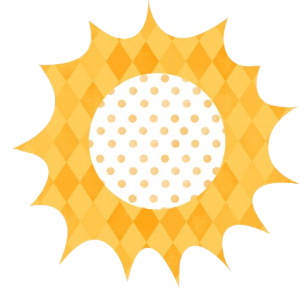


# Methodist Message

June 2023



## Pastor's Page....

*The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the spirit.* John 3: 8 (NIV)

Sharon Hinck writes: Our congregation was holding an outdoor service in front of our church building. Pastoral personnel and the music team stood on a platform. The day was sunny, and my heart was full as I worshipped.

Then the wind picked up. A few sheets of music blew off the music stands. Staff scrambled to gather them and return them to the instrumentalists. Stronger gusts rattled nearby trees. One music stand tipped over. More pages scattered. My gaze followed a sheet of music as it swirled higher and higher, over the rooftop of the church. In spite of the challenges, our service continued. Soon it was time for the Scripture reading. A volunteer opened her Bible and read the sermon theme for the day, "The wind blows wherever it pleases."

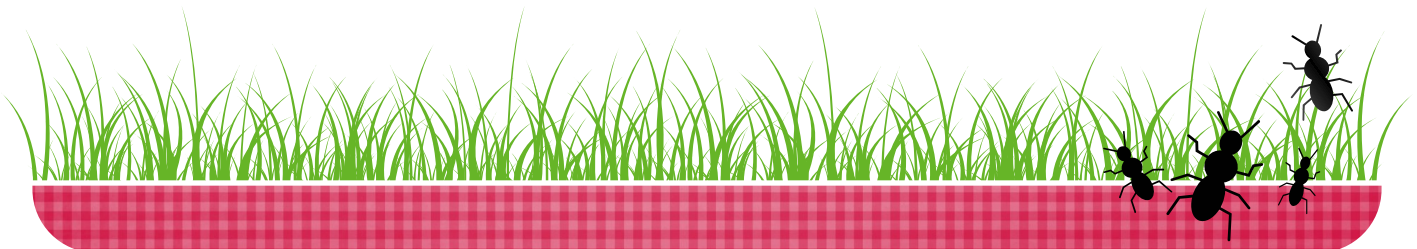
The congregation chuckled at the appropriateness of the verses, but I also felt a tingling awareness.

Jesus told Nicodemus about the bold and unrestrained work of His Holy Spirit in John 3. Sometimes, God's Spirit goes places we don't expect. God's Spirit often stirs up a new calling in our hearts. God disrupts the ordinary and invites us to share in His work.

Like our windy worship service, I may sometimes have to hold on to my hat when the Holy Spirit is working in my life. But one thing's for sure, when Jesus is near, His presence never fails to sweep me off my feet. *Mornings with Jesus, June '23*

*I fully agree with Sharon Hinck's thoughts... This morning, as Loretta Briggs, from the BUMC congregation joined me in shopping for Memorial flowers for both congregations, we had to hold onto our hats, so to speak, a very windy Michigan day! Sunday May 28th is not only Memorial Sunday in the church but begins the great season of Pentecost, the birth of the Christian Church and the giving of the Holy Spirit to those who choose to follow Jesus. God's Spirit sometimes comes to us as a mighty powerful wind and sometimes comes to us as a little whisper., but the Spirit comes to all of us as God's gift. I'm praying that God's Spirit blows into all of our lives once again and sets our hearts on fire for the work of God's Kingdom. So we'd better watch out... we'd better be prepared to hear God calling us in old and new directions... because when I pray, I pray expecting God to work in our lives, and when I pray I look for the ways God is at work so I can praise Him again and again! Come, Holy Spirit... seep us, all of us, right off our feet in love with You.*

*Even though it's summer time and the Michigan summer breeze blows us in different direction, I still hope to be with you all in worship and service, **Pastor Billie Lou***





**Emily Barlow**, our BUMC & SLFUMC Nursery Staff was recently showcased in the Mid-Michigan Community College Student Showcase. She was chosen to present her paper, “Healthcare in a World of Strangers.” Emily not only presented her paper, but she won the top award, The Board of Trustees Award. Emily was also chosen as the Most Engaging Presentation. We are so proud of Emily and can’t wait to see what God has planned for her future.

## Class of 2023

Congratulations go out to all our area graduates, but a special congratulations goes out to the graduates of our congregation.

- **Hannah King— Breckenridge High School**
- **Victoria Posey—Alma High School**

We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

On Thursday, May 18, a small group representing BUMC and the Outreach Team provided a hot lunch meal to 34 of the graduating Breckenridge High School Seniors. We also gave them a small gift reminding them about God’s continuing love for each of them—a 4 way charging station figure. The young adults expressed their gratefulness to us for the delicious meal and gift.



### NEEDED:

Small water bottles—please put in kitchen refrigerator

Crayons for Kids Bags they receive each Sunday morning—can be new or used



Please join the Mid-Michigan District on **June 11 from 3-5** at DeWitt Redeemer UMC as we celebrate the ministry of District Superintendent Jerry DeVine and his spouse Ruth on Jerry’s retirement July 1st. There will be a celebration service at 3pm followed by a reception.

DeWitt Redeemer UMC is located at: **13980 Schavey Rd, DeWitt, MI**

**While reservations are not required, you may RSVP at:**

<https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/033f486c6ee25f7b8d34>



## Mark Your Calendars

**June 1-4** Michigan Area UMC Annual Conference, Pastor Billie Lou and Nancy Gee will be attending

**Sunday, June 4**— Graduation Sunday—please submit names to the office

**Wednesday, June 7**—United Women in Faith General Meeting @ 1 pm @ SLFUMC

**Thursday, June 8**— Y.A.H.A. (Young at Heart Always) Fellowship meal @ noon

**Sunday, June 11**—District Superintendent Jerry DeVine retirement celebration @ Redeemer **3-5 pm**

**Thursday, June 15**—or **Monday, June 20**—Rescheduled CPR Training, **6-9 pm**

BUMC facility—open to the community, please register by signing up in the narthex or by calling the office.

**Sunday, June 18**—Father's Day

**Monday, June 19-Wednesday, June 21**— Arts & Music Camp (**Lunch 11:30**) **12-2**

This week is at BUMC facility, but is open to all children and volunteers—please call to register. See info below...

**Tuesday, June 27**—Free Community Sandwich Supper—**4:30 @ SLFUMC**

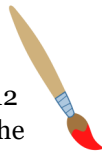


### Music & Arts Camp

**Where:** BUMC, 125 Third St. Breckenridge

**When:** **June 19-21 12 noon-2pm**

A free lunch will be served from 11:30-12  
Summer school kids will be walked to the church



**What:** Learn about different instruments

**And**

Learn about different artists and styles of art;  
complete several projects to take home

**Who:** Kindergarten-Middle School

Nursery available 18 mo-4/5 yr.

Parents are welcome to participate

**How Much\$:** **FREE!!**



Join us **Thursday, June 22nd from 7-8 pm** for a Gallery Open House where family members can view all the projects and then take the projects home.

**Pre-register by leaving a message at  
989-842-3632**

**Parents must come in to register children each day of camp and must come in to pick children up.**

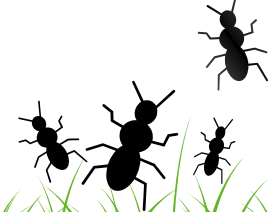


### Ideas Needed

Do you have a song/hymn that you'd like to learn from either of the hymnals? Pastor is looking for more **hymn of the month ideas**. It needs to be unfamiliar to be a hymn of the month. Put your ideas on a slip of paper on the Pastor's desk or in the offering plate.



Pastor is looking for anyone who would like to **volunteer to lead worship with a message** while she is on vacation in August or Sept/Oct. Please be willing to serve at both congregations if possible. A Liturgist/Leader and other help will be given. Contact Pastor Billie Lou ASAP.

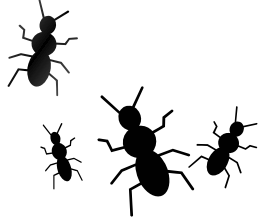


**SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS:**

Nancy Gee...Thursday 9am-1pm

**Email Address:**

breckenridgeumc@yahoo.com



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**“SERVING ONE ANOTHER AND  
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Billie Lou Gillespie-Brown—Pastor

Office phone: 989-842-3632

9:30 AM worship

**“Disciples Reflecting the Light and  
Love of Christ”**

**\*\*Please notify the church if you  
wish to be taken off the mailing list.**



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