

# BLISSFIELD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Sunday Worship 10:30am

Fully Handicap Accessible

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## June 2021 Newsletter

### Positive Thought and Belief

It feels like 2021 just started, but we're already six months in. At this point in the middle of the year, I'd like to think about the state of our thoughts and belief.

This is an anecdote about Eisenhower, the 34th president of the United States. When he ran for president, his campaign slogan was "I like Ike!" Some staff members opposed it, but he said he was satisfied with the slogan, saying it was a very positive slogan. In the end, he won the presidential election. President Eisenhower was also famous as a smoker. One day, he got a serious warning from the doctor and quit smoking at once. When the author of Eisenhower's autobiography asked, "Didn't you have much trouble quitting smoking?" He said this with a smile, "Why wasn't there any difficulty? I strengthened my will with these positive thoughts. 'You have an important thing that no one else has. That's the will to quit smoking,' made me win the fight." Positive thoughts dominated his life and eventually made him a great man.

Apostle Paul proclaimed in Philippians 4:13: **"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."** It is not realistic to think that humans can achieve anything they can imagine. However, Apostle Paul's confession is by no means a humanistic idea hypnotizing himself and saying, "I can do it" and "I have unlimited abilities." The reason why he

confidently declared, "I can do everything," is that it is possible with faith in Jesus Christ, who made everything possible. When we rely on Him who has infinite power, we can do it with his power. Just as we can't fly over 20,000 feet, but it can be done by plane. Like this, I'm not saying that we can do it within our own humanly power, but everything is possible in faith in the Creator, God, Jesus, who can do everything.

What we clearly know is that positive people, like former President Eisenhower, can control and govern their thoughts, and we can do many things by believing in God, who created the universe and oversees life and death. We, who believe in God Almighty, are those who are able to overcome and change any environment we may meet every day with Jesus Christ. We cannot do it ourselves, but we can do it through Jesus Christ. This power is the power of the cross and Jesus, who died for us, and the power of hope that saved us when we were bound to die. In other words, everything is possible with the power of Jesus Christ's cross.

With the power of this cross, we can turn negative thoughts into positive ones. We can turn our critical, gloomy environment into positive thoughts that brighten, encourage and build each other.

Let us confess and believe that we can do everything in Jesus Christ during these last six months of the year.

Peace be with you!

Pastor Gunsoo Jung  
First United Methodist Church

## Newsletter Report, Our Giving – May 2021

Date	Envelopes	Loose	Other	Received	For
May 2	2248.00	0.00	60.00	6117.00	Envelopes
May 9	1850.00	20.00	869.33	833.33	Salary Support
May 16	1049.00	3.00	12.00	43.00	Loose
May 23	970.00	20.00	22.00	108.00	Roses
				22.00	Peace with Justice
				795.00	Memorials

Budget income for the first 4 weeks in May was \$7123.33. The final totals for May will be in the next newsletter.

## Sunday School and Youth Group Meeting

**Youth Group** has concluded for the summer but will resume regular meetings in the fall.

**Sunday School for Children** 10:30am in the Sunday School Classroom

## *June Birthdays & Anniversaries*

- 2 Peggy Piotter  
Doug Marks
- 3 Bradley Emerson
- 11 Greg & Gail Betz
- 16 Henry Terry
- 17 Mike Frederick
- 18 Rachel Reed
- 19 Dave Checkley
- 21 Henry Frederick  
Dale Grimes
- 22 Eric & Emily Frederick
- 23 Bonnie Love
- 25 Amanda Iffland
- 26 Gail Betz
- 27 Dave & Lisa Bailey

## Ministries on Sunday Morning in June

### **Liturgists:**

**June 6 Mike Frederick**

**June 13 Bonnie Love**

**June 20 Janet Flores**

**June 27 Jayne Gorski**

**AV Assistants: Brian Gorski, Alexa Mapstone**

**Usher(s) and Greeters: Mike & Cindy Frederick**

**Communion Servers: Cindy Frederick**

### **For special prayer:**

1. Chris Mapstone: Pray for the healing process
2. Dawn Fisher: Pray for the healing process
3. Sandy Villegas: Pray for the healing process.
4. Jerry Villegas: Pray for the healing process.

### **Long term prayer:**

David Anderson, Edie Holmes.

If you have prayer concerns or joys to add, or know of names that could be removed, please contact the church office at 486-4040 or [blissfumc@gmail.com](mailto:blissfumc@gmail.com) or [gsj0925@yahoo.com](mailto:gsj0925@yahoo.com)

*You are invited to visit, call, or send notes of encouragement to our shut-ins:*

Darlene Spotts                      Bill Downing  
9953 Treadwell                      600 Sterling Drive, Apt. #15  
Blissfield, MI 49228                North Baltimore, Ohio 45872  
517-443-5834

Children's Sunday School will be each Sunday at 10:30.

Adult Sunday School will be at 9:30 AM.  
*Postponed until further notice*

### MEETINGS:

**UMW Meeting:** Sunday June 6  
3:30pm meet at church for a Mystery Trip. Please bring \$20.

**Financial Committee Meeting:** Tuesday June 15  
via Zoom at 6:30 pm

**Worship Committee Meeting:** Wednesday June 16  
11:00 am in Wesley Hall.

**Church Council Meeting:** Wednesday June 23  
Zoom and Sanctuary, 7:00 pm.

### Remember our Local Food Pantry

Any nonperishable food items are appreciated.



### Announcements

**Michigan UMC Annual Conference** begins June 1<sup>st</sup> with legislative sessions in the evenings on June 1-2 and the regular Annual Conference on June 3-6

**UMW** will meet Sunday June 6. Please meet at the church at 3:30 and bring \$20 for our Mystery Trip.

**UMW is collecting gift cards** to local restaurants for families who are going through difficulties. You may give your gift cards to Lisa Barrus.

**Graduation Sunday** is next Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>. We will honor our graduates and our 2021 scholarship recipients during our worship service

**Meal Delivery** is scheduled at the Senior Center from June 1st - June 11. Those that have volunteered for those two weeks need to be at the Senior Center by 10:30. Report to the back of the building.

### New Church Secretary

Brian Gorski has taken over as our church secretary. His current office hours are Monday Wednesday & Friday from 9am-1pm. Please use the church email to contact him. blissfumc@gmail.com

### Joys and Concerns

If you have any 'Joys and Concerns' that you would like us to share in Sunday worship, please give them to ushers before the service or text or email Brian Gorski. We are going to share your prayers.

### Zoom Livestream Service

**This information will be the same for every week:**

Zoom Meeting ID: 870 3510 2172

Passcode: 247865

#### -By Computer or tablet/phone App:

-Click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035102172?pwd=dINUUWxSTWxZUjlKR0p6a1Exc2VDUT09>

#### -By Phone:

-Dial: 1(646)876-9923

-when prompted enter the Meeting ID: 870 3510 2172 and Passcode: 247865

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