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Macon United Methodist Church

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The Purpose Of the Macon United Methodist Church Is To:

- I. Worship God and instill a deeper faith in our membership by hearing and teaching God's Word.**
- II. To be a concerned people, sharing God's love through our words and actions, seeking to find ways to express that love throughout our community and the world.**
- III. To be in mission – through our activities and giving, supporting the work of the total church, where we cannot personally be effective**

Council of Ministries

Worship Service

Pastor Kelly Zawodni





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Worship Service (continued)

On Sunday September 20, 2020 we started meeting in the sanctuary for Worship Service: 9:00 am at 11964 Macon Hwy. Clinton, Mi. 49286 (Village of Macon).

Music (piano) has been provided by Dan Meikle / Beth DeJonge. Thank You!

Pastor Kelly has been singing at the pulpit as she is at a distance of more than 13' from others.

Per the decision of the Board of Directors meeting on 10-13-2020, printed music / hymnals are still not provided to the congregation as 13' distance is recommended for singing. We are set up at 6' setting arrangement, not sufficient distance for singing.

Note:

We have upgraded our internet service at Macon United Methodist Church with D&P Communication Company. Log on at Macon UMC Guest, Password is "macon2020".

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1. Sing a new song to the LORD! Let the whole earth sing to the LORD!
 2. Sing to the LORD; praise his name. Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.
 3. Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.
 4. Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods.
 5. The gods of other nations are mere idols, but the LORD made the heavens!
 6. Honor and majesty surround him; strength and beauty fill his sanctuary.
 7. O nations of the world, recognize the LORD; recognize that the LORD is glorious and strong.
 8. Give to the LORD the glory he deserves! Bring your offering and come into his courts.
 9. Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor. Let all the earth tremble before him.
 10. Tell all the nations, "The LORD reigns!" The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. He will judge all peoples fairly.
 11. Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!
 12. Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy! Let the trees of the forest sing for joy
 13. before the LORD, for he is coming! He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with his truth.

Ref: PSALM 96 NLT



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Celebrating the Lives of

HAROLD AND JEAN RUHL

When we celebrate the passing of a person, we look back on all they have done in life. I could write about Harold and Jean individually, and I have tried, but I only think of them together. After more than 71 years of marriage and their passing so close together, we will celebrate them together.

They always sat on the south side of the sanctuary, second pew from the back on the far end. Jean would quietly greet the church family with a smile and hug. Harold's hand was offering a good strong handshake and a smiling good morning. After church you could find them having a Sunday dinner out. Harold liked well done pork chops!

Jean was very active with the UMW, enjoying all the activities that the ladies did. My personal gift from Jean each month was her hand addressing over 200 newsletters.

They enjoyed camping and joined the church family for our annual camping trip. They liked to golf, shoot pool and play cards. Euchre was their favorite game and they were never in a hurry to end an evening.

Some memories I have: Harold's hat always on an angle. Jean wiping down trays at our church dinners. The two of them coming back from golf about the time most of us were just getting up at camp. Harold on his tractor. Driving by the farm, always neat and tidy. Watching Jean with the babies of the church. Harold's stories about Henry Ford here in Macon. Both of their smiles.

Jean was very strong in her faith. In difficult times, she would place herself in God's hands. She spoke of that faith when they needed to move into assisted living for Harold. Harold's faith had to be as strong for he was a farmer. After planting, he needed to leave the crops in God's care until it was time to offer thanks to God for a good harvest.

Jean and Harold are greatly missed here at Macon but God had plans for them. Harold died on August 15th leaving Jean for the first time after 71+ years. Jean passed on the 25th of September. God gave her 40 days. Forty days, like he gave Jesus in the wilderness or the 40 days Jesus had between His resurrection and His ascension into heaven. Forty days to be with her children, to assure herself that everything was complete. On the 41st day, God welcomed Jean home and she and Harold are together again.

What a love story!

With love
Penny



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For Jean Ruhl,

Please carry on her work and pray for the family and all of her many friends. She will be missed.

Meri and LaFaye

Schedules and information

Liturgist schedule (Contact Bill Hunt (517) 423-4034 or email: billhunt18@gmail.com for changes or to be added to the Liturgist schedule cc: ruffnersp@gmail.com so I can updated the web / new letter)

- October 18 – Volunteer needed
- October 25 – Volunteer needed
- November 1 – Volunteer needed
- November 8– Ed Clark
- November 15 – Marilyn Hewlett
- November 22 – Jeannie Rayne
- November 29- Sharon Scott
- December 06- Diana Ruhl
- December 13 – Volunteer needed
- December 20 – Beth Lighthall
- December 27 – Julie Hewlett

Bible Study

Bible study at MUMC is being considered at this time.

- We are reviewing start up of our Bible study shortly after Sunday Worship Service and,
 - are considering meeting down stairs in the fellowship area with social distance rules in place.
- Send comments- via email to hewlettjk@gmail.com



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Missions

From Sharon Scott (Mission Chair)

The UMC has been having scheduled meetings with missionaries once a week. The missionaries are from all over the world and it is very interesting to be a part of the Zoom meetings. Anyone can attend. There is usually a choice of 4 missionaries to pick from and listen to. Contact Sharon Scott "sascott2@comcast.net" to be included in the Zoom Meeting or get involved.

To see more about Global Missions go to the following link:

<https://www.umcmmission.org/learn-about-us/events/stillinmission>

Missions (general)

Sharon Scott (Mission Chair)

SEMMRC PROVIDING INTERNET CONNECTIONS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

South East Michigan Migrant Resource Council (SEMMRC) has been working to provide Internet connections for Migrant Farm Workers at Five Farms in Southeastern Michigan. This will enable our migrant workers to connect with doctors, legal assistants and their families while they are in Lenawee and Monroe Counties working. This means installing Super Pods at the Farms where multiple people can have access at the same time.

The Macon UMC has been represented on the Migrant Council by the Mission Committee for over five years and participated in their work.

This Fall, two sites, Witt and Iott Farms were installed and everything is up and running (techs provided the passwords after the installs to each of the groups). We have a note on the accounts to suspend the service on December 1st 2020. The migrant workers only need the service for 8 months of the year. D & P Communications are providing this service. SEMMRC has provided the financing for this Fall. Their goal is to provide the installation and services for these two camps next year and add installation and services for three more camps next year. This will amount to about \$10,000.



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SEMMRC PROVIDING INTERNET CONNECTIONS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS(continued)

The group Washtenaw Solidarity with Farm Workers will be doing the fund raising along with SEMMRC for this work for next year. After that we hope it will be self- supporting. In the future the Mission Committee may suggest donating to this project.

Missions

In September enough funds were raised to purchase two of the \$120 Goats.

Special thank you to all that donated.

Missions

Sharon Scott (Mission Chair)

**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 2020
Housing Help in Lenawee –(LEAHC)**

Housing Help in Lenawee, based in Adrian helps the Homeless with two Emergency Shelters, transitional housing for those with dependents and also places some of the homeless in hotels. They also have a Veterans program and a food pantry. This is where our Special Offering will go this month. Just indicate “Homeless” on your check or envelope.

Thank you,

Macon UMC Mission Committee



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SPECIAL OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 2020 Housing Help in Lenawee –(LEAHC)(continued)

From the LEAHC web page:

LENAWEE EMERGENCY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION ADRIAN

307 E. Church St.

Adrian, MI

49221 (517)2640782 http://h2lenawee.org/Home_Page.php

Lenawee Emergency and Affordable Housing Corporation (LEAHC) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization providing emergency, transitional and permanent housing support programs for the Lenawee County community.

Services Include:

Emergency Shelter

LEAHC provides emergency shelter (ES) programs for homeless families. In addition to emergency shelter, LEAHC provides daily case management, life skills training, and support services, such as laundry facilities, transportation assistance and much more. The ES program is up to 90 days and is provided at no cost to the participant. The goal of the ES program is to assist homeless families in overcoming barriers on a successful journey to permanent housing.

Housing First Program

LEAHC partners with our Lenawee County community with proactive measures to prevent homelessness from occurring and to aid those who are faced with homelessness. LEAHC may assist with first month's rent, past due rent and mortgage foreclosure. An in-depth assessment is made regarding a client's financial and housing situation. Case management, client outreach, landlord mediation, budgeting, housing search and referrals along with other support services are provided in this program. The goal of this program is to prevent or reduce the amount of time a household is homeless.

Transitional Housing (TH)

LEAHC has units of transitional housing (TH) for families who have children in the household.

The TH program provides affordable housing for up to two (2) years as well as support services, life skills training, and weekly case management. The goal of the TH program is to stabilize each family and assist them with overcoming barriers to permanent housing and therefore encouraging lifelong self sufficiency.

Permanent Supportive Housing Program

The Permanent Housing (PH) program is LEAHC's newest program and is for individuals who have an extensive history of homelessness and who have significant barriers to housing, such as a long term disability. The PH program offers ongoing case management, support services and in some situations a rental subsidy. The goal of the PH program is to help stabilize individuals in permanent housing and increasing their self-sufficiency.



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Missions – Evangelism

Spencer Ruffner (Evangelism Chair)

North East Lenawee CROP Virtual walk held the last week of September thru October 4, 2021.

Current and Prior sponsors, Churches and Organizations:

Jennette and Tom Meyer, Martin Home Center, Edward Jones (Mike Savoia), Sunderland Agency, Macon United Methodist Church, Bell Ford (Beth Noden), Kiwanis Club of Tecumseh, Hacker Jewelers, Carpet on Wheels, Schmidt and Sons Pharmacy, Black Fire Winery, Boulevard Chiropractic, Allstate (Martin Swindle).

Clinton United Church of Christ, First Presbyterian Church, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St Alphonsus Alter Society, Tecumseh Methodist Church, Sand Creek Community Church.

As of today 9/20/20 we have received \$470 from on-line donations and \$575.00 sponsor (total so far is \$1,045) from individuals and business sponsors.

Thank to all that contributed!

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Sharon Scott (Mission Chair)

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR November 2020
Adrian College United Methodist Student Mission Support



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Future Events / Activities

From Christine Obeid (High School Art teacher)

Red Poppy Project

If you would like to make poppies to be placed in the Art Installation, contact Mrs. Obeid. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMxF3L2G0-4>, <https://youtu.be/zfnmywn4eoY>



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2020 Officers and Committees (November 11, 2019)

- Administration Chair: Bill Hunt
- Vice Chair: Rita Perkins
- Lay Leader: Spencer Ruffner
- SPRC Chair: Bill Gorton
- Treasurer: Bill Hunt
- Finance Secretary: Rita Perkins
- Membership Secretary: Julie Hewlett
- Trustee Chairperson: Wally Perkins
 - Members: Jennie Rayne, Rick Ruhl, Julie Hewlett, Ed Clark, Don Everett
- Mission Chairperson Sharon Scott
 - Members: Marlilyn Hewlett, Marge Monagan, Nancy Naugle, Beth Lighthall.
- Worship Chairperson: Meri Schoof
 - Members: Marie Mehler, Patty Long, Judy Rhoades
 - Head usher: Wally Perkins
- Evangelism/ ROAM(Reach Out Around Macon) Chairperson: Spencer Ruffner
 - Members: Ed Clark, Gerry Gorton, Beth Lighthall, Bill Face
- Memorial Chairperson: Bill Hunt. Treasurer: Rita Perkins, Secretary: Marilyn Bagby, Members: Rick Ruhl and Wally Perkins.
- Ad Council Members: (The Ad Council is made up of the pastor, the chair of each committee of the Macon UMC and the members at large)
 - Ad Council members at Large: Judy Rhoades, Ed Clark.