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The Pastor's Page

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and auld lang syne?

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

"Auld Lang Syne, Scottish song with words attributed to the national poet of Scotland, Robert Burns. The composer is not definitely known." "The lyrics of "Auld Lang Syne" are in the Scots language. The title, translated literally into standard English, is Old Long Since. The words can be interpreted as since long ago or for old times' sake. The lyrics are about old friends having a drink and recalling adventures they had long ago. There is no specific reference to the new year." "Burns first wrote down "Auld Lang Syne" in 1788, but the poem did not appear in print until shortly after his death in 1796".

(<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Auld-Lang-Syne>)

In thinking about the New Year this old song came to mind. It seems to always get played somewhere along the way, but I think most people just hum along without really knowing either the words or its meaning. However, what can we expect considering that the song is a relic from the 17th or 18th century. Some of the words and ideas predate the suspected author.

I expect that it endures nonetheless because it continues to speak to us in some deeper way about the glories and love of past events as we continue to move through time. There is something within us that wants to pause and recognize the people, places, and moments that have come and gone --Things that we have loved and perhaps are no longer with us. Life is always changing; sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worse. Within these changes we also recognize the temporary nature of life and even our own momentary existence.

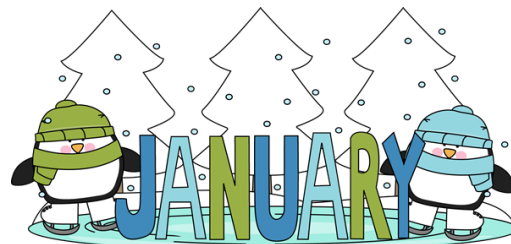
However, contrary to the momentary nature of life; there is the presence of glory. In the passing days there is a connection with the eternal, and that which is unchanging and unfading. God has called us and invited us to celebrate a life that never ends. Within the fleeting moments of life, the extraordinary often glimmers through. The beauty of the flower reveals the abundant providence of God. A tiny seed reveals the spectacular creative goodness of God's work. A wedding celebration imagines the invitation of God to all people to share in life. A field holds the secret of the thing we all want. *(these are reflections with regard to the parables Jesus told)*

Now how does the eternal notions of life balance and determine the nature of the temporary moments through which we move? Surely, we must consider our days from God's eternal perspective in order to really understand the value of even a moment. The coming year, the people we meet, the choices we make gather no real meaning without considering what they might mean in light of God's call and life bestowed upon us.

Basically, how will we choose to live if we truly realize that life is not just a series of insignificant steps through time but a march toward an eternal nature within the presence of God. Glory changes the way we see life. May we see the past, present, and future through Gods eyes this coming year. Only in this light are we able to truly appreciate life.

Blessings,

Pastor Russell Logston





United Methodist Women

SAVE THE DATE: January 8 at 11 AM – Meeting

*The Empire unit of United Methodist Women will meet to set goals for the year and to conduct a pledge ceremony at its first meeting of 2019 on **Tuesday, January 8.*** All women of the church are invited to

attend. The purpose of the United Methodist Women “shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global ministries of the church.” The pledge service will highlight the history of the United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations, and the work being done today. **Bring a sandwich; soup and beverage will be provided.**

We have several new books in our library. Please check them out! The latest addition is “**The Hidden Life: Awakened**” by Kitty Crenshaw and Cathy Snapp, PhD. “*It’s a story for the ages . . . a call to never settle for an ordinary life or a predictable God. You will love this remarkable life and book*” -- Dan Allender, PhD.



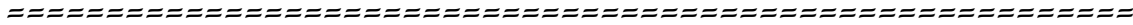
Monday Morning Men’s Group @ 9:00 AM

THE LECTIONARY study with Pastor Russell

Thursday Bible Study @ 2:30 PM

1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles by Charles R. Britt
Pastor Tom Petersen, leader

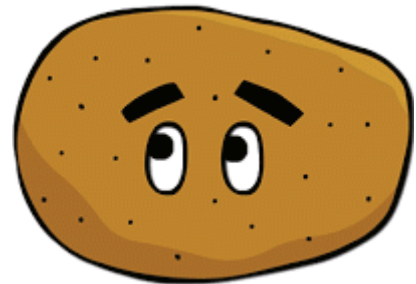
Everyone welcome!!!



Baked Potato Smorgasbord JAN. 20

The Annual Baked Potato Smorgasbord will be held *Sunday, January 20, after worship.*

Please bring a potluck dish of salad, dessert or assorted toppings. Baked potatoes and beverage will be furnished. A sign-up sheet will be on a table in fellowship hall.



Invite a friend, or two! See you there!



Loud Offering this Month



MICHIGAN AREA UNITED METHODIST CAMPING CCMM #3017

January’s Loud Offering will raise funds for on-going support of capital projects and camp scholarships at 9 camp sites in Michigan.

Loud Offering: Sunday, January 27

SUPER SUNDAY

Jan. 27 – 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Cadillac UMC

Northern Waters District invites you to a FREE Super Sunday Training Event for church leaders. The day is specifically designed to help equip current and future leaders for service in and through the body of Christ!

Workshops include:

- **STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS** – Rev. Ellen Zienert, a retired elder, is chair of the Conference Human Resources Committee. She has an extensive background in personnel issues and interpersonal relations.
- **TRUSTEES** – Rev. Dr. Glenn Wagner has helped to organize 14 Super Sunday Leadership Training Events in Michigan. He has chaired the Committee for Church Building and Location for several Districts and has been a church consultant and presenter at Trustee training events.
- **FINANCE** – Rev. Jeff Regan & Rev. Don Emmert, facilitators. Jeff's primary focus is providing financial discipleship services to local churches through stewardship education, church financial strategies, annual campaigns, investment opportunities and capital campaign readiness. Don assumed the position of Benefits Officer for the Michigan Area in 2017. Their workshop "Financial Rules" will center on a healthy theology with effective practices for financial stewardship.
- **AD COUNCIL TO SIMPLE GOVERNANCE** – Rev. Gary Step, as Associate Director of Congregational Vibrancy for the Michigan Conference, promotes a culture of church growth, health and vitality, including providing leadership, coaching and coordination for revitalization efforts in the local church. Healthy vital churches are churches that engage in exciting ministry and mission and have typically moved to a governance structure that is leaner, simpler, and more accountable. This workshop explores the process of shifting the Ad Council's current culture to a "leaner" and more agile form of governance.
- **LAITY** – Laura Witkowski, Associate Director for Lay Leadership Development for the Michigan Conference, works to cultivate bold and effective leaders to be persons of influence in our communities and be disciples of Jesus Christ to transform the world around us. Laura will talk about Laity in the Local Church, resources available, and lay servant training and how local churches can help to support their laity.
- **SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES** – Rev. Chris Lane & Kathy Mead. Chris serves as the Associate Pastor at Traverse City Central UMC and has served for 33 years in rural, urban and new church starts. He has a passion that church leaders serve from their spiritual gifts and well-tended spiritual practices. He will be joined by layperson Kathy Mead who will speak with Chris on the Wesleyan Covenant Groups as an option for leaders to keep healthy spiritual practices.
- **HOSPITALITY** – Rev. Kathy Pittenger is the Children's Initiatives Coordinator for the Michigan Conference. She is an ordained Deacon with a primary focus in children's faith formation, intergenerational ministries, discipleship pathways, and childhood literacy. She has worked in a variety of children's ministry settings for over 20 years.

Online registration: <https://michiganumc.org/super-sunday-2019/> *Hope to see you there!*

Church World Service BLANKET SUNDAY FEB 12



Buy a hand-crafted Valentine to support Blanket Sunday!





SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 17, 2018

PRESENT: Rev. Anita Hahn, Northern Waters District Superintendent ; Jan & Bill Lyon; Pastor Russell; Roy Pentilla; Sandy Mallory; Kay Wilcox; Tom & Jean Petersen; Rod Meade; Roger Noonan; Kay Coombs; Pat Smith; Shirley Solem; Sue Palmer; Barb Foged; Erik Foged (via phone); Jim Sorbie; Carole & Roger Merillat.

The D.S. welcomed everyone and stated the purpose of the meeting: To return to the original structure of governing as an Administrative Council and to elect the 2019 slate of officers, as presented by the Leadership and Nominations Committee.

The first order of business was to elect a secretary. Sandy Mallory was nominated and elected secretary.

Pastor Russell presented the slate of officers for 2019 and asked for any nominations from the floor. As there were none, work will continue to find people for any unfilled positions. Pastor asked that any corrections in spelling, email addresses or phone numbers be emailed to him as soon as possible. If there are any questions, please contact him.

Pastor Russell made the Motion to accept the 2019 Slate of Officers as presented ; Bill Lyons, seconded; Passed.

There being no further Special Church Conference business to be discussed, the D.S. called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Bill Lyons; seconded by Kay Coombs. Passed.

NOTES:

- The first Administrative Council meeting of the new year will be held Sunday, January 20, at 12:30 PM.
- The D.S. encourages all leaders to attend the "Super Sunday" leadership training held on Sunday, January 27 at Cadillac UMC (see information on another page in this newsletter).

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Mallory, secretary

Men's Breakfast Saturday, Jan. 12 at 8:30 AM

2nd Saturday of each month

Fellowship Hall

Invite a Friend, or 2!

Thank you to all who served coffee hour refreshments after worship in 2018. It is appreciated!

Volunteers are needed. Please sign up for a Sunday in 2019.



The 2018 Micki Barr Memorial Giving Tree

Many GIFT CARDS and GAS CARDS were donated at Christmas time for *The Micki Barr Memorial Giving Tree*. A grand total of \$715 was collected and distributed to our neighbors. Thank you for your loving generosity in remembrance of Micki Barr.

EUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL 2019

Leadership:

Area Code 231 unless otherwise noted

Administrative Council Chair	Sandy Mallory	882.0440	sandy.mallory2@gmail.com
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Membership Secretary	Gwen Denny	835.2123	jgdenny@gmail.com
Recording Secretary	Beth Noonan	228.5881	beth_noonan@hotmail.com
Staff/Pastor-Parish Chair	Roger Noonan	228.5881	beth_noonan@hotmail.com
UMW President	Jean Petersen	334.4091	tomjean45@centurytel.net
Men's Group	Jim Sorbie	590.5125	jsorbie@centurytel.net

Nurture:

Worship Chair	Kay Coombs	326.5852	kathryn.coombs4@gmail.com
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Native American Rep	Kay Coombs	326.5852	kathryn.coombs4@gmail.com
Compassionate Care Chair	Shirley Solem	632.5313	ehfc@centurytel.net
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Financial Secretary	Gerrie Sorbie	326.5728	jsorbie@centurytel.net
Trustees Chair	(to be selected by Committee)		
Memorial Chair	Aggie Wilson	326.5464	aggie65@chartermi.net

Members-At-Large:

All Team/Committee Members in full membership are a part of the Administrative Council

- **Each chairperson** shall be present to give a report at the monthly Administrative Council meeting. ***If you cannot be present***, please give a written report to the Administrative Council Chair before the meeting.
- **All within the Congregation** are encouraged to attend and have a voice in the Administrative Council meetings.

We meet the 4th Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM

Thank You for Serving!

EUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL 2019 *(continued)*

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee:

Chair: **Roger Noon** **228.5881** beth_noonan@hotmail.com
 Lay Member MC **Roy Pentilla** **334.4881** erpentilla@aol.com
 Lay Leader (ex-officio) **Jan Lyon** **334.4387** billjanislyon@gmail.com

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Roger Noonan 228.5881	Kay Coombs 326-5852	Sue Palmer 402.201.4242
Kay Wilcox 334.4350	Barb Foged 326.5998	Tom Petersen 334.4091

Lay Leadership Committee:

Chair: **Pastor Russell Logston** **326.5510, 326.6098** Pastor_empireumc@centurytel.net
 Lay Leader (ex-officio) **Jan Lyon** **334.4387** billjanislyon@gmail.com

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Pat Smith 334.3301	Bill Lyon 334.4387	Carolyn Pelky 325.5712
Barb Fowler 334.8113		

Trustee Committee:

Chair: _____
 Lay Leader (ex-officio) **Jan Lyon** **334.4387** billjanislyon@gmail.com

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Candy Hasselbeck 513.659.5493	Gwen Denny 835.2123	Roger Merillat 326.5809
Tim Egeler 326.2099	Jean Petersen 334.4091	Jim Fowler 334.8113
	Sue Palmer 402.201.4242	Dan Davis 633.9813

NURTURE

<p><u>Worship Team</u> Chair: Kay Coombs 326.5852 Communion Steward – Carolyn Pelky 325.5712 Music Director – Gwen Denny 835.2123 Team Members: Sandy Mallory 882.0440 Carole Merillat 326.5809 Jean Petersen 334.4091 Gerri Sorbie 590.5125 Jan Lyon 334.4387 <u>Summer Worship Team:</u> Pastor Russell Logston 326.5510 Barbara & Jim Fowler 334.8113 Bill Lyon 334.4387 Jim & Sue Kaneaster 334.4834 Jean & Tom Petersen 334.4091</p>	<p><u>Education Team</u> Chairs: (Sunday School & Nursery) Pat Smith 334.3301 Candy Hasselbeck 513. 659.5493 Team Members: Shirley Solem 632.5313 JoAnne Beare 326.5282 Bill Lyon 334.4387 Genni Blitzler 326.6063 Barb Foged 326.5998 Sara Guffey 228.2589 Barbara Fowler 334.8113 Rod Meade 325.8472 Vacation Bible School Leaders: Gwen Denny 835.2123 Laurie Taghon 835.0059</p>
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Thanks to all Sunday worship readers in 2018! Are others ready to be readers?
If you'd like to take an active part in the church service by reading scriptures, or other readings, please place your name on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Thanks, The Worship Team

Thank You for Serving!

JANUARY MONTHLY CALENDAR



1ST Sunday of every month:
Holy Communion served – *“Take communion as often as you can. It is food for the journey.” All are welcome.*

- **Leelanau Area Food Pantry Collection**

Donations of canned goods and packaged food are collected for the Leelanau Area Food Pantry. The pantry is always in need of volunteers. Please contact Pastor Russell or Elaine Pentilla for more information.

- **Men’s Breakfast – 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM**
- **United Methodist Women meet – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:00 AM**

Last Sunday of every Month: Loud Offering (*save your change*) – to help a wide variety of charities and the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund (for people in need).

Our Vision Statement:
Be a Companion in Faith to All, That Jesus Christ May Live in All.



USHERS:

01/06	Margaret Hodge	John Rude
01/13	Tim Egeler	Dan Giddis
01/20	Kay Coombs	Jim Sorbie
01/27	Dan Davis	Pete Mallory

HOST:

01/06	Kay Coombs
01/13	Barb Foged
01/20	Sue Palmer
01/27	Kay Coombs

COUNTERS:

01/06	Bill Lyon	Sandy Mallory
01/13	Jan Lyon	Beth Noonan
01/20	Tom Petersen	Gerri Sorbie
01/27	Kay Wilcox	Rod Meade

READERS:

01/06	Tom Petersen
01/13	Meredith Goodrick
01/20	Sandi Flack
01/27	R Meade



Thank You for your generous gifts at Christmas.

Pastor Russell
Gwen Denny
Laurel Petersen
Heather Stoddard

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EUMC Mission Statement

“To live out a faith in Jesus Christ through our efforts to hear others, share in God’s truths, join in worship, and celebrate in the Joy of God’s grace.”

SUNDAYS

10:30 AM Worship Service
Sunday School after Children’s Moment
8:00 PM AA Group

MONDAYS

9:00-1:00 Church Office open
9:00 AM Men’s Bible Study - Pastor Russell Logston
10:00 AM Worship Team

WEDNESDAYS

9:00-1:00 Church Office open
8:00 PM NA Group

THURSDAYS

9:00-1:00 Church Office open
10:00 AM Worship Team
2:30 PM Bible Study – Rev. Tom Petersen
4:00 PM Choir Rehearsal



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