

# Hotline

May | 2024

## May Hungry World

This month's offering will support Heifer International. Heifer honey-bees for \$30 include a bee package, hive, box and training in beekeeping techniques. This helps each family sell wax, pollen and honey. Healthy beehives can double fruit and vegetable yields of small farms through pollination. This is a great way to honor our mothers. Visit [heifer.org](http://heifer.org) to learn more.



## Church Social

You are invited to join Cheryl Galloway and Michelle Martin on **Saturday, May 4th from 2:30-4:00** in the East Room. We will be painting rocks for spring gardens or to share with a friend. This event is for all ages. We hope you will join us and bring a friend. Volunteers to bring refreshments are appreciated.



## Summer Camping Opportunities

### SUMMER FAMILY CAMP, July 12-14, 2024

Join your church family this summer! Contact Lake Michigan Campground @ [info@lakemichigancamp.org](mailto:info@lakemichigancamp.org), 231-869-5627 Meals, fellowship, free time and worship coordinated with one another. Rates \$36-80 per night depending on the amenities you want. If you need any gear or help, contact Patty Leonard at: 517-719-4697.

- There are summer camp opportunities at \*Lake Michigan Family Campground (Pentwater, MI), \*Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center (Dowling, MI), and \*Lake Huron Retreat Center (Burtchville, MI) and Lake Louise Camp (Boyne Falls, MI) Check out more information at their websites: \*[www.graceoutside.org](http://www.graceoutside.org) and at [lakelouisecommunity.org](http://lakelouisecommunity.org).
- Dokoda will be counseling Black Bear Camp at Lake Louise Camp, July 28th-31st with our 2nd-4th graders. If you want to know there will be a friend at camp with you, this is a great opportunity.
- Pastor Anita will be at Grand Camp, July 1-3, with her grandkids. Join her at Wesley Woods for this great time with our grandkids. Ages 0 to Adult are expected!
- Li Hahn will most likely be counseling at Wesley Woods Camp, July 21-27th, grades 3-6 and July 7-13, grades 7-9. She would love to have you join her, there!
- FINALLY, thank you for your donations that help offset the cost of these and so many more camping opportunities!



# Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 1 Alice Dodge
- 2 Ben Bellamy
- 3 Kathryn Meyen
- 5 David Block
- 6 Ruth Bergh  
Bob Guild
- 8 George Ruetenik  
Andrew Schupska
- 10 Jeff Kegler  
Mark Vanburen
- 11 Allison Slawinski
- 13 Leon Hank
- 16 Dorothy Courtney
- 17 Lynn Bemrose  
Randel Clapsaddle
- 18 Tracie Guild  
Rebecca Kegler
- 19 Hayden Haynes
- 23 Haley Roush
- 25 Angela Allen

- 27 Adrian Gimm-Bergh
- 29 Bob Mellor  
Albert Ott
- 30 David Ewen
- 31 Cheryl Galloway  
Mike Todd  
Mary Ann Waltz



- 4 Dennis & Debbie Irwin-Stabenow
- 16 Albert & Pamela Ott
- 17 Doug & Teri Richardson  
Amy & Andrew Schupska
- 19 John & Vicki Grant
- 24 Lyle & Mary Edinger
- 28 Randel & Martha Clapsaddle

**NOTE: If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, please contact the church office, 517-694-8168, or email [holtumc@gmail.com](mailto:holtumc@gmail.com) with the information.**

## PRAYER list

Heather Slawinski—Jack Jones who is facing stage 4 bone cancer; Marge Hall—for sister, Joyce Miller who is in hospice; Dr. Seong Chi has entered hospice care at his home; For people in the city between 496 and Main St. near 127; Allan Owen—Granddaughter's friend, Larkin's mother health issues, Granddaughter, Selena's friend Xander health issues, Myself, too many issues to list; Star LaLone—Pray for our family as we prepare for this change with David's appointment; Karol Fry—That my brother, John's new kidney is still viable; Becky Grimes—For my nephew, Shane, who has been hospitalized due to seizures; For Jeff Kegler's vision; For the Israeli people; Dennis & Debbie Irwin-Stabenow—for our friend, Pam, who fell while walking; For the family of Dusty who recently passed away; Prayers for all our homebound, cancer patients, and surgery patients; for the lost and the lonely and all the special unspoken requests

## From the CEC

A warm hello to everyone from the CEC! The children are enjoying the nice warm weather. We have been spending lots of time on our playground and going on walks! We are looking forward to summer!!! Our reading month was a huge success! We read 335 books! For reaching our goal, we had a Llama, Llama Red Pajama party! All of the children and staff wore our PJs and ate pizza, Llama lemonade, Llama Llama confetti cake, and fruit salad. We had a Kids Bop dance party with bubbles and just enjoyed having all of the staff, kids, parents, and church staff all together celebrating!!!



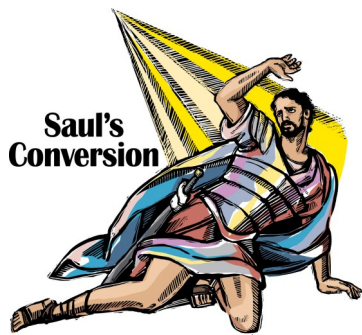
## Holt UMC Softball Season

Spring has sprung....well, at least some days anyway, and that means it is time to shake off the rust and come play softball with the HUCM softball team. Games start Tuesday April 30th, and go through Tuesday July 23rd. All games are Tuesday night doubleheaders beginning at 6:30pm. Games are played in Delta Township at either Sharp Park or Delta Mills Park. Look for a schedule in the upcoming Hotlines Contact Stephanie Horn at (517) 282-4080 or [srs\\_niner@yahoo.com](mailto:srs_niner@yahoo.com) for more information. Practices will be held Sunday April 21st, and Sunday April 28th from 12-2pm at Kiwanis Park in Holt.





# Worship Together



May 5

**6th Sunday of Easter —  
“Opposition Turned Friend”  
Acts 8:1-3; Acts 9:19-22; Acts  
9:25-31**

What does it look like when one who persecutes you, finds Jesus and now is “on your side?” Saul persecuted the early Christian Church until he had a Holy encounter with Jesus- blinded by the light of God he found himself in the home of Ananias. Ananias cared for him and helped him understand the Jesus who had changed his life, forever. We’ll take a glimpse at the power of God in the lives of his people.



The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.

Acts 16:14, NIV

May 12

**7th Sunday of Easter—  
“This Changes Everything”  
Acts 16:11-15**

This is a great day for remembering the women who have come along side of us—taught us, encouraged us, and lived out their faith in ways that

we were encouraged to live out our lives becoming the human God created us to be. Today, we’ll encounter Saul and his crew on the Sabbath, seeking a place to pray. Converts were made, Lydia responded, and the apostles were encouraged for the challenges awaiting them.

THEY SAW WHAT  
SEEMED TO BE  
TONGUES  
OF FIRE  
THAT SEPARATED  
AND CAME TO REST  
ON EACH OF THEM.

ACTS 2:3, NIV

May 19

**Day of Pentecost—  
“Our Story is Given Power!”  
Acts 2:1-21**

Pentecost was originally (and still is) a Jewish festival. Pentecost means 50—it occurs 50 days after the Passover Feast and 50 days after Easter. Today is the day we remember that the Holy Spirit descended upon the early church in a mighty way allowing for people from different backgrounds and countries the ability to understand each other. It is the day that upon hearing God’s word proclaimed, 3,000 were baptized. It is the day the church was born (given life!) and thus we celebrate our Birthday with renewed energy and excitement leaning into the power of the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, COME!

Join us in-person at 9:30 AM & 11 AM on Sundays.  
Watch the live-stream at [www.facebook.com/holtumc/](http://www.facebook.com/holtumc/)



May 26

**Trinity Sunday—  
“Celebrating God as Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit”  
Isaiah 6:1-8**

This is Trinity Sunday. Today we celebrate the many names by which we know our God. And in the names we cry out, we remember the healing, the mercy, the hope, and the life to which we are blessed as God’s children. We give thanks for persons who have given their lives so that others might have life. We especially give thanks to Jesus, who offered to us the ultimate gift of sacrifice, the God who blessed us with the ultimate gift of salvation, and the Holy Spirit that empowers us to make a difference in our world.

## Memorial Garden

We are looking for gardeners who will take over the care of our memorial gardens. Cheryl & Jim Ordway have done this for a number of years but now Cheryl’s health will not allow her to continue. Help is needed immediately. Contact the church office at (517) 694-8168 if you are interested.



# United Women in Faith (A.K.A. United Methodist Women)

May is a busy month for United Methodist Women d/b/a United Women in Faith. Here in Holt, we are very excited to present Rev. Audra Stone and her husband Jacob, who will bring us meaningful information about our climate and how we, brothers and sisters in Christ, might respond to rising global temperatures, polluted natural resources and damaged ecosystems that threaten our collective health, food, water, and future. Please join us Tuesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

United Women in Faith have been taking part in our church's General Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina that began on April 23. Four new pieces of legislation have been presented by UWFaith that focus on observing the Children's Sabbath, protecting the girl child, protecting voting rights and the status of women and realizing full human rights. UWFaith also supports regionalization and the work of our fellow boards and agencies in the church. Join us as we pray for the delegates and organizers and for those most affected by the decisions made at the General Conference. Pray for a church that uplifts women, children and youth.

At the end of May, in addition to the Michigan UMC Annual Conference in Acme, the UWFaith North Central Jurisdiction will be meeting in Indianapolis. Many from Michigan are attending one or the other of those conferences, including Sharon Smith who is an elected delegate to the NCJ meeting.

Our circles have great programs planned for May. The Maudy Priscilla circle will meet the third Monday with a cookout and program at the home of Kathy and Jon Reincke. Contact Karol Fry (fry@msu.edu) for details. Caroline circle will meet on May 21 in the East Room at 1 p.m. Contact Mary McPherran (marymcp@comcast.net).

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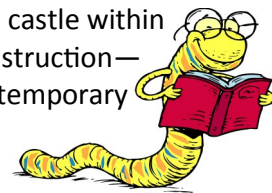
## Library News

The1619 Project: A New Origin Story  
By Nikole Hannah-Jones

In late August 1619, a ship arrived in the British colony of Virginia bearing a cargo of twenty to thirty enslaved people from Africa. Their arrival led to the barbaric and unprecedented system of American chattel slavery that would last for the next 250 years. This is sometimes referred to as the country's original sin, but it is more than that: It is the source of so much that still defines the United States.

The New York Times Magazine's award-winning 1619 Project issue reframed our understanding of American history by placing slavery and its continuing legacy at the center of our national narrative. The book substantially expands on that work, weaving together eighteen essays that explore the legacy of slavery in present-day America with thirty-six poems and works of fiction that illuminate key moments of oppression, struggle, and resistance. The essays show how the inheritance of 1619 reaches into every part of contemporary American society, from politics, music, diet, traffic, and citizenship to capitalism, religion, and our democracy itself.

This book that speaks directly to our current moment, contextualizing the systems of race and caste within which we operate today. It reveals long-glossed-over truths around our nation's founding and construction—and the way that the legacy of slavery did not end with emancipation, but continues to shape contemporary American life.



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## UWF Event

Join us for "Environmental Justice: A Call to Hope and Action" on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Our planet's need for justice and healing is increasingly pressing. Rising global temperatures, polluted natural resources and damaged ecosystems threaten our collective health, food, water, and future.

A bold and immediate response is needed from our church and world. Jacob Stone and Pastor Audra Hudson Stone, co-conveners of the Environmental Justice Taskforce of the Michigan UMC will share a comprehensive introduction to these issues. Their presentation will include information on the realities of environmental injustice, a Biblical framework for creation care, and suggestions for prophetic action. Stories and learnings from their recent participation in the 2023 World Council of Churches Eco-School in Crete, Greece will also be shared.



## Ministry Team Spotlight

### Memorial Team

The Memorial Ministry Team has two members, Lilian Damer and Cheryl Galloway. We are grateful to Trudy Green who led this team for years. Currently there is a list of over 35 names with loved ones' memorial funds going back as far as 2010. There are always ongoing needs and projects in the church that these funds can go towards. If you have a loved one with a memorial balance and would like those funds donated to one of our current projects, please contact us. If you would like to know how to give a gift in memory of someone, we can assist you in the donation process and choosing a way to designate resources to honor your loved. You can call Cheryl Galloway, leave a message at the church, or talk to Pastor Anita.



## The UMC Michigan Annual Conference

The Annual Conference (AC) of the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church is set to be held May 30, 2024 through June 1, 2024 in Acme, Michigan. Maynard Hamilton, Lyle Edinger, and Pastor Anita Hahn will be your representatives. Li Hahn, Dokoda Holt-Sharp, and Sharon Smith will also be there representing different parts of the district or conference

Information about AC can be found here: <https://2024.michiganumc.org/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Maynard Hamilton, (517) 243-3409, [hamiltonef@hotmail.com](mailto:hamiltonef@hotmail.com), and I will do my best to answer you.

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