

# MATURE DISCIPLES' SUNDAY



## **CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF GRANDPARENTS**

*"I thought, 'Age should speak; advanced years should teach wisdom.'  
But it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty, that give him understanding."  
(Job 32:7-8 NIV)*

# Hope United Methodist Church

Erma Dixon, Chairperson  
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## Fourth Sunday After Pentecost – June 28, 2009

**LECTIONS** 2 Sam. 1:1, 17:27, Ps. 130, (UMH 848), 2Cor. 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

**Introit - "I Was Glad"**

**Processional - "Come and Go with Me to My Father's House"**

**\*Invocation**

**The Invocation Response** - Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen."

**Hymn of Praise (UMH #140) - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**Time of Sharing**

**Thoughts for Children - "We Serve a Peaceful God"**

### OFFERTORY

**Offertory Invitation** - Lord Jesus, we wish to follow you wherever you lead us. Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit to make this a total commitment. Strengthen our faith and help us to trust you completely so that we may be faithful disciples, serving you whatever the cost.

**Offertory Prayer** - Almighty God, it is with great joy that we bring these gifts to you. We are honored to be serving you, and where we cannot go in person we pray that your ministry may reach out through these offerings. **Divine love through me blesses and multiplies all that I have, all that I give and all that I receive. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*Offertory Response**

"We give Thee but Thine own,  
What - e'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone. A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen."

**Offertory Selection - The Male Chorus**

**Altar Call**

**Song of Preparation - The Male Chorus**

***Ephesians 4:1-16, Colossians 3:1-17***

**"GROW UP!"**

**The Proclamation – Rev. Dr. Carlyle Fielding Stewart, III**

**Hymn of Invitation - "I Will Trust in the Lord"**

**\*General Offering / Faith 500**

*\*If you already gave your tithe, offering and Faith 500 sacrificial gift in the previous offering: "Thank you!"  
**May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness and your trust in Him as your provider. This 2<sup>nd</sup> offering is primarily for those who missed the 1<sup>st</sup> opportunity to give and receive their blessing by returning just a portion God has given to them.***

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*Recessional - "Down Through the Years"**

**\*Benediction / Benediction Response**

## **Mature Disciples Ministry Celebrating the Legacy of Grandparents**

### **A Brief History**

Zelma Smith-Dexter and Muriel Eaton approached Pastor Stewart in January 1999 regarding a Hope Church Senior Group. In May 1999, Rev. Betty Whitely was appointed by Pastor Stewart to begin a ministry for persons fifty and older. Rev. Whitely selected ten seasoned Hope members to meet with her for prayer and to begin plans for a group she called "Mature Disciples." Mother McDuffie was appointed to chair the group and after her resignation, Prudence Washington became the chairperson. A "get acquainted meeting" was held on June 25, 1999 with Pastor Stewart in attendance. He gave encouragement by saying this was the beginning of a great adventure and asked to be an honorary member.  
(He has since become a legal member.)

Our purpose is to give support and have camaraderie with those who have similar experiences and interest through religious, social and educational activities. We take short bus trips, present educational forums, make crafts, hold bake sales, seminars, workshops, and nursing home visits. We invite you to join us on the fourth Friday of each month at twelve noon or join us in any of our activities.

June 2009 is the celebration of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. God continues to bless our ministry in both spiritual and numerical growth. Past chairpersons: Christine Watson, Muriel Eaton, Prudence Washington, Stephanie Donaldson; Current chairperson: Erma Dixon. Past Clergy Advisors: Rev. Kenny J. Walden and Rev. Vivian C. Bryant; Current Clergy Advisor: Rev. Janet Gaston-Petty.

Please review the following list of achievements:

- Donated appliances to the Activities Center
- Bus Trips: Stratford, Ontario; Bible Museum, Lansing Steamboat Cruise, Detroit Princess, Port Huron River Cruise
- Angel Tree Project with Missions Ministry
- Feed the Homeless
- Legal Affair Seminar and Luncheon
- "Life after Fifty" Health Workshop and Luncheon
- "The Jean Lewis Craft Project" to benefit Children's Hospital
- Boulevard Temple Nursing Home Visits
- Canadian Safari with twenty-six children

The Mature Disciples invite you to fellowship with us. We meet each fourth Friday at noon. In addition, we meet twice a month at the church to enjoy activities such as quilting, flower arranging and exercising. If you work and cannot meet during the day, please feel free to join us whenever you can on our outings.

**Mission Statement**

Mature Disciples are a Holy Spirit directed body of Christian believers who are spiritually developed and committed to studying, sharing and living the word of God. This ministry will extend Spiritual, Educational and Social in-reach and outreach activities to Hope United Methodist Church, local churches and the larger community, demonstrating their faith and beauty of longevity through their dedicated lifestyle and service to others.

**Vision Statement**

Mature Disciples will inspire others through reflections, prayers and experiences and demonstrate commitment to God by the way we live and serve Hope United Methodist Church and the community.

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**HOPE'S WISH LIST**

**Unless otherwise indicated, the following items are still needed. Please use this as yet another opportunity to offer your expressions of praise and thanksgiving!**

1 Fryer 35-40 lb. Natural Gas S/S Pot. 685.00 / 1 Sink, 1 Comp - \$367.00 / Play Station Game - \$400.00 / Easels (Communications) - \$500.00 1 Sandwich unit 27' (8) Pan with lower refrigerator / 985.00 / Chafing Dishes (5) - \$1200.00 / Table Coverings (25 Tables) (Kitchen) - \$700.00 Stemware (200 Settings) (Kitchen) - \$800.00 / Choral Conductor System (Podium, Stand, Chair) (Music) - \$1500.00 -Bravo Music Stands (30)(Music) - \$1600.00 / (3) Round Table Receptacle Trash Cans - \$300 (HUMC) / (5) Serving Carts \$250.00 (Kitchen) 19" Rear Catcher Lawn Mower - \$200.00 (Trustees)

If you are interested in donating, please contact  
Zelma Smith-Dexter at 248-356-1020, ext. 110.

**TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH**  
Lola Holton  
(248) 470-4624

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**In observance of the 4th of July holiday the Church will be closed, Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Rays of Hope Summer Camp will be in session on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> as scheduled. The Church and the Administrative Office will re-open as scheduled Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe and blessed holiday.**

## SPECIAL PRAYER HOPE MEMBERS

**Be joyful in Hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer, Romans 12:12**

**Health Concerns** - Patricia Whitfield/ Sara Hicks/ Mary Williams/ Dorothy Walker / Cheryl Fallen / Birdena Johnson / Jacquelyn Sherman / Vera Toliver / Deborah Young / Beverly Jones-Burks / Zena Kyles / Gregory Timmons / Nonie Peterson / Robert Washington / Lauren Randall

**Hospitalizations** - Australia Pratchett, Heartland –Livonia/ Delores Roquemore, Providence Hospital Charles Winston, Sr. / Caiden Webb, Beaumont Hospital / Norma Rodgers, Beaumont Hospital/ Anita Glasker

**Bereavement** - Sandra Marshall & family (loss of aunt) / Marcia Morrow & Family (loss of brother)/ Tony & Ali Evans (loss of father/grandfather) / Arthur Cartwright & Family (loss of wife) / Wanda Dill-Reese & Family (loss of sister) / Armentrie Pickens & Sheila Pitts (loss of sister-in-law), Anita Glasker & Family (loss of cousin-in-law) / Janet Hunter & Family (loss of husband)

**Armed Service Prayer Page** - Major Whalleon Babo / MSgt. Bobby S. Briggs / Lt. Cameron Ross Browne/ Pvt. Jamar F. Black/ Sgt. Earl Barnett Capito, III/ Sgt. James Curry/ Lt. Colonel Curtis Craft S. Sgt. Jorja Dudley / Robert Ellis / Maj. Michael Flowers / Nida Floyd / 2/8 Golf Co. 2nd. Platoon Terrell Hannah / Lt. Reginald Hughley / Capt. Benjamin Johnson / Brian Johnson / Pvt. 1st. Class Julian Johnson / Kevin Johnson / Toya Johnson / Christopher Joiner / Pvt. Lavar Jones / Capt. Katrina Patillo Wayne Mason / Cpt. Steve Marteen / Keith Meadows / Alex Morrow/ Sgt. Rodney Mosley / Lt. Ronnie Vito McCullough / Bryant A. Nunn /Sgt. Nikia Pearsall/ Pvt. Dennis Richardson, Jr. / St. Sgt. David Richmond/ Col. Anna Savitch / Pvt. Hassan Anthony Sgeidifar / Steven J. Shelton / SSgt. Darius Shephard / Sgt. Derrick Townsend, Jr. / Sgt. Demarqus Townsend /Sgt. Leroy Troupe Jr. / Pvt. Adam

If you are aware of anyone in need of Communion or a visit from one of our ministry team members please call Pastoral Care at ext. 111.

Tele-Care Ministry  
1-800-375-8401

*Thank You*

The HIV/AIDS Ministry is very appreciative to everyone that participated in the Game Night activities on June 19th. A special thank you to Dr. Stewart, Rev. Angelo, Mrs. Z, Muriel Eaton, Doris Pinkston, Deana Nelson, Hope Chef's, Trustees, Security, all volunteers and the entire Game Night Team. This event was successful because of you and your willingness to help. Thank you very much.

**-HIV/ AIDS Ministry**



Missions Ministry

Your invited to our in-reach project

# Extravaganza



for the Youth of Hope.

Please join us on July 12th in Fellowship Hall at 2:30 pm.

\$15.00 ticket donations will help to bless our Hope students.

All proceeds will go to the Hope scholarships.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**August 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

*"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."  
(Luke 3:4, NIV)*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CALL (248) 356 1020 ext. 114**

Saturday, August 8th at 11:00 a.m. closing program

Bridgette L. Rudolph, Vacation Bible School Superintendent

Evelyn L. Summerville, Christian Education Director

Dr. Carlyle Fielding Stewart, III, Senior Pastor

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## COUNSELING CENTER



- Are you a licensed board certified psychiatrist, psychologist or Social Worker with a **PASSION** for seeing God's people reach wholeness in body, mind and spirit?
- Is God calling you to volunteer or give service?

***If yes, this ministry may be for you!!***

Therapists and counselors are needed to provide free Clinical therapy and Christian Counseling Services.

All interested parties please submit your name and credentials to: Rev. Janet Gaston Petty, Associate Pastor of Counseling and Pastoral Care.

E-mail: [jpetty@hopeumc.org](mailto:jpetty@hopeumc.org) or write to Hope United Methodist Church, Attention: Rev. Janet Gaston Petty, 26275 Northwestern Hwy. Southfield, 48076

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Missions Ministry

# Hope Explosion



Saturday, August 29th

The Missions Ministry of Hope United Methodist Church is hosting a Back-2-School project.

The project is designed to provide students in the Wayne and Oakland counties grades K – 12 with School Supply Kits to get them ready for the upcoming school year.

Each \$17.00 kit contains 30 items that are appropriate for the grade level of the student. A back pack is included with each kit.

We hope you can join us in this endeavor to assist as many kids as possible and to encourage them to reach for the stars and be all they can be.

You may help by going to the website and ordering a kit at:  
**[www.kitsforkidz.org/hopeexplosion](http://www.kitsforkidz.org/hopeexplosion)**. The website is open all year round.

For questions please contact Anita McCalip at 313-892-5143 or Sharon Brown at 248-322-9683.

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## HOPE EXPLOSION 2009

Missions Ministry would like to bless a student that is in great need this year with school supplies. If you know a special student please submit their contact information to a Missions Member.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Hope Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please submit students name by July 25, 2009)**

Missions Ministry, Pam Fitzpatrick, Missions Chairperson  
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