

June Messenger



Thank you
Pastor Russ & Lynn
For ten years
of service to UMCM!

GOODBYES ARE NEVER FINAL AMONG BELIEVERS

A year ago we were praying hard for the pastors who had to move in the middle of a pandemic. We thought, “It would be so hard to arrive at a church that wasn’t even gathering for worship! How would they get a sense of what the church was like? How would they meet their new church family?”



We never imagined that we would be called to a new church this year! We are thankful that we are worshiping in person again but there are so many of you we used to see every Sunday who haven’t returned and we are very sad not to be able to say goodbye in person. The pandemic is still having a

negative impact on church involvement and attendance.

We pray about that every day.

We will share our hearts in much more detail at the June 27th worship service, but we wanted to thank you in writing as well for allowing us to share your lives. It has been the greatest privilege to walk through the highs and lows of your journeys through life. It’s been a thrill to celebrate your victories, joyful answered prayers and life’s best moments and it has been an honor to pray with you through health challenges, to grieve beside you and cry with you knowing God’s comfort and strength is the most powerful healer in the world.

Lynn will always remember:

- ◆ the awesome moms who participated in the Moms Time Bible study—some for one year and some for 10!
- ◆ how the Monday daytime women’s Bible study grew from an in-house group to a community group representing at least 10 different churches—ladies fully dedicated to their homework in God’s Word.
- ◆ the amazing women’s retreats where she got to know so many of you more deeply.
- ◆ being part of choir and praise team to sing truths about God and being part of bell choir to create musical offerings to God
- ◆ all the summer work trips where she got to know church members better through long, hard days showing Christ’s love to strangers, hoping to make their lives better. It was physically challenging and wonderful at the same time!
- ◆ working with our church’s amazing youth through Create, VBS and Limitless and taking many teens to Reach Out every summer for a week.
- ◆ the many dramas we did in worship and the Christmas musicals.
- ◆ flamingos!!!

Russ will always remember:
everything Lynn said, (LOL!) and:

- ◆ a legacy of compassionate ministry including support for OPEN-M, Dinner Out, Street Ministries and generous giving to meet the needs of flood victims, displaced and homeless families, strangers and neighbors.

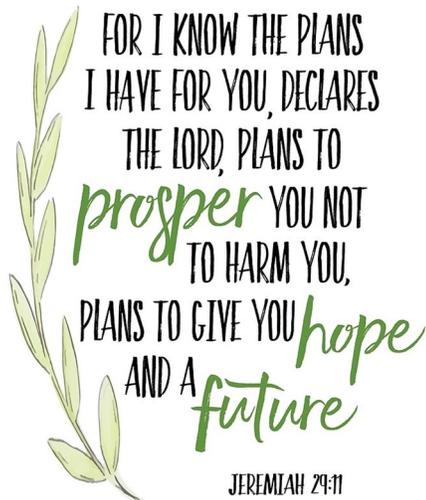
- ◆ our staff...words fail me in marveling at how we are blessed.

- ◆ so many individuals who reach out quietly caring for one another, meeting needs before they arise and supporting one another through quiet presence.

- ◆ how well you loved us.

- ◆ using a bonfire and the lighted Chapel in the Woods to recreate Jesus' last day for live streaming 2020 Holy Week services—the pandemic required us to think way outside the box!

- ◆ the beautiful experience of Scripture and “Silent Night” in a snowstorm in our front parking lot for Christmas Eve 2020—another silver lining of the pandemic.



We know God has a great plan for you and for us in our new assignment and that gives us hope and peace when we get anxious about the future. As Russ has shared in worship many times over the last decade, “Allow God to cleanse your imagination!” because His plans are always way bigger and better than our wildest imaginings!

Even though we won’t be together we can still work together to tell the world the news that will make all the difference in every single situation:

JESUS DIED SO WE CAN LIVE FOREVER! If we believe that, no matter what, WE WIN!

Love,

Russ and Lynn

**RUSS AND LYNN'S LAST SERVICE
WITH US IS JUNE 27TH!**



**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US IN
HONORING RUSS AND LYNN FOR
THEIR TEN YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF
MACEDONIA.**

VBS IS COMING!!

JUNE 27-JULY 1, 6:00 PM—7:30 PM

To sign up follow this link:

<https://the-united-methodist-church-of-macedonia.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

The link also provides important details about the event.

If you should have any additional questions, email me at cmiller@umcofmacedonia.org or call my office at (330) 467-3169 ext. 5.



WHAT is LIMITLESS and WHY do we need you?

LIMITLESS is the name of the Youth Program at our church for students seventh grade through college.

Our Bible verse is:

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12

We have an AWESOME group of teens
who are a blessing on their own!

Our regular UMCM meetings occur about three times a month for two hours typically on a Sunday evening from 5-7PM. However, with so many of the teens having other outside commitments, we are looking to vary both the day and time to accommodate as many teens as possible.

The first part of our meetings include a spiritual fellowship time with a meal of some sort. The last part of our time is reserved for fun and games (office chair bocce ball, water soaker wars, ping pong, etc.) We also have a list of special off-site activities that we plan to do throughout the year such as laser tag, whirly ball, and movie night. Additionally we have fundraising and mission projects. We also join other Methodist churches for some of the bigger events like ENERGIZE and paint ball wars.



As part of our “Safe Sanctuary” policy, there needs to be two adults present when hosting events for Kids First as well as LIMITLESS. Currently I am looking for someone to be the other adult (I call it my “Plus 1”) for the LIMITLESS events. Because we do a background check, it would be preferable that whoever volunteers can do so on a regular basis...even if it’s once a month. I would love to have more than one adult to allow for flexibility.



Please prayerfully consider being part of our Youth’s journey in Christ.

You will be glad you did!

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

MAY 2021

Consolidated Income & Expense						
Expenses	2021 Budget**	Total Expenses			Year-to-Date	
		Q1	Apr	May	2021	2020
Personnel*	\$223,585	\$62,543	\$20,081	\$19,967	\$102,591	\$111,281
Office*	\$23,668	\$7,280	\$1,850	\$1,609	\$10,739	\$11,907
Mortgage*	\$57,119	\$29,713	\$4,967	\$4,967	\$39,647	\$24,117
Facility*	\$62,298	\$21,493	\$4,158	\$3,310	\$28,961	\$44,262
Parsonage*	\$11,331	\$5,009	\$674	\$503	\$6,186	\$5,459
Misc & Bank Fees*	\$2,000	\$765	\$185	\$179	\$1,129	\$926
Apportionments*	\$71,062	\$19,296	\$5,765	\$5,765	\$30,826	\$20,239
Spiritual*	\$8,561	\$10,111	\$3,165	\$4,005	\$17,281	\$34,829
Total Expenses	\$459,624	\$156,210	\$40,845	\$40,305	\$237,360	\$253,020
Contributions		\$125,658	\$38,907	\$35,769	\$200,334	\$252,146
Investment Income		\$3,861	\$5,980	\$350	\$10,191	(\$6,188)
Miscellaneous Income***		\$44,667	\$1,229	\$7,678	\$53,575	\$44,395
Total Income		\$174,186	\$46,116	\$43,797	\$264,100	\$290,353
Income more/(less) than need		\$17,976	\$5,271	\$3,492	\$26,740	(\$17,409)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description of Associated Expenses</u>
* Personnel:	Salaries, Insurance, Benefits, Travel & Expense
* Office:	Equipment Leases & Office Supplies
* Mortgage	New sanctuary
* Facility:	Utilities, Maintenance, Insurance
* Parsonage:	Taxes, Maintenance, & Utilities
* Misc and bank fees	Banking and brokerage fees
* Apportionments:	UMCNEO Conference Support
* Spiritual:	Church Music, Education, & Missions

** Budget reduced to reflect PPP loan contribution.

*** Miscellaneous YTD income includes \$40,972 for a non-reoccurring PPP loan. If loan is not forgiven, Budget is understated and YTD turns negative.



Be the difference.
Be a Hospice Volunteer.



*Hospice is a philosophy of care, not a place.
We care for our patients wherever they call home.*

Remote Volunteer Opportunities

- ▶ *Make phone calls to patients***
- ▶ *Send patient greeting cards* This page intentionally left blank.
- ▶ *Create and/or provide volunteer training*

In-person Opportunities

- ▶ *Attorney**, Notary*
- ▶ *Life's Treasures Thrift Shop in Medina ***
- ▶ *End of Life Doula*
- ▶ *Pet Piece of Mind*
- ▶ *Veterans Visiting Veterans/recognition (also Virtual)*
- ▶ *Fit testing for N-95 masks and Rapid Covid Testing of staff*

We are planning return to more in person opportunities following CDC and agency related Covid-19 guidelines.

Why Volunteer?

- ▶ Give back
- ▶ Pay it forward
- ▶ Help others
- ▶ Share your talents
- ▶ Explore new experiences
- ▶ Be a role model
- ▶ Strengthen your community
- ▶ Connect to others

Virtual Classes start monthly

**** Greatest Needs**

For more information,
visit hospicewr.org/volunteer, call 216.255.9090
or email volunteering@hospicewr.org