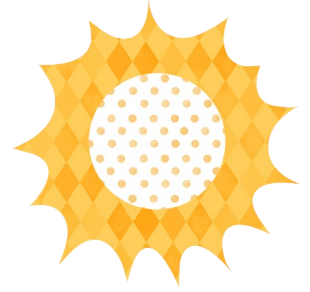


# Methodist Message

June 2025



## Pastor's Page....

Due to Pastor Billie Lou's unexpected leave, there will not be a Pastor's Page this month. Instead, I leave you all with this story on value. I hope you enjoy reading it and know how special and valued each one of you are!

### VALUE

*A popular speaker started off a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. A crowd of 200 had gathered to hear him speak. He asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"*

*200 hands went up.*

*He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He crumpled the bill up.*

*He then asked, "Who still wants it?"*

*All 200 hands were still raised.*

*"Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" Then he dropped the bill on the ground and stomped on it with his shoes.*

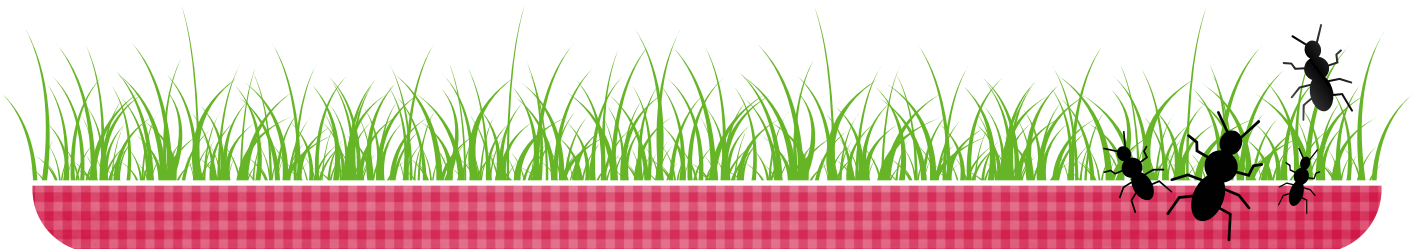
*He picked it up, and showed it to the crowd. The bill was all crumpled and dirty.*

*"Now who still wants it?"*

*All the hands still went up.*

*"My friends, I have just showed you a very important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, life crumples us and grinds us into the dirt. We make bad decisions or deal with poor circumstances. We feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. You are special – Don't ever forget it!"*

*Billy Fagg, June 2023*





United  
Women  
in Faith

Dear Friends,

It seems June has come quickly. Spring suddenly was upon us and summer is on its way. One of the joys of nicer weather is reading outside in the morning. One of the delights of warmer days is the return of songbirds. I enjoy watching them at the feeder and their chirps are a welcome song.



My husband tells me I need to be out earlier as the robins are the first to sing (according to him, dawn is best.). Sure enough, they were the first to sing. It was like a beautiful solo and it wasn't long before a woodpecker offered a beat. Eventually there was a choir of birds chirping! Being a "bird novice" I'm not always sure which chirp goes with which bird, but I still enjoy the song. It made me wonder what the Bible had to say about birds singing and found in Psalm 104, "The birds sing among the branches." That certainly sounds like my side yard!

Several ladies attended a May luncheon hosted the Carson City United Women in Faith. Attending were Peggy Mikek, Kay Clark, Lena Nelson, Marge Clapp, Gladys Poindexter, and Lou Irvin. Thank you to Lou for driving.

The ladies have taken over the Soup Suppers during the warmer months. Thank you Mary Reichard for chairing the Sandwich Supper in May.

Looking ahead:

June 4—General UWif business meeting, 1:00, Dorcas chairs

June 24—Sandwich Supper, Peggy Mikek, chair

June 27- Funeral luncheon, Dorcus hosts

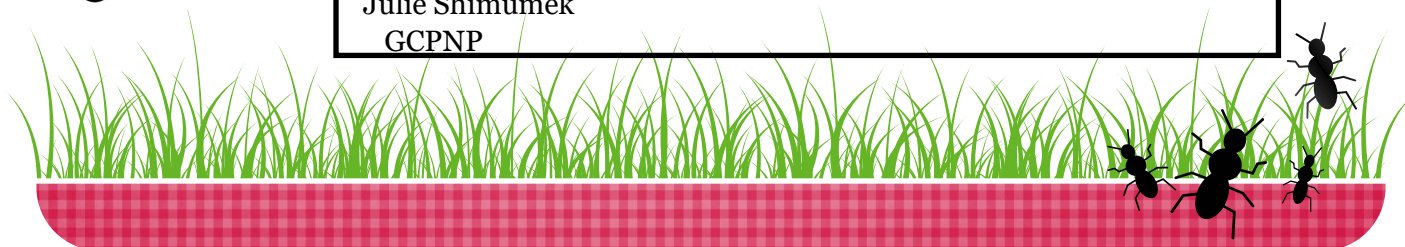
As I close, I keep thinking our group is much like the songbirds in my yard. Everyone may have a different song, but together we make great music. All the ladies are welcome to join our choir that creates positive things for our church and community.

Blessings,  
Sue Baker  
UWif President

*Thank  
you!*

The volunteers at the Gratiot Community Personal Needs Pantry would like to thank all those that participated during the fundraiser at the Blue Shamrock ( a huge success) and those that donated to the "bucks bucket". Your support is vital and appreciated!

Julie Shimunek  
GCPNP





2. Molly Gulick
4. Dustin Shelley
6. Kolby Munro
8. Beverly Bott
13. Raegan Harrison
14. Victoria Posey
15. Kenton SanMi-guel
17. Karen Stoneman
19. Granleigh Stone-man
21. Paula Brown
22. Ava Wright
25. Joyce Short



Josh and Molly Gulick - June 7, 2014

Jerry and Wendy Hurst—June 28

#### Update on Pastor Billie Lou

As most of you know, Pastor Billie Lou has had some health concerns lately. During the week of May 19, she was not feeling well and discovered she had an allergic reaction to a medication she had been prescribed. This reaction created tachycardia symptoms. Due to these symptoms, she had a series of tests, and it was determined that Pastor Billie Lou had issues with her heart. She received 4 stents and then a few days later had surgery to put in a pace-maker and defibrillator. It was clearly the work of the Lord to make sure she got to the hospital to receive the necessary tests to discover the more significant issue of her blockage.

She is now home recovering at the parsonage in St Louis. She will be off for several weeks recuperating. During this time, Reverend John Conklin will be serving our church in Pastor Billie Lou's absence. His service is covered by the church conference through our ministry shares. We look forward to his ministry.

Your prayers have been appreciated but are still needed as she recovers.

Please feel free to send get-well cards to Pastor Billie Lou at:  
Pastor Billie Lou Gillespie Brown  
116 N East Street  
St Louis, MI 48880

Pastor Billie Lou will not be able to help at the Music and Arts Camp on Monday, June 16 through Wednesday, June 18. It is the Pastor's hope that some additional people will volunteer to help. If you can help in any way, please contact the church at 989-842-3632 or Karen Stoneman at 989-928-1508.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

The Plank Road Arbor of the Gleaners presented the BUMC with a new American flag on Memorial Sunday. Pictured are BUMC Trustee, Mike Cooper with Gleaner members, David and Loretta Briggs and Sharon Howie.



## Music & Arts Camp

**Where:** SLFUMC, 116 S. Franklin St. St. Louis

**When:** Mon. June 23-Wed. June 25  
9 am-11:30 am

**What:** Learn about different instruments  
And  
Learn about different artists and styles of art;  
complete several projects to take home

**Who:** Kindergarten-Middle School  
Nursery available 18 mo-4/5 yr.  
Parents are welcome to participate

**How Much\$:** FREE!!

Join us **Thursday, June 26th from 7-8 pm** for a  
Gallery Open House where family members can view  
all the projects and then take the projects home.

Pre-register by leaving a message at  
989-681-3320

## Music & Arts Camp

**Where:** BUMC, 125 Third St. Breckenridge

**When:** Mon. June 16-Wed. June 18  
9 am-11:30 am

**What:** Learn about different instruments  
And  
Learn about different artists and styles of art;  
complete several projects to take home

**Who:** Kindergarten-Middle School  
Nursery available 18 mo-4/5 yr.  
Parents are welcome to participate

**How Much\$:** FREE!!

Join us **Thursday, June 19th from 7-8 pm** for a  
Gallery Open House where family members can view  
all the projects and then take the projects home.

Pre-register by leaving a message at  
989-842-3632



## June Events

**Wed. June 4**—UWiF General Mtg @ 1:00 pm

**Fri. June 6**— Last day of school @ Breckenridge Comm. School

**Sun. June 8**—Graduation Sunday

**Thurs. June 12**— Y.A.H.A @ noon

**Sun. June 15**—Father's Day—Special Sunday—Peace With Jus-  
tice "Buck" Bucket offering for the food pantry

**Mon June 16-Wed. June 18** -Music and Art Camp 9-11:30  
am @ BUMC

**Wed. June 18**— Book Club at SLFUMC @ 2:00

**Thur. June 19**—Music and Art Camp Open House @ 7-8 PM  
@ BUMC

**Mon. June 23-Wed. June 25**—Music and Art Camp at SLF 9  
-11:30 am

**Tuesday, June 24**—Free Community Sandwich Supper—4:30

**Thur. June 26**—Open House for SLF Music and Art Camp 7-8  
PM



The SLFUMC and BUMC will be at-  
tending the Great Lakes Loons game  
on **Sunday, August 10th. The**  
**game starts at 1:05.** If you would  
like to attend, please sign up at the  
table in the Narthex. Space is limited, so sign up early.  
Ticket prices are \$12.50 per person .



On **Wednesday, June 18th at 2:00,**  
we will be meeting at the St. Louis  
Church for a book club. The book we are  
reading is **THE WOMEN by Kristin**

**Hannah,** a story about a nurse during the Vietnam  
War. There will be 2 copies of the book that will be  
available for check out at both churches. Please join

## Class of 2025



Congratulations go out to all our area  
graduates. We wish you all the best in  
your future endeavors.

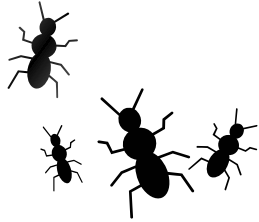


**SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS:**

Nancy—Thursday. 8 am—1 pm

**Email Address:**

breckenridgeumc@yahoo.com



**THE METHODIST MESSAGE**

**“SERVING ONE ANOTHER AND SHARING  
GOD’S LOVE”**

**United Methodist Church**

125 Third St.

Breckenridge, MI 48615

Billie Lou Gillespie-Brown—Pastor

Office phone: 989-842-3632

9:30 AM worship

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

**\*\*Please notify the church if you wish to be  
taken off the mailing list.**



United Methodist Church  
125 Third St.  
Breckenridge, MI 48615  
Return Service Requested

