



# THE MESSENGER

Davison United Methodist Church

Rev. Debbie Line, Pastor

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## Church Conference

Please join our church in celebrating a year in ministry! Dr. Eugene Blair will join us for our annual church conference on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. SPRC meets at 6:45 P.M. and the conference starts at 7:15 P.M. in the sanctuary. All members have a vote and everyone is welcome to hear about our year together.

## Blessed to Be a Blessing



During the month of October we will focus on our blessings. We will hear from different members how God has blessed them by being a part of our church. On October 16 & 23 we will have a time to see how many ways our church is at work at our Celebrate Davison UMC Sundays. All the different ministry areas will have displays in the fellowship hall. They will have information on how they use God's gifts to minister. Make sure you take the time to be a part of this and to see where you can be a part of serving. In response to the blessings we have received, we will offer a financial commitment and a servant pledge for 2012 on

October 30th in both services. Watch for the more details in the mail. We are blessed!

## Hearts Strangely Warmed

On November 5th at Bethel UMC in Flint, Bishop Schnase, author of Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations will be speaking at this event. The cost is \$25.00 per person and it includes lunch. See registration form in the lobby.



## Prayer Update



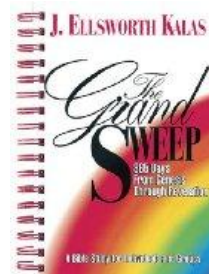
Davison UMC is very blessed to have two ongoing prayer groups lifting our needs to the Lord. They meet at 6 P.M. on Tuesday nights and 10:00 A.M, on Saturdays. They are now meeting in Havens Chapel on the fellowship hall level - the perfect place for prayer! We now have a prayer wall in Havens Chapel for everyone to use. In the chapel is a board with the words, "Lord Have Mercy" on it. There are sticky notes to write your request on and then post on the "wall" so we can lift these needs to the Lord. We also ask that when the Lord answers a request that you come back and write the date on the slip so we can rejoice with you. Everyone is invited to come to our "Prayer" place anytime to simply spend some time praying. If you are coming to a meeting or

event - why not come a few minutes early to slip in the prayer place and pray over our family's needs? Please use this all to further your own commitment to prayer, for God loves to hear our conversations. May God grow us in our prayer effort!

## Grand Sweep

We continue our journey of reading the Bible in a year. There are two meetings a week to participate in and explore the Bible readings for the week. Pastor Debbie continues to share sermons on Sundays.

- Week 39 - Matthew 1 – 17
- Week 40 - Matthew 18-Mark 9
- Week 41 - Mark 10 - Luke 11
- Week 42 - Luke 12 - John 5
- Week 43 - John 6 - 21



# Reminders and Opportunities

## Upcoming Events

October 1 – UMW Bazaar

October 2 – Court Street Methodist 2pm

International Pianist and special guest Baritone David Lindsay – more information in this *Messenger*

October 8 -- Davisburg Craft Show –

October 9 – HandS(Happy and Single) Group will meet in the Parlor following 2nd service on Sunday, Fritz's Restaurant in Richville, corner of M-15 & M-46 for lunch.

October 12 - UMW Book Club Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Parlor

We will discuss *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith.

Please bring a box of cereal for donation to the Food Pantry. Info: 810.210.7510 [cindymarko@gmail.com](mailto:cindymarko@gmail.com)

October 16 and 23 – Celebrate Davison UMC

October 19 – Volunteer at Genesee Food Bank – Rides from church parking 8:15am – bring gloves & warm clothes

October 23 and 30 – UMM take orders for Pasties; November 4, 5, 6 bake Friday & Saturday; pickup Sunday

November 5 – Hearts Strangely Warmed – more information in this *Messenger*

November 18, 19 – Trustees Work Day –8am-4pm – watch for postings of help needed – many hands.....

**Invite--Equip--Send** DUMC Outreach Services are looking for community service events in the local area that our DUMC members and friends can volunteer for. Examples of possible events: clean up graffiti at a local school, or volunteer at a local soup kitchen. We have a committee that is willing to help organize the event.

**Please pick up a DUMC Outreach Service Event sheet** on the **Bulletin board** in the Narthex or contact Jeff and Diana Snider at [jaad527@chartermi.net](mailto:jaad527@chartermi.net) or 653-8107.

**Looking Ahead to Thanksgiving Food Baskets** As in years past, we have a great need to fill for area families needing both food and household items. Grocery bags will be handed out November 6. Many volunteers needed between November 20 and 22. Adopt-a-Family Family adoptions will start November 13; more volunteers will be needed between December 11 thru 15<sup>th</sup>. Many more details in next month's *Messenger* but if you have questions and want to sign up early, contact Rose Emery email: [rosieketchum@yahoo.com](mailto:rosieketchum@yahoo.com) phone 248-672-2978.

**The Witness Work Area** (Church Growth) is looking for volunteers to help at Information Station before, between, and after services for those visiting DUMC. As our mission for this year is to invite - we invite you to join us in making our visitors feel welcomed and informed. Please contact Cindy Marko at (810) 210-7510/ [cindymarko@gmail.com](mailto:cindymarko@gmail.com) or Julie Wing at (810) 247-3455 / [Lmjwing99@yahoo.com](mailto:Lmjwing99@yahoo.com) for further information

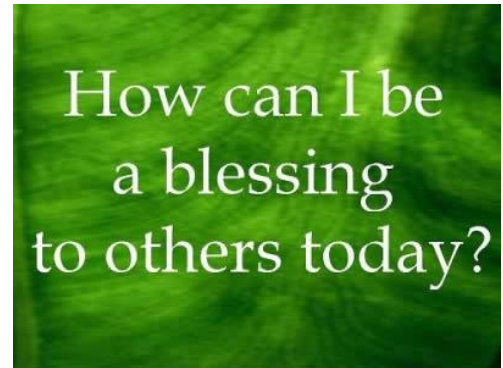
**Job Opportunities** DUMC is looking for job opportunities for members of our church, food pantry and clothing clients. We are continuously being asked if we know of any job opportunities. If you own a business, or work for a business looking to hire individuals – please list your job opportunity on the Job Sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Our church members in need and clients served by your church greatly appreciate any help they can get.

FINANCE REPORT	August	YTD
Income	\$25,059.07	\$253428.07
Expense	\$22,701.30	\$257316.41
Budget	\$28,408.83	\$227267.30
Debt	\$55,358.51 (Parsonage Loan)	
Current Expense Fund (non-designated money in the checkbook) - \$3, 676.85		
NOTE: Expenses were less than normal because Apportionments are not billed for July and August.		
Gary Ackerman		



The weather is changing, the nights are cooler, and in a couple of months or so - the snow flurries will fly. I know you would like me to rebuke that one! No matter how we feel - autumn is on its way. I love this time of year and look forward to most of what it brings. I say most because there is an element of this time of year that I do not like - catching a cold! As the seasons change - we will hear or experience the coughing and sneezing. Do you find it curious that when one sneezes we say, "God bless you?" I did a bit of exploring and found that there are several theories about why people bless at a sneeze. One was that it began in the 14<sup>th</sup> century to respond to the concern that when one sneezed - a severe perhaps deadly illness was coming. The blessing was to pray for the prevention of that.

I believe that being blessed happens frequently - more than at a sneeze! I am blessed to have what I have - family, friends, job, home, and more. But I hope and pray that as blessed that I am - I take time to bless others. In Luke 24:49-51, Jesus is getting ready to go back to be with the Father after spending post-resurrection time with his friends. He said, "'and now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.' Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven." What an amazing departure! He left blessing them! How just like Jesus is that - to the very end he thought of the well-being of others. One of the definitions for bless is, "to invoke divine care for." That is what Jesus was in fact doing - giving those he loved over to the loving care of God. And that blessing continues on through the years to this day - Jesus is praying for our best - to be close to God and surrounded by his care.



If we are to be like Christ - we need to be aware of those around us and want to commit them to the divine care of God. Every morning as we awaken to a new day of opportunity - do we think of God and the way he has blessed us? Before we head for the cup of coffee, do we simply thank the Lord for a new day in him and then ask how we can show his abundant love to others? Well how about trying to do just that? This month at church we will focus on "Blessed to be a Blessing." This means we take stock of our own blessings and then know that the same Lord that has blessed us desires to move in and through us to bless others. So let's be a blessing - more than when someone sneezes! Let's think about how we can bless others in the name of the loving Savior we serve! God bless you (and you didn't even sneeze!).

Pastor Debbie

October Sermons

- 10-2-11 Stations Toward Eternity (World Communion Sunday) Matthew 27:27-44
- 10-9-11 Physician at Work Luke 5:17-26
- 10-16-11 Walk to Emmaus
- 10-22-11 Jesus Describes Himself John 10:7-15
- 10-29-11 Portrait of the Mother Church Acts 4:23-31



## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in the United States. More than **182,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. The chance of a woman having breast cancer sometime during her life is 1 in 8. Early detection is the key to the treatment of breast cancer.** Every woman should follow these screening guidelines:

**MAMMOGRAM** The most important screening test for breast cancer is the mammogram. A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast. It can detect breast cancer up to two years before the tumor can be felt by you or your doctor. **Women age 40 or older who are at average risk** of breast cancer should have a mammogram once a year. **Women at high risk** should have yearly mammograms along with an MRI starting at age 30. Be sure to have your mammogram at the same mammography center each year so the results can be compared year to year. Follow up on your test results by calling your doctor's office to confirm what the results were.

**CLINICAL BREAST EXAM (CBE)** During a CBE, your doctor examines your breasts and the surrounding area from any possible signs of breast cancer. Your doctor checks for:

- Changes in the size or shape of your breasts
- Skin changes including rashes, dimpling or redness
- Other abnormal changes, such as lumps or discharge from the nipple

**Women in their 20s or 30s** should have a CBE about every three years as part of a general health exam. **Women over 40** should have a CBE once a year.

**BREAST SELF EXAM** It is a good idea to get in the habit of doing monthly self-exams **starting at age 20**. Examining yourself on a regular basis lets you become familiar with your breasts so you will notice any changes that may occur.

### Some Risk Factors for Breast Cancer

- Age: the chance of getting breast cancer increases as women age. Nearly 80% of breast cancers are found in women over the age of 50.
- Personal History of Breast Cancer: a woman who has had breast cancer in one breast is at an increased risk of developing cancer in her other breast.
- Family History: A woman has a higher risk of breast cancer if her mother, sister or daughter had breast cancer, especially at a young age (before 40).
- Genetic factors: Women with certain genetic mutations, especially changes to the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, are at higher risk of developing breast cancer.
- Women who have never had children, who were older when they had their first child, early menstruation (before 12), or late menopause (after 55) are at higher risk.

**By knowing the risk factors**, signs and preventative measures you can catch breast cancers early when the chance of full recovery is greatest. Watch for breast cancer ribbons and handouts in the narthex.

Margaret E. Diener RN, FCN Parish Nurse

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# PRAYERs and THANK-YOUs

## A note of Thanks

I thank God for my church every day; and much more recently, when I broke my ankle while biking at the Regional Park. Thank you to Ann and Blair Munns for their emergency action and comfort at the scene – and storing my bike!

To Pat and Ben Gregurick for holding my hand being my ears, then staying with me until Rog could make it home; I love you to moon and back.

To Pastor Deb for prayers of comfort and healing, and you're her dear hearted support. Thank you for all the cards and calls, visits (Patti Woodside) and food!!!

I wrap myself in my beautifully crafted rose colored shawl and feel your loving arms around me. In humble appreciate,  
Marsha Wagner

## BETSY THANKS YOU

### Wow – what a team!

We would like to say 'Thank You' to all of you who worked soooo hard to make our 2011 bazaar a huge success.

Whatever your part was in the 'team' we do appreciate it and 'thank you' for your part!

A special thank you to the Boy Scouts of Troop 178 who helped set up tables and cleaned out our UMW room, and to the men who came and helped pack up. The youth who came on bazaar and helped in the booths, dining room or carrying out purchases for customers, we thank you very much!

The money raised for missions will reach out to many in the coming year, and you were all a part of that!

Thanks again!!!

Margaret Diener and Garnet Hickok  
Co- Chairpersons

I want to thank all who sent prayers, cards and good wishes at the time of my eye surgery and recovery. Thanks to those who warmly greeted me when I returned to work and who continue to ask about my progress yet today.

A special thank you to all the wonderful ladies who filled in at the desk while I was away. No glitches to clean up when I returned - that's how it goes with experienced help filling in.

Thanks!! Flossie

Dear DUMC and Pastor Debbie –

I just wanted to say thanks so much for allowing me to use the church for my dessert reception. I also really appreciate that you and the congregation prayed for me during the services. I felt so welcomed back at my home church!!

Thank you again!!

In Christ,  
Allison Smith

Dear Members of Davison United Methodist Church,

Our Sincerest thanks to you for giving Dad the lovely 90th birthday reception! It truly meant a lot to him.

And thank you, also, for the family picture!

Earl & Jan Hagstrom

October is Ministry Appreciation Month.

**Church Growth** would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication in all the areas of ministry here at Davison United Methodist Church. We praise God for you! "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, the He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." 1 Timothy 1:12

## UMW October

Oct. 1 was Bazaar Day for UMW, our biggest fund raiser for missions! We thank everyone, **leadership**, members, church family and the community who supported this day. Time, talent and energy was given generously and we appreciated it.

The membership count of our Unit will soon be turned into the District and we would like to share that we have 90 active members and 7 honor members! Everyone please join us. To our younger women 40 and under, create a NEW group and get to know each other, enjoy fellowship and support while helping others. Our Unit provides and pays for child care! Questions welcomed – call Ellen Wagester, President 667-4666

### October Opportunities:

Oct. 13 - District Annual Meeting/ Leadership Training - HERE at DUMC

Oct. 25 - Unit Meeting 1:00pm Speaker TBA

Oct. 29 - District Annual Conference - Brighton UMC

Enjoy God's Fall- He creates another beautiful season to ENJOY!!

Ellen Wagester, Pres.

## Davison UMC Family Fall Festival And Trunk or Treat



Saturday~ October 29, 2011

6:30-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

\* A fun, family party where the kids (and adults) can dress up in their costumes, play games, eat pizza, and carve a pumpkin. (Think Halloween with a Christian theme!)

\* We are looking for volunteers to help run events, trunk or treat and donate supplies.

\* Please return the sheet below in your collection plate, or to the church office.

Questions Call Patty Woodside~ 810-653-5272 ext 5

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes we will be there!

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes we can donate time or supplies!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes my **car** and myself will be there for Trunk or Treat!


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## PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL LIVING



**Bring a team from your church for a day with Bishop Robert Schnase that will help shape us into effective disciples.**

Using material from *Five Practices of Fruitful Living*, we will receive honest, practical, and winsome guidance for our walk with Christ. By repeating and deepening certain fundamental practices, we cooperate with God in our spiritual growth. These five practices – to receive God’s love, to love God in return, to grow in Christ, to serve others, and to give ourselves fully – are key to helping us grow and develop spiritually so we can settle ourselves in God and become instruments of God’s grace. Following Christ will change your heart; and through you, God will change the world.



Register Today

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 5, 2011  
Registration & continental breakfast @ 9 a.m.  
Workshop 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Flint Bethel United Methodist Church  
1309 Ballenger Hwy.

**COST:** \$25 per person/Book available for an extra \$5  
Childcare – \$10 per child

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Include attachment with additional participant(s) info

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children Requiring Childcare/Ages \_\_\_\_\_  
Total included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I have special dietary needs. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Ministry Appreciation Month

Many staff members and countless volunteers in every capacity are part of our ministry workforce. But our pastor gives an enormous amount of energy and personal commitment. Think of those in the church leadership positions, and thank them the next time you talk to them. Pastors are a special breed -- dedicated to hard work, and both offering and needing emotional support for self and church family – think of that in a positive light, and offer encouragement and strength.



## Meet the Staff - Gary Kramer

How is a High School cafeteria disc jockey (DJ) connected with our skilled Audio-Video Technician Gary Kramer? Hint: that is how Gary Kramer maybe got “hooked” and started his career in audio recording and other skills.

Sometime back in the early 1970’s, Gary and friends convinced the school administrators that they could spin records during lunch hour, and keep the “prisoners” more relaxed and responsive to afternoon classes. The rest is history – a few turntables, mixers, microphones, and a lifelong interest – and Gary has seen several technologies from records to cassettes and now CDs and DVDs.

His current work when not at Davison UMC, is to record for high school bands, orchestras and vocal groups during

festivals. Some of these are for the director for self-critique, others are bought by parents and students. These are long, grueling sessions with one group after another – but all done with quality and perfection.

Having lived in the Flint area for the last 30 years, Gary and wife LaDonna live in Mt. Morris. Gary continues to sharpen his skills and now adds to our services with graphics, videos, and special combinations to expand your understanding of His Word – as brought to us by Pastor Debbie and others. If you’re interested in knowing a little bit more about those 300 or 400 knobs, switches, and controls –stop by and talk to him after a service!!! And ask him about those old radio recordings.

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 – Mathew Daunt
- 5 – Amy Stavros
- 6 – Sara Howes
- 7 – Mary Anne Breece
- 7 – Rollo Kellogg
- 7 – Cael Kukinski
- 7 – Sharon Miller
- 7 – Jennifer Shamel
- 8 – Jason Wagester
- 9 – David Ballentine
- 9 – Susan Pollard
- 9 – Robert Malcomson
- 11 – James Callis
- 11 – Beth Baker
- 11 – Kallie King
- 13 – Nancy McKittrick
- 13 – Lily Meyer
- 14 – Chuck Daliege
- 15 – Nicole Lewis
- 16 – Eric Larsen
- 17 – Patrick McAvinchey
- 18 – Joyce Kuehl
- 19 – Carla Schaft
- 20 – Robert Jacoby
- 22 – Betty Coleman
- 22 – Laurie Lamb
- 23 – Michael Gordon
- 23 – Jacqueline Lees
- 24 – Riley Kenyon
- 24 – Jody Stone
- 25 – Joshua Garman
- 25 – Sheryl Ackerman
- 26 – Meghan Jeffries
- 26 – David Powell
- 27 – Helen Bruce
- 27 – Benjamin Callis
- 27 – Logan Coughlin
- 29 – Roger Wagner II
- 30 – Sarah Whitehead

## COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.


### What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



### What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a “face” on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!



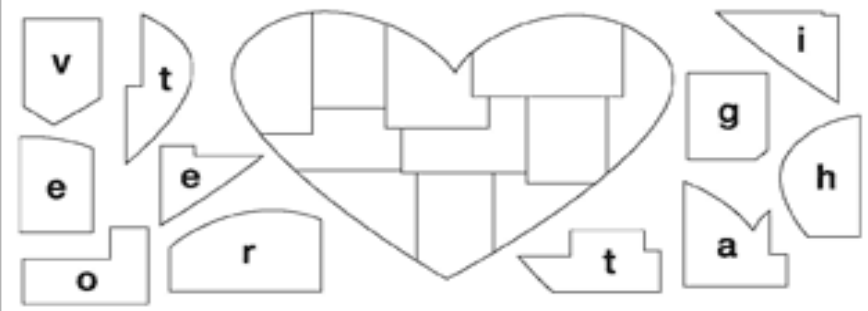
# PUZZLE

## HOW TO GIVE


We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

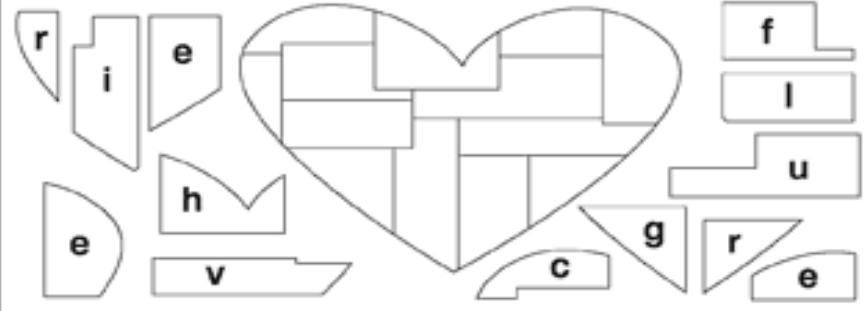
“Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



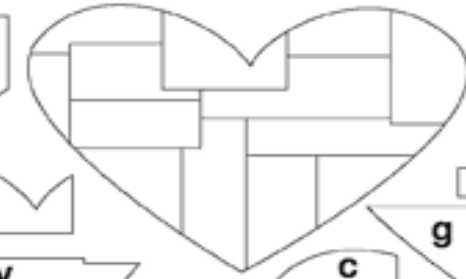
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... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...




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Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

# OCTOBER - 2011

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**Davison UMC**  
**Family Fall Festival**  
*And*  
**Trunk or Treat**  
*Saturday ~ October 29, 2011*  
*6:30-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall*

# If we haven't seen you lately --- this is what you've missed --

*The Messenger* won't always carry extended pictures, and never in the printed version, but only in the email version (they don't appear well, and more sheets of paper) but here you go !!!!



**Third Grade  
Bible  
Distribution  
09-11-11**

**Youth Bell Choir  
on Rally Day  
09-11-11**



**Back to  
School  
BLAST**



Paul Webster and Andre meet many new friends as they describe their priceless missionary work

Pancake People Posing  
Rally Day 09-11-2011



Earl Hagstrom and family birthday celebration