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# The Circuit Rider

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**Our Vision:** To be the Breath of God in Community

**Our Values:** Loving God, Serving Others, Welcoming All

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## *The Pastor's Pen*

Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

And just like that, the summer's spent. This week we pick up Leonie, our foreign exchange student from Germany, and next week Grace begins third grade with Mrs. Lucy Macher. Tonight I reply to messages about high school volleyball, and tomorrow night we will going to see the younger one's new classroom. But before we say our last goodbyes I want to say how much I've enjoyed this Summer in Song with you. We sang with Francis, Irish saints, and Christian pop stars. We remembered our African American brothers and sisters, as well as our own Native American roots here at Centenary. This week we take a small trip through the Gospel hymns some of us grew up singing. We are a singing faith, and I think it's the singing that stays with us the very longest in this life, shaping our life with God together. Before you fly for the warmer climates, I invite you to think about your favorite hymn and spend some time with it. Read about it; think about when it first came into your life and how you encounter the holy in it.

As we look forward to the fall, there are a few things we should look forward to including our Third annual Chalk the Walk on Labor Day. We'll gather at the school about 4:00 for about thirty minutes to leave messages of hope and encouragement for all our teachers, staff, and students. It is a special way to show our community we care. The very next weekend we hold Purple and Gold Sunday, when celebrate Pentwater and our Pentwater falcons. The United Methodist Church has affirmed its commitment to education over and over. Chad Sampson will offer a few words about the intersection of faith and teaching. We'll also announce what we raised to help the band refurbish the instruments the band uses. Please come wearing your Falcon colors!

The first Sunday of October we being a new Sunday morning small group study, Learning from Jesus. This study draws on Scripture and the writing of Christian authors to tell the story of Jesus, from the words of the prophets, to his birth, through his life, to his death and resurrection. There is so much in his life to teach us about our life with him now. If we are anything at all, we are the people who bear his presence in this world. You can find the workbook on Amazon. You don't need to read through the material to participate, but you will get a lot more from the small group if you do.

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Welcome Leonie - Foreign Exchange Student from Germany

By that time we would have been holding Community Dinner for a month. Only the very best recipes will be returning! Including the acorn squash! (Okay. That's my favorite.) If you would like to help out you can sign-up with Signup Genius [Community Dinner volunteers](#). Check our weekly emails or website for the link. Even I figured it out! Some Wednesday nights I bring a family game for playing at 5:30. Watch Facebook for details.

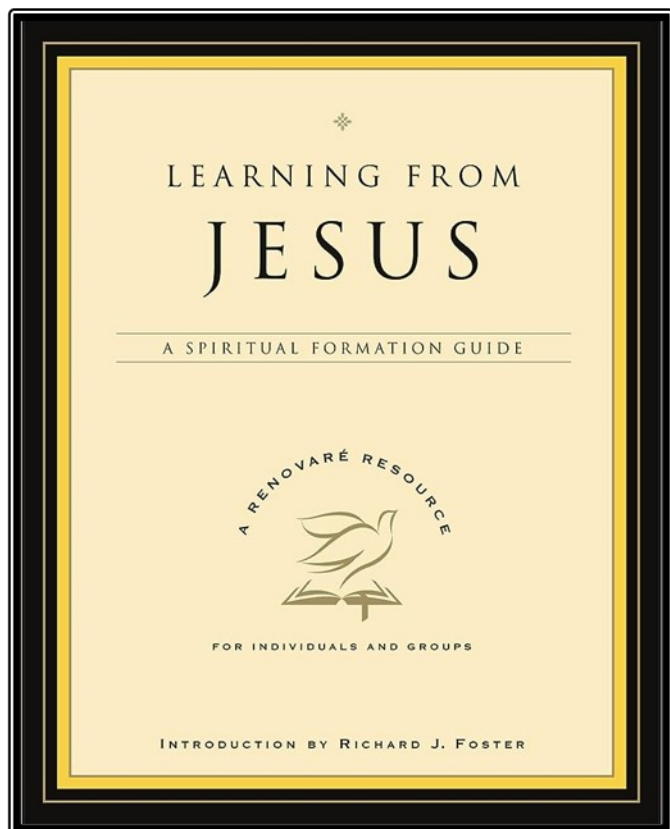
We have also used Signup Genius for serving as [Liturgist](#) and now have it available for [Children's Time Leader](#) [Hosting Fellowship Time](#) [Ushers](#)



Welcome new members Susan & Steve Thomas

For those of you who make fresh starts in the fall, consider making your worship home with us. This fall we will walk through the Lord's Prayer with Jesus. It is his gift to us, a way we breathe God in when the world suffocates us. I hope you can join us! When the weather turns cold, we will go on a pilgrimage through the Christmas story, visiting such places as Nazareth, Jerusalem, and even Babylon. If you don't know quite what to expect, please don't hesitate to contact me. You are always at home here.

Be the Breath, **Pastor Vaughn**



**What:** Learning from Jesus: A Spiritual Formation Guide

**When:** Begins Sunday, October 1, at 9:15. There are twelve units. We will go through the material at the group's pace.

**Who:** Anyone and everyone.

**Why:** To deepen your understanding of the life and teaching of Jesus and the Gospels, as well as go more deeply into your own life with God.

**How:** Purchase your book on [christianbook.com](#) or [amazon.com](#). Come having completed the first unit on October 1.

# Month of September 2023 at a Glance

For the most up to date schedule and details, go to

[pentwaterumc.org/calendar](http://pentwaterumc.org/calendar)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8am - West MI SAIL @ 10am - Prayers Squares @	2 9am - North Central Beach
9:30am - Worship on the	4pm - Chalk the Walk @	9am - Community Dinner 9am - UWF Board Meeting @ 10:30am - Prog Coord'n 2pm - Meditation Group @ 6:30pm - eucine @ Wesley	9am - Community Dinner 5pm - Community Dinner	9am - Frozen Meals	8	9
10:30am - Worship - Purple	8am - West Michigan SAIL @ 10:30am - Finance & Op's	9am - Community Dinner 10:30am - Worship Team @ 6pm - Friends of the 6:30pm - Eucine @ Wesley	8am - West Michigan SAIL @ 9am - Community Dinner 5pm - Community Dinner 6:30pm - Property	8am - West Michigan SAIL @ 9am - Centenary, SPRC @ 9am - Frozen Meals 7pm - Jr. Women's Club @	15	16
10:30am - Worship @	9am - Caregiver's Support 6:30pm - Pentwater Lake	9am - Community Dinner 2pm - Meditation Group @ 6pm - Church Council @ 6pm - Council Zoom Link @ 6pm - West Michigan SAIL @ 6:30pm - eucine @ 7:30pm - SPRC with District	Conference paper work due 9am - Community Dinner 5pm - Community Dinner	9am - Frozen Meals	22	23
Church Conference @ 10:30am - Worship @	Circuit Rider Activities Due	9am - Community Dinner 6:30pm - eucine @ Wesley 6:30pm - eucine @ Wesley	9am - Community Dinner 5pm - Community Dinner	9am - Frozen Meals	29	30



# Quiet Corner - *Thoughts and Prayers for a Praying Community*

**School will soon begin again.** Here are powerful words for all of us to hear in our own continued journeys of learning, transition, and growth. “Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9. “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”  
- Colossians 3:12

**“Gracious and Eternal God, at this start of a new year of education and ministry, we give thanks for the many ways that you are a loving teacher of us all.** Your love reminds us that we are all your children, and students under your tutelage. You guide us toward a life of wholeness and decency, instruct us with the principles of holy living, and correct our missteps with grace and forgiveness. We are grateful for the lessons you teach us, which in turn guide the children who learn from our example.”  
- Rev. Magrey deVega, Sr. Pastor of Hyde Park UMC

**We pray for our area schools and all our teachers,** who have the noble task of educating the most impressionable among us. Grant them patience in the classroom, wisdom in their counsel and endurance for the year ahead.

**We pray for school administrators, staff and school board.** Lead them through the challenges of underfunding, understaffing, and rapidly changing technology. Guide our leaders in providing the courage, wisdom, and resources our schools need.

**We pray for the families of our community.** Call them to a deeper level of involvement in the education of their kids and in support of their schools. Help them find a balance between busyness and family time. Guide this church in ministering to them.

**We pray that all our school campuses will be secure and healthy.** Stem the tide of gun violence and reduce the presence of bullying. Surround our children with role models that encourage decent behavior and healthy choices. May our children flourish in an environment that is safe, fun, and intellectually energizing.

God, help us rise to the great responsibility of being faithful stewards of our children. May they forge ahead into the bright future you have envisioned for them. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Rabbi, teacher, and Lord. Amen. - Rev. Laura Berg, National Team Leader for The Caring Congregation

Compiled by: *Sandy Lyon*





Welcome Chippy! Our commercial food processor, 'Chippy' joined the team last spring. "I can now shred 2 lbs of cheese in 8 secs," Janet Waidelich claimed. Anne Soles shown in photo shredding lettuce.

## Community Dinners Begin September 6

**Join us for Community Dinner, serving the first meal of the 2023-24 season on Wednesday, September 6.** Come to Centenary's Fellowship Hall for dine-in service from 5 to 6 pm. If you need or prefer a take-out meal, call 231-869-5900 to place your order. Pick up your order at the church's south entrance between 4:30 and 5 pm on Wednesday.

**Community Dinner is an all-volunteer endeavor to serve the Pentwater and surrounding community.** From home bakers to dining room servers, we have a variety of opportunities for you to be involved. If you would like to volunteer, we have a job for you! Look at the various volunteer positions by clicking on [Sign-up Genius](#). If you have questions about volunteering or need assistance with Sign-up Genius, please contact Janet Waidelich, 858-774-1511, [jewaidelich@gmail.com](mailto:jewaidelich@gmail.com) or Kyle in the church office, 231-869-5900, [pentwaterumc@gmail.com](mailto:pentwaterumc@gmail.com).

## New this year

- ⇒ The Community Dinner Team is expanding their ministry to include weekly Frozen Meals, made possible in part by a grant from the Community Foundation for Oceana County and a private donation for the freezer. The frozen meals are available to all while supplies last. If you would like a frozen meal or 2, you can pick them up on Wednesdays between 12-6 pm.
- ⇒ The Dinner Menu will feature favorite meals selected by all of you, on an 11 week rotation. Here are the menus for September (substitutions may made as supplies are available). Please submit dietary needs, such as vegetarian or gluten free, by Monday each week.

September 6	Chicken Salad Homemade Blueberry Muffin Fresh Melon Cup Chickpea and Tomato Soup (Dine in only)	& Delicious Donated Desserts
September 13	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Buttered Broccoli Raspberry Applesauce Mulligatawny Soup (Dine in only)	& Delicious Donated Desserts
September 20	Crispy Oven-fried Chicken (Mustard-Herb Panko Crusted) Almond Rice Pilaf Creamy Fruit Salad Broccoli and Cheddar Soup (Dine in only)	& Delicious Donated Desserts
September 27	Sausage-stuffed Acorn Squash Cornbread Cucumber-Dill Salad Mushroom and Wild Rice Soup (Dine in only)	& Delicious Donated Desserts



## Prayers & Squares

*“Unless the single grain of wheat falls into the ground, it remains just a single grain. But if it dies, it will bear much fruit.” John 12:24*

Is autumn really just around the corner?! Many grieve the end of summer and the carefree lifestyle summer brings. But, like all seasons, contained within are endings necessary for “fruit-bearing”.



Also, change is exciting! Each year at the return of Autumn, even though I fully expect the trees to turn color, I am always newly surprised by the loveliness of it. As though every year the colors seem different, brighter, more varied. And, as the kids go back to school I can feel the buzz of excitement in them as they gear up to tackle a new year...of learning new material, exploring new subjects, and perhaps making new friends. I look forward to the crisp, sweet apples of fall as well and the chance to get my favorite item of clothing out to wear, a sweater!

We, as the folks in Prayers & Squares, are definitely feeling the shift. Much of the shift lies in the vivid awareness that good friends and family...and many community

members...even ourselves...are aging. As we grieved the loss of some through their passing, or issued prayers for those who have had critical surgeries and treatment for cancer over the summer it brought home the preciousness of our time on Earth! I happened to see a passage in one of my daily devotionals that not only reflects this, but also offers a way to ‘see fruit’ in life. I’d like to share it: **“Holy Freedom, Holy Rejoicing, I open my heart to the world. Offering myself to this day, in joyfulness and gratitude.”**  
*Beverly Lanzetta*

One of our friends, Roger Wills, a talented woodworker who belongs to The Artisan Center, received a quilt in late August. Just prior to his triple-bypass surgery Judy Jankowski (shown in the photo with Roger and his quilt) and I presented it to him, along with two pocket squares...one for his wife as well. The expression of gratitude we witnessed was quite moving. Going into a surgery like that is scary. It’s wonderful to know that our quilts make a difference!

We look forward to making a difference for others as the year goes on. Don’t hesitate to contact Kyle or Pastor Vaughn should you desire a lap quilt. Remember, as you walk in the west entrance, there’s a small basket with pocket squares on the table. You are welcome to take one and if you’d like more you may fill out one of the ‘request forms’ next to the basket.

Enjoy the month of September! May you be blessed... *Carrie Roberts*



# ReNew to Be the Breath of God in Community

## Happy New Year

Renew marks the start of the new program year at Centenary. September seems more of the “new year” start than January: In from the Village Green, Community Dinner starts, Stretch Class (?), United Women of Faith

and Church Conference (Centenary’s annual meeting) to name a few. With ReNew as with the Stewardship Campaign, we renew our commitment to support – giving, of course, but also time and service.

Here is a brief list of variety of programs, studies and other services that makes up our pledge to “Be the Breath of God in Community.” Pentwater is a seasonal town, so note that your help is needed anytime you are available. ZOOM makes much more possible –thank you COVID—allowing you to serve remotely on church council, worship team, and other areas. The emphasis this year is **Deep & Wide**. Yes, we have a wide variety of opportunities. This year we look for deepening—as in deepening our faith—opportunities as well.

### Small Groups

We learn and grow in small groups: supporting caregivers, washing pots and pans, quilting with friends, participating in a study group. The connection and the relationships built here move us forward in developing our faith. We are Christians and we grow as Christians. This is a journey. This new program year can be a stepping off point. Here are some types of small groups:

**Task Groups:** Groups built around a specific task might include potato peelers (Community Dinner), worship ushers and greeters, tech group, counters to record weekly collection, volunteers for property management events - painting, repairing, installing. Bell choir has added a great service to our worship.

**Social Groups:** informal golf groups, Mears UMC has a group who regularly goes out to dinner called the Fort Lifters, Euchre on Tuesday night, fishing friends --- the list can be long and is often informal, but church friends enrich our lives. United Women of Faith, even with its independent ties to and resources from the larger church, can be a social group. And a task group (providing memorial service lunches for example) and a study group.

**Study Group:** Adult Study group (Sunday mornings before worship), summer study groups with a guidebook and discussion. Pastor Vaughn will lead a spiritual formation group beginning October 1 using *Learning from Jesus* as a resource. Prayer groups also span several definitions

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but when centered with scripture or a study book, could fit here. Note: Centenary does not currently have a prayer group!

**Healing/support group:** Roy Martens is planning a small group in October. (See below) A small group will be open to individuals seeking connection and support for an individual situations. The group will listen and pray and support. We live in troubled times. Other support groups include Caregiver Support which offers information and experience to those in caregiver (spouse, parent, child) roles. Meditation Group which meets in the library providing quiet reflection and meditation time for members.

**Classic Sunday School model:** Methodism spread quickly using a Sunday School system that has some application today. Early churches did not always have access to a preacher. Methodist preachers rode a circuit of churches preaching, marrying, baptizing etc. In the time between the congregations met as Sunday School class or classes. The leading question was always the same “How is it with your soul this week?”

### ReNewing Small Groups

Small groups need access! You cannot join if you do not know about a group. Kyle Jansen, Centenary office administrator, has developed some single handouts for individual groups to introduce them to new members and friends.

Small groups need leadership and a sense of connection and support with the whole church. Small groups provide a place where new ideas can surface. Social principles? Work groups? Singles group? A grief support group? We have room to grow!

The following list shows ReNew opportunities for this year. Let us see what we can do. Prayerfully and thoughtfully, how can we, with God’s guidance, connect and grow.

## ReNew - Looking for Connection?

Here are some of the places at Centenary where your time and talents are most welcome.

- **Administrative** Office sub, help with mailings.
- **Financial Secretary** Help Patti Davidson count and record weekly collection
- **Treasurer** John Faas is our treasurer, Janet Waidelich is our assistant Treasurer. If you have experience and would like to assist, please contact John.
- **Property Management** If you would like to help with a project or have a special skill (construction, painting, electrical etc.) your help is welcome.
- **Community Dinner** we serve more than 175 meals each Wednesday including COVE Women’s Shelter and take outs. We’re trying Signup Genius to help keep us on schedule.

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- **Coffee Hour** after worship fellowship time (we make the coffee) weekly sign-up for treats.
- **Centenary Cares** Cards, visits to nursing facility residents and those out of town.
- **Caregiver Support Group** monthly to support those giving care
- **Bell choir** weekly rehearsals and special performance dates
- **Worship on the Village Green**. July through Labor Day: Set up crew - equipment trailer, tents, musical tech; Special Music; vocal or instrumental
- **Ushers** welcoming attendees, distribute bulletins, collect offering
- **Children's Time Leaders** Present a short story or poem to children during worship.
- **Liturgist** Lead the congregation in prayer and readings during worship
- **Nursery** September through May - on call to be ready when need arises
- **Discipleship** Adult Study, Children's Church
- **Prayer and support group** new this fall, contact Roy Martens for more information.
- **Prayers and Squares** Prayer quilt ministry for those in need of comfort
- **Thanksgiving and Advent Basket** Gift baskets for families with children's gifts and food.
- **Communications** Circuit Rider, Facebook, Website
- **United Women in Faith**: Women's study, service, social group next meeting October 10

Anne Soles

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### New Support Group Coming in October.

You are invited to a new caring small group at Centenary beginning in October. Rev. Roy Martens will lead the group in study and prayer with an invitation to others who may wish to bring particular and personal concerns as they seek God's direction in a confidential setting.

It is important to recognize that this support group is not counseling but a group for listening and support.



For additional information, contact Roy Martens  
231-742-3799.



We are now using **SignUp Genius** to sign up and serve in several ways. Please click on the links if you can share your time and talents with us!

[Community Dinner volunteers](#)

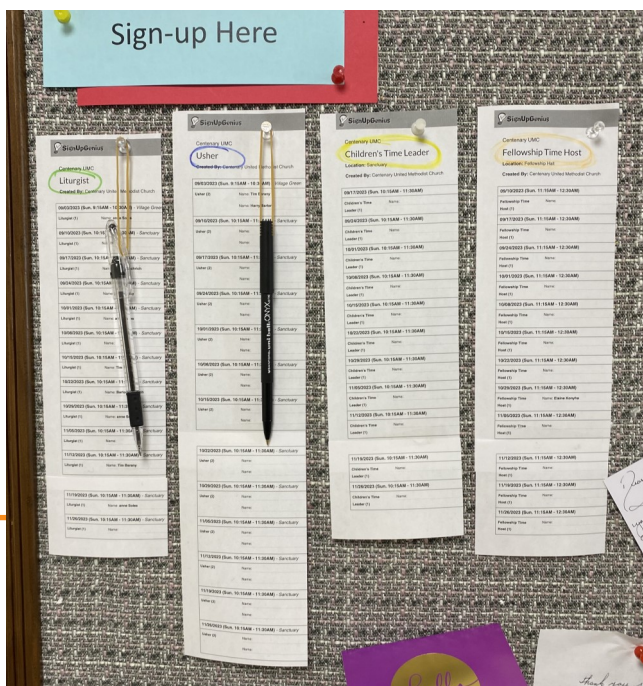
[Liturgist](#)

[Children's Time Leader](#)

[Hosting Fellowship Time](#)

[Ushers](#)

You can also sign up using our bulletin board.



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## Lay Ministry workshop

The Fall Retreat for Lay Ministry is literally in our back yard September 22nd and 23rd at Lake Michigan Campground. on Ridge Road. Lay leaders and interested lay ministers (speaking, learning, serving in their churches) will gather Friday evening and Saturday for workshop classes and fellowship at the camp. The course work can be used for Certified Lay Ministry or for your own spiritual development.



For additional information and sign up, click here [Western Waters UMC Website](#).

Anne Soles





## **Letter from Les & Debbie Dornan of the Dornonmission**

Well, my bags are not packed, and I'm not ready to go....but our tickets have been purchased! We fly from Chicago on Sept. 29 arriving Kathmandu on October 1. Now we really do need to get serious about sorting, packing, storing and fitting everything we need into the baggage allowance for Qatar airlines. Les has only 3 more days in the office and we are starting to feel the time crunch!

In the past 4 months we have enjoyed a trip to Zeeland, 2 trips to California, a trip to Peoria and a visit to England. We have enjoyed a visit from a friend from Japan as well as visits from kids and grandkids. All were greatly enjoyed! During our June travels to CA to attend niece Kimberly's graduation, Dad became ill and was hospitalized. We are very thankful he recovered and was able to make the trip back to Indiana – just a day later than planned. Later we went back to CA with Luke, Laura and the grandkids – and wondered how we ever did those long flights when our own children were little!

The trip to Manchester, England, was wonderful. We were so glad to be in Hannah and Nathan's place for the first time, and to enjoy the lovely area where they live. We also spent a couple of days in Scarborough thanks to wonderful friends who let us use their bungalow for 2 nights. We had beautiful weather and lots of good food and board games.

We have been enjoying the “fruits” of Indiana summers – especially corn on the cob and fresh tomatoes from the garden. Wonderful! Another activity I look forward to each day is actually washing dishes! This is because of the hummingbirds who visit our feeder just outside the kitchen window. There are at least 5 birds – and one has claimed ownership of the feeder, and stands watch to chase away the others! It is always amusing to see them darting around trying to get a quick sip of nectar before the “boss” bird runs them off!

The hospital in Tansen has been facing some difficulties. Troubles have arisen with the insurance scheme run by the government. Unfortunately, the hospital has not been able to make ends meet and has had to make some tough decisions which will affect patients and probably staff, as well. Please pray that we can continue to serve the patients who cannot get health care elsewhere. Let me share the story of one little girl and her family.

Karishma, a 7-year-old girl in class one, was returning home from school one day when she saw a tree with ripe mangos! She climbed up to find the best fruit, but fell from a height of 10 – 12 feet onto the ground. Her mother was at the tap getting water to carry back to the house when some friends found her and told her about her daughter. Karishma's mother went to where she had fallen to take her home, but the little girl was unable to stand. She had severe pain and swelling of the right leg so they suspected it had been broken. Other people helped to get her onto the back of a motorbike and brought her to Tansen hospital. In the ER, she was diagnosed with a right femur fracture and was admitted into the pediatric ward. Her mother had not been able to come with her to the hospital as she had to go home to get her younger (2-year-old) daughter. A visitor stayed with Karishma until her mother came the next day. The father was in Butwal looking for work, so the surgery was scheduled for 2 days after the admission. Because the family asked for help, they were referred to the pastoral care department and were assessed for the financial ability to pay.

Karishma has 3 siblings – her oldest sister is 15 and studies in class 8. Her brother is 11 in class 3, and the youngest sister is 2. The 4 children and their parents (6 total) live in a very small house – only a kitchen and bedroom – and they have almost nothing except a small piece of land where they get 1 – 2 doko (baskets) of corn. Karishma's father used to work in India as a laborer, but he fell and injured his spine. After treatment, he tried working again, but had another accident and fractured his leg. It took a long time for him to heal and things were very difficult for the family during that time. 3 – 4 months prior to Karishma's fall, he had gone to Butwal and had found work in a hotel as a helper. However, he had not sent any money back yet, and they didn't communicate much as they had no cell phone or land line. Her mother does seasonal labor and gets about 300 rupees per day for that, but this isn't enough to support the family, so they really needed help from the hospital fund for poor patients. During Karishma's time in the hospital, both she and her mother worried a lot. It was not easy for her mother to stay with her 2-year-old to care for. The pastoral care staff spent much time listening, and giving emotional and educational support. The family became more relaxed and comfortable with the situation and were thankful for the services they received and for the large amount of financial help which was given. They were able to return home happily with a good outcome.

Karishma was discharged and when they came for follow up, they were able to pay a small amount towards her treatment. Karishma's mother said, "If this hospital had not supported my daughter, I cannot imagine what would have happened!" Now her daughter can move around well and will walk and run again.

This morning at church in Middletown, we sang the anthem, "He's Never Failed Me Yet". Les sang the solo, and it was a joyful musical reminder that God asks us to keep our eyes on Him.

"I will sing of God's mercy Every day, every hour He gives me power.  
I will sing and give thanks to Thee For all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out.  
He is my God and I'll serve Him No matter what the test  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out He never failed my yet."

Even though this wonderful season here in Indiana is coming to a close, we give thanks for many times with family and friends – weddings (in Puerto Rico and NYC!) and family gatherings (Harsh, Wolber, and Dornon), as well as times with friends. And we look forward to what God has planned next!

Thank you for your prayers for us during these weeks of transition and farewells. We cannot say how much we have enjoyed being here with many of you during this past year, and even those we don't see often – your care and support are what keeps us going.

Keep in touch with us! Our email remains the same, [lesdebbiedornon@gmail.com](mailto:lesdebbiedornon@gmail.com).  
For snail mail to Nepal: Les & Debbie Dornon , c/o UMN (Tansen Hospital) , PO Box 126,  
Kathmandu, NEPAL, South Asia

Blessings!  
Les & Debbie

# Church Council Meeting Minutes

**June 20, 2023**

**Centenary United Methodist Church, Pentwater MI**

Minutes for Church Council taken by Elaine Konyha

Attending: Bart Zachrich, Elaine Curtis, Pastor Vaughn Thurston-Cox, Gene Jankowski, Jean Russell, Sandy Lyon, Shannon Larson, David DeNolf, Beth Russell, Patti Davidson and Elaine Konyha

At 6:00PM Pastor Vaughn opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Minutes from last month were presented. A motion was made by Beth Russell to accept the Minutes with a 2nd by Elaine Curtis. The motion passed unanimously.

Bart Zachrich announced that the SPRC will be discussing the Pastor Evaluation for Charge Conference. The meeting will be Monday August 21, 2023, at 9:00 AM and Council members are welcome to attend.

Nominations for next year will begin at a meeting on August 28, 2023, at 10:30 AM. Council members are urged to consider individuals who are appropriate for nominations. There are 5 positions to fill on Council. (Bart Zachrich, Jean Russell, Shannon Larson, and Patti Davidson are leaving the council. George Van Scoyoc has served a partial term and could, if willing, stay on.) The Council discussed identifying ministries in the church. The attached list was assembled. Pastor Vaughn announced that several representatives from Ordained Ministries will be visiting the church on August 27th. They will attend service and then meet with the RSPC committee after the service.

Finance and Operations committee requested that a fourth person be designated as check signer. Beth Russell offered to do this. Pastor Vaughn made a motion that she be so named, and Bart Zachrich seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the August 8 Centenary Emergency Action Committee were presented and summarized by Elaine Konyha. A few comments were made in addition:

Kristen Forester was noted as having a health care background.

Shannon Larson recommended that the AED be placed in the Sanctuary. It was suggested that AED's should be at the entrance for public use, in the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall.

Patti Davidson said that she would go back to the procedure of taking money received to the bank until it could be counted on Sundays and Wednesday Evenings.

Finance Committee reported that they will be setting up an Endowment Committee. The task of the committee will be to write an endowment policy in regards to money in the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan.

Sandy Lyon asked for information on the men's Emmaus Walk. Pastor Vaughn said that it will be September 14-18.

A motion was made at 7:15 PM to adjourn the meeting, which was passed unanimously, and Pastor Vaughn closed with a prayer.



## Ministries Identified by Church Council

### 1. Finance and Operations

- a. Communication
- b. Endowments

### 2. Property Management

### 3. Community Dinners

- a. 2 nd Dinner program

### 4. Prayers and Squares

### 5. United Women in Faith

- a. Fellowship Time
- b. Funeral lunches
- c. Vacation Bible School

### 6. Centenary Cares

- a. Holiday gifts
- b. Home outreach
- c. Caregivers' Support Group

### 7. Education

- a. Children
- b. Adult

### 8. Worship

- a. Bell choir
- b. Music
- c. Tech workers
- d. Services on the green
- e. Music on the green

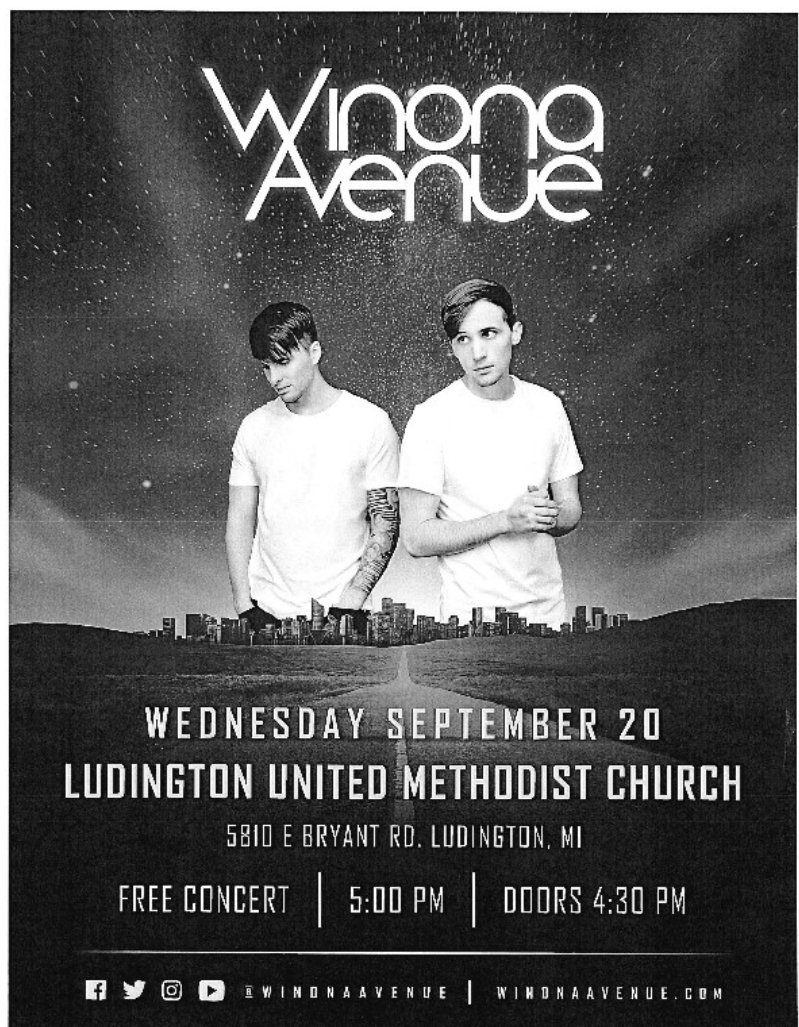
### 9. Program Coordination

### 10. Outreach

- a. Nepal
- b. Readers to Leaders
- c. UMCOR
- d. School book drive
- e. Teacher lunches
- f. Chalk the walk

### 11. Programs We Host

- a. SAIL
- b. Pentwater Service Club
- c. Girl Scouts
- d. DAR
- e. Jr Women's Club
- f. Friends of Pentwater Township Cemetery
- g. Garden Club
- h. Euchre
- i. Stretch Class



# Property Management Meeting Minutes

**August 9, 2023**

Opening Prayer: Mat Hacker

Approved minutes of July 12, 2023

Present: Jane Seelhoff, Bart Zachrich, John Faas, Jerry Overla, Jim Crum, Roy Martens, Dennis Voorheis, Mat Hacker

1. Fire prevention plan. Completion expected late August to early September.
2. Sign project update. New electronic sign is here. Reviewing current sign structure to determine if more sign exposure can be gained with a horizontal screen versus a vertical screen. Current screen was purchased to accommodate the current sign footprint. Also discussed need for another "On the Green" sign. The discussion was academic since a volunteer offered to purchase the sign and Pastor Vaughn had already purchased it. Then, we reviewed the need to bring all purchase request through committee prior to purchase.
3. Tuck pointing project: Expected to begin in August along with the sign project.
4. Parsonage front door is in. It will be installed tentatively on August 21 along with review of needs for repair of window in the office area.
5. Update on progress of "Security Review". Jim presented a written 6-point memo outlining the committees progress toward establishing a formal policy. This preliminary starting point will be presented to Council at their next meeting for beginning review.
6. Update on wall divider in Wesley room. Currently on hold.
7. Review list of long-term projects and assigning of individuals to get estimates are as follows: Presently, Roy will cover items 1 and 2. John will cover item 3 and 8. The Richey's will cover item 4. Mat will cover item 5. Bart will cover item 6. As we get information it will be added to the existing
8. Discussed formalizing the roll and responsibilities of the Property Management team. To be reviewed at next meeting to be formalized for presentation to Council.
9. Discussed getting a more secure waterproof display container for the chalk in front of the church to reduce damage and loss of chalk to weather. Jim to look into situation.
10. Rug cleaners to do the parsonage rugs on August 10.

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11. Reviewed offer from fireplace installers at the parsonage for an annual fireplace checkup. Decided to pass on the offer at this time.

12. Reviewed request for possible dishwasher replacement in the kitchen. Currently securing cost estimates and funding requirements for purchase and installation.

### PROJECTS TO BE DONE AS FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE-ALL CURRENTLY ON HOLD

1. Parsonage roof replacement. Cost TBD
2. Parsonage siding replacement. Cost TBD
3. Sound system needs to be updated. \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00
4. Sprinkler system for south side of church. \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00
5. Parsonage deck project. \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00 depending on size
6. Rekeying the church to include electronic locks on the NW entry. Estimate \$4000 to \$20000
7. Possible air exchange system for the sanctuary. Cost TBD

Next meeting September 13, 2023, at 6:30



Thank you Jim Crum, Dan Girvan, and Roy Martens (shown in picture) for your donation of time and talent installing a new door for our parsonage which was also donated by a congregational member.

We appreciate all that you do!





Mike (son of Denny & Vicky Spear)  
Mark Trierweiler  
Ronda Hamelen Jenkins  
Steve Thomas  
Bill Bluhm  
Winter Vaughn  
Mat Hacker  
Kaycee Bylsma  
Donna Beauvais

#### Family & Friends of

Suzanne Richey  
Norm Lestinger

#### Cancer Treatments

Kaylum  
Reba Petersen  
Cindy Williams  
Ernie Beauvais  
Dale Trierweiler  
Richard Wild

*Names will remain on the list for four weeks and they can be resubmitted. Please submit updates or corrections to the Pastor*



#### Birthdays

Jane Seelhoff	09/04
Robin Haggard	09/05
Mat Hacker	09/09
John Barber	09/13
Carole Young	09/23



#### Anniversaries

Bill & Diane Gardy	09/13
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