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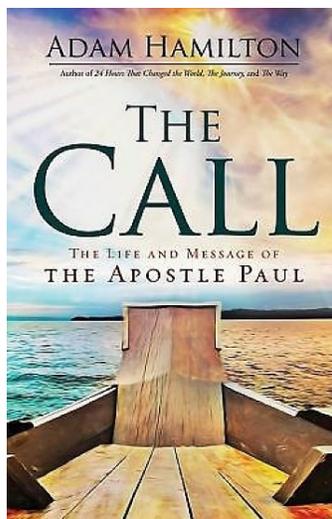
August 2018

Pastor's Pondering's by *Steve Young*

CHOOSE A TIME FOR THE FALL BIBLE STUDY

One of the things I like to do is to teach—and maybe you've noticed that my "preaching" is more like "teaching," or, at least, I think so. But, I like to facilitate Bible studies and that leads me to announce that our new fall Bible study will be starting next month, after Labor Day weekend. However, the day(s) and time (s) still need to be determined. You may know that we've been meeting on Tuesdays for daytime and nighttime sessions, but maybe it's time for a change. So, please sign up at the table in the sanctuary hallway for what day and time works best for you. Then, I'll announce the session date(s) and time(s) in the September newsletter for the fall six-week study.

What I DO know now is what we'll be studying, namely *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*. This is yet another book and study DVD by one of my favorite authors—who is also a United Methodist pastor—that is, Adam Hamilton, whose many resources we've enjoyed before in previous Bible studies. This time we'll join Adam in a "travelogue" sort of way from a DVD as he retraces Paul's footsteps in Turkey, Greece, and Italy, visiting many of the archaeological sites where Paul preached, taught, and founded churches. Of course, each exploration and chapter in the book will connect with scripture, particularly from the Book of Acts, as we learn about St. Paul. In addition, in his characteristic way, Hamilton will help us modern-day Christians deepen our own faith and answer God's call on our lives as we reflect on the Apostle Paul's life, story, and personal call.



You can purchase the book now through the church office for \$11 (\$13 for the large print edition), and it's also available in the downloadable electronic (eBook, e-pub) edition for \$12.79 from Cokesbury.com which you can purchase on your own, if desired, for your electronic device.

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday:

10:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday:

10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

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Pastor's Ponderings, cont.

BUT PLEASE SIGN UP NOW FOR THE BEST DAY AND TIME, as I look forward—and hope you do as well—to this provocative study about a man whose writings have shaped the lives of at least a third of the world's population and whose witness defines what it means to follow Jesus the Christ.

ADVANCED NOTICE:

Our yearly Church Conference has been scheduled by our new Midwest District Superintendent, Margie Crawford, for Sunday, November 18, 2018, at the Pentwater Centenary UMC facility, at 3 p.m., preceded by a joint 2 p.m. worship with the other UMC cluster churches attending: Hesperia/Ferry, Mears/Shelby, Pentwater, Walkerville/Crystal Valley, and White Cloud. Watch for more details to come, but plan now to attend!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR COLLECTION BARRELS IN THE MAIN HALLWAY

Two barrels have been placed on the floor just inside the parking lot entrance, one for the Bread of Life Food Pantry and one for Love, INC. Specific items requested for each ministry are located on the corresponding lists above the barrels on the bulletin board. Thank you for your appropriate donations throughout the year!

TWO SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUGUST

1) Conference Camping Ministry & 2) Christian Education (starting)

1) Our support of the Michigan Area Camping Ministry will be emphasized with a special offering opportunity on August 5, 12, and 19. Along with an informational flyer for this annual collection, special envelopes will be in the pew racks for your offering gift, or you can use your own envelope to give, marked "Camp." (Also, even though the 2-year emphasis time is over, you may still make a donation to the "Changing Lives" campaign, a fundraising effort to support the UMC camp and retreat ministries of the new Michigan Conference...contact Pastor Steve for more information.) Thank you now and into the future for helping to change lives for Christ through our camping ministries!



Family Potluck Picnic

A church-wide Family Potluck Picnic will take place on Monday, August 27th at 5:00 p.m. at the Golden Township Pavilion in Silver Lake.

Hot dogs will be provided by the UMW.

Please bring a dish to pass.

Tuesday's Friends

Some of us want to go to Bortell's for fish... SOON! Bev will set the date.

Another picnic/potluck is planned. Watch for details!

Please, RSVP to Bev Wood, if you are interested in attending.

Bev Wood: 873-4649.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held through the American Red Cross at the Shelby Congregational Church (51 E. 3rd Street) on Monday, August 6th from Noon—5:45 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Special Mission Offering Opportunities, cont.

2) The Christian Education offering is also a Michigan Conference offering, but we will keep half of it for our own education ministries. The collection will take place starting on August 26 and will continue September 2 and 9, with a celebration of Christian education ministries during our worship services on the 9th, as Sunday School resumes that day. The other half of our offering will be sent to the Conference to be awarded to support first-time Christian education projects or trainings in other congregations or districts. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter as well, but plan now to use the generic envelope in the pew racks, or your own, designated to "Christian Education" to give generously to this important effort on any of the three upcoming Sundays, in support of a ministry which continues year-round.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL COMING—PLEASE BE READY TO HELP

Our Children's Sunday school sessions are offered part-way through the worship service throughout the school year, except on communion Sundays, when we want the children to be there with us for communion. This year, starting September 9th, we will begin a new Sunday school year with the same lesson format we did last year, including worksheets and a craft which complement a scripture story that is typically previewed during Young People's Time at worship by Pastor Steve. The goal is to connect with the theme of each Sunday's sermon scripture focus, as this is coordinated by Pastor Steve, with the cooperation of the Sunday School leaders and teachers. Please be ready to volunteer to lead and teach one or more of these sessions when the recruitments begin. (NOTE: the scripted lesson plans, including worksheets and craft directions, for the current month's upcoming Sunday school sessions are available in dated folder packs, with these being placed well in advance in the folder rack located on the kitchenette counter (just upstairs from the church offices).

Molly's Poetry Corner

You are my gold
Lord, you are my precious silver
I will lift my eyes to the heavens
So that I may be blessed by
Your grace
Blessed by Your mercy
Blessed by Your forgiveness
Blessed by Your presence
Let my eyes fixate on
Your glory alone
Then my eyes will see the
wondrous works of Your hands



Youth Group

The Youth Group is planning on attending Day Zero of Unity Fest again this year on Wednesday, August 8th. They will be taking the church van and plan on leaving the church at 4:00 p.m. The group should arrive back home by 11:30 p.m.

The Youth Yard Sale will be held on Friday, August 10th and Saturday, August 11th from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. each day. Collection day will be Thursday, August 9th from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. Help from adults will be needed, especially on collection day. Please, see Teena Sorensen if you are interested in helping with this event.

Kid's Club will resume on Wednesday, September 12th from 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. This group is for kids that are in the 2nd—5th grades (no exceptions). If your child goes to Hart school, they will be picked up and brought back to the church. Kids are normally to the church by 3:30 p.m., if you drop your child off. Please, let Teena Sorensen know if you want your child to attend Kid's Club. We will also be needing some snack and small prize donations for this group.

Youth Group will resume on Sunday, September 9th from 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. This group is for the 6th—12th grades.

United Methodist Women— Calendar 2018

August 9: Mission Day— Lake City

August 27: Church Wide Family Potluck Picnic (5:00 p.m.) at the Golden Township Pavilion in Silver Lake

September 24: General Meeting (6:00 p.m.)- Discuss Fall Bazaar— Nominations of Officers

October 15-16: Mission U of the North

October 22: General Meeting (6:00 p.m.)- Election of Officers— Final Plans for the Fall Luncheon and Bazaar—2019 Budget

October 28: Trunk 'N Treat— Following Worship Service

November 9: Fall Bazaar and Luncheon/Bake Sale (11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.)

November 25: Decorate Church (4:00 p.m.)- Meal and Kids Advent Craft

December 7: Medical Care Facility Birthday (2:00 p.m.)

Personal Care Pantry

Summer 2018 has been a busy one here for us at the Personal Care Pantry! We are thankful for this opportunity to help those in need, but we can't do it without your support. Donations are always encouraged and appreciated, in order to help keep the Personal Care Pantry stocked with the necessities. For more information on donations, see Kay Dion.

Love INC's Grinnin' & Grillin' 2018

Love INC's Grinnin' & Grillin' event will be held on Monday, September 24th at Rothbury Community Church from 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. This event will feature the music and comedy of *Classic Fun Live*. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$100 for a table of 8, and can be purchased through the Love INC Office, Rothbury Community Church, Hart United Methodist Church, or online at www.loveincoceana.org.

Hart UMC Second Quarter Financial Report—2018

August Birthdays

1– Margo Johnson;
Jill Seyfred

6– Mary Sue Mahan

11– Nathanael Richardson;
Tyler Jewell

12– Dolores Bauer

14– Patrick Goughler

15– Ron Willimason;
Becci Polderman

17– Jennifer Hunt

21– Holli Wittman

24– Chris Gebhart

25– Derek Orent

26– John Sorensen

28– Cypress Banwell;
Helen Pische

During the second quarter of this year we receipted in \$79,519 and paid out \$82,368 for a negative cash-flow of \$2,849. \$20,000 of our receipts was borrowed funds which helped pay for the \$27,282 Building Fund expenses (basement and roof repair). \$13,768 came from the Youth Fund for the Mission Trip and other Youth expenses. We will owe another \$25K when the roof work is finished and plan to borrow that amount. We hope to recover some of our basement repair expenses from the City's insurance carrier which would reduce our \$20K debt.

In tracking our budget, we have expended 49.6% of our total year's Operational budget, so are .4% under budget for the year. Our Ministry Share obligation to our Conference this year is \$20,009 and is not part of our operational budget. We received \$1,225 for Ministry Shares this quarter and will have to use some of our fund equity toward that obligation if Ministry Share special giving does not cover that obligation.

The Church's Bank account on 6/30/18 totaled \$37,500 and consisted of the following sub-fund balances:

General Fund	\$20,443.00
Youth Fund	3,629.00
Van Fund	248.00
Ministry Shares	1,225.00
Emergency Repairs	1,000.00
Care Fund	536.00
Building Fund	3,268.00
College Care Fund	29.00
Memorial Fund	3,516.00
Music Program	290.00
Noisy Can (S. School)	1,411.00
PC Pantry Fund	261.00
Tech Fund	2.00
Misc. Giving	700.00
Payroll Tax	942.00
	<u>\$37,500.00</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Walter Urick, Governance Board Member & Finance Liaison
July 10, 2018

Upcoming Events at HUMC

Mark your calendar!

Sunday, August 5: Worship at OCMCF from 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. both chapel services

Monday, August 6-Sunday August 19: Pastor Steve on vacation

Tuesday, August 14: Personal Care Pantry from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Monday, August 20: Governance Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 2: Worship at OCMCF from 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 3: *Labor Day– Office Closed*

Tuesday, Sept. 11: Personal Care Pantry from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 17: Governance Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 25: Personal Care Pantry from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 7: Worship at OCMCF from 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 9: Personal Care Pantry from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 15: Governance Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 23: Personal Care Pantry from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28: Trunk-N-Treat (following the worship service)

Sunday, Nov. 4: Worship at OCMCF from 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

Digging Deep ~ Reaching Out ~ Looking Up

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