

# Good Shepherd UMC of the North

Shepherd's Crook June 2011



*"We Care Cookie Caper"*



160 Dozen Cookies waiting to be delivered May 14th, 2011



Tom Richardson delivering cookies!

"Love Wins" and "All you need is love, really" were the messages attached to the cookies Good Shepherd parishioners delivered to more than 117 local businesses that were open on Saturday May 14th. Over 160 dozen cookies on carefully wrapped plates were placed in eight vehicles that circled the town of Roscommon. The cookies were presented to our local merchants and their employees as a thank you for being a part of our community in conjunction with the second annual "Change the World Weekend" event promoted nationally by the United Methodist Church. It is truly amazing what happens when we are asked to share the love

of Jesus with those around us and how simple that can be. Did we bring anyone to the Lord or change anyone's life dramatically by giving them a plate of cookies? Probably not, but that was not our intention. The intention was to love our neighbors and let them know they live in a caring community. So now I would like to thank all of you who baked or bought cookies, helped wrap or deliver them for all the love you gave to this project. The expressions of thanks and surprised smiles were worth all the effort.

My hope is that we will continue to share the love of Jesus by doing simple acts of kindness everyday, by expressing our gratitude to the people God has placed in our lives and by praying for the day we can all live together in this world in peace and harmony.

*Cindy Edwards*  
Ministries Assistant



## Last Supper Meeting June 20th 7 pm

For those "disciples" who volunteered to participate in NEXT year's (2012) production of the "Last Supper," we will have a brief meeting Monday, June 20th, 7pm to go over acting assignments, publicity requirements, costumes, music, make-up and maintenance. Please make a note of this important step in the process. We so appreciate your help and cooperation in beginning the process. Any questions or to volunteer, please contact Laura Barrett.

The dramatization will be presented on

Maundy Thursday, April 5, 2012 here at GSUMC. We will update you as to future meetings, rehearsals etc.

"What we are is God's gift to us...what we make of ourselves is our gift to God!"

Eleanor Powell

### ENDOWMENT FUND STATUS

\$21,189.57

(April 30th, 2011)

Could you add to this amount?  
Call Sharon Boushelle at 989-275-6131 with any questions.

## Pastor's Page



***“Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.”***

Psalm 127v1 (NIV)

*“If these walls could speak.”* Have you ever said that, or even heard it said? I remember when our family moved into a historic home that had been built in the mid-1800s. As we were walking through the home the realtor explained to us some of the history of the house - the original foundation, where the first kitchen was, when the carriage house was built – and I remember saying to myself, *“If these walls could only speak....”*

I remember thinking about all the families that had lived here before ours. I wondered what their struggles were, how many kids they had, if they were happy, how long they had lived here, or even how many babies had been born under this roof?

Throughout history, buildings have played significant roles in our lives, haven't they?

We too, here at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of the North, have been blessed with a very beautiful and functional space within which we can worship God, do life together and host community events. What started as a humble gathering of people in the Masonic Temple on September 11, 1988 (which coincidentally is my birthday-the September 11<sup>th</sup> part, not the 1988 part) has grown into a continually growing congregation that has built this amazing facility on our beautiful 18-acres of land here in Roscommon.

When Lisa and I, along with our family, moved here last July I remember thinking to myself, *“if these walls could speak, what would they tell me about this great church?”* After almost 12 months as your pastor, I'm well on my way to understanding the story of this great congregation of visionary people who are bent on making an impact for the Gospel of Jesus Christ here in Roscommon and beyond.

These walls continue to speak of lives transformed, of risks being taken, of numerous people who have sacrificed countless hours of labor, energy and resources for Jesus Christ. These walls do speak! Every time you and I exit these doors and enter our community to live our lives as followers of Jesus.

For the last several weeks we've been talking about our three-year Capital Campaign to pay down our mortgage: ***Race to Win-In It To Win It!*** I celebrate the commitment we have made not only to Jesus but also to the people of Roscommon. We are a congregation that understands well our responsibility as disciples of Jesus to impact our community.

In the weeks ahead, let me encourage you to reflect of the great – albeit young –

heritage of our awesome church. Whether you've been here from the beginning or, like me, have just joined, we together are part of the great story that God is writing here in our village though our church.

May we continue to commit to living into our vows of membership to support the church with our prayers our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness as together we commit to running the race that God has laid out for us!

The Lord has indeed built this house and we indeed are: **IN IT TO WIN IT!!!**

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Eric

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# Cross Connection Youth

Greetings in Christ,

Wow where has the spring gone? We have gone from cool rainy days to days full of hot sunshine. But I'm not complaining though.

This tends to be one of the busiest times of year. With summer people begin taking vacations and traveling. It also could be a great time of growth. I know that the teens are always looking for something to do so why not have them all together at Good Shepherd? Here, we are always having fun worshipping, playing games, talking around the table and most important centering our life around the Almighty God. The kids are also able to be around other teens and believers their same age.

I was recently reading in Matthew 13:1-23. Every time I read the parable of the farmer and the seed, I think about the kind of soil I am. Jesus talks about a hardened path, people who don't understand the "good news," shallow rocky soil-people who happily hear the good news but don't allow it to grow. Some soil is thorny, people who turn to the world and to wealth rather than to Jesus. I want to be the good soil that produces a harvest.

We can't determine what soil is ready for seed. Our job is simply to speak the gospel message. God will take care of the rest, tilling our hearts and reaping the harvest. Just imagine what would happen if we believed this promise.

I'm very excited for what God has in store.

God Bless ~ John McKay YDJ

**Save The Date!**  
**JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> -**  
**JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH**  
**4:00 – 8:00 P.M.**  
**COOK OUT AT The**  
**GABERDIEL'S**

-Small Groups to come this summer.

-Youth volunteers still needed for V.B.S

Jr. high movie night at the Church, June 17th 7-10pm.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser June 26<sup>th</sup>.

between services!



**Director of**  
**Student Ministry**  
**John McKay**  
**bigmacpastor@aol.com**

"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."  
 e.e. cummings

**Teens: Please join us this summer Sunday morning at 9:00 am or 11:00 am for worship**

**Pizza Kits will be Delivered June 9th!**

**Coming this Summer!**  
**Spirit song**  
**Kings Island**  
**Summer Blast July 7-10**



# Prayer List

## We are Praying for....

We LOVE to pray for you. Please contact the office to update this list.

office@gsumc-roscommon.com or

275-5577

Thank you.

### Our Church Ministries

- Sunday School
- Child Development Center
- United Methodist Women
- United Methodist Men
- Cross Connection Youth
- Worship Services
- Bible Studies
- Small Groups
- All ministry teams

### Pete & JoAnn Visotsky

- Karen Churchill
- Suzanne Reeves
- Bobbi Bartenfelder
- Anna Linton
- Roy & Alva Delleree
- John Fitch
- Pat Anderson
- Dorothy & Jim Hull
- Harry Rose
- Peggy Rose
- Tammy Secondu
- Martha VanVoorhis

### Barbara & Larry Gifford

- Mike Mercurio
- John Erickson
- Ann Bolzman
- Don Collins
- Jake Cook
- Ed Harper
- Wendy Dibbet
- Kathleen Glover

Please keep Suzanne Toaz and family in prayer as her daughter-in-law, Deborah went home to be with the Lord May 17th.

<p>Hilltop Manor 1290 E. Michigan Hwy Roscommon, MI 48653</p>	<p>Brunetta Harden</p>
<p>The Brook Retirement Community 195 S. State Street Roscommon, MI 48653</p>	<p>Pat Anderson Grace Carter</p>

Why not remember these folks with a visit or card?

- **Bobbi Bartenfelder** has moved to South Carolina with her daughter: You can reach her at 58 Stewart Rd. Cullowhee, NC 28723 or call 828-743-5436!

**Cherished Thought:**  
**Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.**  
 Helen Keller

We are also praying for: Shut-Ins, Persecuted Christians, all people serving our country in the armed forces, VIM Teams everywhere, victims of violence and poverty, peace for our world, for our leaders, for those in ministry to prisoners, our economy and jobs for Michigan.



### Who's who at Good Shepherd



**Beverly Emery** was born on 8-17-1936 and raised in Detroit, Michigan. She graduated from Redford High School in Detroit. After moving to the Houghton Lake area in 1959 she earned a nursing degree at Kirtland Community College. Bev worked for the Roscommon County Health Department and Northern Medical Health Services. Eventually she worked at Mercy Hospital where she remained until she retired in May of 2004. While working at Mercy Hospital she attended the University of Detroit to become one of 10 Parish Nurses (Health Ministry), in the state at that time. She became the first nurse in internal medicine at Mercy. Bev also helped in the creation of the Grayling free clinic.

Besides having a wonderful nursing career, Bev said she has had the privilege of traveling to places such as Germany, Scotland, England, Switzerland, Australia, and New Zealand, as well as places in America like Hawaii and Alaska. Her trips allowed her to learn about different cultures meeting different people such as the aboriginal people in the Out Back of Australia. She observed many different kinds of wild life and even held a koala bear in Australia. Her travels allowed her to witness natural wonders like the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, and the Swiss Alps. Bev said she feels God has immensely blessed her life.

Bev's first husband was **Albert Adams**. They married on 6-10-55 in the Strathmore Methodist Church in Detroit. Together they raised five children and have been blessed with 17 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She and Al, along with her parents owned and operated the **Sportsman Resort** in Markey Twp. She said, "Over the years we met a lot of people and the kids had lots of 'adopted' grandparents. The kids loved growing up there". When they sold the resort in 1980, she and Al moved to Grayling and attended Michelson Memorial Methodist church. Sadly, after 34 years of marriage Al passed away in 1989.

Bev's second husband was **Norm Emery**. Bev and Norm met through a mutual friend who would sit for Norm's dog, Buddy. To return this favor, Norm would treat Chris to dinner. One day Chris asked Bev to join her and Norm for dinner at Fred's in Roscommon. Although it took Norm a little while to get up the nerve to ask Bev out, he finally did. The two of them hit it off and were married at **Good Shepherd UMC** on 8-14-2006.

After moving back to Houghton Lake, Bev transferred her membership from Michelson Memorial to Good Shepherd UMC in 2000. Several friends were members of Good Shepherd and invited Bev to visit. One of the deciding factors for her to become a member of Good Shepherd was when **Judy English** called to welcome her and tell her about Good Shepherd. She also felt the people were genuinely kind and welcoming. She knew she wanted to be part of this body of believers. After she and Norm became a couple, he also wanted Good Shepherd for his church home. He told Bev it was the cookies in the fellowship hall after service that sold him.

Bev has served God in many ways both at Good Shepherd and throughout our community. She has chaired the Shepherding Team, served on the SPRC, Health Ministries, Visitation Team, Prayer Shawl Ministries, Relay for Life, Friends in Faith study group, and the Comfort Zone study group. She also volunteers for Catholic Human services. She keeps very busy with these ministries and continues to bless the people of Good Shepherd as well as the people in our community.

Bev usually attends the first service so be sure to stop by and meet her. She is a blessing to many.

Your roving reporter,

*Reva Love,*

Shepherding Co-Chair





"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

Nelson Henderson

**What's in the gray tubs?**

When you walk down the hallway between the gathering area and Fellowship Hall, do you take the time to look at the labels on the gray tubs?? Do you wonder what is in them?? Who fills them? Who empties them? These are the local community programs that we support with "in kind" items-not budgeted, but important. In Acts 2 we read that the believers and followers of Jesus lived in harmony, pooling their resources so that the need of every person was met. These gray tubs hold out a challenge to us to give a few of our many resources to meet the needs of others, even the lowliest animals.

**River House Shelter:** new pajamas, underwear (any size); toiletries (shampoo, etc.) and bedding.

**Roscommon Animal shelter:** dog and cat food, blankets, towels (new or lightly used), pet toys, leashes, collars, etc.

**Food closet;** nonperishable food items, paper products

**Ganta Hospital, Liberia:** prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses

**Used ink cartridges:** We recycle these back to Staples and receive discounts on our very necessary church office supplies.

Please search your hearts and your resources and see what you can share.

Thanks from the Mission Team. *Martha Clapp*



**Health Ministry**



As summer is approaching (we hope!) it is time once again to be thinking about skin cancer prevention through the use of sunscreen protection and watching your exposure to the sun. Skin cancer is among the easiest cancers to prevent because nearly all cases are related to excessive sun exposure. You can easily reduce your risk by staying out of direct sunlight or by covering exposed skin with clothing or sunscreen products. About 90% of diagnosed skin cancers could have been prevented by limiting sun exposure. To minimize your risk, stay out of the sun especially during the 10 am to 2 pm hours when the sun rays are the strongest. The UV is usually less in the early morning and late afternoon. While UV contact is the

greatest in the summer, May-August in the United States, it is essential to keep in mind that the UV rays connect with the earth every day of every season. Eighty-five to ninety percent of the UV rays are reflected by concrete, sand, water and snow. Keep in mind that you can burn even on a cloudy day.

The **Good Shepherd Relay for Life team** will be having a bake sale fundraiser at the North Central Area Credit Union in Roscommon on **Friday June 10th**.

Please support your team. Donated baked goods need to be at the church by 9am Friday, June 10th. **Relay for Life event will be July 9-10 at the Houghton Lake High School.**

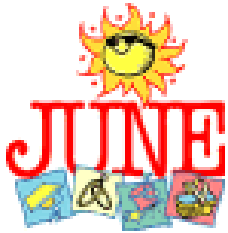


Yours in Christ,

*Beverly Emery*

Health Ministries Chair





**Woman Attacked by a Chicken at Bible Study!**

As Co-Chair of the Shepherding team, one of my goals is to help get small groups up and running. There are all kinds of small groups. Some groups are service oriented groups, and others are study groups. In fact, if you are interested in joining a small group, please pick up a **F.L.O.C.C.** pamphlet on the welcoming table in the Gathering area. This pamphlet lists the various small groups in our church and when they meet.

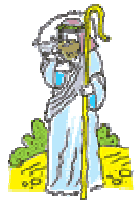
You just don't know what you're missing if you aren't part of a small group. Besides growing in Christ through Bible study, you will experience the blessings that come with service as you become the hands and feet of Jesus.

Now, on with the story of the woman that was attacked by a chicken! The small group known as Threads meets twice a month. We normally rotate hosting and this time it was at my house. I prepared a ham strata, fresh fruit, and muffins along with coffee and tea. As everyone began to prepare their plates **Wendy Dibbet** went to put some ice in her

glass. She opened the freezer door and out fell a frozen chicken which smashed into her glass thereby cutting her finger. Wendy had to have surgery to repair a tendon. I feel so badly for her and I hope everyone prays for her healing.

So now I can honestly say that small groups can also be ACTION PACKED! By the way, our lesson for that day was "Let God Unshell You." Find out what work God has for you to do and JUMP in with your whole heart! (This was one chicken that didn't have to take it so literally though.)

Blessings,  
Reva Love,  
Shepherding Co-Chair



**Child Development Center 275-6971**

Our summer program will start **Monday, June 13th**. Throughout the summer we will be going on many fun-filled field trips. Watch for permission slips!

Child Development Center  
Director:  
**Ms. Dana Strickler**

Celebrating a birthday this month is:

- Jordan H. June 11th
- Landon M. June 12th
- Brenden G. June 23rd
- Stephanie H. June 25th



I will not play tug o' war.  
I'd rather play hug o' war.  
Where everyone hugs instead of tugs,  
Where everyone giggles and rolls on the rug,  
Where everyone kisses, and everyone grins,  
and everyone cuddles,  
and everyone wins."  
Shel Silverstein

Women of the Bible will perform Saturday, June 25th at **Houghton Lake UMC**, 7pm. Here is a chance for you to see them perform locally!



Save the date: **June 16th, 2011 UMM Rosco Rib dinner is BACK**—yum!! If you haven't tried these ribs you are missing something delicious!



**NOTE:** This is on **THURSDAY** for June only!



Pancake Breakfast Sunday June 26th between services!

**UMM Upcoming events:** Monday June 20th our 6:30 pm program will feature Pastor Dave Gerber.

July 18th 6:30 pm we will have a marine patrol speaker.



**SAVE THE DATE! VBS is coming....find out who this guy is....June 20th to 24th, 9am to noon for those entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. Bring your friends...watch for permission slips! Call Wendy Dibbet if you want to help.**

**Roscommon County Annual**

**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off**

**June 4th** at the Health Dept. Parking Lot

**9am to 1pm**

Ink cartridges, 1/2 empty latex paint cans, tires, chemicals, pesticides, smoke alarms, TVs, computers, cell phones, batteries, used motor oil, clean Styrofoam in clear plastic bags (no peanuts!).

No fireworks, propane tanks or explosives!

Let's be kind to our environment!

Questions? 275-3163

**Relay for Life**

**Bake Sale Friday June 10th**

**North Central Credit Union**

**Please Help!**

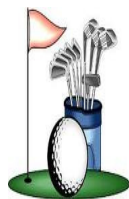


**Save the Date: August 5th**

**Attention Golfers: Markey Christian Ministries is having its 2nd annual golf scramble, Friday Aug 5th at the Quest Golf Course; 10:00 am**

**Food—Prizes—Fun**

**Everyone is welcome.**



**Save the Date!**



"We are what we repeatedly do; excellence then, is not an act but a habit."

Aristotle



Go team!

**Good Shepherd UMC Softball Schedule for June:**

- Tuesday June 7th 7pm vs HLUMC at Markey EAST Field
  - Tuesday June 14th 7pm vs Soul's Harbor at Lyon Twp Field
  - Tuesday June 21st 7pm vs Markey Gold at Lyon Twp Field
  - Tuesday June 28th 7pm vs Markey Orange at Lyon Twp Field
- Check out the entire schedule on our website. Any changes will be announced in the bulletin as they occur.

**Men & Boys Nite - a special evening at GSUMC!**

Sponsored by UMM with a delicious meal prepared by the UMW, come hear **Pastor Dave Gerber**. Dave is an ordained elder and evangelist. He flew helicopters for the Army National Guard and is a 3rd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Dave actually has worked with members of the Detroit Lions as a special trainer. He serves as chaplain in the Oxford Police Dept. (there is so much more to tell, you'll have to come and hear Dave speak.)

Dave will also be preaching on Sunday, **June 19th** (Father's Day) so you gals can catch up on his message then. **Don't Miss this special evening!**



**♪ EVERYONE WINS! ♪**



Dennis Gwizdala is coming to Good Shepherd on **Friday June 3rd**. Don't miss this opportunity to hear brilliantly played Christian music while helping our local food bank at the same time. Admission is free. Donations of canned goods or a free will offering will be accepted. Everything donated will be given






to the Food Pantry at the First Congregational Church in Roscommon. The concert begins at **7:00 PM**, right here at GSUMC. Bring your friends! Join us for an evening of toe-tappin' music!♪



# June 2011

## Good Shepherd UMC of the North Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Staff meets every Monday 9:00 am in the library			<b>1</b> 5:15 pm Good Faith Dancers	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 8:30am Men's breakfast at Timbers 7pm Concert see page #9	<b>4</b> Household Hazardous Waste Day at Health Dept.
<b>5</b> <i>Ascension Sunday</i> Honor our Graduates 	<b>6</b> 9:30 am Finance 6:30 pm Ad council	<b>7</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 Praise Band	<b>8</b> 5:15 pm Good Faith Dancers	<b>9</b> 4pm Trustees 6 pm Prayer Shawl	<b>10</b> 8:30am Men's breakfast at Timbers 	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	<b>13</b> 10 am Quilting 5:30 pm Worship Design team 6:30 pm CDC 6:45 UMW	<b>14</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 Praise Band 	<b>15</b> 5:15 pm Good Faith Dancers	<b>16</b> 10:00 am <i>Stitchin for Missions</i> <b>4:30 pm Rosco Rib Dinner YUM!</b>	<b>17</b> 8:30am Men's breakfast at Timbers 7pm Jr High Movie Nite!	<b>18</b> UMM Men & Boys Nite see page #9
<b>19</b> <i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i> 	<b>20</b> <i>Vacation Bible School week</i> 7:00 pm Last Supper Meeting see pg 1.	<b>21</b> 5:30 pm Praise Band 5:30 Shepherding	<b>22</b> 5:15 pm Good Faith Dancers	<b>23</b> 6 pm Prayer Shawl	<b>24</b> 8:30am Men's breakfast at Timbers	<b>25</b> Women of the Bible perform at HLUMC 7pm
Vacation Bible School All Week—join us for fun lessons, crafts, songs, food and more!						
<b>26</b> Cross Connection Pancake Breakfast	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Worship Design	<b>28</b> 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Band 6:30 pm Mission team	<b>29</b> 5:15 pm Good Faith Dancers	<b>30</b>		



June 1	Kathleen Patchin
June 2	Ted Burkland
June 3	Bob Schaeffer
June 4	Bob Edwards
	George Siterlet
June 8	Dan Decker
	Walt Osmond
June 9	Kaylynn Anderson
	Pete Visotsky
June 11	Jessica Wojey
June 12	Laura Barrett
	Megan Hutek
June 14	Liane Ware
June 15	Don Kirtpatrick
	Don Tanner
June 16	James Marks
June 17	Carol Messner
	Debbie Single
June 19	Dick Garrison
	June Goss
June 21	Dick Dimock
	Karl Hahn
June 23	Jim Anderson
	Samantha Anderson
June 25	Shannon House
June 29	Ed Furstenau

### Applying Bible Principles

There are some wonderful principles in the Old Testament which apply to present-day Christians. One of these is in Deuteronomy 8:10-18. Stated in contemporary language, it says, "When you have eaten and are full, and when your cars, houses and bank accounts multiply, don't forget where it came from: Remember the Lord your God."

In truth, all that we have comes from God. He determines what we will receive, whether it be money, gold, silver, houses, land, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, etc. It all belongs to Him in the first place, and He entrusts it to us. According to David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29, riches, honor, power, and wealth all come from God.

That's why there is no such thing as a self-made man or woman. Oh, we have to do our part. God's plan is not that we just sit around praying and reading the Bible all day long so that what we need to survive will miraculously drop into our hands. We're not just to pray for our "daily bread," but we're also to get up each day and work for it! That's why the Apostle Paul stated clearly, "If a man will not work, he shall not eat" (2 Thes. 3:10). But in reality, the amount of money and wealth which we receive is determined by God. According to His divine will and knowledge, He entrusts to each of us the amount which He knows will be best for us.

What should be our reaction to our financial state? Some might pray, "Dear Lord, you must have made a mistake concerning me and my finances. Please give me more money." Others might try to circumvent God's design for their lives by trying to win the lottery or to obtain large sums of money through some other means. Mature Christians, however, will realize God's infinite wisdom far surpasses their limited perspective. They will accept with a thankful spirit what God has entrusted to them and seek to honor God by their living and by their giving.



#### Celebrating Anniversaries:

Mike & Reva Love	June 8th
Ed & Cathy Ware	June 9th
Robert & Anna Linton	June 11th
Marlyn & Lois Byrd	June 16th
Paul & Elaine Scheibner	June 17th
Jerry & Ardith Stewardson	June 21st
Byron & Nona Brigham	June 22nd
Jeff & Shannon House	June 22nd
Al & Bev Weed	June 26th
Fred & Ginny Krauss	June 27th
Bob & Virginia Schaeffer	June 28th
Frank & Nancy Hirdning	June 28th
Howard & Carol Zimmerman	June 28th
Ed & Carol Messner	June 29th

### Giving in support of our budget & mortgage

Thanks to Marlyn Byrd our financial secretary for these updates.

Average Amount Required each week for our Operating Budget is \$5273.00

Amount given 5/1/11 \$6703

Amount given 5/8/11 \$2551

Amount given 5/15/11 \$3477

Amount given 5/22/11 \$4310.25

Average Amount Required each week for our Mortgage Loan is \$1584.00

Amount given 5/1/11 \$2027

Amount given 5/8/11 \$652

Amount given 5/15/11 \$847

Amount given 5/22/11 \$892

May 2, 2011 To: Prayer Chain of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

The Weismillers brought your lovely gift for Jake to us this past Saturday. We gave the prayer shawl to him on Monday when he came to spend the day with us while his parents work. I washed the blanket before giving it to him, as we must do with everything he handles. It was presented to him straight out of the dryer when it was warm and cuddly. I told him it was given to him with much love and that he could feel the love by the warmth. First he said, "Is it just for me?" and I replied, "Yes". His eyes lit up and he said, "It is all of my favorite colors" and smiled as he hugged the shawl. Thank you so very much for your continuing prayers and warm thoughts for Jake and his recovery. His tolerance of the chemo treatments, thus far, are amazing the doctors. We are certain that the many prayers from people around the world on Jake's behalf are a big factor in his recovery and survival.

Sincerely,

Marg and Jay Cook Jake's Nana and Papa

Marjana and Jay Cook V Jake's Mama and Daddy



We received a lovely thank you and photo of Jake Cook, the little boy undergoing chemotherapy who we have been praying for. Check out his great smile! Keep praying too!

On January 30, 2004 Pastor Eric's 30-year-old only brother, Chris Kieb, died unexpectedly, leaving behind a loving family, a young widow, and numerous friends. Chris' great passion was music; specifically he was a percussion instructor with the Manchester High School Marching Band.

After his passing, a memorial scholarship was set up in his name at Manchester High School. Each year a student who will be going on to study music is awarded a \$1000 scholarship.

The primary way this scholarship is funded is through an annual **Memorial Golf Outing**. This year's outing will be held: **July 9th, 2:00 p.m. at**

**Reddeman Farms Golf Course in Chelsea Michigan**

The outing is a scramble format. You're welcome to come alone or bring a foursome.

The cost is \$70 per player which includes 18 holes and a cart, lunch and a sit down dinner.

It's for a great cause, so if you'd like to play contact **Pastor Eric** at 989-275-5577 or 989-821-6056.



Its almost hard to believe but as I write this I am 'celebrating' my 1st year here at GSUMC as your church office secretary! Wow! It seems like only yesterday, **Debbie Lewis** was instructing me in the ways and means of our office machines, coordinating the calendar with the bulletin inserts, newsletters and so much more. What a blessing this job has been for me; not only in getting to know all of you but also our wonderful ministerial assistant, **Cindy Edwards**, our music director, **June Karjalainen**, of course, **Pastor Eric** and our newest member, **John McKay**, director of student ministry.

When Pastor Eric informed us we would have weekly staff meetings my heart sank; 'oh no,' I thought, 'not that!' But that too has been a blessing as we pray and do devotions together. Studying the 'Bible in a Year' program has led to some interesting and thought provoking discussions for our staff. (How are YOU doing in your Bible reading, by the way?) We support each other's efforts with

love, encouragement and prayer.

I have enjoyed creating posters, flyers and PowerPoint presentations for your various church ministries and outreach programs. The rib dinners (yum!), the cookie sale, the rummage sale, VBS kids, the World Day of Prayer, the Easter Cantata, all which created a flurry of activity around here only added to my joy. I am so impressed by the many multi-talented folks around here!

The joint effort when GSUMC and other local churches came together for Holy Week activities made me (dare I say!) proud to be a part of this organization; the way we love our community. The recent 'cookie caper' allowed me to take part both in baking and delivering and that too made me feel very blessed. I like 'razzing' my Markey Church family about my GSUMC affiliation but its all in good fun.

So as I thank God for my job, I am really thanking Him for YOU too. I really do feel I am serving God as I serve this congregation;

what a blessing! Thanks for a great year and looking forward to the next.

Blessings,

Judy B ☺

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United Methodist Women

All women are invited to come to our next meeting on Monday June 13th. Come at 6:45 PM to share a dessert. The meeting will start at 7:00PM. Our program will feature our own Lisa Kieb, speaking on Sierra Leone. This program will be open to the entire congregation. We hope you will join us! Babysitting will be provided if needed. Please let Audrey Hunter know a week in advance if you need a sitter.

Don't forget to start collecting your rummage for the big sale in August. We need your unwanted treasures and gently used clothing. If you need storage for those items before the sale, please let us know. We will find space somewhere.

Be sure to join us in July for the mystery trip. Suzanne Toaz is planning a fun filled day.

Wishing you peace and harmony,

Audrey Hunter  
UMW President



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**Sunday Schedule:**

7:45 AM	Good Shepherd Singers (choir) rehearsal
8:30 AM	Prayer in Prayer Room #103—everyone is welcome
9:00 AM	Worship service, Jr. Church, Tweens & Childcare
10:15 AM	Refreshments in fellowship hall; Adult class, childcare, praise band warm-up
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service, Jr. Church & childcare