



The Messenger

April 2016



I don't know about you, but I was certainly filled with hope and excitement on Easter Sunday!! We had a couple extra services during Holy Week including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. On Maundy Thursday, twenty-two of us from both the Quincy and Litchfield United Methodist Churches gathered to share a meal, capturing the spirit of Jesus' last supper with his disciples, whom he had come to regard as friends. The evening was filled with Bible passages, singing, eating, and celebrating Holy Communion. There were two Good Friday worship opportunities, one in Quincy and one in Litchfield, full of Bible passages, singing, and monologues, transporting us to the foot of Jesus' cross as it may have the day that Jesus died. After these meaningful services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, it was time to celebrate that Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!!!

Did you know that we do not need to celebrate Easter just one day a year?? Hallelujah!!! Easter is actually an entire season beginning on Easter Sunday and then for the next seven weeks, ending on Pentecost Sunday!!! Not only that, but each Sunday is meant to be a "mini-Easter," a day to celebrate our resurrected Lord throughout the entire year!!!

In the early church, the season of Lent was typically a time of preparation for new converts to the faith who would then be baptized and join the church on Easter Sunday. The 50-day Season of Easter that followed was meant to be a time of intentional faith development. Today the Season of Easter gives us opportunity to celebrate and rejoice what it means that Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen Indeed!! Sin no longer has control over our lives because of Jesus' death and resurrection!! This season also gives us a chance to remember our own baptism and think about how we as a church and as individuals bring the message of "Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen Indeed!" into our broken world. Through Jesus Christ, there is always hope!! Let us share that hope!

*God's Blessings,
Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore*



ANNOUNCEMENT

An announcement was made on March 6 at the Concord United Methodist Church that has implications for the Quincy and Litchfield United Methodist Churches. For anyone who doesn't know, Rev. Julie's husband, Rev. David Elmore, is the pastor of Concord UMC. After much prayer, devotion, reflection, conversations between Revs. David & Julie, and conversations with our District Superintendent, David, has discerned God calling him to take a leave of absence from serving as pastor of a church at this time. Please keep Rev. David in your prayers as he discerns the next faithful step for him in ministry. Rev. David will continue to serve as pastor of the Concord United Methodist Church until July 1, 2016. Rev. Julie will continue to serve the Quincy and Litchfield United Methodist Churches.

Currently, Concord UMC shares some pastoral expenses with Litchfield and Quincy UMCs. Since that would no longer be the case when David is no longer their pastor, our Albion District Superintendent, Tamara Williams, has applied for what is called "Equitable Compensation" from the West Michigan Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to cover the cost of health insurance and benefits that are currently being shared with Concord United Methodist Church. Concord UMC currently contributes \$7,000 toward health insurance and \$3,000 toward utilities each year. This same \$10,000 amount will come from the Conference next year in the form of "Equitable Compensation". Receiving Equitable Compensation beyond July 1, 2017 could be a possibility, but it's just too soon right now to know for sure.

Please be in prayer for the people of Concord United Methodist Church as they experience a pastoral transition in the next several months. Please be in prayer as well for Rev. David as he discerns where God is calling him next in ministry and for the Elmore family as they make this transition to something new in their lives. Through this time, their faith in God as individuals, a couple and as a family keeps getting stronger. God is the source of our strength and all that we have.



ALBION DISTRICT LAY SERVANT TRAINING WEEKEND WESLEY WOODS APRIL 22 & 23

Albion District Lay Servant Ministries is offering a weekend learning opportunity that is filled with fellowship in a setting specifically designed for spiritual growth.

Classes offered are:

- Basic Lay Servant Ministry Class – with Rev. Eric Beck
- Advanced Class: Dancing With Words – with Rev. Karen Orr and District Superintendent Tamara Williams
- Advanced Class: Making Sense of the Bible: The New Testament – with Pastor John Sterner
- Lay Pastoral Care Giving: – with Revs. David and Julie Elmore

Registration deadline is April 5, 2016 at 4:00 PM.

If you have further questions, please contact the Albion District Office at [517-629-8150](tel:517-629-8150) or call the church office at 639-5035



TREASURER'S REPORT

February 2016

General Fund: We need your help to wipe out the deficit of the general fund.

The deficit at the beginning of the month was -\$3,888 and after much "creative accounting" it is still -\$3,735 at the end of the month. Our total monthly giving \$7,592 is slightly more than our monthly expenses \$7,042, but our designated giving to things like carpet, building, women's is draining funds away from the much needed general fund. PLEASE give to the general fund until we are out of the hole. It will take an excess of income/ contributions over our expenses to chip away at our deficit. Of course there are some designated contributions that will still continue like memorial, support for special needs, like Jacob's Well and Eternal Bread.

General Fund Expenses for February include: \$3,689 payroll, & which as part of my creative accounting was taken from the building fund not the general fund. \$98 postage, 751 ministry shares, \$79 Cokesbury 3 month bulletins, \$78 Litchfield parsonage & professional expenses, \$820 Pastor, disability, health & retirement.

Designated Funds: Also in the negative is Adult Sunday School Class -\$242 & Kid's Club -\$33. Ad Council approved combining the Youth & the Kid's club fund into a single fund which will put the Kid's club back in the positive, as the youth fund has \$1,968 balance. \$777 building for utilities mention above, \$350 Care fund, \$15 special events, \$83 funeral dinner, \$22 Women's material lap robe/quilts, \$182 parsonage fund loss now reported for actual month.

Expenses Designated Funds for February included: \$212 special events - Christmas Eve ads & candy, Chamber dues, \$96 Funeral dinner, \$100 Kid's Club bowling party - some funds have been returned (in February), \$1556 Memorial fund transferred to building, carpet, & altar fund at year end, -1604.79 parsonage fund in January. Parsonage Fund is now reported in current month as of January 2016 adjustment was made in ending /beginning to reflect this.

Designated Fund Income for February included: (REMEMBER DESIGNATED GIVING ISN'T COUNTED WHEN CALCULATING MINISTRY SHARE) \$10 Women's, \$200 Funeral, \$44 Adult Sunday school, \$455 carpet, \$855 memorial, \$210 building transferred from parking lot fund which no longer exists, \$50 kid's club refund as not needed for bowling party.

We collected \$48 for UMCOR in February and \$53 was sent to UMCOR the difference is the money is sent mid month and reflects part of the prior & part of the current month.

Designated Funds Balances at the end of February are: \$832 Women's, \$51 Care, \$1,936 Youth/Kid's Club, \$1,805 Camp/scholarship, \$459 Funeral, \$594 Pastor discretionary, \$501 Special events, -\$242 Adult study supplies, \$425 Gift house, \$452 Food/fellowship, \$984, \$1,863 Capital improvement, \$1,189 Altar fund, \$8,065 Building.

In the spring, if QUMC continues to be in the negative for general fund, and some of the designated funds, we will ask the Finance Committee and Ad Council to consider adjusting some of our programs and their budgets.

God's Grace To All,

Lin M. Johnson, Treasurer



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				L=Litchfield	Q=Quincy	
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3 Q Worship 9am L Worship 11 a	4	5 Spring Luncheon at Allen UMC 12:30 p.m.	6 Q Guys Lunch at Coldwater Gardens at noon	7 Q Game Night 6:30 p.m.	8	9
10 Q Worship 9am L Worship 11	11	12 Q Prayer time 1:30 Quilters 3:30 pm	13 Q Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	14 Q N.O.W. Committee 7 pm	15	16
17 Q Worship 9am L Worship 11 am	18	19 Q Prayertime 1:30 Quilters 3:30 pm Q Trustees 7pm Q Ad Council 7:30	20 Q Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	21 Q Quincy Histori- cal Society Annual Meeting And Potluck 6pm	22 <i>Lay Servant Training at Wesley Woods</i>	23 <i>Lay Servant Training at Wesley Woods</i>
24 Q Worship 9am L Worship 11 am <i>Singspiration</i> 7 pm Jonesville UMC	25	26 Q Prayertime 1:30 Quilters 3:30 pm	28 Q Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	29 Q Quincy Library Program — "Boogie Woogie Kid" 6:30 pm	30	

March Birthdays

2nd Michelle Pierce
 4th Marjorie Hart
 8th Mark Podoll
 9th Katie Podoll
 15thCarolynn Johnson
 18th Dan Sutton
 21st Dale Brown
 28th Dave Johnson

March Anniversaries

6th James and Virginia Taylor



<u>March Attendance</u>	
3/6	40
3/13	31
3/20	42
3/27	62
Average	44



Calling all Volunteers

There are sign up sheets available for volunteers for Greeters and Ushers and for Coffee Hour.

Please sign up if you can serve in either of these ways!!!

N.O.W. Committee meets on April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Julie's Schedule Changes



The week of April 4-7, Rev. Julie will be on a sermon planning retreat. She will be available by phone and email only that week.

During the weeks of April 11, 18 and 25 and May 2 and 16: office hours will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays at QUMC 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Mondays and Thursdays at LUMC 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.

During the week of May 9 she will be in Toledo for a conflict resolution training seminar; no office hours that week.

Maundy Thursday Service at

**Litchfield UMC
March 24**



Twenty two people from both QUMC and LUMC gathered at Litchfield for a meal commemorating the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples.

Quincy United Methodist Church
Administrative Board Meeting
March 15, 2016
(draft copy — to be approved at April meeting)

Present: Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore, Jim Hart, Anne Rumsey, Randy Podoll, Linda Penn, Margaret Fillmore, Bob Betts, Laura Betts, Lin Johnson.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with prayer by Pastor Julie.

The minutes from the February meeting were read and reviewed. Anne Rumsey made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Lin Johnson seconded and the motion was approved.

Celebrations and Concerns

A celebration was given for the Betts' returning to Michigan.

Reports

Treasurer/Finance Report Lin Johnson expressed her concern over the general fund being so far in the hole. She will be calling a meeting of the Finance Committee in April to review options. It was decided to combine the Youth Fund and Kids' Club Funds and to put a note in the bulletin encouraging everyone to give to the general fund until it is back in the positive. She reviewed all the numbers for February. Laura Betts made a motion to accept the February financial reports. Anne Rumsey seconded the motion and it was approved. Anne Rumsey made a motion to pay Ministry Shares. Jim Hart seconded the motion and it was approved.

Trustees Report: Randy is working on removing the gravel from the grass.

SPRC: Anne reported that there was a brief meeting after church on Sunday, February 28. There was also a meeting on Thursday, March 10 with Tamara William, District Superintendent and the SPRC from Litchfield about the conference helping with Concord UMC's portion of the pastoral package for one year as Rev. David Elmore will be taking a leave of absence beginning in July 2016.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Julie reviewed her written report, which is included at the end of the minutes.

Children's Coordinator: Jim discussed that he has one student signed up for camp.

Old Business —

Paragraph 213 study – Pastor Julie is planning on having someone come to discuss when more members have returned from the south.

Ministry Work

N.O.W. Committee:

Margaret gave a report from the March 10 meeting:

Business Expo is March 19 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be a drawing for a blanket. She does have volunteers to be at the QUMC table.

Kids Day in the Park is July 29 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. QUMC will be serving food. The theme will be "Star Wars" with the latest Star Wars movie being shown after dark.

Greeters/Ushers/Liturgist – need people to volunteer for these positions, especially when so many are gone for the winter.

There will be a brunch after church on Easter Sunday.

The committee is working on getting some coffee mugs with the QUMC logo printed on them to give to visitors. Pastor Julie also has some small "coupons" to give visitors inviting them to have a free beverage with her at McDonalds.

Maundy Thursday food needs to be brought to the church by Sunday so that Pastor Julie can take to LUMC before the meal/service on March 24.

Seasonal

Plant Sale: An ad for the presale will be in the Shoppers Guide on March 16.

Two ads will be run prior to the public sale in May.

Spring Luncheon – Margaret Fillmore and Anne Rumsey will co-chair the luncheon, which will probably be the third week in May.

Building Use – Linda advised that two groups will be using the church in April; Quincy Historical Society will be using the kitchen/fellowship hall on April 21. The Quincy Library will be hosting an event in the sanctuary on April 28. Pastor Julie stated that she wants to be involved when groups are using the sanctuary.

New Business – none

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. with prayer by Randy Podoll. The next meeting will be on April 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Pastor's Report to Ad Council
March 2016
Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

We continue to journey through the season of Lent and as we do so, signs of spring and Easter are on the horizon. Praise God!

The Thursday morning Bible Study on *One Thousand Gifts* finished up on Thursday, March 10. My hope is to lead this again at some point, as I believe it would be beneficial to others in our congregation. Our Lenten study continues, alternating locations between Quincy and Litchfield UMCs each Wednesday evening. This year's study will be *The Call* by Adam Hamilton and will finish up on March 23.

A joint Maundy Thursday service will take place at Litchfield UMC on Thursday, March 24 at 5:30 pm. There will be a meal involved with Litchfield UMC as hosts providing the various foods that accompany the meal. On Friday, March 25 at 1:00 pm, Quincy UMC will be hosting a joint Good Friday service with the Union Church of Quincy and California Corners Presbyterian Church. Pastors and laypersons from each congregation will be part of the service.

Eternal Bread is looking for volunteers to help serve a healthy breakfast before the Easter Egg Hunt in the park on Saturday, March 26. The Egg Hunt starts at 10:00 am. If you want to help, please contact Penny Brockway at 517-736-4882.

I feel that being out in the community every other week for my office hours is off to a good start! Several came and visited at McDonald's and one at the Quincy Diner. I will go back to McDonald's next week and plan to go to Quincy Diner again on a Saturday morning sometime in April. I encourage church members to come see me and invite friends to come along. This is a great way to be present in the community and invite others to church.

I have the opportunity to attend a course on Conflict Resolution and Restorative Justice on March 18 & 19 at the Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center in Archbold, OH. Additionally, I plan to attend a course on mediation in Toledo, OH from Monday, May 9 through Friday, May 13. This all fits in to my plans for continuing education in 2016.

May God continue to guide and draw us close to one another and to God!

In Christ's Service,
Rev. Julie Yoder Elmore

MAIL



We expect to see you when we return in April. We will miss our good friends, Inez and Opal. They were so faithful in attending Sunday School and Bible study whenever their health allowed. The weather is getting warm down here and we are having quite a bit of company (“spring breakers”).

Love, Bev and Freal Reyner

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Our thanks and appreciation to our church family!  
What a blessing for all the prayers for us! The cards, visits, letters and gifts have meant so much!  
We are coming along but miss church and being with all of you so much!  
Our family appreciated Pastor Julie going to Fort Wayne for my operation in January. A special thanks for the notes from the “Prayer Group” and the names who have lifted us in prayer.  
God bless all of you.

*Love, Roy and Shirley Tappenden*

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After my surgery, I received wonderful cards and letters from my wonderful church friends. I want to thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks, Donald Cook

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Thank you for all your cards and prayers.  
*Peggy Watson*

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Thank you so much for the lovely luncheon. We appreciate you all and Mom loved you all!!!!
Opal King Family

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I just wanted to send a special thank you to the ladies of the church who prepared the wonderful luncheon for Mom’s funeral. God bless!  
*Jean Morrison and the family of Inez Irwin*

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Pastor Julie and congregation,
May you be blessed by the beauty of God’s love this Easter.
Thank you again for all your prayers and love.
We know the reason for the season.
Happy Easter, Terry Garner

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# Upcoming Events

**Quincy Historical Society** is having their annual potluck and meeting at QUMC on April 21 at 6:00 p.m.

They will debut the Mel Budd historic Quincy Postcard collection slideshow.

There will also be a presentation of Turner-Craft boats designed and manufactured in Quincy, the annual Preservation Award ceremony, a presentation by the annual Society scholarship recipient and election of board members.

The congregation is invited, a passing dish is suggested; beverages and table service will be provided. Contact Patricia Gardon at 517-795-7053 or [patriciagardon@charter.net](mailto:patriciagardon@charter.net) with questions.

**The Quincy Branch Library** is hosting “The Boogie Woogie Kid”

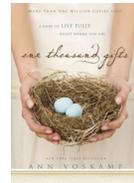
April 28 at 6:30 p.m. at QUMC

Matthew Ball is a graduate of Oakland University and The University of Detroit. He trained classically at Oakland University with the internationally renowned classical pianist Flavio Varani.

All ages will enjoy this free program.

Reservations are appreciated by calling the library at 517-639-4001

## Spring Bible Study



Rev. Julie will be leading the study, *One Thousand Gifts* by Anne Voskamp again on Wednesday mornings beginning April 13 through May 18 from 9:30—11:00 a.m. at QUMC. There are three copies of the book at the church to borrow, or you can go on Amazon.com to purchase one of your own. Let Rev. Julie know if you want to borrow one of the available books or the church office know if you want one purchased.

## “The Best Lemon Bars”

### Ingredients:

1 cup butter, softened  
1/2 cup white sugar  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
4 eggs  
1-1/2 cups white sugar  
1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
2 lemons, juiced



### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl, blend softened butter, 2 cups flour and 1/2 cup sugar. Press into the bottom of an ungreased 9x13 pan. Bake for 15-20 minutes in the preheated oven, or until firm and golden.

In another bowl, whisk together the remained 1-1/2 cup sugar and 1/4 cup flour. Whisk in the eggs and lemon juice. Pour over the baked crust. Bake for an additional 20 minutes. The bars will firm up as they cool. Dust with powdered sugar if desired.



# THE MESSENGER

QUINCY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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QUINCY, MI 49082



## Sunday Worship

9:00 AM

Rev. Julia Yoder Elmore

## Quincy Kid's Club

Children dismissed after  
Children's Time during service.

*Coffee Hour  
immediately after worship service.*

## Sunday School

10:30 AM

## Office Hours

8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Monday - Thursday  
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