



Shepherd's Crook Good Shepherd UMC of the North

March 2011

"We seek to bring all people to Jesus by being a friendly Christ-centered community offering God's healing, help and hope."



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Sunday Schedule:

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



Soup & Bread Suppers Every Wednesday during Lent at 6:15 pm beginning Ash Wednesday, March 9th.

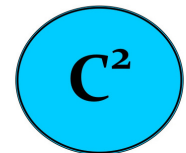
We will need volunteers to bring pots of soup and volunteers to bring bread or rolls for each meal. Please watch for the sign up sheets in the Gathering Area Also, if you plan to attend we'd also appreciate you signing the attendance sheets so we will know how much soup and bread we need to feed everyone. Then, stay for our Lenten Study at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Eric's Lenten Series: "Practical Spirituality."

SAVE the DATE:



- March 4th World Day of Prayer
- March 17th St. Patrick's Day Celebration fund raiser for Country Village Senior Apts. At Coyles Restaurant
- April 10th Roscommon County Christian Choir Easter Cantata 4 pm
- April 17th Palm Sunday Easter Cantata by our own Good Shepherd Singers - one service only



CrossConnections
A Student Ministry of Good Shepherd UMC
Of the North

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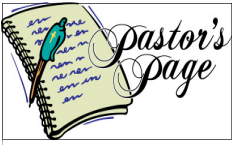
The Worship Design Team will begin meeting twice per month beginning in March. Please watch the bulletins for dates and times. Questions, please call team leader June Karjalainen. Thank you.

ENDOWMENT FUND STATUS

\$19,690.01

(January 31, 2011)

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



Less is more. It doesn't sound logical does it? In fact we live in a culture that celebrates the collection of more and more: stuff, possessions, money, homes, cars, toys, etc. We even have an entire television series that is dedicated to the phenomenon of hoarding.

The pursuit of "things" is always rooted in one thing: fear. We're afraid that we won't have enough for tomorrow so we stock up today.

And, let me be honest with you, I'm a sucker. When Lisa sends me to the store to buy a few things (which doesn't happen much) I ALWAYS get sucked into the "buy-one-get-one" or "buy-two-for-\$3.00-instead-of-one-for-\$1.99" trap. I often come home sporting the "deal" and Lisa will almost always say something like, "you know you could have just bought the one for a \$1.99."

More, more, more. As a culture we are bent on this insatiable desire for more.

Did you ever notice, though, that with God, *less* is often more?

Repeatedly throughout the pages of the Scriptures, God shows up in the midst of our desperation, poverty, scarcity, and emptiness, and with God on the scene, suddenly we can do so much more with so much less.

On Sunday mornings during Lent we're going to be celebrating this idea that God can transform our scarcity into God's abundance. I don't know if you struggle with this or not, but sometimes I look at my meager resources and wonder, "How on earth can I make an impact for the Kingdom of God? How can God use me, when I feel so small?"

But here's the truth: God can do amazing things through people who have surrendered their entire lives to him.

So let me issue this invitation to journey together through Lent, celebrating the fact that God can use us, our gifts, our resources, our lives, however great or small, to change the world!

Love Wins,

Pastor Eric

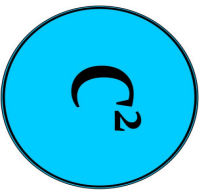
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Cross Connection

The past month through the eyes

of Y.D.J



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Greetings in Christ,
Cross Connection has finally taken off and has started gaining momentum towards building our future. I am extremely excited to be working with the adult leaders, The Gaberdiel's, The Dibbet's, and Pastor. Oh yeah, most important the teens! It has been exciting for me to be able to identify and start to know them by name.

Over the past month I have had the privilege of being able to interact with the teens and parents. I have been doing a message series on friendships. We have a great time worshipping to contemporary Christian music along with fellowship, and prayer. Of course, a little food too!

I am so proud of our teens and love showing them support by attending some of their basketball games, cheerleading competitions and other school events. If you are involved in any type of activity please let me know. I'd love to come and cheer you on!

In January I had the privilege of going to spring hill with the Sr. High Youth. I was able to grow, worship and have some fun hanging with the teens and getting to know them on a spiritual level. I am looking forward to having this same experience with the Jr. High teens February 18-20th.

Recently I read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. In reading these verses, God has shown me that there are many parts to one body. We are all different parts that make up the group of Cross Connection. We have many different gifts and talents that will make this ministry truly amazing.

I just want each and every one of you to know that you all are an important part of Cross Connection! Look forward to seeing you Sunday!

God Bless, *John*

New NEWS :

Get ready for the Ultimate Summer Youth Event!

You thought Spring Hill was fun....
This could blow it away!

Kings Island ~ Spirit Song 2011

July 7, 8, 9 & 10

Amusement Park, Water Park, Concerts,
Speakers,

And all the Jesus you can handle.
Get ready for the thrill of your life!

Look for a sign-up sheet to come!
Fundraising will be required for this event.
Cost will include transportation, tickets to Spirit Song, lodging and food.

SR. HIGH & JR. HIGH CHALLENGE:

**\$\$\$\$\$ TOWARDS Kings Island
To the Sr. High Youth & Jr. High Youth**

**Who brings the most NEW visitors
to Sunday Night Cross Connections.
Rule #1: You have to introduce
them to ME (Y.D.J)**

Upcoming Events

March 18th – 19th
Youth Lock-in
@ Good Shepherd
Drop off Fri 7 p.m.
Pick-up Sat @ noon

April 17th
Youth Bowling @ FRED'S
Time TBA

Weekly Events for Youth

Sunday
Jr High Youth 4-6 p.m.
Sr. High Youth 5-7 p.m.

Monday
Sr High Jam at
Roscommon Sr. High
A Lunch ~ Mrs. Young Rm
B Lunch ~ Mr. Perrellis Rm
Jr. High Jam at
Roscommon Middle
School Cafeteria
2:55 ~ 3:40 p.m.



We Love to Pray for you!

Our Prayer List is updated each month. If you haven't updated us recently on your loved ones' needs please call the office to request an addition, deletion or to keep a name on next month. Thank you for your assistance.

Cherished Thought

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

Anne Bradstreet

"Our life is March weather, savage & serene in one hour."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Pete & JoAnn Visotsky
 Karen Churchill
 Suzanne Reeves
 Bobbi Bartenfelder
 Anna Linton
 Joan Gibson
 Richard Brinkman
 Roy & Alva Delleree

John Fitch
 Pat Anderson
 Dorothy & Jim Hull
 Harry Rose
 Peggy Rose
 Tammy Secondu
 Martha VanVoorhis
 Barb & Larry Gifford

Mike Mercurio
 Paul Scheibner
 Martha Clapp
 John Erickson
 Ann Bolzman
 Don Collins
 Jake Cook

OUR CHURCH MINISTRIES

Sunday School
 All ministries of Good Shepherd UMC

Good Shepherd Child Development Center
 United Methodist Women
 Cross Connection Youth Ministry

Worship Services
 United Methodist Men
 Bible Studies

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Hilltop Manor
 1290 E. Michigan Highway
 Roscommon, MI 48653

Bruenetta Harden

The Brook Retirement Community
 195 S. State Street
 Roscommon, MI 48653

Pat Anderson
 Bobbi Bartenfelder
 Grace Carter

OTHER REQUESTS

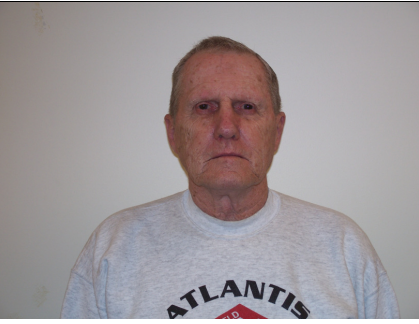
Shut-Ins
 Persecuted Christians
 Service Men & Women
 VIM Teams everywhere
 Victims of violence

Peace for the world
 Leaders of our country
 Those in ministry to prisoners
 Our nation's economy
 Jobs for Michigan

We are keeping the Hahn family close in prayer as Amy's mom, Vivian Hoops passed away February 14th.
 We are also praying for the Kieb family as Lisa's Aunt Marjorie also went home to be with the Lord.



Who's who at Good Shepherd?



Jim Ebert was born in Detroit, Michigan at the old Mercy Hospital on October 29, 1934. He moved to Higgins Lake Michigan in 1946 with his parents. They opened a resort near Lyon Manor on the west side of the lake. They named their inn “Ebert’s North Woods.”

Jim loved living in the “great up north” and took advantage of everything Higgins Lake had to offer. In fact, if you want to know where the fish are, just ask Jim. He knows where to find the rock bass, perch, or small mouth bass. It doesn’t matter much what kind of sports you are talking about, Jim loves them all. Jim has also enjoyed bow hunting for deer and he loves hunting for pheasant, grouse, and duck. He also carves ducks from different kinds of wood and he does an incredible job. He has raised bird dogs such as Brittany Spaniels and Black Labs over the years. His current dog is Libby, a Brittany.

When Jim was in high school he lettered in football, baseball, basketball, and track. He’s still one of the “Buck’s” biggest fans and you’ll find him at a lot of their games. He has coached and played on Good Shepherd’s softball team.

Jim graduated from Gerrish Higgins High School, now called Roscommon High School. After high school Jim attended CMU. While Jim was in his third year of college, Uncle Sam came knocking and he was drafted into the United States Navy. He spent 2 years in the Navy and then was honorably discharged in September of 1957.

While Jim was stationed in Santiago, California he met the love of his life, **Judy** on Valentine’s day 1957. Jim’s friend Walt Ritenburg set Jim up with his neighbor, Judy Lanham. Walt had asked to borrow Jim’s car and when he brought it back, Judy was in the back seat. They all went back to Judy’s house where Jim also met her parents. Jim and Judy had a whirlwind romance and married 6-22-57. They were married in a lovely garden at the funeral home where Judy was employed as a receptionist. Their first home was a small apartment above the funeral home. Jim paid the rent by working for the funeral director.

After Jim’s discharge from the Navy, Jim and Judy raised five kids; Jerri, Dori, Patty, Greg, and Jeffrey in Fenton, Michigan. Jim worked several jobs; Universal Electric, he drove a milk truck and then a bread truck, retired from GM, then worked for a construction company for ten years after his GM retirement. Judy worked on and off but spent most of her life as a stay at home mom. After their kids were grown and married they were blessed with eight grandchildren.

It was in 1998 that the couple returned to Higgins Lake. In 2008 after 51 years of marriage, Judy went home to be with the Lord. “Jim, her kids, grandkids, and the church family were Judy’s *Gold, Silver and precious stones*. Everything else was just wood, hay, and stubble.” This is just one example of what’s important in life lives of the Ebert family today.

When I asked Jim to name something about himself that people at church don’t know, he said his great Uncle Fredrick Ebert was the Democratic President of Germany and he’s also a shirt tale relative to the owner of the dime store, S.S. Kresge. A precursor to K-mart, it was something like Woolworth’s only better, according to Jim.

Jim attends the second service and serves as a hall monitor for junior church as well as helping as an Usher or Greeter. Make it your goal to get to know Jim. You will be blessed for having done so.

Your roving reporter,

Reva Love, Shepherding Co-chair



United Methodist Women

UMW

The UMW meets the 2nd Monday of each month. During our winter months we meet at Timber's Restaurant for a meal and book discussion. We invite all women to join us for fellowship; 4:30 pm for supper and at 5:00 pm for the book discussion.

In His Love,

Audrey Hunter

YEAH-VISITATION TEAM

Do you know of someone who is homebound, living in a nursing home or assisted living facility? Please remember that we have a wonderful visitation team here at Good Shepherd. The disciples on this team are ready to bring some companionship and comfort to a family member, friend or neighbor who is confined because of physical disabilities or degenerative illness. Team members help these people stay connected to the church and community by simply sharing some of their time talking with and listening to them.

Jesus didn't wait for the people to come to him. He went out to meet them. He calls on us to do the same. I remember when my mother was confined to her home unless I drove her to town or the Doctor's office and how much she enjoyed having company if only for a few minutes. I know there are some folks out there who would appreciate that same connection with another person. Family members are often far away or busy with children and jobs and greatly value that extra attention for their loved one.

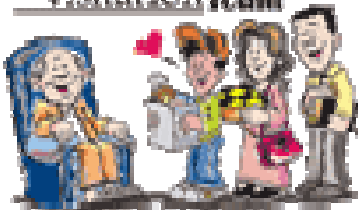
Perhaps you would like to join this team of compassionate people who try to bring a little joy and gentle companionship to our sometimes lonely older citizens. If God should lead you in this direction the Visitation Team would be delighted to have you join them. They meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 2:00PM in the health ministries room at Good Shepherd. Come to a meeting-see what it's all about.

Questions and referrals can be directed to Cindy Edwards/Ministries Assistant at GSUMC (275-5544)

God Bless,

Cindy

Homebound
Visitation Team












Good Shepherd UMC of the North -
Calendar of Events 2011



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Staff Meets Every Monday 9am in Prayer Room</p> 	<p>AHG = American Heritage Girls</p>	<p>1 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 Praise Band 6 pm AHG</p>	<p>2 5:15 pm Good Faith Dancers 6:00 pm Shepherding team</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 8:30am Men's breakfast at Timbers</p> 	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>  <p>Transfiguration Sunday</p>	<p>7 9:30am Finance 6:30 pm Ad Council</p>	<p>8 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 Praise Band 6 pm AHG</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>5:15 pm Good Faith Dancers</p> 	<p>10 4 pm Trustees 6 pm Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>11 8:30am Men's breakfast at Timbers</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Bishop's Day in Midland</p>
<p>13</p> 	<p>14 10 am Quilt group UMW at Timbers</p>	<p>15 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 Praise Band 6 pm AHG</p>	<p>16 5:15 pm Good Faith Dancers</p> 	<p>17 9:30am Stchin for MIssions</p> 	<p>18 8:30am Men's breakfast at Timbers 7 pm Cross Connection Lock In →</p>	<p>19 Cross Connection Lock In ends noon</p>
<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 Praise Band 6 pm AHG 6:30pm Missions</p>	<p>23 5:15 pm Good Faith Dancers</p> 	<p>24 6 pm Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>25 8:30am Men's breakfast at Timbers</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> 	<p>28 6:30 pm Worship Design Team</p>	<p>29 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 Praise Band 6 pm AHG</p>	<p>30 5:15 pm Good Faith Dancers</p> 	<p>31</p>	<p>Our Choir rehearses at 7:45 am on Sundays, join us!</p>	



- Mar 3 Martha LaPointe
- Mar 4 Tom Frampton
- Mar 5 Kaeley Hahn
Julie Hill
- Mar 6 Olivia Meadows
- Mar 12 Betty Greening
- Mar 13 M.J. Ewald
- Mar 15 Jen Johnson
- Mar 20 Butch Schneider
- Mar 21 Emilie Gaberdiel
Jennifer Reinke
- Mar 22 Cindy Edwards
- Mar 23 Debbie Brown
Dean English
Lee Wiltse
- Mar 24 Courtney Hinds
Sam Reinke
- Mar 25 Bailey Decker
James Wojey
- Mar 26 Mike Eva
- Mar 28 Lauren Eva
- Mar 30 David Udy
- Mar 31 Ed Messner

Applying Bible Principles

When he was president of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Gordon MacDonald said, "One of the greatest missing teachings in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us."

We own nothing. We have been given material means to use, but not to own. All that we have belongs to God. He is our Source according to Psalm 62:5. We are only managers and stewards of what He has entrusted to us.

Because all that we have belongs to God, and because He gives us the ability to obtain wealth, every spending decision is in reality a spiritual decision. According to First Corinthians 10:31, our constant goal must be to glorify God in all of life, including how we use His resources.

Stephen Olford wrote this: "... man's chief end is 'to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.' We are to glorify God by our worshipful praise (Psalm 50:23). We are to glorify Him by our consistent fruitbearing (John 15:8). We are to glorify Him by our spiritual unity (Rom. 15:6). We are to glorify Him by our entire dedication (1 Cor. 6:20). And we are to glorify Him by our good works (Matt. 5:16). In this last category is included the matter of giving. Only in this way can we provide for 'honest things in the sight of the Lord.' The glory of God should motivate us to give and to give our best."

If our goals and ambitions are truly set on spiritual things, if our emphasis in life is to glorify God, we will use the funds He has "loaned" to us on a temporary basis to glorify Him. We will put His money and possessions to good use by giving to His work and by storing up "treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6:19-21).

There are two key question to be asked concerning money and possessions: First, are you glorifying God in how you are using the money and possessions He has entrusted to you? And second, are you viewing these things as yours or as His?



- March 21 James & Michelle Wojey
- March 22 David & Linda Udy
- March 23 Robert & Connie Huffman
- March 28 Steve & Jennifer Reinke



"For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations."
Isaiah 61:11 NIV

Food for Thought

Prayer is not a 'spare wheel' that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a *steering wheel* that directs the right path throughout.

When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems, HE has faith in *your* abilities.

When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has probably prayed for you.

Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax my child, its just a bend not the end!"



Shepherding Team

"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you" James 4:8

What an amazing promise from our amazing God! As we prepare for the Lenten season and reflect on the journey of Redeeming Love that Jesus took for us, how can we draw near and follow His footsteps to Calvary?

There are many missions and ministries of Good Shepherd of the North that provide opportunities for our spiritual growth during this time.

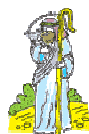
A daily discipline of prayer and Bible reading will help us hear His voice and be led by His Holy Spirit. Take time to meet with Him and reflect on His words.

Expect Him to place opportunities in your path. Is He calling you to meet with others in a small group? To share your resources with those in need? To give your time and energy to serve and encourage others?

Let's make this Lenten season a holy time by drawing near to Him and one another and invite others to join us on our journey to Easter.

In His Amazing Love,

Gay Dimock, co-chair Shepherding Team



GIVING IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATING BUDGET

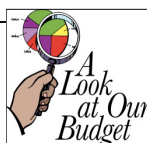
Average Required Per Week \$5,273

Amount given 1/30/11 \$3180

Amount given 2/6/11 \$3782

Amount given 2/13/11 \$4396

Amount given 2/20/11 \$5787



GIVING IN SUPPORT OF THE MORTGAGE LOAN

Average Required Per Week \$ 1,584

Amount given 1/30/11 \$1265

Amount given 2/6/11 \$1363

Amount given 2/13/11 \$1235

Amount given 2/20/11 \$667

**Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of the North
Child Development Center**

A friendly, caring, Christian child care center
A safe place to learn and play

Happy March, 2011!

If we should decide to close the school due to inclement weather, the closing will be posted on TV 9&10 News.

Pre-school classes: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:30 to 11:30 and 12:00 to 3:00 for our 4 year olds.

Three year olds meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11:30

We would like to remind parents that students May NOT bring any toys to pre-school or daycare. This includes any electronics or battery operated games. This is especially helpful after the holiday gift giving season.



March 3	Kristen Tottingham
March 6	Gracie McCarthy
March 11	Trevor Cvitkovich
March 12	Lane Kosier
March 14	Joly Janisse
March 16	Naomi Tasker
March 23	Hannah Greiser



Ms. Dana Strickler, Director
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Mission Team Report

From, "Like Breath and Water-Praying with Africa:" "Do I dare believe in a God who might transform a place simply because people around the world join them in prayer?"

Please continue to hold our missionaries in Palestine, **Brenda and Alex Awad** in prayer. Living in one of the world's "hot spots" while witnessing the love of Christ requires dedication, patience and faith. Information about their ministry is on the bulletin board or can be obtained from our mission team.

Please join us March 4th, 2011 at 1:00 pm for the World Day of Prayer.

****Watch for a special invitation.****



Your loving mission team,

Martha Clapp, Chair

"See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

Song of Songs 2:11-12 (NIV)

PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer shawls are available in our church Cry Room. Twenty eight beautiful shawls were blessed on January 30th. If you would like one for a friend or loved one please see one of the Yarn Spinners. These lovely shawls have been known to bring a smile to the face of many.



Safe Talk

Safe Talk is a one day, 3 hour workshop for community members interested in learning practical skills to competently and confidently connect with a person at risk of suicide. This is a living works program that trains people to recognize a person considering suicide.

Who should attend? All interested community members especially clergy, physicians, nurses, Sunday School teachers, teen leaders and other teachers and aides. Any person having direct contact with people.

The Safe Talk program will be held at Good Shepherd UMC, Thursday, April 14th 6:00 pm to approximately 8:30 pm. The Cost is \$5 to cover materials. Watch for the registration form in Sunday's bulletin, March 20th, 2011.

Blessings,

Bev Emery

Blood Pressure Check

Between Services Sunday

March 20th



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The Shepherding Team would like to introduce you to a new friend: **MARC**
(**Michigan Area Resource Center**)

MARC is a wonderful resource that's available to all United Methodist Churches. Their resources are available on a borrowing basis like a library and their hours are Monday and Tuesday from 8:30am to 5:00pm. MARC offers many resource such as video titles (including DVD format), sheet music, audio resources, printed materials, maps and media kits for all ages on many subjects. The only cost to Good Shepherd small groups would be if there are damages made by the group using the material as well as the return postage for the material.

To find resources you can borrow you need to log on to marc@wmcumc.org. You then search by using the following tools: **Search Resources** **Browse Resources**

When you've found the item you wish to order you click on "checkout". You may also place your order by telephone, fax, or US mail. Phone 888-217-1905 or 616-459-4503 Fax 616-459-0191

Address Attn: **MARC** 11 Fuller Ave. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506

We hope that all small groups will take advantage of this resource. If you have any questions feel free to ask Pastor Eric, Reva Love, Gay Dimock, or please call the MARC office.