

Breckenridge United Methodist Church



June – July Newsletter



On July 1st, 2015, I retired from the pastoral ministry and looked forward to many years of being a “kept man” while Johnie continuing working. That worked for over a year but then the bank Johnie worked for was bought out and she lost her job. So, I contacted my District Superintendent and asked to be appointed to a church once again. I am so incredibly grateful that I was sent to Breckenridge and had the opportunity to serve as your pastor for not one, but two years! You are a wonderful congregation and you have so much to offer to the community around you. I was appointed as an “interim” pastor and so I concentrated on simply maintaining the ministry you already had going. With a new “regular” pastor in your midst I believe that you are ready to accomplish great things! I wish you all the best as you follow God’s leading wherever that takes you!

Your grateful pastor,
Mark



Before I began my hike on the Appalachian Trail last year I asked folks to get involved with my journey by sponsoring me with a contribution to the upcoming CROP Walk that coming fall. Thank you so much to everyone who gave so generously to this worthy cause! This summer I will return to the trail and once again I am giving you the opportunity to be my sponsor. If you are interested let me know by emailing me at mark123johnson@gmail.com or giving me a call at (517) 898-6960 and I will show you how you can make a contribution. I have around 600 miles to go and all summer to get there. God only knows how far I will go.

Community BHMW Food Pantry Benefit

Our sincerest thanks to everyone that helped us to raise \$2088 at our annual Food Pantry benefit dinner and “Lucky Chance Raffle.” With your community generosity and continued support it allows us to help many, many families that need assistance with food. Thank you to our area churches for supporting us with monetary donations to purchase needed food and supplies for our dinner, our congregation families and area businesses for the crafts and “goodies” donated for our benefit raffle. We also want to thank you for coming to dine with us. We hope you enjoyed dinner as much as we enjoyed serving you! Special thanks go out to our “hard working and wonderful team” of volunteers who prepared, and served dinner, put together the raffle, took care of the dining area, and clean up afterward!

Thank you everyone!! It is so appreciated.

Blessings and God’s Love,
Betty, Judy, Marcy and the “wonderful team of volunteers”



Outreach Committee – Karen Rohn, Chairperson

The **Weekend C.A.R.E.**, ministry is wrapping up for this school year. The last of the lunches have been packed and the room at the elementary is cleaned up for this year. The packed lunches will be distributed until the end of the school year. The program provided lunches for as many as 50 disadvantaged elementary school children per week. At the end of the year, we packed lunches for 40 students per week. Over the year, we logged about 100 volunteer days provided by our congregation and many other groups. It has been a pleasure to provide this need ministry to our community and we plan to continue and possibly expand it next year. Thank you to those that volunteered during the year. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Worship Committee News

- **Flowers for the Altar** - If people would like to provide flowers for the altar on a specific Sunday in honor of a birthday, anniversary, a loved one, etc., please contact the office or Loretta Briggs so that we don't get double flowers on certain Sundays.
- **Coffee Hours in June** – Coffee hour will be held prior to the worship in June with the exception of June 9. (Come to church at 9:30, enjoy some pre-worship treats and then go home after worship.) We will evaluate this experiment at the end of June
- **Loons' Baseball Outing** – On July 18, the church has 30 tickets reserved to attend the Great Lakes Loon's baseball game. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested in going.

Upcoming Calendar

May 31 -June 2 – Ray Rohn and Pastor Mark will be at Annual Conference

June 2 – Hymn Sing at worship

June 4 – Finance Committee will meet at 6:30

June 9 – Pastor Mark's last day and Graduation Sunday

June 16 – Father's Day (Paul Thomas will be back to lead the worship)

June 23 – Roger Silverthorn will be in the pulpit

June 25 – Worship committee meeting at 6:30

June 30 –Paul will be back in the pulpit.

July 7 – First Sunday for our new pastor and welcoming reception

July 9 – Church Council will meet at 6:30

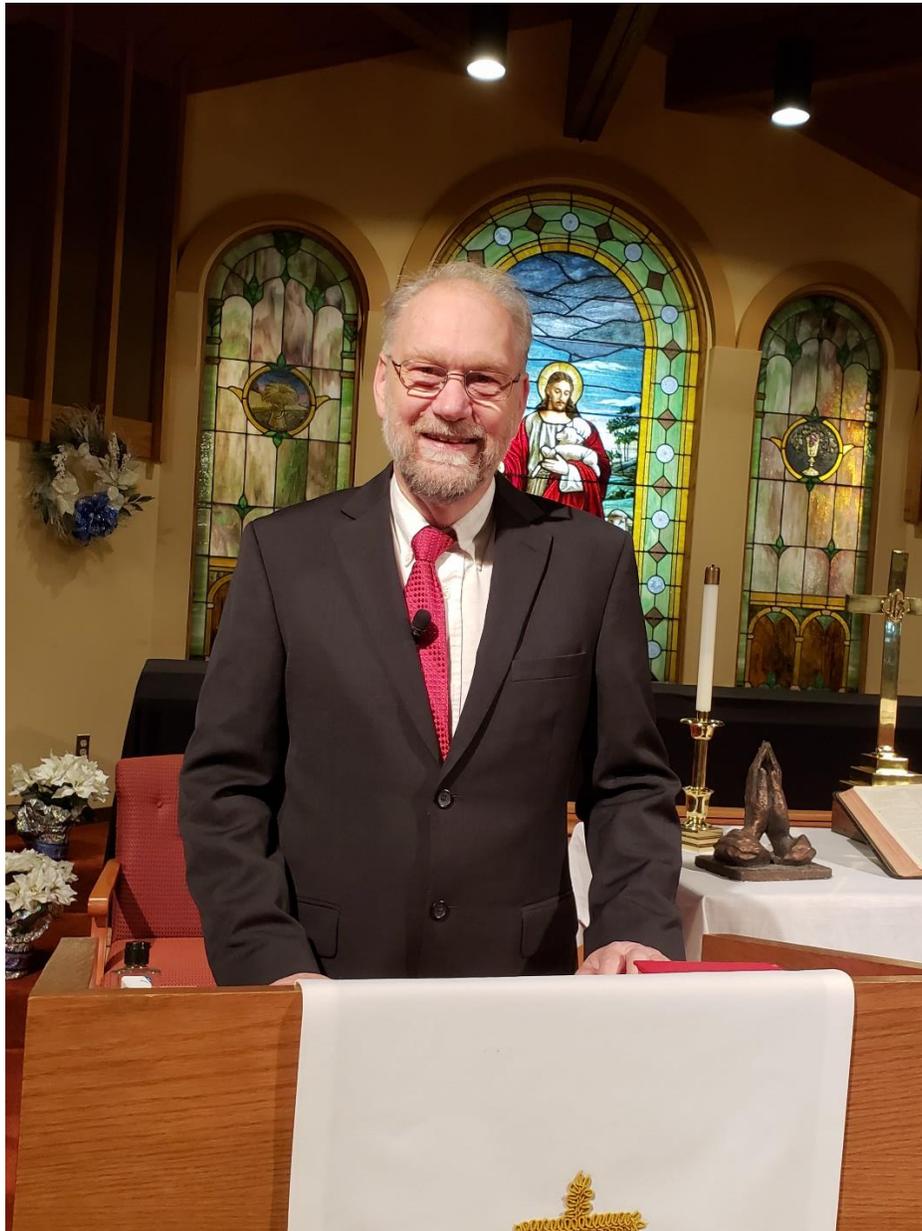
July 18 – Fellowship night at Dow Diamond with the Great Lakes Loons

Nursery Attendant

Jeanne Bolton has been hired to serve as the Nursery Attendant. Jeanne served in a similar position at the Porter Free Methodist Church and came to us with many good recommendations. Please welcome Jeanne when you see her in church.

Scholarship Committee – Chairperson Diane Colbry

The scholarship committee is pleased to announce that they will award two \$1,000 scholarships on June 9. The two scholarships will be awarded to Elijah Stoneman and Jentry Brown. Congratulations and God Bless these two young adults.



Thank you, Pastor Mark!

On June 9th, we will be saying good-bye to Pastor Mark Johnson who has faithfully served this congregation for two years as our interim pastor. We are a richer church for having known Mark and appreciate that fact that he brought stability to our congregation at a time when it was needed. We wish him well in his second retirement and we would encourage everyone to come to church on Sunday, June 9th for his retirement reception and Graduation Sunday.