors – a faith-driven ministry to welcome immigrants and refugees by providing advocacy and free legal services by Deacon Rev. Paul Perez - Director of Mission and Justice Engagement, Detroit Annual Conference.

December 17, Sunday, 3pm (leave church at 1:30pm)
Detroit Symphony Concert, Home for the Holidays. Sign up by November 15, limit 30 tickets.

January 19, Friday noon potluck: About Face - A rehabilitation program for non-violent offenders to pursue a new life course by Dr. Shawna Reynolds.

New Member Class: Where are you on your faith walk? Joining a church can be an important step; it means making a public commitment to God, as well as committing yourself to serving God in a specific place. Have you been thinking about becoming a member here? We would love to have you! Our next new member class will be offered on two consecutive Thursday evenings, October 19th and 26th from 7-9 p.m. Please attend both nights. Those who choose to join will be received into membership on Sunday, October 29th. Childcare is available, if requested. Please sign up at the Crossroads (across from the church office). Questions? Please contact Deacon Laura Speiran at lspeiran@clarkstonumc.org or extension 222.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Monday Knitters have many prayer shawls to give away to members and friends of CUMC! Look for our display of a variety of shawls knit with love and prayers for people who need to feel a tangible gift of God’s love and presence. You may select a shawl, record your selection in a notebook and give the shawl away. Display will be located near the parlor. See Deacon Laura for more information.
Thank you, Clergy!

October is Clergy Appreciation Month! As we reflect on this past year it is hard to say anything but, WOW! We thank our clergy for their leadership and support through worship, Bible studies, weddings, funerals, home and hospital visits, and our Ministry Expansion Project. We celebrate the appointment of Pastor Megan as our Associate Pastor here at Clarkston United Methodist Church and we celebrate that Pastor Rick has been reappointed as our Senior Pastor for another year.

Please join me and the Staff Parish Relations Committee as we celebrate Clergy Appreciation Month by taking the time to send a card, a note or a personal thank you to our clergy. We thank Pastor Rick, Pastor Megan, Deacon Laura and Rev. Hal for all that they do for our church family. We are blessed to have each one of them.

Thank you,
Larry Hahn, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair

From the Building Committee

We rejoice in being able to open the Community Center and related spaces for our Fall Kick-off! A huge thanks to our volunteers, staff and trades who helped make this happen. We appreciate the extra effort moving and preparing the space.

Phase 2 is well underway. We have begun the front exterior expansion, which will include the new elevator, the expanded hallways and new Crossroads entrance. On the interior, the lower level kitchen pantry, showers, classroom, Youth Lounge, Laundry Room and Mission Area & Food Pantry are in process. Work will also begin in the sanctuary for the Heating & Cooling improvements.

For your safety and planning, please use the Sanctuary doors to enter and exit the facility. We have placed signs on the property as a reminder as well.

Special thanks to the Memorial Committee for their support in providing the furnishings for the new classroom in the Community Center. We are grateful for their generosity and support.

On behalf of the Building Committee, thank you for your prayers & support. We have been richly blessed by the energy and excitement this project has generated. We ask for your continued patience as we progress to the front of the building in the coming months and complete the project in the March/April 2018 timeframe.
ADULT EDUCATION

The Gospel of Mark: Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 7:00 - 8:30 pm Rev. Richard Dake will lead this four-week walk through the Gospel of Mark. We will learn what makes this Gospel unique and powerful. The class is designed for all levels of past learning including those who have not had much Biblical background.

Fly Fishing: Fly Fishing Fellowship will meet on the first Thursday of the month starting October 5th at 7:00 pm. We will begin with a well-known fishing guide from Orvis, Katie Ferner. Her topic will be “Tactics for Fall Browns”. This group is open to all. Tight Lines, Rev. Hal Weemhoff.

Once a Month Sunday Morning Class: On the 2nd Sunday of every month, Rev. Hal will offer a class on prayer, meditation, and spiritual gifts. The first class is on Sunday, October 8th and the focus will be discovering your spiritual gifts. We will meet between worship services in the front of the Sanctuary.

Sunday Morning Parlor Class: Join us on Sundays at 10:00 am in the Parlor. We will be reading Discipline, an Upper Room publication that provides the opportunity to read and learn the Gospel of St. Mark. Share your devotional thoughts and questions that challenge, inspire, and move you from the Gospel of Good News. Nourish your spirit and the spirit of others and be fed through Wesley’s invitation to create this holy habit of reading, meditating, living and sharing your learnings of faithful living with others. Questions? Contact Ken Ermer at 248-214-9847.

A Study of World Religions: As our world grows more connected, learning about those who are different from ourselves becomes increasingly important. Join Rev. Megan Walther this November to explore three world religions: Judaism, Sikhism, and Islam. Have you ever wondered why Sikh men wear turbans or Muslim women wear head coverings? This class is an opportunity to get your questions answered! The class will meet 7:00 to 8:30 pm on the first three Wednesdays in November (November 1, 8, 15). Our fourth meeting will be a field trip to a Mosque.
PRAYER REQUESTS

Need prayer? Please use prayer request card in pews, contact Suzanne Tinka for prayer chain (confidential email group) at 248-625-3405 or email prayerrequests@clarkstonumc.org. Prayer Group meets on Monday, 5-6 pm, to pray over immediate and ongoing concerns. All are welcome!

Immediate Concerns:
Vern Case, Mike Dean, Karen Kasari, Christine Wyatt

In Hospice Care: Carol, Jean Koskela, Harold Sutherland

Special Prayer Focus: People struggling with health issues.

Prayer Celebration: Twenty kids were in Studio 67 last Sunday! This is our middle school class.

Disaster Prayer Focus: People who were affected by the latest earthquake in Mexico, and all those affected by Hurricane Maria.

Crossroads District Prayer Partner: Swartz Creek UMC

If you or someone you know is in need of congregational care, please contact Rev. Laura Speiran, Minister of Congregational Care: 248-625-1611 x222 or lspeiran@clarkstonumc.org.

Clarkston United Methodist Church-Ongoing Prayer List

Those in need of healing:
(Prayer list continued next page)

**Life’s Important Issues:**

Brian Barthelmes, Blackwell Family, Jean Blazak, Yvonne Brown, Wayne and Jean Burkeen, Marcy and Jack Cash, David, Dorothea Flagg & Family, Cameron Fortinberry, Blake Harlowe, Bernita Hawes, Maranda Houston, J.J. and Skylar, Jeremy Johnston, Vineese Kasari, Andrea Klinek, Kaman Kuhl, Jim Morrison, Nelly, Ott Family, Dallas Peterman, Carolyn Place, Amy Pursell, Rob Reichner and family, Heather Robinson, Russ, Nick Schultz, Kyle Seaman, Patricia Sutherland

**Homebound:**


**Serving Our Country**


**Following God’s Call:** Kelsey Burns, Kelsey Merz, Drew Salada
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