

Announcements

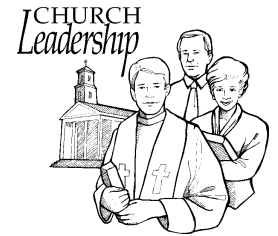
11. Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous.
12. He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you."
13. Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them.
14. Then they cried out to the LORD, "Please, O LORD, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you."
15. So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging.
16. Then the men feared the LORD even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.
17. But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE

A TIME OF DISCERNMENT: We are beginning to put together a leadership team for the various ministries of the church for 2013. Chairpersons and committee members are needed. Please pray for our Lay Leadership team as they undertake this responsibility. Remain open to the Lord and ask his assistance when you are called to serve.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL: It's time for our ice cream social and we need volunteers for preparation and cranking, July 25 at 5:00 p.m. The ice cream social is July 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. Your hands are needed. Hope to see you there.



Ice Cream Social

GARDEN: If you have not strolled thru our beautiful flower garden you need to. We thank all the volunteers who have been working to keep it looking so colorful.

MIDLAND COUNTY HABITAT: Habitat for Humanity is looking for good 16 ounce plastic containers for their Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative. If you have some they can be dropped off at the church office during working hours or on Sunday. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Deborah Cain at 989-496-0900. Thank you.

FELLOWSHIP TIME: We are in need of volunteers to do coffee hour. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the copy room.

DISCIPLESHIP AND OUTREACH: The month of July is Nets for Africa.

Big Day at the Ball Park (SOLD OUT)
Saginaw Bay District of The UMC
Wed. August 22, 2012
Game Time: 7:05 P.M.
The buffet dinner starts at 6:00 P.M.



Schedule of Events

Sunday, July 8

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour
6:00 p.m. Methodist Men's meeting at the home of Mike Gorthy



Monday, July 9

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Church Office Open
6:30 p.m. Trustees

Tuesday, July 10

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Church Office Open
10:30 a.m. Bible Talk Back
1:00 p.m. Lay Leadership

Wednesday July 11

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Church Office Open
5:00 p.m. Christian Education

Thursday, July 12

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Church Office Open

Sunday, July 15

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour



Coming Up

July 25, 5:00 p.m. Preparation for Ice Cream Social

July 26, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Ice Cream Social



THE SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 1:1-17

1. Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying,
2. "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me."
3. But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.
4. But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up.
5. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep.
6. The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish."
7. The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.
8. Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?"
9. "I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."
10. Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them so.