Flushching United Methodist Church

March 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming Events: On April, 11th, at 3:00 p.m., we are inviting families to come to church for a Blessing of the Animals. Though this typically occurs in October, we felt it would be appropriate for April, as April is National Pet Month. Please bring your pet (in a carrier and leashed), along with a donation of dog/cat food and treats for the Genesee County Humane Society. Monetary donations are also accepted. If you do not have a pet, bring a favorite stuffed animal so Pastor JJ can bless that.

This month we will continue our annual March Is Bible Reading Month. Included in this newsletter is a calendar with many different activities (prayers and scripture) to do each day. I have also included daily family scripture topics to read/discuss. They are entitled Bible Heroes, He Is Risen, and Friendships. My hope is that this will supply you with a variety of items to read individually, as a family, or to your little ones. I hope you and your family are able to take part in this and learn together. The goal is that children will read/discuss/pray for 20 minutes a day with their family. It seems like a lot, but when you include all of these things into it, it goes by quite fast. You will also find a prayer planner for your child to fill out, if you wish. Each day has a specific subject to pray for. Children can use this, or the March calendar.

I also want to encourage all of our Sunday School students to send me prayer requests. I want to pray for our children and whoever/whatever they have on their minds, whether it be family members, friends, pets, etc. There is no limit as to how many times they share things. I just want them to share so we can pray.
More activities for Lent

- Give up something as a family. Jesus fasted for 40 days. That is a very long time! It would be meaningful to teach your children about fasting by giving up something for the entire Lenten season or on Fridays during Lent. It could be giving up desserts, not going out to eat, or drinking only water. The key is that it has to be something you enjoy and want to do/eat/leave. If you hate brussels sprouts and decide to give them up during Lent, you may need to reevaluate.
- 40 bags in 40 days. Instead of, or in addition to giving up something for Lent, you could purge a bag's worth of stuff every day during Lent. You choose the size of the bag, and you should definitely make it a family affair. Just think of how clean your home will be by Easter!
- Make Resurrection Eggs. They are a set of 12 plastic Easter eggs, each containing a trinket related to the Easter story. Using the eggs, children can tell the whole story of the crucifixion and resurrection.
- Make a prayer chain. Write a person or situation on each of 40 strips of paper. Assemble them into a paper chain. Remove one link per day, and pray for that thing with your family.
- Bake pretzels. Pretzels were first baked during Lent because they can be made with only water, flour, and salt. The shape came from a posture of prayer, with arms crossed and hands on opposite shoulders. A monk made dough into this criss-crossed shape, and the pretzel was born!
- Make homemade bird feeders and hang them outside. Talk about how God wants us to be good stewards of the earth and its creatures.
- Make chemo care packages and take them to a hospital’s oncology center...I would call the hospital first, as things might be more strict due to COVID. You can include the following:
  - two sets of plastic utensils (fork/knife/spoon, as I have heard metal utensils taste bad);
  - stuff for the bad taste in the mouth from chemo (lemon drops/gum);
  - hand sanitizer;
  - lip balm;
  - disposable toothbrushes;
  - a notepad/card with words of encouragement;
  - warm socks;
  - fleece blanket
Experience the beauty of 300 acres of woods overlooking the lake in the southwest corner of Michigan. Campers are welcomed and cared for by trained and compassionate staff. Enjoy the newly refurbished swimming pool with slide, bath house, and chapel, as well as kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards. Campfires, scenic views and worship help every day become more sacred as campers grow closer to God in Jesus Christ.

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1730 Clear Lake, Dowling, MI 49050
Located one hour SW of Lansing, 20 minutes NW of Battle Creek.

Unforgettable Experiences!
These energizing events welcome you with returning volunteer leadership, including: High School Unbreakable (formerly High School Camp), Middle School Uncontainable and River Camp (add $20); plus Elementary Glow, Ignite and Unstoppable Camps.

$399*/$420  MINI CAMP: $199

NEW  WoW Camps!
WoW Camp is a great way to recreate and renew. Amazing counselors help campers explore all the exciting activities camp has to offer. Each day includes options for swimming, canoeing, kayaking, archery, hiking, arts, skits, crazy games, and campfires as well as amazing worship, lots of laughter, new friends and so much more. Leadership provided by Wesley Woods Summer Staff.

$399*/$420

Adventure Camps
Lake Michigan is the launch pad for middle and high school adventure trip camps! Whether you backpack it or kayak it, you’ll dive deeper into nature and Christian faith. Campers drop off and pick up from Lake Michigan Camp & Retreat and are transported together with their deans and counselors.

$449*/$470

NEW CAMPER REBATE
Bring a friend and you both save $50.
Details at umcamping.org/rebate

God’s Treasures Camp
Adults with special needs enjoy a four-night camp with Bible stories, crafts, music, outdoor recreation and more (wait list only available).

Family & Adult Retreats
R&R Retreats for individuals, couples and families plus Lakeshore Interlude for senior adults give you time to relax and reconnect at the lakeshore. Joyful Noise Choir Retreat ends the summer on a high note!

See prices online.
# SUMMER CAMPS 2021

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See complete descriptions and register at umcamping.org/events • 989-534-6587
REGISTRATION FORM

Register online or use this form (one for each camper). Please print legibly and include payment. See the resources section of www.umcamping.org for policies, rebate coupon, and forms to bring to camp.

CAMPER INFO:

First Name: _____________________________ Last Name: _____________________________

Nickname: _____________________________ Male: □ Female: □ Birth Date: ____________

Grade: _____________________________ Name of Church you attend: _____________________________

(entering Fall 2021 - if applicable)

Parent’s Name (if camper is a minor): _____________________________ (please print)

Address: __________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________ State: ____________ Zip: ____________

Home Phone: _____________________________ Cell Phone: _____________________________

E-Mail: _____________________________ Roommate Request: _____________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian, or Adult camper: _____________________________ Date: ____________

PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR:

LOCATION: (Check one) □ Lake Huron □ Lake Michigan □ Wesley Woods

EVENT:

1st Choice Event Name: _____________________________ Event #: ____________ Cost: $ ____________

2nd Choice Event Name: _____________________________ Event #: ____________ Cost: $ ____________

LAKE HURON HOUSING: □ Single □ Double □ Triple □ Commuter Cost: $ ____________

PAYMENT INFO:

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover Card ☐ Check# ____________

Card #: _____________________________ Exp. Date: ____/____ CVV Code: ____________

Cardholder’s Name: _____________________________

Billing Address (if different from above): _____________________________

City: _____________________________ State: ____________ Zip: ____________

Donation to Scholarship Fund: ____________ Amount You are Paying Today: $ ____________

(optional)

QUESTIONS? Refer to our Frequently Asked Questions page at umcamping.org/faqs or call 989-534-6587

TO REQUEST MORE BROCHURES: umcamping.org/requests

REGISTER EARLY TO GET YOUR FIRST CHOICE!

This will open a browser on your phone to take you to www.umcamping.org/events

SCAN ME

Minimum Deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE Camper will not be registered without a minimum $75 deposit.

Make check payable and mail to:

MAUMC,
PO BOX 134
St. Johns, MI 48879

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the Gospel
GOD'S PLAN FOR ME
gos-pel – noun. good news. the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.

GOD RULES.
The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*

WE SINNED.
We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God’s punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*

GOD PROVIDED.
God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It’s something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9*

JESUS GIVES.
He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God’s family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! *Romans 5:8, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 3:18, Ephesians 2:8-9*

WE RESPOND.
Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He’s already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6, Romans 10:9-10, 13*