



The *Word* from the Street

August 2017
Love in Action

Greetings Beloved,

I must admit that I'm excited about what God is doing here at State Street United Methodist Church. During my time of prayer, God invited me to experience Him in life-changing ways and I am inviting you to join me on this journey. It's simple all we are doing is practicing what we believe and putting our love in action. For the next 40 days, we will focus on God together and experience everlasting joy.

We will experience the Joy and share that Joy with others. To make this journey more meaningful and memorable, I invite you to invite others on this journey with us.



This trip is designed to be an all-hands-on-deck experience. Be sure to include

any family members, friends, Bible study group, or friends from other churches on this journey with us. What we will discover together will change all of our lives forever! Invite everyone to take part, including children, we all can take this journey together!

I believe that God will encourage us, stretch us and challenge us into deeper relationship with HIM. So, let us get started with praying together first.

Beginning August 7, 2017, **You** will receive daily messages for the next 40 days and even be invited to devotional prayer calls once a week.

So, by invitation of the King of Kings, I welcome you aboard on one of the most adventurous and thrilling journeys you'll ever experience—a journey to a more generous life.

I look forward to hearing all about your journey!

Pastor Monique French

Nurture

Vacation Bible School News



Mark the dates:

Vacation Bible School will be August 7th through August 11 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. The theme is: Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God.

VBS registration forms are available in the parlor.

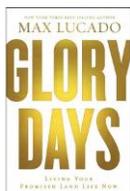
If you would like to help, please contact Yvonne Kinney: Phone 799-2828 or email yvonme@aol.com.

Yvonne Kinney, VBS Director

Sunday school will return on September 17, 2017. (Children on the steps continues through the summer).

Book Study Group

A new study beginning Wednesday September 20 at 1:00pm and every third Wednesday after that. "Glory Days" by Max Lucado". Books are available from Lois Arthur for \$10.



August Birthdays

08/03 Jean Dudewicz
08/07 Nancy Baumgartner
08/09 Linda Kinsman
08/10 Shawna Ruple
08/13 Gabriel Rios
08/16 Shawn Collier
08/19 Heather Shoopman
08/20 Dawn Stewart
08/24 Laura Kinner
08/24 Garrett Roe
08/26 Cindy Chisholm
08/26 Dora Moore
08/28 David O'Dell



August Anniversaries

8/05 Gerald and Yvonne Kinney
8/11 Terry and Rebecca Peters
8/18 John Jr and Shawna Ruple
8/23 Scott and Melissa Heinz
8/28 Mark and Elizabeth Roe



Maxine Schultz, Dora Moore, Dorothy Spess, Jill Burk, Bob & Betty Hare, Mark Huebler, Jacqueline Matlock, Zella Wallace, Ed Kragenbrink, Esther Anderson, Steve Worden, Elias and Tapuwa Mumbiro, Patrick & Collette Seaver, Yvonne Garrett, Becky Rumsey, Lila Goff, Lauren Mertz, David Knights, Carol Kanarck, Sandy Hooper, Harvey Farrand, Scott and Gina Seipel, Dan and Jackie Burch, Linda Smith, Mona Ault, Shirley Burgess, Tosha Parker, Marcello Rios, The LaMantia family, Lois Ruple, Jean Dudewicz, Wayne Humbert, Dr. Rose Novey, Marcile Cunningham, Kim Kaufmann and the families of Jerry Goff, Mary Dyer, Dorothy Miller & Ron Dutcher

Susanne's Chat with Jesus

"I Celebrate the Joy of My Salvation"

Loving greetings Jesus, thank you for another glorious day. Yes, sixty years ago this month I yielded myself to you and found my heart "strangely warmed" in the chapel at Lake Louise United Methodist Camp. It was a very profound moment and I could not wait to return home to share the news with my dad and mom. You truly have blessed me since that time, through the valleys and mountaintop experiences of life. I am deeply grateful for Your sacrifice so that I could be saved and know that I will have eternal life with You. Thank You Jesus for this wonderful gift which I have treasured and hold dear in my heart. "I Love You Lord" and always will. Amen.

August 2017 *Susanne Dillman*



Summer Free Lunch Program has been discontinued for the remainder of the summer due to low attendance. We were sorry to make this decision, and we did our best to provide a good program.



We are, however, happy to report that the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan will be delivering dinner and snacks for children each day during our Vacation Bible School.

I want to thank our program coordinators Lois Arthur, Pastor Monique French, Dianne German, and Linda Kinsman. Also, thank you to our volunteer helpers Bev Hallberg, Rae Jump, and Sandy Kaufman and our secretary Vickie for receiving the food and checking temperatures every day. Your willingness to help others make worthy programs like this possible.

Special Thanks

One day this summer I observed Rae Jump on her hands and knees pulling weeds in the meditation garden which had been neglected for some time. Thanks Rae, you saw a need and quietly took care of it.



Stewardship

a way of life

What's the difference between a centipede and a caterpillar? They're both small, wiggly creatures with many pairs of legs. Well, one difference is that while a centipede can't fly, a caterpillar can't fly yet. That's important. Centipedes will crawl all their lives. Caterpillars, however, transform themselves into butterflies. They emerge from their cocoons with wings.

When it comes to stewardship, often people make the mistake of acting like centipedes, rather than caterpillars. If they are not already stewards, it's likely that too often, they'll sit back and watch others contribute. "Yes, Jane Jones is so active in the church, she's on every committee and sings in the choir too. I don't know how she makes the time." Or, "Oh, Tom Smith, yes, he always brings in bags of food for the food pantry and even tithes. Amazing, tithing these days." They may admire the stewards, but don't consider imitating their generosity, because "they're not like us." While they may donate a little here or there, they won't make a larger commitment.

However, stewards are something we become, not something we're born. If we try, we can transform ourselves just as caterpillars become butterflies. Then our own gifts can take flight.



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Stewardship



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Special Note from the Trustees!

The Saginaw Bay District Office had a need to consolidate office space and storage into one location. As of July 1st, they have now expanded their lease from us to include the main conference room, and two classrooms on the lower level. Therefore, they now control the calendar for use of the conference room.

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