



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST *Midland*

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June 2017 Newsletter

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From Your Pastor...

When I was a child I thought that church, like public schools, closed for the summer. Although our family faithfully attended worship, and participated in a variety of other church activities, throughout the year, we were absent in the summer. Camping trips across the United States, as well as a cabin on the Muskegon River, meant that we were rarely in town on the weekends.

Summer is the perfect time for people to take vacations and find times of rest. I will be doing that a number of times throughout the coming summer with my family. I hope that all of you will have opportunities to take vacations as well. Despite what I thought as a child, church activities do not come to a halt in the summer. In fact, the United Church of Christ, Midland has numerous activities scheduled for the months of June, July and August. In addition to the weekly service of worship on Sundays, there are many wonderful opportunities for learning, service and fellowship.

Every Wednesday morning individuals meet to care for the church building and grounds. They are always looking for more volunteers. On June 10th people from our church will reach out in love to those attending the Great Lakes LGBT Pride Event on the riverfront in Bay City. During the week of June 19th several teens and adults from our church will join volunteers from around the area to help One Week/One Street restore homes on Roberts Street in Saginaw. Throughout the summer Peg Stokes will lead a Bible Study on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. On June 22nd members and friends will cheer on the Loon's baseball team. Women from this church will attend The Gathering sponsored by the Michigan Conference, UCC, as well as an all-church camping weekend in the Scottish Hills. In July members and friends will gather at the home of Doug Webster and Al Harrow for the annual Ice Cream Social. The last day of July marks the beginning of our week-long Vacation Bible School where dozens of children and adults come together for learning and fun.

While I hope that everyone in our church has the opportunity to take vacation this summer, I also hope that you will remember the many ways that you can remain involved with the many wonderful ministries of this church.

Peace,
Roger



Summer office hours

begin June 1...

Monday - Thursday from

8:30 a.m.

until

3:00 p.m.



Joys & Concerns

Congratulations to Sarah Gornicki Pancost who received the Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Award on May 11.

Congratulations to Laura Wolanin who received the Gerstacker Teacher Proficiency Award on May 11.

Congratulations to Laurie Jacob who received her Master of Divinity Degree from Eden Theological Seminary on May 19.

Congratulations to Daniela Lowery, a recent graduate of Midland High School.

Best wishes to Kim Lovell and Jasmin Skopljah who were joined in the covenant of marriage on May 20 in Baltimore, Maryland. Congratulations to Kim who received her MPH and MBA degrees from Johns Hopkins University on May 23.

Congratulations to Chelsea Dean who graduated from MTU with a BS in Chemical Engineering and a minor in Alternative Energy Technology. She is moving down to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to work as an improvement engineer for Dow Chemical in Plaquemine, Louisiana starting in June.

Congratulations to John DiMuro who received his PH.D. in Organization Development from Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois.

Our thoughts and prayers are with LoLita Pfeiffer and her family on the death of her mother on May 16.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mark and Judy Kuehl on the death of his mother on May 17.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rhosan Stryker, Dree Stryker and their family on the death of Greg Stryker on May 22.

Fundraiser Thank You

The members of the Fundraiser Committee offer a huge "Thank You!" to everyone who helped make this year's event a success. We give thanks to everyone who generously made donations to the silent and live auctions, those who volunteered their time at the event, those who purchased items, and those who made additional donations. This year's fundraiser was the most financially successful of all time, raising approximately \$14,000 dollars for the ministries and missions of the United Church of Christ, Midland.

Your Fundraiser Committee: *Beverly Curnutt, Janet Davis, Karen Harner, Amy Hutchinson, Amy McDonald, Roger Pancost and Ellie Schroder*



Sunshine Sustainability Fund Capital Campaign

Thanks to your generous donations, the Sunshine Sustainability Fund Campaign is off to a great start! We kicked off on May 7 and are making good progress towards the \$50,000 fund goal. By late May, we were at almost \$19,000 pledged, so please keep those pledges and donations coming! The campaign is scheduled to run through the end of June. Your support assures that our beautiful church building and grounds are adequately cared for in the years to come, and that urgent expenses (such as a failed furnace or refrigerator, etc.) are able to be addressed. For more information, see the Sunshine Sustainability Fund page on the church website at: www.uccmidland.org/capital-campaign.

June Benevolence Giving



The special offering for June is the Fresh Aire Samaritan Counseling Center. Help is offered by certified or licensed professionals through counseling, education and training, coaching, and consultation. Samaritan Centers endorse the belief that mind, body and spirit are interrelated and that wholeness includes community involvement.

There are 471 centers in 30 states and Japan. Samaritan Centers are one of the country's largest providers of outpatient counseling, serving over 4,000 congregations and over 26 denominations and faith groups. UCC Midland is one of seven partner churches in the Tri City area supporting the Counseling Center, housed at the First United Methodist Church of Midland.

Some of the areas and services where Fresh Aire can help include:

- Relief and treatment for emotional distress, psychotherapeutic support through life's transitions and crises, spiritual direction, relationship counseling, healing from emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, short-term support groups, vocational assessment and career counseling, clergy/ministry consultation and support
- Counseling for individual adults and children, families, and couples
- Workshops and seminars, short-term classes, consultations with pastors and/or churches, pastoral care specialist training and certification
- Pulpit supply and presentations related to mental and spiritual health

If you would like to make a contribution to this very worthy organization, envelopes will be available on the tables outside the sanctuary doors during the month of June or write Fresh Aire Samaritan on the memo line of your check and drop it in the offering plate. For more information, please visit <http://freshairesamaritan.org/>

Thank you for your support!

Matthew Christianson

Benevolence Committee



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June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3 10:00 am Children & Youth Rehearsal
4 Children & Youth Sunday 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Youth Group Bowling 2:00 pm Recital 4:00 pm Kickball	5 10:00 am Visitation 11:00 am Memorial Service followed by a Luncheon 8:00 pm AA	6 9:30 am Staff Meeting 12:00 n Sacred Writings Interfaith Coffee Chat	7 7:00 am Bible Study 9:30 am Work Day Wednesday 12:30 pm Bible Study	8 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 UCC Women's Gathering 8:00 pm AA	10 UCC Women's Gathering 12 noon—5:00 p.m. Great Lakes Pride Festival 2:00 & 4:00 pm Service Saturday
11 UCC Women's Gathering 8:15 am Adult Ed. Op 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship Last Choir Sunday One Room Sunday School begins 11:15 am Board of Educational Ministries	12 10:00 am Paint & Palette 6:00 pm Book Club Annual Potluck 8:00 pm AA	13 12:00n Sacred Writings 7:15 pm Bd of Christian Community 7:30pm Bd of Deacons 7:30pm Bd of Trustees	14 8:00 am Bible Study Breakfast 9:30 am Work Day Wednesday 12 noon Bible Study Luncheon 4:00 pm Pastoral Relations Committee	15 5:30 - 8:00 pm Intergenerational Celebration & Zootopia Discussion Dinner & a Movie Choir Party	16 5:30 - 8:00 pm Dinner and a Movie with discussion 8:00 pm AA	17
18 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	19 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 am One Week One Street 10:00 am Paint & Palette Youth Overnight 8:00 pm AA	20 8:00 am One Week One Street 1:00 pm Juliet's 1:00 pm Romeo's 7:15 pm Church Council	21 9:30 am Work Day Wednesday	22 7:05 pm Loons Game	23 8:00 pm AA	24
25 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	26 10:00 am Paint & Palette 8:00 pm AA	27 Interfaith Coffee Chat	28 9:30 am Work Day Wednesday	29	30 8:00 pm AA	

Children and Youth Sunday

Children and Youth Sunday will be held on June 4, 2017 at 10:00am. Rehearsal for all ages will be on SATURDAY, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. – anticipating nicer weather, it will be done earlier so families can enjoy the day, and participate in the packaging of meals for the Kids Coalition Against Hunger at the Islamic Center at 1:00 p.m. if desired.

SHARE LUNCHES 2017

The Salvation Army has once again invited us to help prepare the Share Lunches this summer. We have been assigned the last week of their program. That will be a four day week in August. The dates are August 14, 15, 16 and 17th. A sign-up sheet will be available closer to the actual time of service. If you have any questions, please contact Sondi Geminder.

JUNE LECTIONARY TEXTS



Tom Bledsoe	June 1	Bill Ferris	June 16
Gerald Myers	June 2	Mark Kuehl	June 17
Deb Boots	June 5	Lindsey Tipler	June 18
Amaya Plumley	June 5	Elyse Ward	June 18
Carter Plumley	June 5	Doug Koop	June 19
Liam Hinson	June 7	Lou Person	June 19
Joe Johnroe	June 8	Amy McDonald	June 20
Roberta Thiele	June 9	Christine DiMuro	June 22
Christopher Gaumond		Chuck Gorden	June 23
	June 10	Jay Rose	June 24
Kelly Wilson	June 12	Edward Soehnlén	June 24
Bob Coleman	June 13	Eric Petersen	June 25
Cathy Devendorf	June 13	Steve Ringgold	June 26
Linda Owen	June 13	Lin Dorman	June 28
Charla Soehnlén	June 13	Diane Merrick	June 30

June 2 Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

June 11

Genesis 1:1-2a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

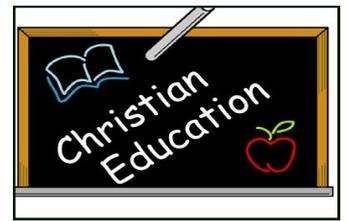
June 18

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

June 25

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

From the Director of Educational Ministries



Dear Friends of All Ages,

You are all invited to attend an *Intergenerational Dinner and Movie Night* on THURSDAY, June 15, in Fellowship Hall. The Board of Education Ministries will have a pizza and salad dinner starting at 5:00 p.m. We will watch and discuss Disney's PG rated Zootopia (1hr 48min).

Walt Disney Animation studios describes the movie as a “comedy-adventure set in the modern mammal metropolis of Zootopia. Determined to prove herself, Officer Judy Hopps, the first bunny on Zootopia’s police force, jumps at the chance to crack her first case – even if it means partnering with scam artist fox Nick Wilde to solve the mystery...full of action...and heart... It’s big fun for all shapes and species”

view trailer here: [Zootopia, Trailer](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWM0ct-OLsM>

Following the movie, we will share dessert and multi-age, round table discussion on the topics of diversity, inequality, stereotypes, and discrimination. This educational opportunity is taking place on the LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, so it will be a great night to celebrate the start of “summer vacation.”



Please sign-up across from the office so we know how to plan for dinner and discussion!!!

Jenn Ringgold
Director of Educational Ministries

New Technology at UCC

Audio Sermons Now Available

If you are unable to attend worship on any given Sunday morning, you can now listen to Rev. Roger Pancost's sermons as if you were sitting in a pew. There has always been an option to read sermons on the website, but now you can listen to them, too!

There are a number of ways you can listen to audio sermons:

- Each week an audio version of the previous Sunday's sermon will be available on the church's website at: <https://uccmidland.org/audio-sermons>. Each sermon plays right in the web browser on your PC, Mac, smart phone, or tablet.
- Sermons are available in the iTunes Podcast Store. In iTunes on your PC, Mac, iPhone or iPad, simply search for, "United Church of Christ Midland in the Podcasts section." Alternatively on an iPhone or iPad, you can search for the sermons in Apple's Podcast app. You can subscribe and new sermons will appear weekly.
- You can also listen to and subscribe to sermons in the Google Play Music app by searching for United Church of Christ Midland in the Podcast section.
- Finally, you can locate audio sermons in most podcast apps for iOS or Android by searching for, "United Church of Christ Midland."

If you have any questions about listening to audio sermons, please send an email to admin@uccmidland.org.

Shawn McDonald
Website Administrator

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sunday, May 28 | One Room Sunday School - Red Door Room - Memorial Day Weekend |
| Sunday, May 28 | Rainbow Bells Rehearsal for Youth Sunday |
| Sunday, May 28 | Children and Family Choir Rehearsal - 11:15 - 11:30 a.m. - Parlor |
| Saturday, June 3 | All Age Rehearsal for Children and Youth Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary |
| Sunday, June 4 | Children and Youth Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary |
| Sunday, June 4 | Youth Group Year-End Celebration 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, June 4 | Kickball Game at Chestnut Hill Elementary Field - 4:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, June 10 | UCC Booth at Bay Area Pride Festival 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, June 11 | Adult Opportunity Immigration Discussion 8:15 a.m. Parlor |
| Sunday, June 11 | Summer One Room Sunday School begins |
| Sunday, June 11 | Board of Educational Ministries Meeting 11:15 a.m. Blue Door Room |
| Thursday, June 15 | Intergenerational Celebration and Zootopia Discussion—
Dinner and a Movie 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall |
| Monday, June 19—Tuesday, June 20 | One Week One Street and Youth Overnight |
| Thursday, June 22 | UCC Loons Night - \$1 Family Feast food items - Game Time: 7:05 p.m. |



No Scents Makes Sense

Please consider reducing the scented products you wear in shared spaces as fragrance chemicals can trigger allergies, asthma, migraines, throat and eye irritations in other.

Thank you for helping to make our shared air healthier!

Kids Coalition Against Hunger



On Saturday, June 3, members of the Midland Area Interfaith Friends will gather at the Islamic Center in Midland from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to package 10,000 meals for Kids Coalition Against Hunger. KCAH is a 501c.3 humanitarian food relief organization whose mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the U.S. and feed starving children throughout the world. All of the packaging will be done by volunteers on the premises, with a representative from KCAH present to supply the food and packaging needed.

United Church of Christ, Midland, through the Social Concerns Committee, is a member of Interfaith Friends. We are asking members of the congregation if they would be able to help in one of two ways. First, each meal costs 28 cents, so to donate 10,000 meals Interfaith Friends needs \$2800. If you would be able to help financially in this effort, please make a check out to Islamic Center of Midland, with KCAH on the memo line. The check can be mailed to Umbareen Jamil, 2173 Mockingbird Lane, Midland 48642, left in the church office, or dropped in the offering plate on Sunday. The money needs to be sent to KCAH by April 25, so please keep that deadline in mind.

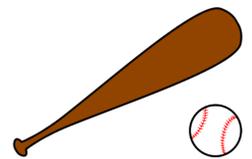
If you would like to help with the actual packaging - a wonderful opportunity for all ages - please e-mail Umbareen Jamil by May 20 at ummi_hamzah@hotmail.com, and show up at the Islamic Center at 1:00 p.m. on June 3rd.

Many hands make light work; we look forward to working with you!



Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

This year promises to be another great year for the Loons. And just like the past couple of years, we will gather as a United Church of Christ and attend a game together! This year we are planning to attend an evening game on June 22. The Loons will play South Bend. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. It is a Thursday Dollar Night, so hotdogs, ice cream sandwiches, chips and drinks are available for just one dollar.



Group tickets are \$9.50 per person for reserved seating or \$6.50 per person for lawn seats. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across the hall from the office. Handicapped seating is limited but available, just let Amy McDonald know it is needed. With our tickets, we are allowed into the stadium early for a tour of the facility. We hope to have a record UCC crowd in attendance. Scholarships are available for tickets, please see Rev. Roger Pancost for scholarships.



Lofty News

What a wonderful experience singing the Mark Hayes *Requiem* was for the choir and the instrumentalists on May 14, Mother's Day! The amazing thing about this experience was the depth of the emotional commitment the performers had to this heartfelt music. I was very touched by the energy and thoroughness with which the parts were prepared.

The other amazing thing is all but two of the instrumentalists are church members! That speaks highly of the high degree of fun and fellowship this church enjoys.

Here are some of the comments from the guest singers:

Tawny Ryan Nelb writes: "...it was joyous and wonderful to be under your passionate direction."

Jan Baumgras writes: "I was one of your "guest singers" of the Hayes "Requiem" on Sunday, and I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the welcoming choir and congregation. That requiem is a magnificent piece, and I am so thrilled I could sing it again. I already know Jim and a few of them from MCFTA choirs, but everyone is always so welcoming when I sneak away from my usual church choir to sing something special at UCC.

(Jan continues...) Also, my daughter who lives out of town was not able to hear Camerata either time they performed the piece, but she was here Sunday. She said the congregation made sure she also felt welcome. She was by herself and appreciated people chatting with her. Thank you for your hospitality!"

Music draws people together in a way other art forms cannot. When we sing and experience the passion of music together we change the beat of our soul for the better, AND...when the text is about **life and death**, it becomes an experience that is unique and overwhelmingly beautiful.

I so enjoyed being a part of that metamorphosis.

The choir will hang up their folders for the summer on June 11. If you are able to provide music for the worship service, please send me an email or talk to the music committee members. Bruce Lovelace, Sheree Clark Lovell, Marilyn Gillett, or Phillis Ferris.

See you in the loft!

Jim Hohmeyer

Director of Music

Planning a meeting for your board, committee or need to utilize space in the church building? Don't assume it's available - check with the Administrative Assistant for availability and ask to have the space reserved! The church calendar can be very full and checking prevents disappointment and embarrassment.

Financial Summary

April 30, 2017
(33.3% of Budget Year)

	Current Year	Prior Year
Pledges Paid through April 30	\$ 120,018 41.0%	\$ 97,744 34.2%
Budgeted Income through April 30	\$ 143,770 41.9%	\$ 123,960 37.3%
Funds Available for Budgeted Expenses	\$ 98,174 103 Days	\$ 69,908 75 Days
Budgeted Expenses Paid YTD	\$ 114,302 33.3%	\$ 107,307 32.3%

Pledges Paid include the total of all cash and securities received to fulfill annual pledges. Budgeted Income includes all pledged, unpledged, loose, and supplemental offerings. The percentage reflects the portion of the total amount pledged or budgeted.

Funds Available for Budgeted Expenses shows the amount on hand to pay future expenses and how many days these funds would cover if average budgeted expenses (\$28,598 1 month) are incurred.

Donations for the April Special Offering, Strengthen the Church, totaled \$275 -- Thank you!

The current balances of the Pastor's Discretionary and Emergency Funds total \$3,621

Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$885
Pastor's Emergency Fund	\$2,736

Current overall financial picture is - Excellent



Larry Schroeder, Treasurer

UCC TO PARTICIPATE IN GREAT LAKES PRIDE EVENT AGAIN THIS YEAR

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 10, for the 2017 Great Lakes Bay LGBT Pride Event in Bay City. UCC had a booth at last year's event and this year we're expanding to two booths in order to have twice as much fun. We want to encourage all age groups to attend and let the LGBT community know we welcome them as an open and affirming congregation. A sign-up sheet for the booths is posted on the bulletin board. Please contact Mary Haslam or Jenni Bridges with any questions.



1 WEEK 1 STREET

One Week, One Street

Starting in 2013 volunteers from our church have participated each year in the One Week, One Street (OWOS) project in Saginaw. OWOS is an annual urban revitalization effort that involves volunteers from around the Great Lakes Region. We will be sending volunteers from our church again this year as OWOS focuses on revitalizing Roberts Street. Members of our Youth Group will be working Monday, June 19 and Tuesday, June 20, with a Monday night stay at our church. We encourage adults to join us both of those days. We meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. to car pool. Work concludes each day at 4:00 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office so that the organizers can determine what project best suits our numbers.

Projects often involve, scraping and painting, landscaping, and minor home repairs. All skill levels are needed.

Youth planning to participate need to fill out the Permission and Waiver form on page 15 Please complete and return the form by June 4, 2017.

Wednesday Work Days Return to UCC

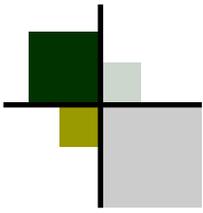
Wednesday Work Days will once again begin in June at 9:30 a.m. and continue each week during June and July.

The Board of Trustees welcome all skill levels and interests.

Weather permitting outdoor tasks will be undertaken and there may be indoor tasks as well.

For more information contact Mark Kuehl, Eric Petersen or any of the Board of Trustees.

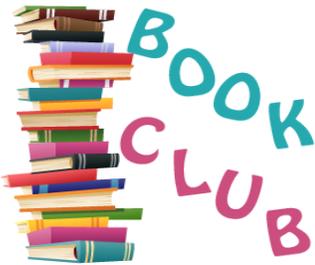




Congregational Updates. . .

Please note these corrections and changes:

Please contact the church office by phone or email whenever there is a change in your address, phone number or should you detect an error in your listing.



June 12th Annual Potluck dinner and book discussion. Hosted by Marilyn Soules, 2808 Canterbury Drive at

6:00 p.m. (this is earlier than usual)

Please bring a dish (savory, salad or dessert) to share.

The reading selection is *Waiting for Snow in Havana* by Carlos M. Aire.

The Juliets will meet for lunch on Tuesday, June 20th at 1:00 p.m. at Nori's in Auburn. Nori's is located where the former Pat and Jerry's was on Midland Road in the strip mall on the southeast corner of Midland and Garfield Roads. Carpooling will be available if needed. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Sue Rhodes or Sondi Geminder.



The Romeo's will be going to Coonan's Irish Pub at 1004 N. Johnson Street in Bay City on June 20th. If you want to car pool, meet at the church by 12:15 p.m. Otherwise, we'll see you at Coonan's at 1:00 p.m.



Join Us for our Interfaith Coffee Chat

The Coffee Chat Collective is thriving! We now have a Facebook page to make it easier for everyone to know where and when a chat is happening. Shawn McDonald even linked the three coffee shops with Google Maps directions, so it should be very easy to find us! You can also find information of the Social Concerns page of our UCC website.

The plan is that first and last Tuesdays of the month will be in Midland, at Loch's Coffee Shop. Second Wednesdays will be in Bay City at Brewtopia. Third Thursdays will be in Saginaw at Common Grounds. The conversation is always friendly — many of us are developing friendships that we know will last. Sometimes the conversation takes off on politics. All views are welcome — including on request, a return to less fraught topics.

Newsletter deadline for July will be

June 19, 2017.

Weekly bulletin deadlines are

Wednesdays.

Social Concerns Committee Suggests...

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday Sept 28, 2017

6:00 pm at the Temple Theater, Saginaw

THE DR. RAANA AKBAR MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES,
THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE of SAGINAW
and Saginaw Valley State University
invite you to a Unity Productions Foundation Film Premiere:



Narrated by Oscar Academy Award Winning Actor Jeremy Irons
Executive Producers Alex Kronemer & Michael Wolfe

In the year 1219, Francis of Assisi risked his life by walking across enemy lines to meet the Sultan of Egypt, the Muslim ruler and scholar Sultan Malik al-Kamil. This remarkable encounter between Christian preacher and Muslim ruler effectively smashed the strategy of dehumanizing the enemy in the Crusades and forged new hope for peace.

For more information, please contact raanaakbar.memorial@gmail.com or call [551-998-1221](tel:551-998-1221)

Vacation Bible School

AUGUST may seem very far away at this time,
but we know families are already making their summer plans!!!!

This will be our 4th Annual, week-long VBS – WOW!!!

Get it on your calendar right now because you are not going to want to miss

Deep Sea Discovery - God is with me wherever I GO!!!

VBS will be from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Monday, July 31 – Friday, August 4

REGISTER ONLINE NOW:

<http://www.myvbs.org/uccmidland.deepseadiscovery/>

Adults can sign-up to volunteer on the registration site too!!!

We'll be splishing and splashing to fun music at Celebration Reef, having Science lessons in Curiosity Cavern, outdoor games at the Tide Pool Playland, and daily Bible Stories aboard the S.S. Discovery!!

We'll have a special service focus on the E.C.H.O. Sea Sub because we are

E.quipped by **C**.hrist to **H**.elp **O**.thers!!!

Of course, we'll all DIVE IN for an all-church VBS celebration on Sunday, August 6

Here is your **June** preview of **DEEP SEA DISCOVERY**:

Day: Four (Thursday, August 3)

Bible Point: God LOVES me!!

Key Verse: Genesis 28:15

S.S. Discovery Story: Jesus loves the disciples – and everyone! {John 21}



Adult Educational Opportunity

ONE-TIME discussion on the timely topic of IMMIGRATION

Jon Truitt, History Professor at CMU and UCC member,
will help us understand some of the current issues from a historical perspective.

Join in at 8:15 a.m. in the Parlor on Sunday, June 11.

The following article is a glimpse into how this affects us locally here in Michigan.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2017/03/06/michigan-farmers-fear-immigration-crackdown/98793010/>

2017 One Week One Street Mission Project Registration Permission/Waiver Form

Deadline to register June 4, 2017

Name of Youth (please print)

Parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of Youth

Street Address

City State Zip

Age of youth _____ Date of Birth _____ Academic Grade _____

Parent Email Youth Email (if applicable)

Best Parent Phone in case of Emergency

Youth Cell Phone

Second Emergency Contact Name

Relationship to Youth

Emergency Contact Phone

Medical History: Special medical needs or concerns (allergies, conditions, dietary needs, medications etc):

Primary Insurance Company

Policy Number

Medical Doctor

copy of insurance card (front & back)
will be needed prior to travel

Other Information leaders should know about this individual:

(Form Continued on Back)

2017 One Week One Street Mission Project Includes

Monday, June 19	Drop off at UCC, Midland	8:00 a.m.
	Transportation to Ruckle Street in Saginaw	
	Work Project (lunch provided)	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
	Return to UCC, Midland for dinner	5:00 p.m.
	Trip to Plymouth Pool for swim and showers	6:00-8:30 p.m.
	Return to UCC Midland for movie	9:00 p.m.
	Lights Out	11:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20	Breakfast at UCC, Midland	7:15 a.m.
	Transportation to Ruckle Street in Saginaw	
	Work Project (lunch provided)	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
	Return to UCC, Midland Parent Pick-up	5:00 p.m.

I represent that I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is under 18 years of age. I have read the above Permission/Waiver Form and am fully familiar with the contents thereof. I give permission for the youth named above to participate in 2017 One Week One Street activities with United Church of Christ, Midland. In consideration for allowing the participation of the youth in 2017 One Week One Street activities, I hereby consent, including the Release of Liability of United Church of Christ, Midland on behalf of the youth, and agree that this Permission/Waiver Form shall be binding upon me, my family, heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Youth Agreement for 2017 One Week One Street project

I agree to cooperate with the leaders and other young people. I promise to respect God, respect myself, respect other persons, and respect property. I understand that my participation in this trip depends on my support of this agreement.

Signature of Youth

Date

Return completed registration form to:

United Church of Christ
4100 Chestnut Hill Drive
Midland, MI 48642

Deadline to register: June 4, 2017

For questions about One Week One Street Youth Mission Project and Overnight

with United Church of Christ, Midland Youth Group

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The Women's Getaway 2017

After a year hiatus, the Board of Christian Community has again planned a women's camping trip. This summer, we will meet at the Scottish Hills private recreation area near Gladwin. This private area has been offered to us by Bill and Phyllis Ferris.

The campsite includes a pavilion, electrical hook-ups (some campers are welcome) and plenty of area for tents. The Scottish Hills offer canoeing, kayaking, swimming and time to gather with friends. This camping weekend will take place Friday, July 21 through July 23. If you are unable to attend the entire weekend, you are welcome to join us on Saturday, July 22 for food and fun. Meats will be provided for Friday and Saturday dinner, feel free to bring other food to share. We will cook together and some carpooling will be available.

A sign-up sheet will be posted, please sign up if you plan to attend. This helps us with food planning. If you need gear, such as a tent, sleeping bags, etc., we will be happy to assist, just contact Amy McDonald or any member of the Board of Christian Community. Additional information will be published as it becomes available.