



EAST WINDS DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Puzzling Through

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
REV. DR.
MARGIE CRAWFORD
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Saturday, November 4, 2023
Grand Blanc UMC
Grand Blanc, Michigan



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In Gathering/Mail: Special Offerings

The missional offering during the 2023 East Winds District Conference will support the **3 EWD Engage Ministries - Asbury CDC, Blue Water Free Store & Ministry Center and Looking Glass Community Outreach**

Check Offerings, submit to & write payable to:

East Winds District, c/o Linda Squires
119 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430

Please designate in check Memo Line: Donation to: 2023 EWD Ministry Offering

Thank you...

Thank you to Rev Brian West, Grand Blanc United Methodist Church and Staff for hosting.
Thank you to Cynthia Rossman EWD Co-Lay Leaders for coordinating all the events today.
Thank you to everyone that prepared reports, assisted with the morning trainings, worship and conference today.
Thank you to everyone that participated today. We pray you were blessed and appreciate you attending.

“Puzzling Through”

East Winds District Annual Conference

November 4, 2023

Grand Blanc United Methodist Church

Gathering Music	East Winds Quartet
Welcome	Brian West, Pastor Grand Blanc UMC
Opening Prayer	Laity
Opening Hymn	“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine” (UMH # 369)
Scripture: Genesis 28:10-22	Laity
Introduction & Welcome of District Superintendent	Cynthia Rossman & Bonnie Potter
Message	Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford, District Superintendent
Prayer	Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford
Special Music	Michael Emshwiller
Offering	Rev. Carol Blair-Bouse
Doxology & Presentation of Offering	Rev. Carol Blair-Bouse
Hymn	“This is the Day of New Beginnings” (UMH # 383)
Commissioning of Lay Servants & Lay Speakers	Kristen LePalm and Claudia Bowers
A Service of Communion for the New East Winds District	Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford
District Conference	
District Superintendent Report	Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford
Election of Recording Secretary	
Approval of 2022 Conference Minutes	
Nominations Report	
Presentation of District Budget	Barry Trantham, Finance Team Chair
Prayer	Carol Kandell, Leadership Team Chair
Closing Hymn	“Hymn of Promise” (UMH # 707)

EWD Superintendent Biography



Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford began her journey to servant ministry when she heard the Lord call her as a child. Her grandfather and one aunt were ministers. Her parents were active as laity in their churches. The faith communities her family served provided a deeply rich and nurturing relationship with our Lord.

Growing up, Rev. Dr. Margie also wanted to help people with hearing loss. One of her sisters was born partially deaf and because of her, Rev. Dr. Margie pursued a career as an Audiologist. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Audiology and Speech Pathology from Cleveland State University. She enrolled at Memphis State University (now the University of Memphis) to pursue a doctorate in Audiology with a specialty in Neural Science.

After receiving her Ph. D. Rev. Dr. Margie was an Assistant Professor at The University of Iowa and Wayne State University College of Medicine. Although she published a few research articles in the field of Audiology, she continued to hear God's voice calling her. In 1998 she began exploring the vocation of servant ministry. After beginning her studies at Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, Michigan, she enrolled in and graduated from Methodist Theological School in Ohio with a Master of Divinity degree in 2005.

Rev. Dr. Margie returned to Michigan and was appointed to Flint: Court Street UMC as the Associate Pastor, working with Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Steven Buck. Appointments to St. Clair Shores First UMC and Saint Clair First UMC followed. In 2018, she was asked by Bishop David Bard to serve as the District Superintendent of the Midwest District. On July 1st she became the East Winds District Superintendent as part of the new model for the Michigan Conference.

Rev. Dr. Margie has one son, Terrance, who lives in New York City. He is an author of children's activity books. In addition to her passion for jigsaw puzzles, Rev. Dr. Margie is an avid reader, enjoys crocheting and watching movies from the classics to modern day cinema.

EWD 2023 Superintendent Report

This year has been full of changes for the Michigan Conference, the East Winds District and the faith communities which are answering our Lord's call to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As we gather at Grand Blanc UMC, we are poignantly aware that some faith communities are no longer with us. A few have closed because their journeys of mission and ministry have come to an end. Others have chosen to separate from us and follow a different path for their faith and their future. Let us continue to pray for them with the hope that each faith community will be able to make a difference for those who have or are seeking a relationship with our Lord. I encourage each of us to allow for a time of grief as we recognize that there isn't another United Methodist church around the corner, on the other side of our town or a little further down the road.

The words of Ecclesiastes 3 offer us encouragement and comfort during this time. "For everything there is a season." As we prepare to look forward, we welcome new churches to the East Winds District from the Mid-Michigan, Central Bay and Greater Detroit Districts. We also celebrate those pastors who are in the first year of an appointment. The work of our mission zones is on a brief hiatus as we consider what we are doing well and ask ourselves what more can we do?

Each faith community, not only in the East Winds District, but also throughout the denomination, must ask itself how we can relate to those persons who have labeled themselves as nones. How do we create a space for them, not only inviting them into our church buildings, but more importantly, encouraging each person to have a relationship with our Lord? How can we help one another in mission and ministry, understanding that many hands make light work? If people who worshipped, prayed and journeyed beside us are no longer present in our lives and our faith communities, how do we invite and welcome new faces to be with us?

I have never been one to see the cup as half empty. Our Lord actually informs us in the 23rd Psalm that our cup is overflowing. God is not through with us yet. Our Lord has a plan for each of our lives, for our faith communities and for all of God's children. I invite each of you to spend time in prayer with God. Pray for those who need strength and comfort. Pray for who we are and who we have the potential to become. Listen for God's voice and how it's calling to you fulfill the Great Commission, to be His hands, His feet, His voice for those who have yet to come to know God as we do.

I have asked this question before and will continue to ask it of myself as long as I am able. What more can I do to help others? I am committed to doing what is asked of me for the kingdom that is and the kingdom that is to come. Today there are more questions before us than answers. I know in my heart and soul that God will help us puzzle through where we are to accomplish His vision for each of us in the days to come. May God continue to inspire us all. And Amen.

East Winds District Annual Conference Minutes

Saturday, November 5, 2022

First United Methodist Church, Port Huron, Michigan

Events included Leadership Training Sessions, Lunch, Worship, Lay Servant Commissioning and District Annual Conference program.

The morning sessions started at 10:00 am offering two leadership training sessions (10am, 11am):

- **Social Justice and Human Rights: Lessons for United Methodists**

Led by Dr Carrie Booth Walling, Professor of Political Science and Faculty Director of the Ford Institute at Albion College and Rev Dr. Javier Viera, President of Garret Evangelical Seminary.

- **Let's work, study, and worship together!:**

Led by Rev. Carol Blair Bouse, EWD Coordinator of Applied Mission and Interim Pastor at Millington UMC.

- **Tips and Resources for Church Finance Teams:**

Led by Carol Kandell, EWD Leadership Team Chair, Barry Trantham, EWD Finance Team Chair, and Rev Dr. Sherry Parker, UM Foundation

- **Staff/Parish-Parish Relations Committee:**

Led by Rev John Hice, EWD Superintendent, and Bonnie Potter, EWD Co-Lay Leader.

- **Laity in Leadership and Lay Servants:** Led by Cynthia Rossman, EWD Co-Lay Leader

- **Social Media Literacy:** Led by Rev Devin Smith, Romeo UMC

- **The Fear of Re-Entering Life in a Post Pandemic Environment:** Led by Rev Dr. Joe Banouch, Yale UMC

- **John Wesley – UM Heritage:**

- **Non-Profits, renting non-church space, utilizing church property for income, other related subjects:**

WORSHIP:

Gathering worship music was performed by Kathy Cay, Organist and Accompanist for First UMC, Port Huron. Rev Drew Hart of Port Huron: First UMC welcomed everyone. Claudia Bowers, Flint: Calvary UMC led the opening prayer.

Scripture for worship was Luke 19:1-9 and Revelations 21:1-5. Rev John Hice East Winds District Superintendent introduced our guest speaker, Rev Dr. Javier Viera, President of Garrett, Evangelical Theological Seminary. Rev Dr Viera's' message was "Let Heaven Break Loose". Bonnie Potter, Co-Lay Leader led a prayer after the message. Mr. David Lindsey, of Flint: Court Street UMC sang "Amazing Grace". Rev Carol Blair Bouse, gave the prayer of commitment upon receiving the In Gathering offering which was designed to support the EWD Mission Trip, to Spirit Lake Ministry Center, Tokio, ND July 22-30, 2023. Mission trip participants will arrive after a two day drive in vans. Supplies and tools are supplied by the mission leaders. Youth 14 and older may participate if a parent attends also. The hosts are Libby Flowers and Pastor Mike Flowers. A pre-covid video was shown of the Spirit Lake Ministry and their mission work.

A **Commissioning Ceremony** was held for new or renewing Lay Servants and Lay Speakers of the East Winds District. Rev Hice EWD DS, Kristen LePalm and Becki Brice, Co-Directors of the Lay Servant ministries led the commissioning.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

The Fifth Annual District Conference of the East Winds District, Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Churches was held on Saturday, November 5, 2022, starting at 2:20 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of Port Huron, Michigan.

The Business Session of the East Winds District Conference was called to order by Rev. John H. Hice, District Superintendent. The East Winds District is a corporation in the State of Michigan and our East Winds District Leadership Team serves as our Board of Directors.

Cheryl Rentschler, Executive Assistant for the East Winds District was elected as the recording secretary for the session. Conference documents were made available by email, found at www.EastWindsConference.com or at the District Conference. The conference was available for viewing by a Facebook live link. The November 7, 2021, District Conference minutes were reviewed and approved. Announcement of District retirements were made: Cheryl Rentschler, Executive Assistant, will retire as of February 1, 2023 after serving the district for 14.5 years. Rev John H Hice will retire as of 7.1.2023 after serving as our District Superintendent for 7 years and 45 years as an United Methodist Church pastor. Bishop David Bard will return as our Michigan Area Conference Bishop and will be serving one conference, the Michigan Area Conference. The replacements for Rev Hice and Cheryl Rentschler have not been selected at this time.

District Superintendent Report:

Rev Hice reported four years ago two conferences joined into one Michigan Conference and twelve districts combined into nine new districts. The East Winds District was formed as of June 28, 2018, and a large part of the Crossroads District and a large part of the Blue Water District merged into a central location in Lapeer, Michigan with a new name and office location from the prior Flint, Michigan office location.

The 2022 Michigan Annual Conference Session voted to implement a new reorganization of districts, effective July 1, 2023, causing transitional changes in 2022 for the East Winds District. While redistricting will not involve the dissolution of corporations, there will be a couple of district mergers and all districts will expand their territories. This comes with a backdrop of two important developments: 1) the loss of churches, mostly by disaffiliations from the United Methodist denomination; and 2) a smaller Conference budget, which demands lessening of expenditures. District superintendents, must innovate to fulfill their mission in new ways, with less travel and more electronic meetings, unless when it is necessary to be physically present. The physical office for the district closed and now remote as of April 1, 2022. Paper documents from clergy, ministerial candidates, district agencies, and local churches have been manually gleaned and converted to digital storage.

Rev Hice said he is thankful for our District Leadership Team led by Chair, Carol Kandell, and members of our boards, committees, and ministry teams who have kept the rhythm of God's work.

Our district missional teams lead by clergy facilitators continue to lead and assist the churches and pastors in their zones. Updated zones have been re-arranged in 2022 to a total of 10 missional Zones. The Missional Zones continue to collaborate resources and ministries among themselves and serve as sounding board among their pastors and laity.

Rev Hice also is thankful for East Winds clergy and church members. He earnestly thanks each of the staff for their work and extra hours of dedication, counsel, and leadership:

- **Cheryl Rentschler** serves as the East Winds District Executive Assistant.
- **Eva Jankowske**, our Administrative Assistant, handles Facebook, website posts and filing our clergy and our churches church conference reports which are being now scanned to our digital filing system.
- **Linda Squires** provides essential service as our District Treasurer.
- **Rev Carol Blair Bouse**, continues, half-time, as pastor of Millington UMC and serves half-time as our Applied Missions Coordinator and gives needed organizational support for district hands-on missions such as our work this coming year in North Dakota's Spirit Lake Nation, as well as assist our mission zones and local churches that wish help with similar projects.

Leadership in the East Winds District and our ninety churches have done well in extremely challenging times. As we move into another season of transitions there is promise, opportunity, and resolve among our members. We continue to equip churches to serve Christ through quality communication, collaboration and training.

Leadership Team Chair Report:

Our Theme this year, "Let Heaven Break Loose: Congregations engaged in transformational ministry", gives us encouragement and hope as we continue to walk together through new and difficult times. We know that God has a plan for us to continue to be engaged in a caring and connectional ministry.

This past year we have seen many changes in our world, from the closing the physical district offices, going virtual offices, to the planning and reduction of two districts for the Michigan Conference in 2023. As always, we have strived to continue our seamless transition and continued support for the local churches.

We made available grants for new ministries, for ongoing programs and for special needs. We also made available loans to local churches to finance "brick and mortar" projects. We are committed to our vision of Equipping churches to serve Christ through quality communication, collaboration and training.

This year we had hoped to complete another district mission trip to Puerto Rico. Circumstances beyond our control intervened and that was not manageable. However, our coordinator of applied mission, Rev. Carol Blair Bouse, has a great mission experience organized for 2023 to North Dakota to work with the Spirit Lake Nation at the Spirit Lake Ministry Center. We are excited to be able to provide that opportunity to the East Winds District.

Church, we continue to be honored and humbled to be in ministry with you. We are amazed at the resourcefulness of the people of God. The past several year have seen us walk through difficult times together and we will continue to do so. We, as your Leadership Team, look forward to providing support and resources for your continued success. We praise God for all of you. Carol Kandell, Chairperson, EWD Leadership Team

Nominations:

The Book of Discipline requires elections of the following district committees: Leadership Team and its corporate officers, Nominations committee, District Committee on Ordained Ministry, District Board of Church Location and Building and the District Committee on Superintendency.

The slate of the East Winds District leadership teams and committees were reviewed as presented by Rev. John H. Hice, District Superintendent. The following names were added to the District Teams and reflected still open positions to be filled throughout the year:

Leadership Team: Rev Kayla Roosa, Barry Trantham, William McGhee

Nominations: Brian Willingham and Pastor Lisa Clark

District Committee on Ordained Ministry: Rev Joseph Baunoch, Rev Rob McPherson, Rev Gloria Haynes Cox, Rev Barbara Benjamin, Pastor Naylo Hopkins, Pastor Anika Bailey, one open laity position.

District Board of Church Location and Building: Two Open Positions.

District Superintendency: One open laywomen position to be filled.

Nominations were closed and the entire slate was voted on by verbal affirmative ballot and approved.

Finance Team:

Informational: The fiduciary body known as the East Winds District Leadership Team are also the Trustees of the East Winds District Corporation. The Finance Team is the overseer of the District Treasury and recommends approving disbursements of loans and grants with reports to the Leadership Team of its determination and action taken.

Budget/Financials: Carol Kandell, Leadership Team Chair and Finance Team member shared the financial report numbers. (Barry Trantham, Finance Chair, was unable to attend). She shared the last years actions of the Finance committee in approving grants and loans to local churches, mission and ministries of the East Winds District. The 2021 Year-end financial statements were in the booklet on pages 14-19, reflecting 2021 assets, liabilities, loan balances, profit and loss budget report, the Ministry Shares report reflected 96.17% paid totals from our local churches.

Financial numbers as of September 30, 2022, were: Checking/Savings/Investment \$2,126,179.83, which included loan balances receivables in the amount of \$192,763.52 which were all current. Total liabilities were \$55,114.90. Ministry Shares paid to date by local churches were at \$117,508.53 which is 78.25% of the amount billed out and appropriate for the time of year.

She also presented the 2023 budget numbers, 2022 year to date financials and 2021's 4th quarter financials for approval. The total East Winds District Budget for 2023 presented for approval was \$257,732.80 (included funding for Urban Ministries, District Missional Projects, Superintendent Projects, Leadership Team Expenses, Staff Salary, and Operations Costs). Finance Team financials, budget and report were found on pages 14 through 26.

Missional Disbursements: District Ministry Grants mainly to local churches and missions were given in the amount of \$93,792.00. District Missional Projects were granted \$36,500 through Sept 30, 2022. Specific grant and loan distributions by the Finance Team was found in the Finance Team Report by Barry Trantham on pages 27-28 of the booklet.

The 2023 proposed budget amount of \$257,732.80 is offset with Special Endowment Grant and Endowment/ Loan Fund Dividends/Interest subsidies of \$45,787.80 and \$59,026.00, respectively which results in the calculation of East Winds District Ministry Shares final amount of \$152,919.00 billed to local churches. The ministry shares breakout was reflected in the distributed booklet.

Financials/Budget Discussion: No questions were asked of reports shared. The 2023 East Winds District Budget, financial reports for 4th quarter of 2021 and year to date 3rd quarter 2022 were approved as presented by a show of hands by those in attendance.

Written reports provided in the District Conference booklet were:

Board of Laity: District Co-Lay Leaders, Cynthia Rossman of Brown City UMC and Bonnie Potter of Thetford Center UMC and Listing of Laity Team. Their report shared the way the church reached out to the congregations and community to work around the pandemic issues of staying safe and limiting contact with others, but still being connected through Christ and his love.

Lay servant Report: Pastor Kristen LePalm, Thomas UMC, and Becki Bryce, of Armada UMC, District Lay Servant Co-Directors' report spoke of all the lay servant related classes that are available and options of ways to attend in person or by zoom. They encourage people to look at what is offered and sign up for some classes.

Board of Church Location and Building: District Co-Chairs: Bob Wyatt and Pastor Jerry Griggs

Engage MI - 2021 report and list of EngageMI churches

Ministry at the Blue Water Free Store and Ministry Center - Port Huron, MI

Flint: Asbury Community Development Corporation: Its missions activity including the South Flint Soup Kitchen, Feed Flint, and Asbury Farms.

Additional reports included:

- Finance Team Grants and Loans Informational Brochure
- Mission Trip 2023: Spirit Lake Ministry Center, Tokio, ND, July 22-30, 23, Flier and Application Form
- District Staff Contact information
- Missional Zone Plan and Church List
- Special Sunday Offering Calendar
- 2022 East Winds District General Monthly Calendar

Rev Hice thanked the leadership of the district for preparing and working together for the successful District Conference held today. He thanked Rev Dr. Javier a Viera for his message, insight, inspiration and leading a training session at the start of the day.

Appreciation to the district conference design team of Bonnie Potter, Cynthia Rossman, Carol Kandell, Eva Jankowske, Cheryl Rentschler and Becki Brice, registrar. East Winds District leaders for strong guidance for the event and throughout the year.

Gratefulness for Linda Squires, District Treasurer; David Slates and Barry Trantham, Finance Chairs and the Finance team members for handling budget, grants, loans and bills. He thanked Port Huron First UMC musician Kathy Cay, for inspiring piano presentations and leading us in song and praise. David Lindsey (Flint: Court Street UMC) was thanked for his vocal solo of "Amazing Grace".

Rev Hice then adjourned the business meeting. Carol Kandell, Chair of the Leadership Team, led the closing prayer asking for God's continued presence in our lives and providing us unshakeable faith that sees us through and sustains us to work with the will of strength and resolve of courage to set our ministries in motion. Bless us on our decisions to concentrate our plans to truly be the church of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl S. Rentschler

Recording Secretary,
East Winds District Executive Assistant

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MINISTRIES / MISSIONS

- **Asbury Community Development Corporation (CDC), Flint (EngageMI Project CCMM# 3003)**
Flint Asbury Community Help Center / Neighborhood House, Asbury Farms, Asbury Café and Market, Asbury Housing, FlintFunder.com and now Includes Flint Soup Kitchen and Angel Closet.
Director: Kevin Croom chef@flintasbury.org
Phone: 810-235-0016 Website: www.FlintAsbury.org
1653 Davison Rd, Flint MI 48506 Hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm Tuesdays - Food Pantry
- **South Flint Soup Kitchen/Angels Closet:**
Phone 810-239-3427 or 810-235-0016 Website: www.southflintsoupkitchen.com
Mail donations to: South Flint Soup Kitchen, 1653 Davison Rd, Font, MI 48506
Lunch served Mon-Fri 11:00AM to Noon. Angels closet hours as announced
- **Blue Water Ministry Center/Free Store: (EngageMI Project CCMM# 3061)**
Mail donations to: Port Huron UMC c/o Tom Masters
Phone: 810-982-0756 3482 Lapeer Road, Port Huron, MI 48060
***Note: Write on Memo Line: **Blue Water Free Store/Ministry Center**
Questions about Ministry: Curtis Clarke at cbclarke95@gmail.com
Volunteer Contact: Dayna Wright at 989-550-2361
- **Looking Glass Community Outreach: (EngageMI Project CCMM# 3062)**
Executive Director : Cathy Provines
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Donations to: EWD, c/o Linda Squires, 119 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, MI 48430
***Note: Write on Memo Line: **LGCO** ***

EWD 2023 Leadership Team Report

Several years ago, a group of dedicated clergy and laity were called upon to form a new district from remnants of two existing districts, the Crossroads and Blue Water Districts. We quickly set about the task of making meaningful connections and engaging in mission. Our mission statement is: Equipping churches to serve Christ through quality communication, collaboration, and training. We have seen valued members leave and we have welcomed new disciples, but our focus has not changed. We strive to provide support and resources for the continued success of the local churches through program grants, mission opportunities and loans for building improvement projects.

This year has presented challenges as we have experienced loss through the disaffiliation process. But we are encouraged as we walk through these difficult new times because we know God has a plan for us to continue to be engaged in a caring and connectional ministry.

We welcomed back some churches that were previously members of our founding districts as well as add some new churches. We also welcomed a new district superintendent, the Rev Dr Margorie Crawford, and sent Rev John Hice our best wishes as he started a new phase of his ministry in retirement.

Through your ministry shares you have continued to support missions such as the South Flint Soup Kitchen, The Blue Water Free Store and Ministry Center, Campus Ministry at UM-Flint, Family Promise of Genesee County as well as provide startup funds for Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Chapters at community colleges in Flint and Port Huron. You have supported projects in Haiti and Liberia.

We continue to be honored and humbled to be in ministry with you. We are amazed at the resourcefulness of the people of God. The past several years we have walked through difficult times together and we will continue to do so. We, as your Leadership Team, look forward to providing support and resources for your continued success.

We praise God for all of you!

Carol Kandell, Chairperson
EWD Leadership Team

EWD 2023 Board of Missions & Church Extension/Finance Team

The Board of Missions and Church Extension/Finance Team focuses on supporting our local churches through grants and loans. Funding comes from District Ministry Shares, Endowment and Loan Fund dividends, and an interest subsidy as well as a limited amount Endowment Grant.

Board of Missions and Church Extension members: Chairperson Barry Trantham, Kathy Treasurer Linda Squires, Paul Tiedeman, Gordon Fisher, Carol Kandell, John Sayer, Dawn Mosteller, Coulson Blair, Kathy Dorman, and District Superintendent Margie Crawford.

Our committee thanks East Winds Executive Assistant Jodi Fuller and Administrative Assistant Eva Jankowske for setting up our Zoom meetings, recording the minutes, and other support.

Looking back on 2023

The 2023 District Budget included funding for the following grant and loan opportunities:

- **Connectional Program grants** - requests to be considered at the May meeting. Connectional grants will include special programs, youth projects, and innovative church development projects.
- **Special Needs grant** - requests to be considered throughout the year. Special Needs are not strictly defined, however, they may not be used for staffing or for capital improvement projects.
- **3:1 Challenge Grants** – Grant of \$1 for every \$3 of new money raised by the applicant within an agreed amount of time. Challenge grants may be used for technology equipment or as seed money for starting new programs.
- **Barrier-free grants** - of \$500 to be considered throughout the year for projects that increase accessibility for the physically challenged.
- **Loans** - are available up to \$50,000 using the same loan rate as the Michigan Area Loan Fund with a duration not to exceed 90 months or 7.5 years. Loans are to assist churches with capital improvements or as a bridge to a bank loan.

In 2023, to date, the Finance Team approved the following grants and loans:

- Marysville UMC, Harbor Beach UMC, and North Street UMC each received \$500 to construct barrier-free ramps.
- Bethany-Clio UMC received \$3,000 for a Phase 1 Restoring Relevancy grant.
- Dr. Rev. J.D. Landis was granted \$15,000 for a mission trip to Latvia to help reenergize UMC churches in that country and support refugees from the war in Ukraine.
- A \$10,000 continuing grant to support the Blue Water Ministry Center and Free Store, that provides food and clothing to those in need in the Port Huron area.
- A \$10,000 continuing grant that supports South Flint Soup Kitchen that provides meals to those in need.
- A \$2,400 one-time grant to West Berlin UMC for a food distribution drive.
- A \$20,000 one-time grant to InterVarsity campus ministry for start-up costs for outreach to students at UM-Flint, Mott Community College, and St. Clair County Community College.
- A \$5,000 continuing grant to Family Promise of Genesee County to help families remain in their homes.
- A \$2,000 continuing grant to the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Home.

- A \$2,000 continuing grant to Liberia Pastor support
- A \$3,000 continuing grant to support the Clergy camp.
- A \$6,000 continuing grant to InterVarsity representative Chad Schlosser for his ministry at UM-Flint.
- A \$6,122 loan to North Street UMC to replace boilers.
- A \$21,000 loan to Bristol UMC to replace their roof.

The 2023-24 East Winds District budget includes financial support for local church and mission zone grants, as well as continuing financial support for these district ministries: Blue Water Ministry Center & Free Store, South Flint Soup Kitchen, Family Promise of Genesee County, Liberia Pastor Support, Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village, U of M Flint Campus Ministry and Clergy Family Camp.

The deadline to submit Connectional Grant applications will be March 31, 2024. Applications for New Developing Ministry, Special Needs Grants, Barrier Free Grants, 3:1 Grants, and Loan Requests may be submitted throughout the year. Applications for Connectional Grants and other Grants and Loans can be found on the East Winds District website. Should local churches have questions, feel free to contact Linda Squires, District Treasurer, lsquires@eastwindsumc.org or Barry Trantham at barrytrantham@gmail.com

Barry Trantham
Chair of Finance Team

2022 Year-End Financial Reports

8:26 PM
02/08/23
Cash Basis

East Winds District Income & Expense Budget vs. Actual January through December 2022

	Jan - Dec 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
41100 · Ministry Shares	136,570.00	150,163.00	-13,593.00	90.95%
44000 · Endowment Grants	17,259.71	42,777.00	-25,517.29	40.35%
45000 · Investment Income	63,000.00	63,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	216,829.71	255,940.00	-39,110.29	84.72%
Gross Profit	216,829.71	255,940.00	-39,110.29	84.72%
Expense				
61000 · District Ministry Grants				
61055 · Local Church Grants	13,164.00	63,000.00	-49,836.00	20.9%
61034 · District Youth Grant	8,000.00			
61020 · New Developing Ministry	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
61030 · One Time Grant Requests				
61031 · Barrier Free Grant	500.00			
61032 · 3 to 1 Grant	12,653.00			
61030 · One Time Grant Requests - Other	20,000.00			
Total 61030 · One Time Grant Requests	33,153.00			
61040 · Ministry Center & Free Store	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%
61050 · South Flint Soup Kitchen Grant	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%
61060 · Connectional Church Grant	19,475.00	20,000.00	-525.00	97.38%
Total 61000 · District Ministry Grants	93,792.00	113,000.00	-19,208.00	83.0%
62000 · District Missional Projects				
62020 · Intervarsity Christian Fellowship	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	100.0%
62008 · Family Promise	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%
62010 · Bishop Judith Craig Children's	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%
62012 · Liberia Pastor Salary Support	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%
62016 · Campus Ministry Support	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	100.0%
62018 · Clergy Camp	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 62000 · District Missional Projects	38,000.00	38,000.00	0.00	100.0%
64000 · District Superintendent Expense				
64020 · Contingency Fund	2,075.20	5,000.00	-2,924.80	41.5%
64040 · DS Congregation Resilience VCI	450.00	2,270.00	-1,820.00	19.82%
64060 · Testing Support	300.00	2,000.00	-1,700.00	15.0%
64000 · District Superintendent Expense - Other	110.00			
Total 64000 · District Superintendent Expense	2,935.20	9,270.00	-6,334.80	31.66%
64100 · Leadership Team				
64102 · General Budget	1,573.28	6,500.00	-4,926.72	24.2%
64104 · Administrative Exp. & Missions	1,458.60	2,000.00	-541.40	72.93%
64110 · Laity	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
64200 · Committee on Ordained Ministry	346.40			
64210 · Annual Conference Guest Speaker	1,677.20			
64300 · Coordinator of Applied Missions				
63110 · Clergy Housing	1,000.00			
64300 · Coordinator of Applied Missions - Other	36,375.04	43,550.00	-7,174.96	83.53%
Total 64300 · Coordinator of Applied Missions	37,375.04	43,550.00	-6,174.96	85.82%
Total 64100 · Leadership Team	42,430.52	52,550.00	-10,119.48	80.74%
65000 · Operations				
68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	881.00			
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	733.00			
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	170.00			
65040 · Supplies	174.84	1,400.00	-1,225.16	12.49%
65050 · Travel and Meetings	241.14	500.00	-258.86	48.23%
65060 · Audit Expense	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	2,675.00	3,300.00	-625.00	81.06%
Total 65000 · Operations	4,874.98	8,700.00	-3,825.02	56.03%
66000 · Payroll Expenses				
66020 · Treasurer Payroll	21,307.00	21,307.00	0.00	100.0%
66040 · Office Assistant Payroll	10,942.38	10,388.00	554.38	105.34%
66100 · Workers Comp Insurance & FICA	2,467.07	2,600.00	-132.93	94.89%
66210 · Payroll processing	80.56	125.00	-44.44	64.45%
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	34,797.01	34,420.00	377.01	101.1%
Total Expense	216,829.71	255,940.00	-39,110.29	84.72%
Net Ordinary Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Net Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%

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**East Winds District
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2022**

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ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · Checking - Chase	70,371.48
10200 · Stiffel Cash Account	7,665.15
10210 · Stiffel Investments	753,558.47
10300 · Wells Fargo Cash Account	21,970.16
10310 · Wells Fargo Investments	737,086.29
10400 · United Methodist Foundation	181,277.12
10500 · Michigan Area Loan Fund	8,963.80

Total Checking/Savings 1,780,892.47

Other Current Assets

12000 · Undeposited Funds	401.60
13000 · Loans Receivable	184,927.25

Total Other Current Assets 185,328.85

Total Current Assets 1,966,221.32

TOTAL ASSETS 1,966,221.32

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities 2,049.20

Total Current Liabilities 2,049.20

Total Liabilities 2,049.20

Equity 1,964,172.12

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 1,966,221.32

EAST WINDS DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

District Superintendent: **Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford**

Co-Lay Leaders: Cynthia Rossman _____

Nominations Committee:

Re. Dr. Margie Crawford (DS) - Chair	Cynthia Rossman (LL)
Lisa Clark (24)	Brian Willingham (25)
Linda Schramm (24)	Brittany Willingham (25)

District Leadership Team:

Re. Dr. Margie Crawford (DS)	Carol Kandell (Chair)	Jodi Fuller (EA)	Linda Squires (Treas.)
Rev. Carol Blair-Bouse	Rev. Sunhwa Hopgood	Cynthia Rossman (LL)	Barry Trantham
Rev. Daniel Bowman	William McGhee	Rev. Michelle Rousseau	Michele Weston
Rev. Timothy Callow	Rev. Kayla Roosa	Gregory Timmons	

District Finance Team:

Re. Dr. Margie Crawford (DS)	Barry Trantham (Chair)	Linda Squires (Tres.)	Eva Jankowske (Sec)
Coulson Blair	Gordon Fisher	Dawn Mosteller	Paul Tiedeman
Carole Cunningham	Carol Kandell	John Sayer	Kathy Dorman

District Board of Church Location and Building:

<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay Women</u>	<u>Lay Men</u>
Re. Dr. Margie Crawford (DS)	Doris Sain (24)	Bob Wyatt (Chair) (25)
Rev. Jerry Griggs (24)	Katheryn Takish (25)	Dan Squires (24)
Rev. Heather Nowak (25)	Marsha Wagner (25)	Johnny Watkins (24)
	Mischele Maklouf (25)	

District Committee on Superintendency:

<u>DS Appointed (2)</u>	<u>Clergy (2)</u>	<u>Laywomen (2)</u>	<u>Laymen (2)</u>	<u>At-Large (2)</u>
Lois Bunton (Co-Chair)	Julius DelPino (Sec)	Linda Schramm	Bruce Hurd	Dayne Walling
_____	Karen Jensen-Kinney	_____	Chuck Parsell	_____
Re. Dr. Margie Crawford (DS)	Cynthia Rossman (Lay Leader)			

District Committee on Ordained Ministry:

<u>Elders:</u>	Sang Yoon Chun	<u>Deacons:</u>	<u>Local Pastors:</u>	<u>Laity:</u>
Jeff Jaggers (Chair)	Gloria Cox	Christine White	Curtis Clarke	Tom Cerny
Joseph Baunoch	Richard Dake	Ann Emerson	Naylo Hopkinns	Lynn Geer
Barbara Benjamin	Rob McPherson (BOM Liaison)		Patricia Hoppenworth	Sally Hoard
Carol Blair-Bouse	Janine Plum			
Margaret Bryce	Larry Wik			
Re. Dr. Margie Crawford (DS)	Cynthia Rossman (Lay Leader)			

EWD 2023 3rd Quarter Financial Reports

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East Winds District Budgeted Income Expense January through September 2023

	Operating Fund
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
41100 · Ministry Shares	110,781.38
Total Income	110,781.38
Gross Profit	110,781.38
Expense	
61000 · District Ministry Grants	
61030 · One Time Grant Requests	
61035 · Church Development Grant	18,000.00
61031 · Barrier Free Grant	1,500.00
Total 61030 · One Time Grant Requests	19,500.00
61040 · Ministry Center & Free Store	10,000.00
61050 · South Flint Soup Kitchen Grant	10,000.00
61060 · Connectional Church Grant	2,400.00
Total 61000 · District Ministry Grants	41,900.00
62000 · District Missional Projects	
62020 · Intersarsity Christian Fellowsh	20,000.00
62016 · Campus Ministry Support	4,500.00
62018 · Clergy Camp	3,000.00
Total 62000 · District Missional Projects	27,500.00
64000 · District Superintendent Expense	
Total 64000 · District Superintendent Expense	0.00
64100 · Leadership Team	
64102 · General Budget	4,169.43
64300 · Coordinator of Applied Missions	
64320 · Benefits	4,095.00
64300 · Coordinator of Applied Missions - Other	27,300.00
Total 64300 · Coordinator of Applied Missions	31,395.00
Total 64100 · Leadership Team	35,564.43
65000 · Operations	
65070 · Office Equipment	1,653.98
68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	350.00
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	1,012.09
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	177.00
65040 · Supplies	1,305.36
65050 · Travel and Meetings	1,007.00
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	3,049.00
Total 65000 · Operations	8,554.43
66000 · Payroll Expenses	
66020 · Treasurer Payroll	17,045.60
66040 · Office Assistant Payroll	8,857.08
66100 · Workers Comp Insurance & FICA	2,041.68
66210 · Payroll processing	392.24
66000 · Payroll Expenses - Other	230.74
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	28,567.34
	Operating Fund
Total Expense	142,086.20
Net Ordinary Income	-31,304.82
Net Income	-31,304.82

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East Winds District Balance Sheet

As of October 26, 2023

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ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · Checking - Chase	83,411.13
10200 · Stiffel Cash Account	15,568.80
10210 · Stiffel Investments	1,149,973.27
10300 · Wells Fargo Cash Account	8,299.89
10310 · Wells Fargo Investments	944,523.34
10400 · United Methodist Foundation	208,277.06

Total Checking/Savings	2,410,053.49
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Other Current Assets

13000 · Loans Receivable	163,001.51
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Total Other Current Assets	163,001.51
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Total Current Assets	2,573,055.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,573,055.00</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

24000 · Payroll Liabilities	2,230.73
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Total Other Current Liabilities	2,230.73
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Total Current Liabilities	2,230.73
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Total Liabilities	2,230.73
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Equity	2,570,824.27
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2,573,055.00</u>
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EWD 2023 3rd Quarter Ministry Share Report

Church Name	Ministry Shares	Payments	New Balance	2022
APLEGATE	\$429	214.50	\$214.50	Pd in Full
ARMADA	\$1,450	1,450.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
ATTICA	\$1,226	1,226.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
AVOCA	\$484		\$484.00	
BAD AXE: FIRST	\$2,356	2,356.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
BROWN CITY	\$1,462	1,462.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
BUEL	\$419	419.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
BURTON: CHRIST	\$768	768.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
BYRON: FIRST	\$1,402	701.00	\$701.00	
CAPAC	\$1,278	1,278.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
CENTRAL LAKEPORT	\$520	520.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
CLARKSTON	\$12,003	8,402.10	\$3,600.90	
CLIO: BETHANY	\$3,050	1,525.00	\$1,525.00	
COLE	\$895	895.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
COLUMBIAVILLE	\$1,002	1,002.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
CROSWELL: FIRST	\$861	861.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
DAVISON	\$3,521	3,521.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
DECKERVILLE	\$382		\$382.00	
DRYDEN	\$1,311	1,311.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
DURAND: FIRST	\$1,436	1,436.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
ELBA	\$305	305.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
FENTON	\$6,265	6,265.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
FLINT: ASBURY	\$1,507		\$1,507.00	
FLINT: BETHEL	\$2,914	2,914.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
FLINT: BRISTOL	\$862	862.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
FLINT: CALVARY	\$3,938	2,953.50	\$984.50	
FLINT: COURT STREET	\$5,670	5,670.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
FLINT: HOPE	\$2,221		\$2,221.00	
FLUSHING	\$3,454	1,721.17	\$1,732.83	
FORESTER	\$437	437.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
FOSTORIA	\$335	335.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
GAINES	\$903	903.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
GENESEE	\$567	567.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
GOODRICH	\$2,862	2,862.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
GRAND BLANC	\$3,028	2,600.00	\$428.00	
HALSEY	\$802		\$802.00	
HARBOR BEACH	\$838	838.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
HOLLY: CALVARY	\$3,191		\$3,191.00	
HOLLY: MT BETHEL	\$379	379.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
IMLAY CITY	\$1,808	1,084.80	\$723.20	
JEDDO	\$444	444.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
LAKE FENTON	\$803		\$803.00	
LAKE ORION	\$7,842	7,842.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
LAMB	\$463	463.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
LAPEER: TRINITY	\$5,613	3,367.80	\$2,245.20	
LENNON	\$492	492.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full
LEONARD	\$256		\$256.00	
LEXINGTON	\$2,023	1,517.25	\$505.75	
LINDEN	\$989	989.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full

2023 3rd Quarter Ministry Share Report - continued

Church Name	Ministry Shares	Payments	New Balance		2022
MARYSVILLE	\$2,851	2,851.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
MCGREGOR	\$840	840.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
MELVIN	\$478	478.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
MEMPHIS: FIRST	\$522	522.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
MONTROSE	\$1,406		\$1,406.00		
MT MORRIS: FIRST	\$1,044	522.00	\$522.00		
NORTH BRANCH: FIRST	\$959	959.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
NORTH STREET	\$1,659		\$1,659.00		
OMARD	\$297	297.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	594.00
OPEN DOOR	\$1,810	1,810.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
OREGON	\$386	386.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
ORTONVILLE	\$1,458	1,458.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
OTISVILLE	\$575	575.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
OXFORD	\$1,959	1,492.11	\$466.89		
PORT HOPE	\$686	686.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
PORT HURON: FIRST	\$5,839	4,371.20	\$1,467.80	Pd in Full	
PORT HURON: GRATIOT PARK	\$719		\$719.00		
PORT SANILAC	\$514	514.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
RICHFIELD	\$509	509.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
RICHMOND: FIRST	\$1,909	1,909.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
ROMEO	\$4,016	3,212.80	\$803.20		
ST CLAIR: FIRST	\$2,814	2,814.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
SANDUSKY: FIRST	\$2,095	2,095.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
SEYMOUR LAKE	\$1,885	1,885.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
SILVERWOOD	\$327		\$327.00		
SNOVER: HERITAGE	\$2,320		\$2,320.00		
SOUTH MUNDY	\$811	405.50	\$405.50		
SWARTZ CREEK	\$5,625	5,625.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
THETFORD CENTER	\$519	519.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
THOMAS	\$565	565.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
WEST BERLIN	\$512	256.00	\$256.00		
WEST DEERFIELD	\$228	228.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
WEST FOREST	\$482	482.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
WEST VIENNA	\$1,364	1,364.00	\$0.00	Pd in Full	
WORTH TWP: BETHEL	\$522	261.00	\$261.00		
YALE	\$2,065		\$2,065.00		
	\$150,854		\$37,868.27	78.40%	594.00
Paid as of 10/17/2023		115,050.73			
Incoming Districts Ministry Shares		2627.70			
2022 paid		594.00			
		118,272.43			

EWD 2023 3rd Quarter Ministry Share Report - continued

Church Name	Ministry Shares	Payments 01/01-06/30	New Balance	Payments 07/01-12/31	New Balance
<u>CENTRAL BAY</u>			<u>EAST WINDS</u>		
BAY PORT UMC	620.00		620.00		620.00
BIRCH RUN UMC	1,210.00	605.00	605.00		605.00
BURT UMC	443.00		443.00		443.00
CARO UMC	2,883.00		2,883.00		2,883.00
CASS CITY UMC	1,944.00		1,944.00	972.00	972.00
FAIRGROVE UMC	707.00		707.00		707.00
HAYES UMC	832.00		832.00		832.00
KILMANAGH UMC	290.00	150.00	140.00		140.00
KINGSTON UMC	1,256.00		1,256.00		1,256.00
MAYVILLE UMC	2,044.00	2,044.00	0.00		0.00
MILLINGTON UMC	2,074.00		2,074.00		2,074.00
OWENDALE UMC	850.00	850.00	0.00		0.00
PIGEON: FIRST UMC	1,989.00	994.50	994.50		994.50
PINNEBOG UMC	385.00		385.00		385.00
PORT AUSTIN UPC	763.00	381.50	381.50		381.50
REESE UMC	1,587.00	800.00	787.00		787.00
SEBEWAING: TRINITY UMC	1,730.00		1,730.00		1,730.00
SUTTON-SUNSHINE UMC	634.00		634.00	634.00	0.00
VASSAR: FIRST UMC	2,298.00	1,149.00	1,149.00		1,149.00
WATROUSVILLE UMC	652.00	652.00	0.00		0.00
TOTAL	25,191.00	7,626.00	17,565.00	1,606.00	15,959.00
<u>MID MICHIGAN</u>			<u>EAST WINDS</u>		
CARLAND	67.60	67.60	0.00		0.00
CHAPIN	148.94	148.94	0.00		0.00
CHESANING TRINITY	964.83	241.21	723.62	482.42	241.20
CORUNNA: FIRST	424.86	423.86	1.00		1.00
HENDERSON	161.49	0.00	161.49		161.49
JUDDVILLE	278.97	278.97	0.00		0.00
LAINGSBURG	633.53	633.53	0.00		0.00
MIDDLEBURY	152.94	0.00	152.94		152.94
NEW LOTHROP: FIRST	354.33	354.33	0.00		0.00
OWOSSO: FIRST	1,299.10	259.82	1,039.28	539.28	500.00
OWOSSO: TRINITY	395.33	0.00	395.33		395.33
SHAFTSBURG: FAITH	301.16	306.16	-5.00		-5.00
VERNON	89.23	0.00	89.23		89.23
TOTAL	5,272.31	2,714.42	2,557.89	1,021.70	1,536.19
<u>GREATER DETROIT</u>			<u>EAST WINDS</u>		
ALGONAC: TRINITY	120.00	120.00	0.00		0.00
HOWARTH UMC	167.00	83.50	83.50		83.50
MACOMB: FAITH UMC	45.00	45.00	0.00		0.00
OMO: ZION UMC	145.00	145.00	0.00		0.00
PAINT CREEK UMC	183.00	183.00	0.00		0.00
WASHINGTON UMC	106.00	106.00	0.00		0.00
TOTAL	766.00	682.50	83.50	0.00	83.50
Balance coming into East Winds			20,206.39	2,627.70	17,578.69

2024 EWD Financial Budget

District Ministry Grants	
New Developing Ministry	10,000.00
Ministry Center & Free Store	10,000.00
Soup Kitchen	10,000.00
Local Church Grants	63,000.00
Connectional Fund Grant (COTY)	20,000.00
Total District Ministry Grants	113,000.00
District Missional Projects	
Family Promise of Genesee County	5,000.00
Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village	2,000.00
Liberia Pastor Salary Support	2,000.00
Campus Ministry Support UM-Flint	6,000.00
Clergy Family Camp	3,000.00
Total Mission Projects	18,000.00
District Superintendent Projects	
Congregation Resilience/Vital Church Initiative	2,270.00
Contingency Fund	3,730.00
Testing Support	1,500.00
Total DS Projects	7,500.00
Leadership Team	
General Budget	6,500.00
Administrative Expense and Missions	2,000.00
Board of Laity	500.00
Coordinator of Applied Missions	45,615.00
Total Leadership Team	54,615.00
Operations	
Auditing Cost	4,500.00
Office Expense and Supplies	1,500.00
D&O + Bonding Insurance	3,300.00
Treasurer Payroll	22,824.00
District Office Assistant Expense	14,837.00
Workers Comp & FICA	2,800.00
Staff Mileage	1,000.00
Payroll Processing Fees	200.00
Total Operation Expenses	50,961.00
District Ministry Projects	113,000.00
District Missional Projects	18,000.00
District Superintendent Projects	7,500.00
Operation Expenses	50,961.00
District Leadership Team Budget	54,615.00
Total Budget	244,076.00
Church Ministry Shares	134,860.00
Funding Sources - Special Endowment Grant	29,216.00
Endowment & Loan Fund Dividends & Interest Subsidy	80,000.00
	244,076.00

2024 EWD Ministry Shares

ALGONAC: TRINITY	150	LAKE FENTON	843
AVOCA	435	LAKE ORION	7,274
BAD AXE: FIRST	2,474	LEONARD	230
BAY PORT	587	LEXINGTON	2,121
BIRCH RUN	1,150	LINDEN	1,038
BROWN CITY	1,535	MACOMB: FAITH	56
BURTON OPEN DOOR	1,901	MARYSVILLE	2,566
BURTON: CHRIST	765	MAYVILLE	2,063
CAPAC	1,150	MIDDLEBURY	191
CARO	2,728	MILLINGTON	1,904
CASS CITY	1,852	MT MORRIS: FIRST	1,096
CENTRAL LAKEPORT	468	NEW LOTHROP: FIRST	443
CHESANING: TRINITY	1,206	NORTH BRANCH: FIRST	1,007
CLARKSTON	12,603	NORTH STREET	1,675
CLIO: BETHANY	3,203	OMO: ZION	152
COLUMBIAVILLE	1,052	OREGON	405
CORUNNA	531	OTISVILLE	604
DAVISON	3,697	OWENDALE	812
ELBA	320	OWOSSO: FIRST	1,624
FAITH COMMUNITY	376	OWOSSO: TRINITY	494
FENTON	6,578	OXFORD	1,763
FLINT: ASBURY	1,582	PAINT CREEK	229
FLINT: BETHEL	3,060	PIGEON: FIRST	1,980
FLINT: BRISTOL	905	PINNEBOG	347
FLINT: CALVARY	4,135	PORT AUSTIN UPC	758
FLINT: COURT STREET	5,954	PORT HOPE	720
FLINT: HOPE	2,332	PORT HURON: FIRST	5,619
FLUSHING	3,627	RICHMOND: FIRST	1,880
FOSTORIA	352	ROMEO	3,614
GAINES	948	SANDUSKY	1,886
GENESEE	595	SEBEWAING: TRINITY	1,557
GOODRICH	3,005	THETFORD CENTER	545
GRAND BLANC	3,179	THOMAS	509
HALSEY	842	VASSAR: FIRST	2,413
HARBOR BEACH	754	VERNON	112
HAYES	776	WASHINGTON	133
HENDERSON	202	WATROUSVILLE	656
HOLLY: MT BETHEL	398	WEST BERLIN	491
HOWARTH	209	WEST DEERFIELD	239
JEDDO	466	WEST VIENNA	1,423
JUDDVILLE	349	YALE	1,859
KILMANAGH	305		
LAINGSBURG	792		
			134,860

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All requests must be in line with the purposes of the District Board of Missions & Church Extension (DBOM&CE)/Finance Team:

To give aid in the organization of congregations; to aid in the location of churches; to help select and secure future church sites; to aid in building new churches including Viral Mergers.

To give aid in financing capital improvements and major maintenance projects.

To develop and receive recommendations for and give approval to new ministries both within the local church and through other forms of mission that are not functions of traditional congregations.

To give approval to and funding for programs in the areas of congregational development that enables church extension and mission work.

2. All requests for loans or grants must be within the guidelines of The Discipline and with the social principles of the United Methodist Church.

3. United Methodist Churches or associated ministries may apply for grants.

4. All applicants will complete a written application and will make a personal presentation to the Team, if requested, before funds may be granted or loaned. **No reimbursement will take place for previously completed projects or previously expended fund. Also, no grants will be given to support staffing needs.**

5. All applications for grants or loans are available online or may be requested from the District. They must be in the office two weeks prior to the meeting and deadlines will be adhered to.

6. The budgeted balance remaining at the time of the presentation determines the maximum amount that can be granted in any single category.

East Winds District Vision Statement
Equipping local churches to serve Christ
through quality communications, collaboration
and training.

The simple vision and the plan it projects are local church focused. From time to time there will be district supported connexional ministry; and there will be opportunities for us to come together for mission teams, trainings, and celebrations. However, we are bent on not creating an additional level of church that will excessively compete for the time and resources necessary for our local churches to thrive.

PLEASE MAIL GRANT AND LOAN

APPLICATIONS TO:

Linda Squires, District Treasurer

119 S Leroy Street

Fenton, MI 48430

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The DBOM&CE/Finance Team meets quarterly.

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GRANT INFORMATION

3:1 CHALLENGE GRANTS:

The Team will grant \$1 for every \$3 of new money raised by the applicant within an agreed amount of time, following grant approval

- **3:1 Technology Grant**

Funds are to be used toward equipment, but are not limited to: sound boards, video, projection equipment, digital cameras, key boards etc.

Competitive bids are recommended. Attempts should be made to seek out 3 competitive bids.

Funds are to be used as seed money for starting new programs.

Personal presentations may be made to the Team at any regular meeting.

BARRIER FREE GRANT

Funds are to be used for any project that will make a United Methodist Church facility more accessible to the physically challenged.

Maximum amount of the grant is \$500.

Personal presentations are not required.

EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL NEEDS GRANT

The District Superintendent and the Chair of the Finance, together, have the authority to approve the use of this discretionary money.

This is money to be used for severe unexpected emergencies.

CONNECTIONAL PROGRAM GRANTS

Applications for program grants will be accepted *once a year at the April meeting.*

- **Special Program Grant**

The event must provide an open invitation to all churches, clergy and laity in the District.

Personal presentations shall be made to the Team at April meeting.

- **Continuing Program Grant**

Funds to be used to support local churches ongoing ministry for community outreach.

Applicants are encouraged to seek additional support from other denominations for ecumenical programs.

A presentation will be made including information on how the money was used last year and plans for the current year.

Maximum support limited to 5 years.

- **District Youth Grant**

The purpose of the grant is to provide financial assistance for groups or individuals participating in a youth project.

Personal presentations shall be made to the Team at April meeting.

- **Vital Church Initiative Grant**

50/50 matching grant for Phase 1 & 2, the Vital Church Initiative (VCI) is a process of renewal for growing healthy, vital, fruitful, missional congregations in decline. For more information contact the conference web site. Required to provide for grant.

- 1) Grant application to Team
- 2) VCI application
- 3) VCI billing
- 4) Personal representation at any regular meeting.

- **Church Development Grant**

Funds to be used to assist churches with development. Examples for the use of these funds include but are not limited to: Resources/Leadership for a Church Visionary Process, Stewardship Campaign Financing, Architectural Fees for building expansion. Local funding must at least match request of grant.

The funds are to be used for building and grounds projects, excluding debt reduction.

There will only be a limited number of grants because of budget restrictions.

Competitive bids are recommended. Attempts should be made to seek out 3 competitive bids.

Personal presentations shall be made to the Team

at April meeting.

emergencies.

Loan Information

The District Finance Team has money that is available to be loaned to United Methodist Churches. Our funds are limited and are intended to help churches with capital improvements or to be a bridge to a bank loan. No loans are for longer than 7.5 years, so that we can recycle that money. We set our interest rate in line with the Michigan Area Loan Fund and will make adjustments accordingly.

Notice:

THERE WILL BE NO REIMBURSEMENT FOR PREVIOUS COMPLETED PROJECTS/EXPENDED FUNDS.

THERE WILL BE NO GRANTS GIVEN FOR STAFFING NEEDS.

Please be aware that if the project exceeds 25% of the annual budget or exceeds 10% of the total square footage of the church the local church must contact the District Superintendent and the District Board of Church Location and Building prior to application.

EWD 2023 Coordinator of Applied Mission Report

What a year!

Last year at this time you had all heard about our planned trip to the Spirit Lake Ministry Center. Unfortunately, we were unable to get enough interest to make a team; which turn out to be a blessing in disguise; soon after we made the decision to cancel the trip due to the lack of participation we received word that the Ministry Center was going to have to cancel us out anyway due to the retirement of the director and there was not a replacement being named at that time.

With so much of our year focused on disaffiliation this spring, we had some time for clergy gatherings to build bridges for healing. I organized 4 times for conversation, at 4 locations scattered throughout the district. We had about 25-30 clergy participate in these conversations. From these conversations, a desire for further times of dialog and a time for healing was discovered. In this area as we look to 2024, I will be exploring ways to gather clergy together to have time to share our corporate grief over the loss in disaffiliation.

I continue to reach out and make presentations about Simplified Accountable Structure. I am a certified coach/consultant so any work in East Winds district churches is charged at ½ the conference rate for coaching. The introductory presentation is given as part of my responsibilities as Coordinator of Applied Missions.

I also worked with churches that needed to complete a Local Church Assessment. This process helps churches begin to explore their future with honest prospective. Exploring all options for moving forward. I had the pleasure to assist in several presentations around disaffiliations and served as the presiding Elder at Church Conferences.

As the Coordinator of Applied Mission, I serve on the Board of Directors of the Asbury Community Development Corporation in Flint, representing our District Superintendent and our connection. The Asbury CDC operates several programs throughout Flint including the South Flint Soup Kitchen which hopes to resume in-person hot meal service soon. With the retirement of Rev. Tommy McDoniel there has been a great deal of change at A-CDC. These growing pains have been difficult but with the new board members envisioning a new future is possible.

Connecting with all three of our District Engage Michigan projects: Asbury CDC, Looking Glass Community Center, and The Blue Water Free Store I have chosen to take a Grant Writing class to better understand the work they do and how to help in their funding streams and sources. This also involves telling the story of these and other missions in the area, across the state and around the world through periodic articles in the East Winds district newsletter.

As we look to 2024, beyond what has been mentioned above I will continue to do any work that Rev. Crawford needs for me to do as this job continues to develop. We will soon be relaunching the Mission Zones as the dust settles from the last wave of disaffiliations. I will be working with Eva Jankowske on this new venture. Other areas where my role will be changing include the idea of mentoring new DSAs and LLPs in their first years of parish ministry. I will also become a connection point for pastoral care needs for clergy in the district. Several Mission Projects are also planned to take place District-wide this year including rice bag packing.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Carol Blair Bouse

EWD 2023 Laity Team Report

This year has been filled with many changes and challenges. The Michigan Conference changed from having nine districts to having only seven districts. As a result, our district has increased in geographical size. We had a change of District Superintendents. District Superintendent Rev. John Hice retired, and we welcome our new District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford.

A challenge for our denomination has been disaffiliations, and unfortunately our district has been the hardest hit in the Michigan Conference. All of us in one way or another are grieving the loss of these churches and their church members. But we can and will continue, and serve our Lord and Savior, in Christ like love.

Laity are present and serving in our communities. We are reaching out to one another and working to show others we care by sending cards, calling, and texting. Laity help with clothes closets, thrift shops, food pantries, soup kitchens, free lunches, and dinners. We continue to pack our Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. We are connecting with our communities with corn hole tournaments, softball games, roller skating, and movie nights. We have given out backpacks with school supplies and food for the weekend. With the use of technology, we continue to offer online worship. We are still "Zooming" for meetings, Bible studies, and book clubs. We are seeing growing membership with younger adults in some of our congregations.

We would like to encourage all laity to consider taking a Lay Servant Ministry class to learn something new, to better serve in your church, and to serve God. We have many challenges ahead of us in the coming year. We need to keep things going and show the love of God and be the people that God intended us to be.

God's blessings to you all,

Bonnie Potter and Cyndy Rossman, Co-Lay Leaders

A note from Bonnie,

As having served as Lay Leader of the Flint District, then Crossroads District, then the East Winds District, I feel very blessed to have gotten to know and work alongside so many of you during the past eleven years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your involvement in District events, including Lay Servants, Training Days, and District Conferences. While we are living in some difficult times, I believe that God has us each in this time and place for a reason. While I am stepping down from the Co-Lay Leader role, I will continue to be a strong supporter of laity serving in God's kingdom. I pray God's blessings on each of you and pray for the East Winds District of the United Methodist Church

God Bless, Bonnie Potter

EWD 2023 Lay Servant Ministries Report

"There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work." I Cor. 12:5-6

Greetings to all brothers and sisters in Christ from the EW District LSM Committee!

2023 has been a year of great accomplishments for Lay Servants and their studies. We continued to move forward working to offer lay servants opportunities to grow in their leadership skills and in their own personal discipleship. We knew that we would still have to deal with the unique situations that people are finding themselves in, but with the Lord's guidance and blessing we were able to provide classes for many people.

In the spring of 2023, we were able to offer 6 classes. There was a weekend session held at Court Street UMC, at which 5 classes were offered. Lay Servants were able to take the Basic class which was led by Rev. Michelle Rousseau and Cyndy Rossman, This Holy Mystery led by Rev. Barb Benjamin and Pastor Kristen LePalm, Transforming Community facilitated by Rev. Carol Blair-Blouse and Michelle Weston, Leading Public Prayer led by Rev. Naylo Hopkins and Susan Phillips, and Called to Preach facilitated by Rev. Tim Callow and Kevin Cook. Opening Ourselves to Grace was offered as a multi-week course led by Deb Sturm. There were 28 lay servants who were able to participate. Being able to offer the classes in both formats was a great benefit as it fit into the schedules of more people, opening the door for more to continue their studies and growth.

During the summer season we saw 3 ladies complete their studies and interviews to become Certified Lay Speakers. This represents the next step in the process of moving through the Lay Servant Ministries program.

As we moved into the fall the decision was made to continue the tradition of offering classes in a weekend format as well as giving people the opportunity to take classes over a period of weeks in-person or via zoom. Flint Calvary UMC graciously offered to host our classes for the weekend and it was a resounding success. Three classes, Leading Public Prayer, led by Cyndy Rossman, Called to Preach, facilitated by Rev. Tim Callow and Bruce Hurd, and Dancing with Words led by Deb Sturm, were offered in a multi-week format. 14 people were able to complete these classes. 3 classes were offered over the course of a Friday evening and the whole day on Saturday. The classes offered on the weekend were the BASIC class taught by Rev. Penny Nunn and Johnny Watkins, Dancing with Words led by Rev. Faith Timmons and Bonnie Potter, and Opening Ourselves to Grace taught by Deb Sturm. 15 people were able to take classes. The weekend format continues to be a blessing for many as it offers not only the chance to learn, but also a chance for fellowship with more people. Being able to reconnect with people from across the district and to once again study and learn God's Word in community was a positive experience.

East Winds District continues to grow in its number of lay servants and in the number of people who are completing requirements to become Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay Speakers. Some people have let their certification lapse, so we are encouraging Pastors and other laity to issue words of encouragement for all to explore their gifts and ministry interests and consider taking workshop courses. We are growing due to the inpouring of the Holy Spirit and are excited about all the opportunities which are in front of us. We thank God for blessing you all.

Submitted in Service to the One who came not to be served but to serve.

East Winds District Lay Servant Ministries Co-Directors

Kristen LePalm
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EWD 2023 Lay Servant/Speaker Commissioning List

Servants recognized as Lay Servants

Carmen Berlin
Theresa Bishop
Aritha Davis
Barbara Haas
Clara Woods

Servants recognized as Certified Lay Servants

D. J. Birkinbine
Lynda Brooks
Charleen Cook
Kevin Cook
Kathy Freeland
Jackie Gobrogge
Kate Butterfield-Halbedel
Beth Harris
Ellen Hoover
Walt Landon
Joe Lerner
Pam Marshall
Gerald Mowl
Don Newman
Susan Potter
Ralph Reseigh
Linda Sandefur
Naomi Stasak
Kathleen Veilleux
Marie Weaver
Shauna Weil

Certified Lay Servants recognized as Certified Lay Speakers

Pam Acton
Valerie Chunko
Sandy Knaack

EWD 2023 Board of Church Location & Building Report

The Board of Location & Building worked with several churches on a variety of issues this year. Here are some thoughts from our work with district churches.

SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

The sale of church buildings and real estate by discipline must be reviewed by our board. It is critical to realize full value of any property to be sold in the current real estate market. Unused parsonages are at risk of losing their property tax exemption increasing the cost to the local church of retaining the parsonage. Several churches evaluated their need to retain unused parsonages realizing savings of time and money. We also review the request of merging churches to sell any no longer needed property.

MORTGAGES

Any church seeking to remortgage or secure a new mortgage needs to go through a disciplinary process involving a review by the Board of Location & Building and approval of a local church conference.

ANNUAL TRUSTEE PARSONAGE & CHURCH INSPECTIONS

It is critical that the annual inspections of the church & parsonage be conducted and that both the church & parsonage and church be kept in good condition. Some churches have started evaluating future major maintenance expense items (roof, parking lots, building painting, appliance replacement, etc) working with their finance committee to plan for future major expenses. Annual inspections should include a check for mold in the basement, bathrooms and kitchen especially under any sinks. The ground outside of the building should pitch away from the parsonage or church. The gutters and downspouts should extend 2-3' away from the building and carry rain water runoff away from the building. Preplanning and prevention can minimize the impact of building maintenance on the church's budget.

REFERENCES FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

Our conference web site has many references beneficial to local church trustees.

<https://michiganumc.org/resources/trustees-toolbox>

CHURCH CLOSINGS

As required by the Book of Discipline, our board is represented at a local church charge conference where closing of a church is planned. We serve as a resource for closing local churches as church real estate is transitioned to the Michigan Conference Board of Trustees.

ROOF REPAIR

Delay of roof repair after the roof starts to leak result in damage to ceilings, furniture, electronic equipment or furniture. Roof leaks can result in a mold problem. The cost of a roof leak only grows over time.

Submitted by Co Chairs
Pastor Jerry Griggs
Bob Wyatt

EWD EngageMI Ministries 2023

Flint: Asbury CDC & Flint Soup Kitchen Report

Asbury Community Development Corporation is a unified missionary activity of the East Winds District and the Flint Mission Zone with a vision of creating a community where people enjoy safety, good health and educational opportunities. More than 300,000 meals are served each year. Both Asbury CDC and the South Flint Soup Kitchen were founded in 2011 and celebrated 10 year anniversaries during the pandemic. As a nonprofit corporation, we are reliant on volunteers, donations and grants. Our Board of Directors includes members from 5 or 6 of our East Winds District churches. We are an **Engage MI missionary ministry, CCMM#3003**, and are grateful for gifts received from individuals and churches- local, East Winds District and Michigan Conference.

Feed Flint represents a shift of our mission ministry focus to the long-term recovery of Flint. Those recovering from the long-term impacts of lead in water need access to fresh vegetables in an area where access to fresh vegetables is very limited due to the absence of grocery stores in local neighborhoods.

Asbury Farms is located in east Flint and is one of the largest urban farms in the United States. A key piece of our response during the pandemic “was home delivery” teaming up with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department. We dropped off bottled water and food that included fresh produce, serving 100 households a week. The fresh produce came from Asbury Farms. We were harvesting in April because we harvest cold climate crops every month of the Michigan year out of our 17 hoop (green) houses. We employ local people and youth at the farm.

South Flint Soup Kitchen, located on Fenton Road in South Flint, serves the poorest zip code in Flint - the poorest city of its size in America. We served meals five days per week throughout the months of the pandemic. We look forward to again serving sit-down lunches 6 days/ week as we did before COVID.

Angel’s Closet is a free store at the South Flint Soup Kitchen where people can select clothing and some household goods. We also have hosted holiday food give aways and health clinics where preventative shots are available.

Food pantries operate at both our east and south Flint locations. Food, toiletries and paper products are distributed. We are thankful for the items donated for distribution. Diapers and wipes are always in demand.

The Power of Connection

When we have been approached to assist in Flint Help Centers and food delivery, the response was that we are connected in The United Methodist Church. We are set to do this. Churches and individuals lovingly making generous gifts of time, money, food, supplies and toiletries are greatly appreciated.

Looking toward the future

Our founding Executive Director, Rev Tommy McDoniel, retired effective July 1, 2023. While he will be missed, we are blessed to have Kevin Croom as our new Executive Director. Kevin, formerly our Operations manager, is very familiar with our clients, staff and supporters.

Our buildings are old and pose accessibility challenges. We have been blessed to obtain an abandoned neighborhood grocery store in East Flint, which is being remodeled into a barrier free community center and healthy eating education center.

Asbury CDC is proud of its United Methodist connection. Our Feed Flint ministry meets a long term need that will continue for the foreseeable future. Please keep us in mind for future EngageMI giving. We have volunteer opportunities for individual and groups.

Any questions regarding the Asbury CDC can be directed to Kevin or Kim at 248-705-4401.

2022 Engage Church List

Burton: Open Door UMC

Clio: Bethany UMC

Flint: Court Street UMC

Fostoria UMC

Gaines UMC

Grand Blanc: First UMC

Laingsburg UMC

Lexington UMC

Mayville UMC

Mt. Morris: First UMC

Otisville UMC

Owosso: First UMC

Owendale UMC

Pigeon: First UMC

Port Huron: First UMC

Sandusky: First UMC

UMC Special Sundays 2024

United Methodist Special Sundays: For up-to-date information on United Methodist special days see The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2016, ¶¶262-265

6 Special Sundays designated by General Conference for churchwide offerings:

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| ♦ Human Relations Day (January 14th) | Sunday before Martin Luther King Jr's birthday |
| ♦ UMCOR Sunday (March 10th) | Fourth Sunday in Lent |
| ♦ Native American Ministries Sunday (April 14th) | Third Sunday of Easter |
| ♦ Peace with Justice Sunday (May 26th) | First Sunday after Pentecost |
| ♦ World Communion Sunday (October 6th) | First Sunday of October |
| ♦ UM Student Sunday (November 24th) | Last Sunday in November |

5 Special Sundays approved for annual conference offerings. These dates are determined by annual conference.

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| ♦ Christian Education Sunday | ♦ Disability Awareness Sunday |
| ♦ Golden Cross Sunday | ♦ Rural Life Sunday |
| ♦ Volunteers in Mission Awareness Sunday | |

5 Special Sundays without churchwide offerings:

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| ♦ Heritage Sunday (May 19th) | May 24th or the Sunday preceding |
| ♦ Laity Sunday (October 20th) | Third Sunday in October |
| ♦ All Saints Sunday (November (November 3rd) | First Sunday of November |
| ♦ Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday (November 10th) | Second Sunday of November |
| ♦ Men's Ministry Sunday | Determined by local congregation |
| ♦ Women's Ministry Sunday | Determined by local congregation |

GOOD THINGS ARE COMING

As we move forward into 2024 be on the lookout for some exciting events and mission ministry opportunities that we are developing for our district.

A Day of Prayer & Healing

Coming in January 2024!

A full day of prayer and healing for ourselves, our churches, our denomination, the country, and the world

Cabin Fever Day

Coming in February 2024!

A day of Zoom trainings and workshops to help with the mid-winter blahs. What workshop would you like to see offered? Let us know.

Lenten Challenge

Coming in March 2024!

We want to organize a tangible all district mission project that can help provide assistance for an agency or outreach, through a service project

All District Mission

Coming in April 2024!

We are wanting to do a Rice Meal Bags for Relief mission. If your church would like to be a location please reach out to the district office at jfuller@michiganumc.org