



Shepherd's Crook September 2011

Annual Conference 2011 scheduled for September 18th

Good Shepherd's annual church conference has been scheduled for Sunday, September 18th at 3:00 p.m.

The theme is "Radical Hospitality."

We have lots of information to share and business to attend to so all teams and **team leaders** are asked to gather together, format your reports and turn in all necessary data and forms to the church office by September 1st.

Do you have photos or other graphics, charts and memorabilia you'd like to share this year? Let's make our conference book and power point presentation an interesting review and celebration of all we completed in our mission to bring people to Christ Jesus in 2011.

The format for the church conference is:

The SPRC meets before the 3pm conference.
The District Supervisor, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey R.

Maxwell will present devotions. We will have a group discussion 'exploring how GSUMC is doing at inviting, welcoming and caring for newcomers' along with a few hymns and other administrative actions.

Everyone is invited to attend this annual event.

We recognize that this is the same weekend for both the Firemen's Memorial Festival plus the Crop Walk so we appreciate anyone who wishes to attend and also team leaders need to submit their reports promptly. Thank you so much!



Submit your reports!



Team Leaders manage their teams

We created a booklet entitled teams and ministries." We annually produce another booklet called "church directory and ministry handbook." At church conference we produce a document entitled; "GSUMC Lay Leadership," which serves as a 'living' document to list all team leaders and their active roles.

If you have a question about an event or meeting, please check the calendar first, then confer with the team leader. Sometimes team members phone each other with pertinent information that the church office is

not privy to. Also, the church office may not have the MOST recent team meeting minutes due to timing. So, your first call or email for information should be to the team leader.

We try to inform the congregation as much as possible with weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters but these other avenues can assist you as well. Thanks so much for your cooperation!

Sept. 2011

Special points of interest:

- Christian Ed news
- Get to know Paul & Elaine Scheibner
- Cure Your Blues
- September is Hunger Action Month

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Pastor's Page

While I was away in retreat with my family the last week of August, the gathered pastors and their spouses had the opportunity to engage in some morning seminars; the pastors dealing with "pastor" stuff and the spouses with "spouse" stuff. It was really a refreshing and energizing time of dialogue.

One of the things that we talked about in our meeting around the issues of pasturing was the idea of covenant; specifically covenantal living. We talked about professional covenants between say, the pastor and the church, the pastor and the denomination, and the like and we also talked about personal covenants, covenants between husbands and wives, friends, and even between parents and children.

In the Old and New Testaments, the word "covenant" is an important word. In the Hebrew Testament, it was not human beings that first made a covenant with God it was God that made a covenant with human beings. When someone makes a covenant, it's the one who initiates it that is responsible to seeing that it leads to a successful future.

While it's true that human beings to have a responsibility - a choice

really - to respond to the covenant that God made with us, God will ALWAYS remain faithful to God's promises. The rituals and practices that the ancient Hebrews were given were a way for God's people to remember, to re-engage, to re-commit to their own faithfulness to take God at God's word.

In the New Testament, there is much talk about Jesus being the "new" covenant. Again, God is the great initiator, stepping out of eternity and into time and space in the form God's one and only son Jesus Christ. Our responsibility - our choice really - is to simply receive what God has done for us in Jesus and live for him like we mean it.

As a church we have made a covenant not only with God, but also with our United Methodist denomination to be a vital, active, engaging, and compelling witness to the community in which we find ourselves.

From time to time it's important to revisit the covenant(s) we've made, periodically asking ourselves: are we doing all we can? Are we still on the right track? Are we still passionately involved in this great endeavor to partner with God to redeem the world?

After being at GSUMC for over a year now I am confident that we are doing some amazing things for the kingdom of God, not just locally, but globally as well. From the relationships we are building at the Spruce to the children we bless with Operation Christmas Child, the ways in which we are investing in our ministry to students to the ways in which we are commissioning groups of adults to be in mission in the Upper Peninsula, the way in which we are tangibly loving the people of this great Village of Roscommon to the ways in which we are continuing to remain faithful to our global commitments through our apportionments. In these ways, and in many other tangible ways we are making a difference for Jesus Christ in the world!

Yet, let me challenge you, to continue to cultivate that childlike wonder that is always asking God, "OK Daddy, what's next!?"

Love Wins,

Pastor Eric



Cross Connection Youth

Upcoming Events

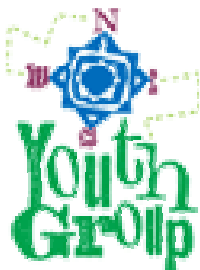


**Sunday
Sept 11th!
5-7 pm**

Sept 18th Crop
Walk

Oct 9th
Concert @ KCC
(Hawk Nelson,
Superchick, Fireflight)

Nov 9th
All-nighter BASH



The past month through the eyes of YDJ

**Greetings in Christ,
Wow, where has the summer gone? I am excited about the fall season: it is my favorite time of year. Where to begin? Football, hunting and oh yes, the teens are back from summer vacation and back to GSUMC—Yea!**

This will be a busy fall but also amazing. The Youth leaders and I have planned some great events and don't forget that Spring Hill is just around the corner.

Amber & I recently visited Mackinac Island a perfect place to view God's creation. The entire island and the Mighty Mac Bridge all lit up in the evening was truly a sight to behold.

If you remember this time last year we had a sleep over at the church and the presence of God was all around us. I just remember groups of teens praying and sharing with each other and the wonderful worship we had. I hope and pray this season that God will use our Cross Connection group to show others the love of Christ and that we will multiply our membership.

I will be praying for 'each' of you as you start a new school year and a new chapter in your lives.

In Christ,

John or (YDJ)

Cross Connection Youth Director,
John McKay

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Cell (810)874-1933

NEWS

It's time to start thinking about Spring Hill: pancake breakfast fundraisers will begin in October.

M&M containers fundraisers will come again soon.

Seeking 4-5 teens to make up a core planning group, interested?

Let me know if you are playing fall sports & I'll come support your team!

No Cross Connection Sept 18th after the Crop Walk

Starting in September
Events for Youth

Sunday

Jr High Youth 5-6:30 p.m.

Sr. High Youth 5:30-7 p.m.

Monday Starts: September 12th

Sr. High Jam at

Roscommon Sr. High

A Lunch ~ Ms. Young's Rm

B Lunch ~ Mr. Perrelis' Rm

Jr. High Jam at

Roscommon Middle School

Cafeteria 2:55 ~ 3:40 p.m.

**JAM
Begins 9/12/11**

If you or someone you know is in suicidal crisis, call 1-800-273-TALK (8255). National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Health Ministry

By Bev Emery, chair



Information from the suicide prevention center www.sprc.org

United States Suicide Statistics

Over 33,000 people in the die annually by suicide.

Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death among teens and young adults.

It is the 11th leading cause of death.

In the U.S., a person dies by suicide every 16 minutes.

For each suicide death, AT LEAST 6 people are intimately affected.

Suicide increases with age. Elderly persons who die by suicide are often divorced or widowed and suffering from physical illness.

90% of suicides are associated with mental illness, including disorders involving alcohol & drug abuse.

50% of those who die by suicide were afflicted with major depression, and the suicide rate of people with major depression is eight times that of the general population.

Suicide is a preventable public health problem.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Join the community and sign up for the Second annual run/walk for Suicide Prevention: **Saturday Sept 24th, 2011 at Houghton Lake.**

All proceeds to benefit the Crawford Roscommon Suicide Prevention Coalition, to support their ongoing efforts to bring awareness and education about suicide prevention.

JUDY will have registration forms in the church office.

Note church calendar:

Sept 14th is the Elder Abuse conference; See flyers and register your attendance or volunteer to Help! See Cindy Edwards if you can assist that day - we need all kinds of helpers.

Count Your Blessings!

Excerpt from Dr. Daniel G. Amen M.D. newsletter

More than 100 million people worldwide suffer from depression and it is thought an estimated 70-90% either do not receive sufficient medical treatment, do not respond to therapy or do not have access to quality health care. As a result, there is an immense unmet need for alternative, economical and effective strategies for treating major and minor depression.

New research supports an age-old concept for lifting depression. It is also safe, low-cost and self-administered. It is called;

Positive Activity Intervention (PAI) which is a fancy term for doing what many of our grandmothers and great-grandmothers would have advised in years past: participating in positive activities like

counting your blessings!

Research on the brain has found that depression comes in a variety of types and there is not a one-size fits all cure. However, almost everyone can receive positive benefits from nourishing the brain with healthy food and exercise along with positive thoughts and actions. Dr. Amen encourages folks to learn how to fight the automatic negative thoughts in their brain and embrace thoughts of gratitude and realistic positivity.

Supplements like fish oil and Vitamin D can further boost mood levels, says Dr. Amen

So get countin' and get happy!

♪ Count your blessings, name them one by one ♪

UMW

The 2011 UMW Rummage sale:
 "Market for Missions" was a huge success. The Fellowship hall was overflowing with terrific items for sale. The outside tents were bursting at the seams and the Cry room was aglow with treasures. \$3212.56 was raised for local mission projects. A whopping **thank you** to all the hands that sorted, folded, priced, baked and cleaned up afterwards. It was amazing how quickly the remaining items were packed for donation and the church was 'Sunday ready.'

The next UMW meeting will be on **Monday September 12th** in the Fellowship Hall. The movie, "Pray The Devil Back To Hell" about one woman who made a difference in Liberia, will be shown. Our meeting will begin at 6:30PM, fifteen minutes earlier than usual, for refreshments and a short business meeting. The movie will start at 7:00PM. Everyone in the church is invited to attend this presentation.

Mark September 21st on your calendars for our annual **Mission Luncheon**. All the women of the church are invited to attend. Lunch will begin at Noon followed by an enlightening program on a local mission project. The speaker will be announced later. Please make a reservation by calling 821-9115 or the church office by September 19th. Thank you.

There is **fun** in your future if you come to the UMW meetings. Be on the look-out for some special activities planned for the rest of the year.

God loves you and so do I.

Audrey Hunter
 UMW President



We hope you have been enjoying our **Memorial Garden** this summer while everything was blossoming & blooming. But fall clean up will soon be upon us. We especially **need perennials for next spring**. Are you sorting through your tulips, crocus or daffodil bulbs? We'll take them! **Call Bill Tudor, 275-6197**. Meanwhile, please enjoy the view and take time to pause and reflect amongst the beautiful flowers and plants. Thank you.



September

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Freedom is not having everything we crave, it's being able to go without the things we crave and being OK with it. "

Rob Bell

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world".

C.S. Lewis



We LOVE to pray for you.
 Please contact the office to
 update this list.
 office@gsumc-roscommon.com
 or
 275-5577
 Thank you.

<u>Our Church Ministries</u>	JoAnn Visotsky	Tammy Seconder
Sunday School	Karen Churchill	Jake Cook
Child Development Center	Anna Linton	Ed Harper
United Methodist Women	John Fitch	Kathleen Glover
United Methodist Men	Dorothy & Jim Hull	Bev Emery
Cross Connection Youth	Harry Rose	Ann Reeks
Worship Services	Peggy Rose	Lisa Kieb
Bible Studies	Martha VanVoorhis	Randy Bowers
Small Groups	Mike Mercurio	Jeanette Johnson
All ministry teams	John Erickson	
	Ann Bolzman	

Please keep Mike & Reva Love and family in prayer with the recent loss of Mike's sister.

Remember our shut ins: **Brunetta Harden** at Hilltop Manor
Pat Anderson and Grace Carter at the Brook Retirement Community.

Why not remember these folks with a visit, phone call or greeting card?

Hilltop Manor: 1290 E. Michigan Hwy. Roscommon, MI 48653

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

Cherished Thought....
 "Is any pleasure on earth as
 great as a circle of Christian
 friends by a fire?"
 CS Lewis

"We are the Bibles the world is reading; **We** are the creeds the world is needing;
We are the sermons the world is heeding."
 Billy Graham

Who's who at Good Shepherd

Paul and Elaine Scheibner met in Denver Colorado. Elaine began her first year as a teacher and Paul was attending seminary. They met at a young adults Sunday night group and as Paul puts it, "I was swept off my feet by the loveliest school teacher I'd ever seen". They were married on June 17, 1959.

Paul & Elaine had four children: Charles, John, Linda, and Karen. Two of their children were diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis; Charles (Chip) lived to be 9 years old and Linda lived to be 18 years old. Paul and Elaine said these children were such blessings. They learned much from the kids about life, death, and having a faith that enables one to live courageously. They have three grandchildren Aileen, Colin, and Katie who live in Minnesota and are such a joy to them. Aileen, the eldest will attend Hamline University in the fall. She will be the 25th member of Elaine's family to do so. Elaine said her grandfather was the first of the family to graduate there in 1903.

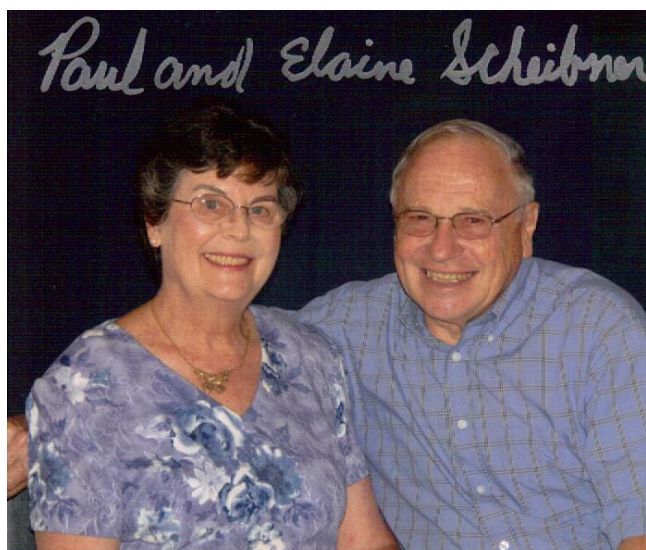
Paul grew up in Detroit, Michigan, graduating from Northwestern High School. While in high school he spent each summer working on passenger ships that traveled the Great Lakes. After graduation he served in the Army for two years on Okinawa, Japan. When he was discharged from the service he went to Albion College. During breaks in college he would travel north and work on the cabin here at Higgins Lake. Paul went to seminary at Iliff School of Theology in Denver. He chose Iliff because of its emphasis on Biblical scholarship and a liberal theological perspective. He served in churches at Girard, Concord, Martin, Dansville, and East Lansing's Chapel Hill. After serving in churches for twenty years Paul went to work for Oldsmobile where he became a Journeyman Millwright.

Elaine grew up in Minnesota. Her father was a Methodist minister so they lived in several places. After high school she went to her family's beloved Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a Methodist college founded by Bishop Hamline. After getting married she taught school for two years before plunging into motherhood. Once her children were all school age she would frequently serve as a substitute teacher. This gave her the freedom to be home when her children were ill.

After Paul's retirement in 1992, they began wintering in Donna, Texas which is on the Mexican border. When people from the north come to Texas for the winter they are called Winter Texans. With time on their hands and wishing to make a difference, many Winter Texans get involved in local church ministries such as the missions at Mercedes United Methodist Church. People working through this church helped to build a Methodist Church in Nuevo Progreso, Mexico. This church's Spanish name is El Buen Pastor which means Good Shepherd. Living in a border town gives Paul and Elaine a wonderful opportunity to mentor bilingual children in the Donna schools and also work with the mission projects in Nuevo Progreso, Mexico. Paul's pet project is a monthly R.V. park sale which raises over \$2500 each year to buy food for a hot lunch program

for school children in Nuevo Progreso. Many of Paul's neighbors help by donating items to this worthy cause. They have come to call the yard sale, the Hot Lunch Yard Sale. Paul and Elaine have also collected shoes for the children that attend the school in Nuevo Progreso. Because these shoes need to be black, the Scheibners have had to put black shoe polish on some of the off colored shoes to make them acceptable. If the kids don't have shoes they can't attend school. If they can't go to school not only is their education affected, they aren't able to take part in the lunch program.

Paul and Elaine summer here at Higgins Lake and live in the cabin that Paul built while he was in college. They have attended Good Shepherd for the past 19 years. Paul has served on the building committee, and chaired the Outreach/Missions group. He also helps with the Rosco Rib Dinners, the county-wide annual crop walk and loves the Friday



morning men's breakfast. Elaine has served on the Shepherding team, Worship team, Memorial team, and the Garden committee. Elaine loves singing so we are blessed to have her in our choir. They both continue to serve wherever they can.

Their leisure hobbies include reading, swimming, and traveling. However, I believe their true passion is missions. Paul said one of the highpoints of their lives was helping establish a state-wide camp for children afflicted with Cystic Fibrosis. Paul and Elaine keep very busy in their retirement. They are DEAR SWEET SERVANTS OF GOD who have figured out that there is NO retirement if you want to serve the Lord, but there are many blessings! Paul and Elaine worship in the first service. Take time to get to know them. You'll be happy you did.

Your roving reporter,
Reva Love Shepherding Co-Chair



Birthdays this Month



9/1	Caroline Denlinger	9/17	Don Collins Karen DeWitt	9/28	Nina Gullledge Corky MacClaren
9/3	Spencer Reinke				
9/4	John Fitch Ardith Stewardson Geri Willobee	9/18	Emma Baker Joyce Wilson		
9/6	Donna Ament	9/20	Kay Ferguson Jim Hull		God Bless each of you during the coming years.
9/7	Barb Holtcamp	9/21	Mark Dibbet		Happy Birthday from your GSUMC Family!
9/8	Jean Brinkman Frank Hirdning Dorothy Hull	9/23	Wendy Dibbet Anne Kidd		
9/10	Gary Hahn	9/24	Tammy Schwalm		
9/11	Pastor Eric Kieb	9/25	Jill Nees		
9/12	Dave Grimm	9/26	Lindsay DeWitt Logan Hutek		
9/13	Johnny Miller Merlyn Wilson				



Anniversaries this month

May God continue to bless these marriages!

September 5th	Don & Dolores Cox
September 5th	Ed & Donna Fursteneau
September 7th	Kevin & Kenda Denlinger
September 12th	Dave & Ginny Trombley
September 18th	Bill & Pam Evans
September 21st	Randy & Louise Bowers
September 26th	Steve & Donna Ament
September 28th	Gary & Sharon Boushelle



It could not have been a more beautiful evening for our first annual Higgins Lake GSUMC Sunset Cruise. Six pontoon boats were tied together off the Northwest end of Treasure Island where approximately 40 people enjoyed good food and awesome fellowship beneath God's beautiful sky. Pastor Eric read Psalm 104 and offered a prayer as we watched the sun slip over the horizon. Everyone had a great time. If you missed it, be sure to watch for this event again next summer.

Applying Biblical Principles

A wise person once observed, "Half of any task is having the right tool, and the other half is knowing what to do with it." Although we don't often consider it as such, money is a tool which God uses in our lives as a means of spiritual growth.

You see, money is not an end in and of itself. It is a means to an end. And in God's hands, one of its primary "ends" is to instruct us and to help us grow spiritually. God especially wants us to avoid our natural tendency which is a bent toward selfishness, greed, and hoarding. That's why the Lord Jesus said, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15).

Well, if an individual's life does not consist in having a lot of possessions, in what does it consist? Jesus provided an insightful answer to that question in

Matthew 6:20-21, where He said, ". . . store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Now, according to Jesus' teaching in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25), there is nothing wrong with saving. There is nothing wrong with investing or earning interest on investments. There is nothing wrong with being a wise steward by planning for the future. In fact, Jesus taught that those who do so are to be commended. But our primary emphasis as God's children is to make our investments in the "Bank of Heaven." When we do that, our investments are secure. They are not affected by inflation, by theft, by wear and tear, or anything of the

kind.

There is only one way to make deposits in this special "bank": By giving to the Lord's work. Although the money is used here, it is credited to your eternal account. Each time you give your tithes and offerings at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of the North, you are giving to the Lord by investing for eternity. You are storing up "treasures in heaven" that will glorify God forever.



2011 Crop Walk September 18th
3 pm Sign up to walk for hunger.
See the bulletin board for details!



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 7/31/11 \$3155

Amount given 8/7/11 \$5331

Amount given 8/14/11 \$4662

Amount given 8/21/11 \$3711

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

[mortgage balance is \$725,907]

Amount given 7/31/11 \$3015

Amount given 8/7/11 \$2605

Amount given 8/14/11 \$960

Amount given 8/21/11 \$965

ENDOWMENT FUND STATUS

\$19,944.89
 (July 31st, 2011)

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



Mission Report
Martha Clapp,
Mission Team
Chair

Sharing God's Gifts- find your niche in mission

Throughout the year, many activities reflect the generosity of Good Shepherd folks: donating to the food bank, Riverhouse, Friendship Shelter, the Animal Shelter and many others. In addition, people reach out to the Relay for Life, C.R.O.P. walk, and other worthwhile community projects. Rosco Ribs offer meals to the community. Market for Missions was just completed, with many hands helping to make it a success. Small groups quietly provide picnics for our Roscommon neighbors.

Our projects are so numerous they cannot all be listed here. There is a niche for everyone-have you found yours?? All of the groups welcome helpers and there is always a spot for a new way to reach out to the community. This is the way we connect with God's people.

**THE CHALLENGE IS YOURS:
 JOIN US IN MISSION!**



Pray for Missions

YEAH TEAM- WOMEN OF THE BIBLE



On Sunday morning, April 14th all who attended the 9AM service entered into a time warp as they stepped through the doorway of the sanctuary and into the pages of the Bible. Our travel guides were Sarah (Laura Barrett), Rebekah (JoAnn Visotsky), Ruth (Shari Patchin), Mary of Bethany (Suzanne Toaz), Mary the Mother of Jesus (Judy English), Hannah (Bev Fitch), and Queen Esther (Gay Dimock) - Women who lived and obeyed God's commands

and who exemplified His glory through their faithfulness. Each of them captivated the audience with their 'personal story.' Reading the Bible is a great thing but to seeing it come alive can be even more powerful. The ladies who present "The Women of The Bible" do a wonderful job teaching us about their Biblical era and answering God's call.

Women of the Bible with us and with other groups throughout the state of Michigan. Congratulations on over 125 performances!

Cindy Edwards
 Ministries Assistant

Thank you to the actors and to narrators Ann Burzyck and Sharon Garrison for sharing the



Shepherding Team

by Gay Dimock, co-chair

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 1:1

As we enter an exciting new season at Good Shepherd UMC of the North, we are blessed to have many opportunities to love and serve God and others.

1. Our new **pictorial directory** and updated roster will enable us to connect with others in many ways. Thank you to everyone who participated in this important project.
2. Look for new "**Living Stones**" prayer lists to be distributed later this month. Our updated directory gives us a visual advantage as we pray for one another each day. More information about the **Living Stones prayer ministry** will follow in our weekly bulletins this month. Please join us in praying for others in your own private prayer time.
3. Look for the beautiful new **Welcome Center** created by our master craftsman, Don Cox. This center will help us provide current information about church programs and ministries as well as offer free Bibles and other important resources.

We are so grateful to those who use their gifts to enrich others. Thank you!

4. The **Roscommon County Crop Walk** is another excellent opportunity to help feed the hungry both locally and globally. You can support this ministry by walking or financially supporting the walkers. Last year, GSUMC was the leader for "the most walkers" and "most funds raised." Let's do it again! This year's walk is Sunday, September 18th. See the **Crop Walk** display table for more details and how **you** can sign up to be a walker and/or donator.

As this new season begins, we hope you will consider these opportunities to live out your faith and bless others in Jesus' Name.

"Teach us to number our days and help us to spend them as we should." Psalm 90:12

Grateful for YOU and all you do,

Gay Dimock,
Shepherding Team Co-chair

One Day Workshop on the **INDUCTIVE** Bible study method

**Saturday, September 17th At
Pickford UMC**

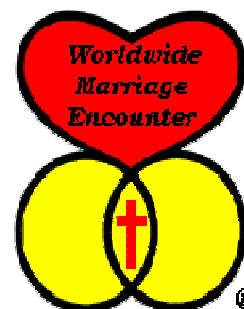
Join us and others from around the area for this training workshop put on by Precept Ministries International.

You will:

LEARN TO STUDY A "PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT" LESSON.
PRACTICE INDUCTIVE STUDY SKILLS USING "BECOMING A FRIEND OF THE FAITHFUL GOD: A STUDY ON ABRAHAM."
SEE HOW "PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT" BIBLE STUDY RESULTS IN APPLICATION FOR LIFE TODAY.

For more info call
(906) 647-6196 and talk to Paul or
Leanne or email us at
pickfordumc@centurytel.net.

Registration forms are available on
the church bulletin board.



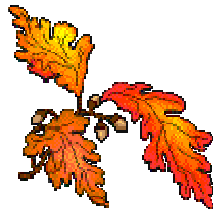
Oct 14-16 @
Best Western
near Detroit
Metro Airport

Questions? Jim & Sharon Kavanaugh
@ 821-7244



**Remember MARC this season
By Saginaw Bay District**

Church Leaders - as you put in place your fall programs don't forget to utilize MARC, your Michigan Area Resource Center. Browse the website at www.marc-web.org, and find a wealth of material ready for loan— small group study resources, stewardship helps, children and youth programs, UMW and UMM program material, etc.! There is no need to log in when visiting MARC. Just click on the advanced search bar, key in your needs, then email your order to: marc@wmcumc.org



Statistics Don't Lie! How to stay safe in today's world.

Where is the safest place?

Avoid riding in **automobiles** because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.

Do not stay **home** because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.

Avoid **walking** on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.

Don't travel by **air, rail or boat/ship** as more than 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.

Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in **hospitals**. So above all else, avoid hospitals.

But, you will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in **worship services at church**, and these are usually related to previous physical illness or disorders.

Therefore, logic tells us that the **safest place** for you to be at any given point in time is in **CHURCH!**

And Bible study is safe too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less!

**Child Development Center
Fall 2011**

Our pre-school begins September 12th for 4 year olds and September 13th for 3 year olds. We have only "a couple" of openings in the afternoon sessions so we are planning on a busy school year ahead. Call our Director, Ms. Dana Strickler for details, 275-6971. Thanks!



**So, attend church and read your Bible,
IT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

I saw this on the internet and thought it was worth passing along (one of the FEW items we receive worth sharing!)

Judy Barbour

p.s. GSUMC, I have a challenge for you:
(this is something I do at my church on my own, not as part of any group or team)

Take a look around the sanctuary and see if you notice folks missing; you know the ones you saw last summer but not this year. Take a "we miss you" postcard off the visitor table and mail it to the absent person/family. Tell them they are missed and invite them to attend church next Sunday. Then sign your name and tell them you will be praying for them. Let's share God's Love and lift up each other.



Win-Some Women on Mackinac Island - this fall, 2011

Because these retreats are extremely popular, registration involves some special procedures. Please take a moment to read through these instructions.

Groups: Complete a registration form for each room, and mail together with payment. Additional forms are available online at www.win-somewomen.org or a photocopy may be used. We cannot guarantee your rooms will be near each other.

Rates:

Registration cost for 4 in a room is \$44.00 – Grand Hotel room fee is \$115.00 = \$159.00

Registration cost for 2-3 in a room is \$53.00 – Grand Hotel room fee is \$136.00 = \$189.00

The above special rate includes the following: Retreat registration fee, round trip Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry ticket, accommodations and dinner on day of arrival, breakfast and lunch on day of departure, all taxes, gratuities, and baggage handling fees. The two night option includes the above, plus dinner and accommodations on the second day, and breakfast and lunch on the day of departure.

Rooms are limited to 4 persons. The options for 5 persons are: Register 2 in one room and 3 in another or 4 in one room and the fifth person registers as a single. She will be placed with another single in a room with two beds.

Confirmation: Grand Hotel will send one confirmation letter to the Room Leader with information about your stay. Luggage tags will be available before departure at Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry dock.

Dress Code: Grand Hotel does accept informal resort clothing during the day. They do suggest, and most guests prefer to dress more formally for dinner.

The purpose of the retreat is to allow you to have time away from life's everyday distractions, and experience the blessing and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[More Information is on the application form.](#)

Obtain your application from Laurice Tanner, the church office or on-line @ www.win-some-women.org



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Friday 9 am to 3 pm

Church Services

9 am Traditional Service
11 am Contemporary Service

To put prayer requests on our
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“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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Don Cox ‘crafted’ this beautiful WELCOME CENTER for us. Be sure to stop and see it in the gathering area of the church. **Thank you Don!** This lovely piece is sure to have a lot of use for us in the coming years.



Food Banks Promote Message "Give a Little, Feed a Lot"

One in eight Americans struggles with hunger. 36 million Americans struggle with hunger every day. **September is “Hunger Action Month.”** It is an effort to raise awareness, and encourage people to donate some time, money or voice support. Demand at food banks is up 30% from last year due to the recession and rising unemployment. 36 million Americans struggle with hunger every day. Many Americans are unaware of the great demand for food assistance throughout the country. GSUMC has bins in the hallway for food collection for our local community food pantry. Thank you for your continued generous donations.

