

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S.A.** This weekend we celebrate the birth of our nation. Because we are all sinful people, our nation is not perfect. But God has blessed the United States in many ways. Take some time this weekend to thank God for the great land He has given us.

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEKEND** service theme, "Influencers." When Jesus wanted to spread the word about the kingdom of God, he did not post an ad. He sent out 70 influencers. He's still doing it today! Jesus sends us out to be positive influencers at a time our nation desperately needs it. (Based on Luke 10:1-24.)

"MOTOWN REVIVAL" will be the theme for our services July 10 through August 7. Living in the shadow of Motown, most of know Motown's Greatest Hits. Some of these songs can remind of God's message to us. We will use the titles of the songs to remind us of God's great love for us all and let these songs help us reflect on what God has to say to us today.

- July 10, "Reach Out, I'll be There." Nothing can separate us from God's love
- July 17, "Don't You Worry About a Thing." We can put our trust in God.
- July 24, "You Are the Sunshine of my Life." We are important to God.
- July 31, "I'll be There." Jesus is coming again to take us home
- August 7, "Don't Rock the Boat." A celebration of "Make Waves" with VBS families

"MAKE WAVES" is the theme for our Vacation Bible School July 31 to August 4. If you would like to volunteer or want more information, please contact Noel Granger at <a href="mailto:noel.granger16@gmail.com">noel.granger16@gmail.com</a>. The next training session is Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. You are invited to help with decorations after the worship service on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**FAMILY PICNIC COORDINATORS** needed for August 7<sup>th</sup>. We plan to have the VBS students and families join us that day and would like to have a joint picnic after the service. If you can help, talk with Pastor Larry.

**QR CODES** are posted in the entrance area. Contact information cards are on the table in the entrance hall. These are not only for our guests, but also for people to update their contact information. You can also indicate on the bottom of the QR or Contact Card that you would like Pastor Larry to contact you.

**THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION** was June 26-28. Pastor Dave Davis was elected the next District President. Pastor Dean Davenport from Livonia was reelected as our regional Vice President. Pastor David McCarty from Britton was elected our new Circuit Visitor.

The "Reproductive Freedom for All" Michigan constitution amendment would radically change protections for unborn children and medical professionals who conscientiously object to preforming abortions. Our Christian faith believes that human life is a precious gift from God and should be protected at stages of life, starting with conception. For more information go to <a href="https://www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org">www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org</a>. Think before you sign a petition to put it on the ballot.

**THE FIRST MEAL TIME** (Meet + Eat + Always + Loved) was Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Several Day Care and Summer Camp families joined with a few people from Open Arms. Our daycare and church are working together to raise healthy children and strong families. We'd like to invite you to a series of **free meals for your family** to build stronger connections and even stronger community. Dinner is on us the last Wednesday of each month, July 27, August 31 and September 28 at 5:00 PM. Please join us for the next MEAL Time!

## **UPCOMING SUMMER DAYCARE EVENTS**

- Centered Closed, July 4
- Next "MEAL" dinner July 27
- Michigan District Early Childhood Conference, center closed, August 10
- Last Day of Summer Camp, August 26
- "MEAL" dinner August 31

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