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**Our Michigan Annual Conference** met in Traverse City May 30-June 2 with approximately 2,000 people coming from all over the state in attendance. This was the first official meeting of the Michigan Conference, formed last year from a merger of the West Michigan and Detroit Conferences.

Lay representatives attending from our church were: Doug Barry, Holly Downer, and Cyndi Hartley. Clergy representatives attending from our church included: Pastor Sherri, Lynn & Kay DeMoss, as well as Greg Lawton. Pastor Jennie Browne was one of the Conference preachers. Matt Bistayi, son of former pastor Joe Bistayi, received the Harry Denman evangelism award for congregational growth at Valley Church.

Delegates were elected for General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. Pastor Sherri and her husband, Brad Bartelmay, were among those elected. The delegation is much younger than those elected in previous years, with 40% of the delegates being under the age of 40. The delegation is also diverse racially, with 3 African-Americans, 1 Asian-American, and 1 Latino-American elected to serve.

There is a great deal of information about the Annual Conference available on the Michigan Conference website. Two especially helpful pieces are the summary video [here](#) and AC Digest, [here](#).

# Our New Members from June 9th!



**Dave & Kathy Martin** have been lifelong residents of West MI. They moved to Hudsonville in 2015 and have been married for 18 years. They have 4 great grandchildren and enjoy playing golf, traveling, and Anna Maria Island.



**Pam Wells** is so pleased to have found a church that has a strong music program, is welcoming, and makes her think. When she is not singing, she works as the Registrar at GVSU. She also sings in the Holland Chorale and serves as its president. Pam and her husband, Clark, have 2 adult children- Daniel & Riley.



**Elaine Martin** was born in Detroit on Christmas Eve 1951. She graduated from Butler University (Indianapolis) and University of Toledo. She is happily retired. Elaine has a small rescue cat, she sings with the choir, knits and crochets. Her first visit to GUM was prompted by location and her second visit was Pastor Sherri's second Sunday, in which Elaine truly enjoyed her sermon. The list of activities at GUM was appealing to her and she has never looked back!



Thank you to all the volunteers who sat at this Spring Home Builders Parade of Homes. The two homes where we took tickets will provide money for United Methodist Women projects. The Home Builders pay each group the same amount for each home, the check will arrive in a few weeks. This was a successful year thanks to all who helped.



Vicki Chapin, Lorena Brown and Bev Hain  
Co-chairs of the project



Prayer bears are available in a basket inside the Prayer Room. Feel free to take one for a friend in need of love, prayers and comfort. See Ann Holkeboer if you have questions.

# Summer Sermon Series

## "Dare to Be a Disciple"

7/7/19 Bringing Folks to Jesus (Andrew)

Scripture: John 1:35-42

Communion

After Andrew was called to follow Jesus, he immediately began calling others to follow Jesus – starting with his own brother. Who have you invited to follow Jesus?

7/14/19 Believing Is Seeing (Thomas)

Scripture: John 20:24-29

Poor Thomas has been labeled as a doubter throughout history. We need to give him the credit he is due for being a believer. May we be like him as we walk by faith, even when we cannot see.

7/21/19 Sinner with a Mission (Matthew)

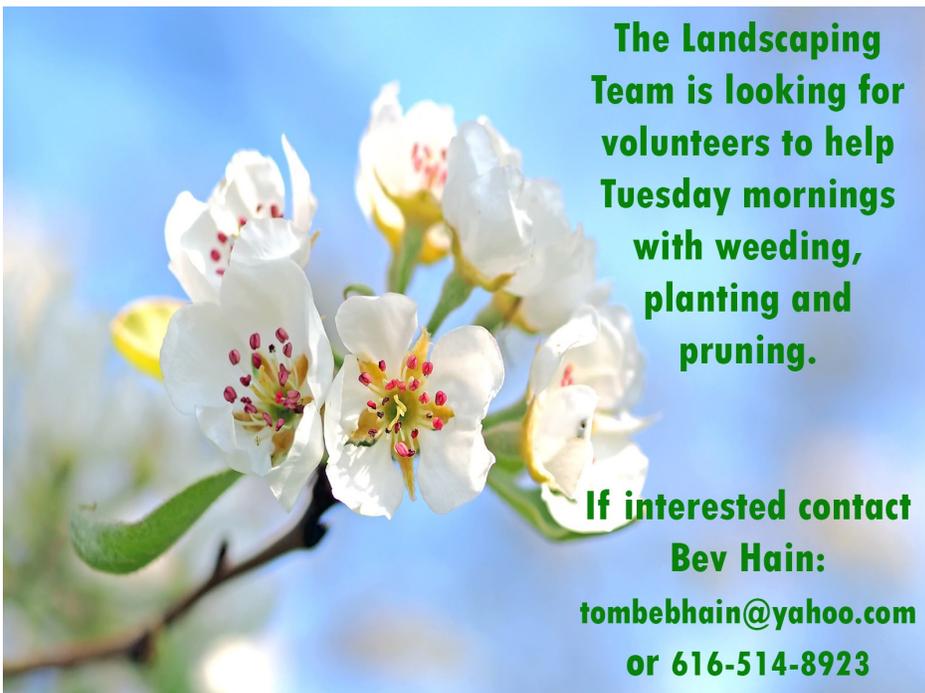
Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13

Matthew was a hated tax collector – a sinner. Yet, Jesus shared the gift of God's grace with him. God can use sinners yet today – even us, and also those people we may tend to write off as being beyond the scope of God's love.

7/28/19 A Terrorist Among the Twelve (Simon the Zealot)

Scripture: Matthew 26:50b-54

Simon the Zealot was prepared to use violence in overthrowing the Romans who oppressed his people. Then he met Jesus who showed him another way, brought him into fellowship with people who looked at the world very differently, and sent him out with a new mission to love.



**The Landscaping Team is looking for volunteers to help Tuesday mornings with weeding, planting and pruning.**

**If interested contact Bev Hain:**  
**[tombebhain@yahoo.com](mailto:tombebhain@yahoo.com)**  
**or 616-514-8923**



A note from your United Methodist Women:

Thanks to all who have helped us collect the \$150,000 in Family Fare receipts, so we could earn \$1000! The UMW has decided to do it again, so PLEASE save up your receipts and drop them off at the UMW table located in the Welcome Lobby. Every amount spent helps get us to that next goal - think family & friends, they can save those receipts too!

**The Open Door Committee** has been busy working to make the witness of our church more inclusive. Take a look at their display of rainbow-colored doors. Read the attached posters which share hopes for our children, our church, and our world.

Videos produced by the Open Door Committee are being shared in worship every other week this summer. These feature the personal stories of some of our members about why the full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the life of the church is so important to them. If you have questions or you would like to get involved, please contact Katie Smith at [opendoorcommitteegeorgetown@gmail.com](mailto:opendoorcommitteegeorgetown@gmail.com)



We wrapped up June with another successful week of Vacation Bible School. Throughout the week we learned about God's great love by examining what it means to be a good neighbor and how to live out our faith. Children experienced four Bible stories through song, drama and activities each day. We are grateful to the many volunteers and all of the children who attended and made this event possible! To view more fun pictures of VBS click [here](#).



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

Have you ever been in a situation where you just needed to talk to someone, but didn't want to worry, burden, scare, or stress out your spouse or significant other? That's where a Stephen Minister can help. We are trained Christian care ministers who can walk beside you when times are tough and you just need someone to be there to listen, cry with, or just be in silent prayer with. Stephen Ministers are trained in how to help and everything is totally confidential. If you or someone you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister please feel free to contact Linda Miller [miller.lf@hotmail.com](mailto:miller.lf@hotmail.com) or Jennifer Wiersma [jlw0820@att.net](mailto:jlw0820@att.net).

Four adults and eight youth went to Hazard, Kentucky the week of June 15-22 to do home repair and build relationships through Appalachia Service Project. One work team replaced flooring that was damaged. The other made improvements in a bathroom that did not have a working shower or toilet.

Planning and fundraising for next year's trip will begin in the fall. Please contact Dave Lehmer ([dlehmer1@yahoo.com](mailto:dlehmer1@yahoo.com)) or Kelly Chambers ([kchambers1123@yahoo.com](mailto:kchambers1123@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in joining the team.



The gardens are planted and off to a great start! We will meet with Young Disciples in 2nd-12th grade to tend to them on Sundays as the weather permits. We are also always looking for volunteers throughout the week to help water and weed! Contact Sara: [sara@gumonline.org](mailto:sara@gumonline.org) for more information or to sign up.



Thank you to the festival committee and all the volunteers that helped this year at Festival of the Arts. We were blessed with two great days and challenged with crazy weather on Sunday. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the faithful who got drenched on that day. We made a profit of \$9,000! \$4,500 will go to our missions team and the other \$4,500 will be put to good use repaving our parking lot. Thanks again to everyone who played a part in making this year so successful!

