

**First Congregational
United Church of Christ
Gaylord**

October, 2023

Embracing people at every age and every stage of life, helping them to become the most loving version of themselves possible.

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Pastor's Submission – October, 2023

“My Money Story”

It is that time of year when the church begins to talk about stewardship. We all know that the church needs financial resources to pay our staff, support our building, and carry out our mission. Nobody really wants to talk about money – or ask for it – but such is the way of the church year. In the fall, most churches talk about money and budget. You will be hearing from me and others in the church about stewardship and the church's money soon. That is **not** what this column is about, however. Instead, taking the lead from Rev. Cameron Trimble's book (that the Council has been studying), *Piloting Church: Helping Your Congregation Take Flight*, I want to explore with you your own money story. *We each have one and that story impacts much of our life – including our giving to charity.*

Trimble opens her chapter talking about how both her parents lost their job in the same day. It led her to this approach to money. “I started my journey to financial independence that day I watched my parents deal with their layoffs. I didn't want to be a burden on anyone, and I wanted to help others as I could. I would never be owned by or indebted to another person. I would never be vulnerable to that kind of crisis. I would work myself to death if necessary to be sure I never lived through that pain again.”

Sound familiar? Maybe not exactly, but many of us grew up with what Trimble calls a “fear-based” relationship to money. Going further, she writes, “[We] hoard money, scared that, should [we] need it, [we] better have it saved up. I learned that lesson, but it never served me well. It made me feel small and scared and stingy. I felt like I couldn't breathe.

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So, I flipped the message. I decided to live this story with this story about money: Money is energy, an exchange between people that represents trade and investment. Money comes and goes. I will always have enough. I am more resourceful than I know. When forced into a scary space, I can draw on energy, opportunities, and people who open new possibilities. People of good will want me to succeed, just as I want that for them. I just have to keep moving, trusting, and loving.”

She continues, “When I flipped my story about money, I realized that both stories could be true. One felt more life-giving, and one more life-taking. One helped me live more fully; one made me hesitate and feel vulnerable. I had the power to choose which one had influence in my life. It became a literal exercise in mind over matter.”

She recognizes, as do I, that not everyone has the same economic opportunities as we may have. And yet, “no matter what your situation, you have access to energy, opportunities, and people who can help you gain access to the resources you need.”

The Council recently engaged the rest of Trimble’s chapter, from a personal place. What is your money story? How does it empower you, and how does it hold you back? “Every one of us has a money story,” writes Trimble, “Most of us haven’t chosen our story...The good news is that, as adults, we now have control over the role we allow these stories to play in our lives. Better yet, we can rewrite them as needed when they aren’t serving us well.”

I invite you, this stewardship season, to not only consider what you’ll give to the church for our ministry and mission together, but you’ll also ponder your own money story and be sure that it is the story that will serve you the best. Further, what is our church’s money story? Is it serving us well?

Blessings to you for a beautiful, abundant fall.

Pastor Greg

October

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

Worship 10 AM

2

Compassionate
Friends, 7-9 PM

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4

5

Bible Study, 11 AM
Choir, 4 PM

6

Community
Meal, 4 PM

7

UNA Meeting

8

Worship 10 AM

9

Reaching In, 12 PM
Jesus & John Wayne
book discussion,
7-8 PM

10

Women's Fellowship
Color Tour

11

12

Bible Study, 11 AM
Choir, 4 PM

13

Community
Meal, 4 PM

14

15

Worship 10 AM
Fall clean-up
after service

16

Reaching Out,
7 PM

17

18

Trustees, 7 pm

19

Bible Study, 11 AM
Choir, 4 PM

20

Community
Meal, 4 PM

21

22

Worship 10 AM

23

Jesus & John Wayne
book discussion,
7-8 PM

24

Salad Luncheon,
11:30 AM

25

Church Book Club,
1 PM

26

Bible Study, 11 AM
Choir, 4 PM

27

Community
Meal, 4 PM

28

Conference
Meeting in Grand
Rapids

29

Worship 10 AM
Annual Mtg.

31

Reaching In
12 PM
Compassionate
Friends 7-9 PM

Nov. 1

2

3

Bible Study, 11 AM
Choir, 4 PM

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Community
Meal, 4 PM

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Fall Back

6

Worship 10 AM
Jesus & John Wayne
book discussion,
7-8 PM

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Bible Study, 11 AM
Choir, 4 PM

11

Community
Meal, 4 PM

12

Jesus & John Wayne
LECTURE,
1-3 PM in East
Lansing



LOOKING AHEAD:

10/7: UNA Meeting

10/15: Fall clean-up

10/24: Salad Luncheon

10/28: Conference Mtg.

10/29: Annual Meeting

THE PEOPLES CHURCH ANNUAL
HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE

Featuring:

KRISTIN KOBES DU MEZ

AUTHOR OF 'JESUS AND JOHN WAYNE:
HOW WHITE EVANGELICALS
CORRUPTED A FAITH AND FRACTURED A NATION'

Kristin Kobes Du Mez is a professor of history and gender studies at Calvin University, and New York Times best-selling author. Her lecture is titled...



'Jesus & John Wayne,
and the
Evangelical Reckoning'

FREE EVENT

SUNDAY, NOV. 12, 2023 | 1 P.M.
200 W. GRAND RIVER AVE. EAST LANSING, MI

Dr. Du Mez will also give a brief presentation during
The Peoples Church 10:30 a.m. service. A luncheon will follow the service.

thepeopleschurch.com | (517) 332-5073

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 10:30 A.M.—** The Peoples Church sanctuary service. Dr. Du Mez will give a brief presentation.
- 12 P.M.—** Following the sanctuary service, there will be a luncheon with Dr. Du Mez in Snider Social Hall.
- 1 P.M.—** Dr. Du Mez will give her full lecture, 'Jesus & John Wayne and the Evangelical Reckoning.'



200 W. Grand River Ave.
East Lansing, MI 48823

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THE HENRY & ANNABEL LARZELERE MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

The Henry and Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture Series was established in 2017 to honor Henry and Annabel Larzelere's interest in continuing education on topics of international interest and theological thought.

Henry and Annabel moved to East Lansing in 1938 where Henry was a new faculty member in the College of Agriculture at Michigan State University. They promptly joined The Peoples Church and became involved in the church community as well as in greater Lansing where they were active in a variety of civic activities. Henry and Annabel were world travelers who were always building bridges of hope and understanding. Our desire is that these lectures will inspire and strengthen us to serve with compassionate love as we strive to build a more just and peaceful world.

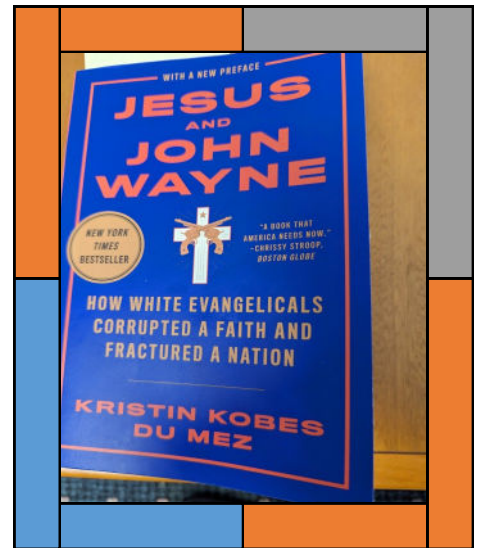


Book Discussions Continue with Pastor Greg

Kristin Kobes Du Mez is a professor of history at Calvin University, Grand Rapids, and author of *A New Gospel for Women*. She has also written for many other publications.

Dr. Du Mez will be the keynote speaker at the Henry and Annabel Larzelere Memorial Lecture at Peoples Church, East Lansing on Sunday, November 12 from 1-3 pm. Anyone who would like to make the trip is welcome to this free lecture.

Our church will be discussing Dr. Du Mez newest book *Jesus and John Wayne* from 7-8 PM on four Mondays leading up to the lecture. You are welcome to the discussion group whether or not you attend the lecture. You can read the book at your own pace.



The meeting dates are:

- October 9th
- October 23rd
- November 6th

Where Does the Money Go?

By Lillian Daniel

Michigan Conference Minister

When it comes to church giving, I love financial transparency and I assume you do too. If you don't, feel free to skip this monthly missive, but not before reading the next sentence. If I haven't said it to you in person at your church yet, let me say it here in writing:

Thank you for your church's financial support of "Our Church's Wider Mission," and in particular, for what we call your "Basic Support," which funds our work in the Michigan Conference, as well as the National Setting.

Those Basic Support OCWM dollars function for us in the same way that pledges do in a congregation or any other organization. They fund our ministry to recruit the best pastors (in the midst of a historic clergy shortage), to nurture people with a call to ministry (through scholarships and vocational encouragement amidst the hardest religious landscape I can remember), to care for the pastors we already have (many of whom are preaching at more than one church, or working other demanding jobs), and to support our amazing volunteer lay leaders with practical programs that address the specific questions I hear you asking when I visit your churches.

It is your Basic Support that allows our staff to do all they do; whether it is a scheduled Sunday visit from me as your Conference Minister, or a late night call to an Associate Conference Minister who jumps in her car to provide care and a last minute sermon to a church whose pastor has passed away. This past year, I was honored to revive the Michigan Conference practice of making clergy Emergency Assistance grants for medical expenses and other crises, and also to tend to the creative spirits of our pastors with a three-day Preaching Retreat this past May.

Through your Basic Support, the Michigan Conference has connected and celebrated our shared ministry with a freshly designed website, newsletter stories about your churches, increased social media presence, and practical workshops like our upcoming Church Vitality Day September 30 on Part Time Ministry. In a brand new program I will be hosting Leadership Lunches on Zoom the first Wednesday of every month. Topics will be chosen specifically to meet the needs I hear from all of you. We already have content and special guests scheduled for the next five months! Our first session on October 4 will be about vandalism and church security, which comes straight from Michigan UCC churches who have been targeted for standing up for justice and love.



Getting back to financial transparency, like church members who take a percentage of their income to share with their local church, you, in your local churches, take a percentage of your budget to share with the Michigan Conference through your Basic Support of Our Church's Wider Mission. Of that Basic Support, we keep 70% in Michigan and the other 30% goes to the National Setting (and to the world). This past summer when fires devastated Hawaii, or in the aftermath of the earthquake that hit Morocco, your dollars for disaster relief were already there demonstrating Christ's love. Many of our churches are in the "Five for Five" category. These churches give generously not only to Basic Support, but also to the four other special envelope offerings that flow through the National Setting of the UCC. Every gift of the five is a blessing!

As you consider your local church budget, or even your own **personal giving**, I hope my description here helps you understand exactly where the money goes when you give to Basic Support, AND how much your gifts matter here in Michigan and around the world!

If our Conference ministry has touched you in any way, if there is anything we can do better, or if you have more questions about where your UCC gifts are going, just let me know. As I begin my second year as your Conference Minister, I feel blessed to *equip, empower, encourage and connect* our churches as together we serve God and neighbor. Thank you for your Basic Support in the past, and for prayerfully considering what you will share in the future.

Peace and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. M. T. D." with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Meet Our Moderator

Margaret “Maggie” Wallin

By, Maureen Derenzy

The Moderator of our church sets the agendas and presides at meetings of the Church Council and all Congregational Meetings. Maggie Wallin has been serving in this role since 2021. She brings a wealth of experience and ability, having earned a degree in Divinity from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, completing an internship at the First Congregational Church in Laingsburg, MI and serving for over 6 years as pastor of First Congregational Church in Breckenridge, MI.

Maggie’s career life has followed a varied and expanding path, which to the best of her ability has followed her sense of call on her life and talents. In her words, “it took a long time to figure out what I wanted and needed to be when I grew up.” She was born in Lansing and grew up attending the Methodist Church right across from the Capitol Building, where “the village that raised her was her church.” She was active in Sunday School, choir, and bell choir. She also played the violin and became concert mistress for the Lansing Junior Symphony. Maggie was raised in a home with a father who worked as an attorney and a stay-at-home mom, and her family supported her college education. She shared that she felt a “profound sense of privilege,” which may explain why her career path includes a series of public service jobs that has allowed her to give back to others.

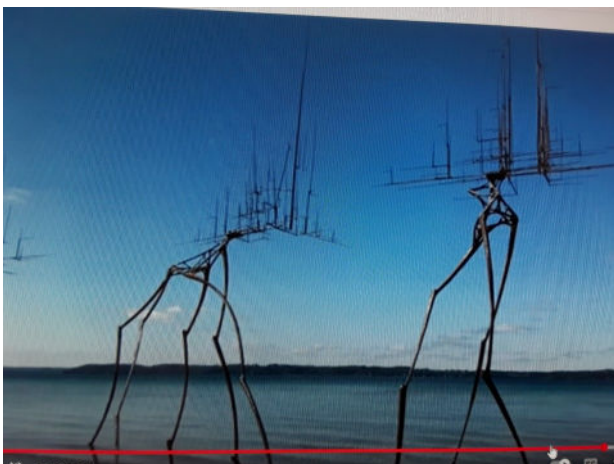
Teaching jobs were scarce in the 1970s when Maggie graduated from the University of Michigan with a teaching certificate in Elementary Education. Instead, she went to work for Florence Crittenden Services in Jackson, working with troubled teens who had been abused, neglected, or had committed an offense. Some were also pregnant. It was a position that gave her a great deal of satisfaction, but she left when an opportunity to teach in inner city Detroit allowed her to use her degree while supplying more financial security. It was not long, though, before she found herself back at the “girl’s home”, this time as their Education Coordinator, serving as a liaison between the school and home for girls with special needs. Recognizing that she needed a new and different method of serving, she decided on a second career in law and earned a Juris Doctor degree from Cooley Law School. She clerked for the chief judge of Ingham County Circuit Court for two years and clerked two more years for the Michigan Court of Appeals. She then spent 20+ years writing opinions and giving legal advice to the Michigan Public Service Commission, gaining more experience in helping others. She began deepening her investment in her spiritual path while serving in various positions in her original church in Lansing. First, she completed Stephen Minister training for lay ministry and became a Stephen Leader. Then, while still practicing law, Maggie attended seminary one day a week. It took a decade to complete her MDiv, but she managed to graduate in 2010 with no debt!

In 2002, Maggie bought a place on the river in Frederic as a retirement home. When that day came, she began searching for her “up north” church home. With a big smile, Maggie spoke about her new church in glowing terms, referring to the people that are so nice, a welcoming and friendly environment, and a place that lives out its mission. At this point in her life, this accomplished woman just wants to fulfill her desire to bring love and joy to others. Our church is lucky that she has chosen to do it here.

Women's Fellowship Out and About!



Women's Fellowship are planning a day trip to the Elk Rapids Sculpture Park on **October 10th in lieu of their regular monthly meeting. We will carpool over and will also find a scenic spot for lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet on the credenza in Fellowship Hall.**



Salad Luncheon Season!



Salad luncheons are back! Below are the dates and sponsorship for each. Watch for a sign-up list each month, if you would like to help!

MONTH	COMMITTEE	CHAIR
✓ May 23, 2023	Women's Fellowship	Mona Viviano
✓ June 27, 2023	Scholarship	Sallie Anderson Brenda Brummel
✓ July 25, 2023	Council	Maggie Wallin
✓ August 22, 2023	Reaching In	Sallie Anderson
✓ September 26, 2023	Reaching Out	Louanne Spearman
October 24, 2023	Women's Fellowship	Mona Viviano



October

Birthdays:

- 7 Judy Gatewood-Keim
- 25 Marilyn Kaczanowski
- 25 Lauren Rigney
- 25 Mary Sanders
- 25 Sallie Anderson
- 30 Sarah Watling

Anniversaries:

- 6 Tony & Mike Fobar-Dockery
- 8 Mischelle Stone & Jean Sasso

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

~ *In Our Prayers* ~

During the month of October, the UNA is holding the
First Congregational Atlanta Congregational UCC in prayer.

Vicky Rigney and family – as Vicky's sister-in-law is had surgery on Tuesday to remove a brain tumor. The prognosis is good.

Cathi Gatewood-Keim and family – as Cathi's uncle has entered into palliative care. Cathi's daughter-in-law's mother, Anita, is hospitalized with an infection complicated by diabetes. Additionally, Cathi's niece, Lizzie, needs prayers for her strength to grow after so many months of both chemotherapy and radiation.

Judy Dunn and family – as they grieve the loss of Judy's brother, Lynn Holley.

Sarah Brummel – as she has suffered recent fainting spells and is awaiting multiple tests to find the root of the problem.

Kristine Achney, relative of the Boughner family – was seen in the emergency room and diagnosed with 2 brain aneurysms. She was admitted to the local hospital and has since been transferred to a hospital downstate.

Janet Holmes – as she needs continued prayers.

Jason Peterman – as he's dealing with some personal issues.

Brad Derenzy—as he has resumed chemotherapy.

Charlene Clark – Charlene's surgery went "really well" and she is recovering at home. She has sent thanks for the many prayers.

The English Family – as they manage medical and family challenges.

Gloria House's granddaughter, Madison Crawford – as she suffers from cataplexy in narcolepsy along with other neurological struggles. She is at home and adjusting to new medication, which seems to be helping, but Madison is still in need of prayers.

Ariah House – as she is finally home but still in need of prayers. She will be traveling to Grand Rapids for monthly infusions.

Prayer requests are received by the church office. Names will appear on the list for two months; please let the office know if this time needs to be extended, or if it is time to remove a name.



Prayer Requests

September 11, 2023

First Congregational UCC of Gaylord
218 W. 2nd Street
Gaylord, MI 49735

Dear First Congregational Church Members,

Thank you so much for the very generous donation of school supplies towards our After School Child Care program here at Gaylord Community Schools. We truly appreciate your kindness in providing so many crayons, markers, pencils, notebooks, rulers, glue sticks, pens, construction paper, erasers, scissors and other supplies for the large number of students enrolled in our program. We have over 250 students already signed up this school year, so they will be thrilled about having the additional supplies. It is so sweet of Louanne Spearman to drop them off to us as well.

We are very excited about all of the students and the staff that are involved in our program, and it promises to be a wonderful year. Thank you again for helping our After School Child Care program!

Most Sincerely,

Karla R. Hawkins

Director of Licensed Programs for GCS

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COMMUNITY *connections*

Get Connected to Community Resources for Adults, Children and Families

What is COMMUNITY *connections*?

- It's a FREE program providing support to navigate community resources for adults, children, and families.
- Services are provided in person and over the phone.
- Services are delivered by a certified Community Health Worker, supported by a Registered Nurse and/or a Social Worker.

Can I sign up online?

Click on the link below or scan the QR code. Then, click on the HUB that serves your county and complete the referral form.



[northernmichiganhcr.org/community-connections/
community-connections-referrals/](http://northernmichiganhcr.org/community-connections/community-connections-referrals/)

How do I contact COMMUNITY *connections*?

You can call one of the numbers below:

HUB	COUNTIES	NUMBER
District Health Department #10 HUB	Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, Wexford	1-888-217-3904 (select option #3)
Grand Traverse Regional	Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau	1-833-674-2159
Northwest Michigan	Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Otsego	1-800-432-4121
District Health Department #4	Alpena, Cheboygan, Montmorency, Presque Isle	1-800-221-0294
Central MI District Health Department	Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola, Roscommon	1-989-539-6731
District Health Department #2	Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda	1-800-504-2650

Health Department Services

Your local health department provides many supportive services for you and your family. For information about the services, or for an appointment, please call 1-800-432-4121. Visit our website at www.nwhealth.org.

Blood Lead Screening For Children

Lead poisoning is the number one environmental health threat to children in the U.S. Blood lead screenings are provided in WIC at 12 and 24 months of age, and at monthly clinics in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. Medicaid is accepted. Screening is available to Non-Medicaid clients for a \$25 fee.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BC3NP)

BC3NP provides free breast and cervical cancer screenings including breast and pelvic exam, pap, mammogram and follow-up testing for women age 40-64. If cancer is found, the Medicaid Treatment Act can help cover costs.

Child and Adolescent Health Centers

Clinics are available for youth in Mancelona (ages 5-21) and in Gaylord (ages 10-21) and their children. Nurse practitioners provide primary health care services – physical exams, treatment for illness and injuries, immunizations, and much more. Behavioral Health Therapists provide individual, family, and group counseling, and work with the Nurse Practitioner and the family. Charges are based on the youth's income, which means there may be no charge or a nominal fee.

Community Connections

A free program offering connections to community resources for adults, children, and families. Individuals will get help with access to medical care, transportation, food, utilities, education, job-seeking services and more! Services are provided by phone calls, office visits or home visits. They are delivered by a Community Health Worker, Registered Nurse and/or a Social Worker in Antrim, Emmet, Charlevoix and Otsego counties. Clients may be referred by their physician or via self-referral by calling 1-800-432-4121.

Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

CSHCS is a program within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. This program is for children and some adults with special health care needs and their families. CSHCS helps persons with chronic health problems by providing coverage and referral for specialty services based on their needs. CSHCS local staff provides family centered services and coordinated community services to assist families in caring for children at home.

Dental Health

Children and adults with Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, Healthy Kids Dental (Delta Dental), and MICHild (Blue Cross or Delta Dental) may receive full dental services through the Health Department's dental clinics in Alpena, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Gaylord, Mancelona, Petoskey, Traverse City, and West Branch. The Northern Dental Plan offers dental services at a reduced fee.

	MICHILD	Healthy Kids	Healthy Kids	Healthy Michigan Plan	WIC	Children's Special Health Care Services
<i>What does it cost?</i>	\$10 per child with a maximum of \$20 per family	FREE	FREE	Free for some families, others have a monthly payment.	FREE	Free for some families, others have a monthly payment.
<i>What does it cover?</i>	Doctor and dentist visits, shots, hospital care, glasses, prescriptions, counseling, and more!	Doctor and dentist visits, shots, hospital care, glasses, prescriptions, counseling, and more!	Doctor and dentist visits, shots, hospital care, glasses, prescriptions, counseling, and more!	Doctor and dentist visits, shots, hospital care, glasses, prescriptions, counseling, and more!	WIC provides free food, including milk, eggs, yogurt, cheese, cereal, fresh fruits and vegetables, juice, peanut butter, and infant formula.	Medical and hospital care, prescriptions, and specialty equipment related to qualifying condition.
<i>Who is covered?</i>	Children up to age 19 who have no health insurance	Pregnant women* and children under age 1.	Children ages 1 up to 19	Healthy Michigan Plan provides coverage for adults 19-64 with minimal payment.	Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding and infants & children ages 0-5	Children up to age 21 with a qualifying medical condition. Persons over 21 with cystic fibrosis, blood clotting disorders, or sickle cell disease.
<i>How do I qualify?</i>	A family with a yearly income less than: \$41,806 - family of 2 \$52,703 - family of 3 \$63,600 - family of 4	A family with a yearly income less than * \$38,454 - family of 2 \$48,477 - family of 3 \$58,500 - family of 4	A family with a yearly income less than * \$31,552 - family of 2 \$39,776 - family of 3 \$48,000 - family of 4	A family with a yearly income less than * \$26,228 - family of 2 \$33,064 - family of 3 \$39,900 - family of 4	A family with a yearly income less than * \$36,482 - family of 2 \$45,991 - family of 3 \$55,500 - family of 4	Your child's medical condition, not your income, determines if you qualify. Call us for more information.

*The unborn baby is counted as a family member.

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GAYLORD AREA 24th ANNUAL



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
10:00 AM**

**OTSEGO COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
256 FAIRVIEW RD.
GAYLORD, MICHIGAN 49735**



**ALL DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT THE
OTSEGO COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study – Bible Study is on pause until October.

Annual Meeting – This year's annual meeting is scheduled for after church on Sunday, October 29, 2023. Committee chairs: please send your annual report by the end of September.

Spaghetti Dinner – To raise funds for the repaving of their parking lot, Peace Lutheran is holding a spaghetti dinner on September 26th from 5-7 PM. The cost of a recommended \$5.00.

Women's Fall Color Tour – The Women's Color Tour will be Tuesday, October 10th. We will meet at the church at 9 AM and drive to Elk Rapids to view the Sculpture Gardens. Lunch will be at Pearls. Please RSVP to Helen Crandall about going and driving/riding. [989/370-1212(text) or Crandall.04@charter.net].

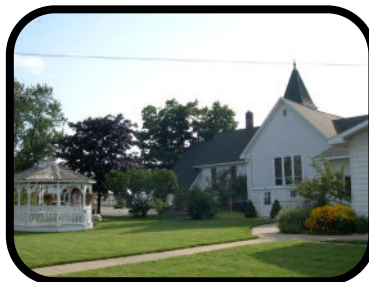
Book Discussion – Our next book study (Jesus and John Wayne) begins soon! The first date is September 25th. The Zoom meeting link will be in your weekly eblast, or you can copy it from here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358095041>

Crop Walk – This year's Crop Walk will take place today at 1:30 PM. beginning at Peace Lutheran Church. See Helen Crandall or Sallie Anderson for contribution envelopes or to contribute.

Directory – If at any time you have changes, please forward them. You can access the most up-to-date directory via our weekly eblast, or stop in the office for a copy. I appreciate your continued input.

Food Pantry – needs a few more volunteers. Please contact Don Storing if interested.

Trustees –will now meet on the third Wednesday at 7 pm (same day as previously, but a change in time).





2023 Flower Schedule

January: *Margaret Hafner and Dave Henson*

February: *Margaret Hellenberg*

March: *Jeannine Wambold*

April: *Cathy Otto*

May: *Mary Evans*

June: *Joanie Sietsema*

July: *Helen Mate*

August: *Evelyn Pratt*

September: *Sallie Anderson*

October: *Vicky Rigney*

November: *Louanne Spearman*

December: *Christian Ed.*



Conference Meeting, 2023



- Click [here](#) to view the video invitation to attend the conference meeting.
- Click [here](#) to register to attend the conference meeting and to see details regarding the day..



5 for 5

from your Reaching Out Team

OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission)

Basic support for the Michigan Conference and National Settings.

Collected on an ongoing basis

Received to date: \$266

One Great Hour of Sharing

Supports partners in countries with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic response.

Collected in March

Received to date: \$220

Strengthen the Church

Supports church growth, pastoral and lay leadership development, young and young adult ministers within conferences.

Collected around Pentecost

Received to date: \$50 (2023)

Neighbors in Need

One third supports Council for American Indian Ministry and two-thirds is administered to Justice and Witness Ministers to support a variety projects. Due to Covid-19 the elected UCC officers have deemed this to be a priority.

Collected in October

Received to date: \$255 (2022)

Christmas Fund

Provides direct financial assistance to retired UCC ministers and lay employees and spouses.

Collected in December

Received to date: \$565 (2022)

As of April, our donations to Blanket Sunday totaled \$509





Current Meeting Times

All are welcome to “attend” these meetings except where noted otherwise.

Reaching In* will meet the first Monday of each month at noon:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84945686588>

Reaching Out will meet the third Monday of each month at 7 PM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83640729481>

Council will meet the after worship. Check monthly calendar for Specific dates.:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85297662581>

Trustees will meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83432888287>

Bible Study meets Thursdays at 11am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84612895017>