



The SPIRE

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Help us celebrate! - June 9

Our Pastor Leslee has achieved two major milestones in her educational and work life. She has now completed her course work and she graduated this week from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. On Sunday, June 2, she will be commissioned as a Provisional Elder in the United Methodist Church. That's a lot to celebrate! Join us in Wesley Lounge immediately after worship on June 9 for cake, ice cream, and a presentation of a gift. Be thankful; be joyful; and, be together to share!

If you wish to contribute to a well-deserved gift, please make a check payable to FUMC Albion, indicate in the memo line it is a gift to the pastor, and place in the regular offering plate on Sunday. their way into worship.

Thank You for Helping



Pastor Leslee packed up four heaping boxes of diapers, blankets, colored pencils, crayons and personal care items on Memorial Day weekend. Thanks to your generosity, the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) will receive critical supplies to help them in their mission to bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been affected by war, violence and natural disaster.

As a partner with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the MMDC is one of the 10 coordinating depots that provides education, health and disaster relief supplies. Since the start of 2018, MMDC has supplied more than 800,000 pounds of relief supplies to 288 communities affected by disasters across the US and around the world.

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Follow Jesus; Love Everyone

Guest Pastor - June 2

Rev. Jeanne Randels is an ordained elder with the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. She has served in four appointments, including as the pastor of the Albion United Methodist Church from 1991 - 1998. She retired from pastoral ministry in 2014 after serving as the senior pastor of the Okemos Community Church for 15 years. She and her husband, Paul Hartman, continue to live in Okemos. Their family includes four adult children and six grandchildren.

Prayers

Missy Wyss, Hilda Ebbinghaus, Rob Dinniny, David Roush, Nancy Roush, Barb Stowell, Greg Metzler, Ken Bentley, Beverly Bentley, and Pastor Tom Hollowood @ home



Shelly Wilder @ Allegiance Hospital, Jackson
Allison Roesti @ Medilodge, Marshall
Edward Sobie, Jr. @ Egeler Center, Jackson
Betty Beese @ Glazier Assisted Living, Chelsea
Donna Gaskell @ Copley, OH

Special Church Conference Completes Work for Full-Time Pastor

The special Church Conference held on Sunday, May 5 following worship completed the work begun by the Staff-Parish Relations and Finance Committees last fall to restore the pastor position at Albion FUMC to full-time. The members participating in the conference voted unanimously to adopt a new salary package for a full-time pastor beginning July 1, 2019, the final step in the lengthy process. Beginning July 1, Pastor Leslee will serve Albion FUMC full time.

Leadership Listing

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Memorial Chair	Carol Maynard
Choir Director	Drew Dunham
Music Director/ Pianist	Jan Fourn
Administrative Assistant	Cindi Klingel albionfumc@gmail.com
Housekeeper	Lynn Markovich
Custodian	Larry Maynard

Christian Sympathy

Jon Sprandel passed away on Friday, May 24. He made a wonderful difference in the lives of his family, friends, and community and will be greatly missed. Please keep Nancy and the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



UMW News

UMW News and Views

Back to college time...Who me? Yes, you. It's time to go to Mission U.

You can choose one day, two days, or three days plus. Go with your spouse, child, teenager, grandchild, or a friend or two. Would you like to participate in a study of Mark's gospel led by Bishop David Bard? Or perhaps you'd enjoy the challenge of facing "What about Our Money?" with Rev. Faith Fowler. Maybe you are curious about "Women United for

Change: 150 Years in Mission" taught by Genie Bank. Enjoy delicious meals at Baldwin Hall but sleep in your own bed if you choose to be a commuter at Albion College July 10-13. Other choices include one day at Southfield Hope UMC, July 20; a one day (August 15) or two day session (August 16 and 17) at Lake Huron Retreat Center; or two days at 1st UMC in Gaylord (October 21 and 22). Cost? Pick up a flyer in the church office for the details. Ask John Williams, Sally Ammerman, or me for testimonials. You are never too old to learn something new. It's time to go to Mission U.

Come join us at Carolyn Gaswick's for our Summer Refresher on June 26th. We'll meet at 10 a.m., for visiting and enjoy lunch together at "noonish". A dish to share will make our time together even more delightful.

If there is no sunshine, be the "Sonshine" of our times together.

Boldly in UMW,
Donna Williams

Dear Friends,

We have the best church family! Your prayers and support have meant so much to us these past few months. We are healing from our accident and still have some mending to do, but we are confident we will fully recover. Thank you so much for lifting our spirits and helping us through this challenging time.

With gratitude,
Nancy and Dave Roush



Church Picnic/Potluck

Bob and Bobbie Armstrong will be hosting a summer church picnic/potluck on Saturday, August 4 at 1:15 p.m., at their cottage on Marble Lake. The address is:

138 Highbanks
Quincey, Michigan



Please plan to bring lawn chairs, drinks, and a passing dish. Hope you can join in the fun.


Sunday Schedule:

9:00 Band
9:30 Refreshments
10:00 Worship
11:00 Refreshments
11:30 Sermon Discussion

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Sunday Schedule Communion	3 5:30p Women United Leadership 7:30p Scouts BSA	4 8a Biggby Bible Study	5 1:15p Sheldon Place Bible Study 6:30p Bell Choir	6 9 Zone 1 Clergy Meeting	7	8 2p Slone Graduation
9 Sunday Schedule 11:30 Pastor Celebration	10 5:30p SPRC 7p Scouts BSA	11 8a Biggby Bible Study 5:30p Albion Philan- thropic Women	12 1:15p Sheldon Place Bible Study	13 6:30p Trustees	14	15
16 Peace with Justice Sunday Father's Day Sunday Schedule 11:30 Sermon Discussion	17 1:30p Entre Nous 5:30p Women United 7p Scouts BSA	18 8a Biggby Bible Study	19 1:15p Sheldon Place Bible Study	20 12p  Blood Drive @ Knights of Columbus	21	22
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