



# PUMC Connections

From the desk of... Reverend Thomas A. Davenport

## Blessing of the Backpacks

August 26, 2018, beginning with Worship and continuing into a picnic. This event is designed to reach out to our neighbors with children.

The days before school are always hectic with new school clothes, and supplies needed. We can help our community and get to know our neighbors with this type of event.



The backpacks will always get to those in need. Last year, our remaining supplies and backpacks were given to a very grateful school. The principal and teachers were almost in tears, as they saw these wonderful backpacks stuffed with needed items. Often, when a new student arrives in their community, they come with next to nothing. The principal and the teachers are able to provide a new backpack, and the new student feels so welcomed!

This is what it is all about, welcome and hospitality!

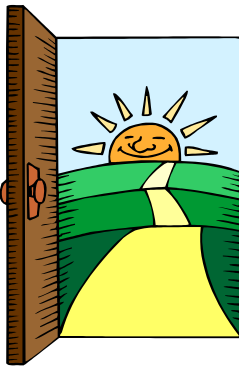
The children of Israel are the chosen people of God. They are chosen because they have a special role, which is to present the LIVING GOD to the world! Their chosen task is to share the love of God with a world walking in darkness.

The church has the same task! We are the light of Christ, shining to the World! And the world sure needs some good light!

Over the next few months and years, my hope and prayer is that we will capture the vision of reaching out to our neighbors with good things, light and love. Sharing the Light of Christ in a way that is invitational, welcoming and full of hospitality.

Pastor Thom

The Open Door  
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for September Issue:  
Monday, August 20, 2018

# August 2018

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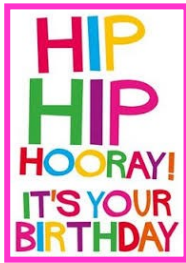
Fri

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			1 Adv. Tai Chi 6-8 pm Gym	2 Vacation Bible School - 6:30- 8:00 pm	3	4
5 9:30 Worship in the Garden	6 Women's Can- cer Survivors 6pm - YL	7 Boy Scouts Comm Mtg 6:30 pm Conf. Rm.  Fam Fun Nite - SH/Kit 6pm	8 Adv. Tai Chi 6-8 pm Gym	9 Lunt Fund In- vestmt Comm 10 am -Lounge  Vacation Bible School - 6:30- 8:00 pm	10	11
12 9:30 Worship in the Garden  Music Kickoff Party-O'Boyles Noon	13 Red Cross Blood Drive Noon-5:45 pm  Worship Comm 6pm Worship Plan- ning 7pm	14 Fam Fun Nite - SH/Kit 6pm	15 Adv. Tai Chi 6-8 pm Gym	16 Vacation Bible School - 6:30- 8:00 pm	17	18
19 9:30 Worship in the Garden	20 Newsletter articles due	21 Fam Fun Nite - SH/Kit 6pm	22 Adv. Tai Chi 6-8 pm Gym	23 Vacation Bible School - 6:30- 8:00 pm	24	25
26 9:30 Worship in the Garden  Blessing of the Backpacks	27 Finance Comm. Mtg 7 pm Conf. Rm.	28 Fam Fun Nite - SH/Kit 6pm  Leadership Council 7pm Lounge	29 Adv. Tai Chi 6-8 pm Gym	30	31	

**Head Usher for August:** Kay Miller

**Trustee on Duty for August:** Larry Ballentine



- 1 Dan DeGraw
- 7 Steven Smith
- 7 Melanie Snell
- 9 Elyse Connors
- 10 Dan Cermak
- 12 Scott Hancox
- 16 Lauren Ireland
- 17 Mary Carruthers
- 18 Tammy Cooper
- 23 Jenna Hausermann
- 23 Colleen Westra
- 24 Janeen Docsa
- 24 Robert Hilton
- 26 Nathan Rickey
- 28 Pat Arney



- 1 Dan & Mary Lou DeGraw ('65)
- 6 Harry & Gen Parker ('55)
- 7 Andy & Pam Knight ('76)
- 15 Mike & Julee Shelton ('10)
- 25 Norm & Sherry Jones ('57)
- 29 Eric & Julie Born ('92)

### Blessing Box Success!

The Blessing Box, located near the handicap parking on the west side of the church is being stocked and used!! Check it out!



### JULY ATTENDANCE

#### WORSHIP

July 1	59
July 8	70
July 15	58
July 22	73
July 29	

Dave Carr, Chair of the UMM, announced there will be no meeting in August.



## Kudos Korners

### Kudos to ...

All those who generously provided (and will provide) Special Music during our summer worship service in the Memorial Garden. Thank you for sharing your gift!

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, August 13, 2018  
Noon to 5:45 pm

Parchment UMC  
Social Hall



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
PIE AND ICE CREAM BOOTH**



**The United Methodist Women are very pleased to announce they brought in \$404 at the Kindleberger Festival Pie & Ice Cream Booth July 14, 2018. This total will benefit different UMW projects.**

**Thank you to all those who contributed by baking, working, and buying!!**

**~Missions~**

**WORLD MISSIONS**

**The World Missions Booth announced they made \$591.85 at the Kindleberger Festival Food Booth July 14, 2018!!**

**World Missions wish to thank all who contributed to this success.**

**A SPECIAL Thank You to all you WONDERFUL brownie bakers!**

**Music Kickoff Party coming up...**



**Sunday, August 12, 2018  
at Bob and Kay O'Boyle's**

**Attention: Chimers, Stringers & Singers, Sound Crew, and Choir participants...**

Join us for our kickoff party at the O'Boyle's.  
Bring a dish to pass and meat of your choice.

If you need directions or a map, check with Bob  
O'Boyle (760-2134)  
We will plan to eat at 12:30 pm.



## • 2018 Blessing of the Backpacks supplies

We will have a sign-up passed around at worship soon!

30 backpacks

30 packages of #2 pencils

30 packages of pens

30 12 inch rulers

30 2 pocket folders

30 packages of crayons

30 glue sticks

30 spiral notebooks

30 packages of Kleenex  
(small pocket size)



### **Lunt Fund UPDATE:**

At the June Leadership Council Meeting, we approved the process for the Lunt Fund. Two committees will work in concert on the fund. One is the Lunt Fund Investment Committee (a sub committee of the Board of Trustees), with the task of managing the investment, and determining the amount of funds available for distribution. The second committee is the Lunt Fund Use and Distribution Committee. This committee will receive grant requests and distribute the funds for the year.

Two Kinds of grants: There are two types of grants available. The first is for Parchment United Methodist Church committees that have a Request for Unfunded Project that meets our Church Vision. Example: our Vacation Bible School meets our vision and has no money in our budget, so they have made a request.

The second is the External Fund Request for groups that are outside of our Church family but have a request that is in line with our Church Vision. Perhaps a group in our community has a need that supports the idea of serving Christ in the heart of Parchment. Example: The Cub Scouts want to build a "Blessing Box" and share this with us.

So, there are two ways to request a grant. The Grant Request forms are in the Church office.

Many thanks to the Lunt Fund Committee that has worked tirelessly to make this happen!

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A Purpose-Driven Church Serving Christ in  
the Heart of Parchment



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