

# The Methodist Message

September

2024

## Pastor's Page.....

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.... I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. *John 17: 16 (NIV)*

The Scriptures don't often record what Jesus prayed because He often prayed alone (*MATTHEW 14:23, MARK 1:35; LUKE 9:18*). On some occasions, however, He wanted us to hear His prayers for our benefit (*SEE MATTHEW 6: 9-13, JOHN 11:42*) John 17, known as "Jesus' High Priestly Prayer," is one such prayer. It reveals His deepest concern for us. It's the longest of Christ's recorded prayers and can be summarized this way: Jesus prays for His glory (*VV. 1-5*), His disciples' security (*VV. 6-12*). His disciples' sanctity (*VV. 13-19*), and the church's unity (*VV. 20-26*).

### LOOK MORE LIKE JESUS

God designed the great gray owl as a master of camouflage. Its silver-gray feathers have a collective pattern of coloring which allows it to blend into the bark when perched in trees. When the owls want to remain unseen, they hide in plain sight, blending into their environment with the help of their feathery camouflage.

God's people are often too much like the great gray owl. We can easily blend into the world and remain unrecognized as believers in Christ, intentionally or unintentionally. Jesus prayed for His disciples-those the Father gave Him "out of the world" who "obeyed" His Word (*John 17:6*). God the Son asked God the Father to protect and empower them to live in holiness and persevering joy after He left them (*VV. 7-13*). He said, "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one" (*V. 15*). Jesus knew His disciples needed to be made holy and set apart so they could live out the purpose He'd sent them to fulfill (*VV. 16-19*).

The Holy Spirit can help us turn from the temptation to become masters of camouflage that blend into the world. When we submit to him daily, we can look more like Jesus. As we live in unity and love, He'll draw others to Christ in all His glory.

**Xochitl Dixon, Our Daily Bread, August 2024**

We haven't encountered any owls in Copper Harbor but I'm sure they're here. Many of the creatures here have to use camouflage to stay safe, just like an owl! We do have eagles, who do not use camouflage but display their strength and majesty from showing their distinct coloring. Are more like an owl or an eagle?

**In what area of your life can you ask God to make you more like Jesus? How has God used others to draw you closer because of the way they lived and loved like Jesus?**

*Holy Spirit, please make me look so much like Jesus that others will be drawn to seek the one true God.*

*Pastor Billie Lou*

## September Birthdays



2. Sharon Howie
3. Matthew Ruskowski
5. Bill Rohn
7. Ted Sherwood
12. Colton Shelley
14. Lynn Matthews
30. Diane Colbry



Kevin & Sheri Murphy – Sept. 7, 1985

Ray & Karen Rohn - Sept. 8, 1972

Jim & Paula Brown— Sept. 12, 2020

Randy & Cheryl Reeves—Sept. 27, 2008

Ken & Nancy Federspiel—Sept. 28, 2019

## FALL LAY SERVANT CLASSES

Have you ever thought about being a lay servant? UMC Lay Servant Ministries will be offering three different classes throughout Central Michigan that you can attend and get the classes needed to be a lay servant for the church. The three locations are:

**Auburn UMC—September 7th & 14th from 9 am—3 pm**

**Edmore Faith UMC—October 12th & 19th from 9 am—3 pm**

**Wesley Foundation, CMU Campus—November 2nd & 9th from 9 am—3 pm**

## MEETINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY @ BUMC

Mon. Sept. 2		Labor Day
Tues. Sept. 3	10am-1 pm	BHMW Food Pantry
Wed. Sept. 4	1pm	UWIF @ SL all welcome
Thurs. Sept 5	12-3 pm	Personal Needs Pantry @ SL
	4:30-6:30 pm	Tail gate @ New Village Park
Sun. Sept 8	9:30 am	FROG Rally Day
Tues. Sept. 10	10am-1 pm	BHMW Food Pantry
Thurs. Sept. 12	Noon	Y.A.H.A.
	1pm	Prayer Vigil– Blessing of the Church
Thurs. Sept. 19		Church Office closed
Fri. Sept. 20	8am-1pm	Nancy will be in the office
Tues. Sept. 24	4:30 pm	Free community Meal – Sandwich Supper @ SL



### CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 13, 2024

6PM at the Alma UMC



### Coffee Fellowship

We are trying something new starting in September. Fellowship time will be before church service at 9am. You'll still have the same yummy treats and hot coffee, just a little earlier! Meet us in the Narthex gathering area and see how this new idea works for you!

### Lay Servant registration Information:

- ◊ Download the registration form from the Central Bay District website and have it signed by the appropriate people. <https://centralbay.michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/08/LSM-registration-buckley.pdf>
- ◊ Bring your signed registration request form with you to the first class.
- ◊ Please bring your lunch, the required textbook, a bible, pencil and paper for notes, and an open mind.



Our next **prayer vigil** will be Thursday, Sept. 12th at 1:00pm and will be a **Blessing of the Church** following YAHA. We hope folks will stay after lunch and help anoint the facility with oil and prayer for a spirit filled fall start.



### Summary of August 6, 2024 United Leadership Team Meeting

In addition to handling church business the following activities were covered.

1. Our fellowship hall carpet is worn and stained beyond repair. We are looking at a 2025 fundraising campaign to replace the carpet.
2. Plan to repair and reseal our parking lot.
3. Our Education team will have a youth Rally Day called F.R.O.G. (Fully rely on God) planned for September 8th. Jackie needs your help.
4. A pregame tailgate party is planned for Thursday, September 5th in the new Village Park on 3rd Street. All are welcome!
5. Do to lack of participation at our after service coffee fellowship, we are moving coffee fellowship to before service starting at 9am. Please join us a few minutes early to share time with your church family and newcomers. This has been very successful at other churches.

The United Leadership Team is responsible for the vision of our church's future. Your ideas can help, if you share them with the team.

*Larry Arthur*  
ULT Convener



### RALLY DAY Sunday

**Sept. 9 @ 9:30 AM**

Fully rely on God.

Let's celebrate the end of Summer and the restart of fall activities in our community and church!

"You, God, are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely"

Psalm 59: 9-10

### 5th Quarter

September 27

After the high school Football game until 11pm.

All high school students are welcome!



### DID YOU KNOW?

**BUMC HAS A GOLF TEAM!**

I didn't realize we had a team!

If you see Ryan Randall, Greg Shankel, Dave Briggs or Jim Brown ask them about it!





Landon Briggs, Dave & Loretta's Grandson



Greg Shankel and Ryan Randall



Ryan, Mike Cooper and Dave Briggs



Ryan, Mike, Russ & Loretta



Loretta, Dave, Mike & Russ



**A Great Big Thank You** goes out to our amazing Grounds Crew! Thank you for braving the heat and making our Church's yard so pretty! Thank you, Landon, Loretta, Dave, Russ, Mike and Greg...

**SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS:**

Nancy Thurs. 8am-1pm

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## THE METHODIST MESSAGE

“SERVING ONE ANOTHER AND SHARING GOD’S LOVE”

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9:30 AM worship

**“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.”**

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