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Announcements

LADIES: Our UMW are going on a mystery trip on Tuesday, June 19. The ladies will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. The cost of the trip will include lunch and \$7.00 for gas. Please



call the church office to make your reservation or sign up on

the bulletin board at the church. Please indicate if you can drive and how many passengers you can take. Call Ruth Sutton for more information.

NEW ADDRESS: Helen Robishaw, Stone Crest, 255 N. Main St., Freeland, MI 48623.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Starts at 9:00 a.m. George will be teaching *Embracing Emergence Christianity* by Phyllis Tickle in the classroom upstairs. You may join any Sunday. This is a 6 to 8 week class.

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 June is Peace with Justice Sunday. This is one of our six special Sundays.

WANT PINE WOOD? There is pine wood out back for the taking. You will have to cut it and haul it away. Call Gary Boots, 687-5830.

Big Day at the Ball Park
Saginaw Bay District of The UMC
Wed. August 22, 2012 Time: 7:05 P.M.
All you can eat buffet dinner, \$10 per ticket
Age 5 and under FREE. Tickets are going
fast. Call the church office at 687-5353.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, June 3

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



Monday, June 4

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

Tuesday, June 5

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

Wednesday June 6

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

Thursday, June 7

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

Friday, June 8

6:00 p.m. Adult Social

Sunday, June 10

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Shirt Sleeve Choir practice 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Coming Up

June 6 Methodist Men are going to Luzern Lodge and return home on June 9th



June 11 at 6:30 p.m. Trustees

June 19 at 10:30 a.m., UMW Mystery Trip.

June 28 Methodist Men will meet at Dustin's for the meeting and go to the Loons game.

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



Detroit Annual Conference Lay Delegate Report

The annual conference was held May 17 to 20, 2012. The conference was very interesting to say the least. The worship services were beyond belief. The theme this year was "Imagine a World-healing-healthy-whole."

Worship services, have you ever been in an acoustically adept room with 1200+ voices raised in PRAISE to our Lord! Yes, bigger is better; it is a very moving experience and the Holy Spirit was there.

The Bishop reported the following from the General Church Conference which was held in Tampa, Florida. There were two new districts created. East and West Kansas were combined into one. North and South Dakota and Minnesota were combined into one. The Congo church is growing so fast that they added one more Bishop there. It is expected that by year end there will be 612 new congregations added to the UMC worldwide. There are now 12.1 million United Methodists worldwide. The other big change that the General Church Conference made was to change the Lay Speaking Ministries to Lay Service Ministries. The next General Church Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon in 2016.

To date there have been more than 600,000 mosquito nets distributed. There are still over one million deaths in the world each year from malaria and most of them are in Africa. There are now over 300 health clinics that operate around the world under the cross and flame. There was a collection taken and over \$7,000.00 was given for malaria.

The vision that the Bishop presented for the Detroit Conference, is as follows. "Imagine a world where discipleship is more important than membership." The vision areas for this are1) new spaces for new faces 2) developing principled leaders, and 3) transforming communities. This is considered the vital initiative for post Christendom.

In the Detroit Conference 12 more churches gave 100% of their apportionments. Saginaw Bay district is at 86% which is up from last year.

Lay Delegate, Ira Thumma