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ROUND LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DEDICATED 1894
CELEBRATING OUR 119TH YEAR
JULY/AUGUST 2013

Greetings In The Name of Our Lord,

My new appointment serving both the Malta Ridge and Round Lake UMC congregations has me feeling very humbled and blessed. I look forward to meeting each of you in the weeks and months to come.

I have currently been serving Malta Ridge UMC since 2007 as a part-time certified local pastor. Along with the ministry, I have worked fulltime the past 13 years for Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics as a Technical Application Specialist in Hemostasis. Although I was thankful for my position at Siemens, my passion has always been for the ministry and serving God's people. I am a Spiritual Director for the Conference, having trained in the two-year course offered by the Troy Conference. I am currently working on my M.Div. through the UMC Hybrid Program in Dayton, Ohio at United Theological Seminary. My courses are on-line and I am required to be on campus four weeks throughout the year. I worked as a volunteer with Domestic Violence on their hotline for five years in Fulton County and before working at Siemens I was a hospital laboratory supervisor.

I have two sons, one daughter, two daughters-in-law and two grandsons. Brian is married to Darci and Eric is married to Emily. My daughter's name is Scout and my two redheaded grandsons are Jack and Maxx. Both my sons are professional firefighters and my daughter is a fulltime student at the University of New Haven, CT majoring in forensic psychology. Because of the distance from Fulton County, my family does not attend the church I serve on a regular basis but does attend special services throughout the year.

I have no doubt that God has called us to be together on this holy journey and it is exciting to think of the plans He has made for all of us. We have a God who encourages us to see that all things are possible through Him, as we trust in the Holy Spirit to lead us.

My vision would be for Malta Ridge and Round Lake UMC to courageously step beyond the norm into total reliance on the Holy Spirit's direction. I pray we will model the love Christ calls us to, not just for the people of the church but for all people, everywhere. I pray that as we discern and brainstorm our journey together, we will continue to see Christ in each other and this Light of Christ will bind us together in a way that speaks the message of Christ to others.

May we all feel the blessings of our Lord as we go about His precious and holy work. Please feel free to email or phone me, I would love to meet you.

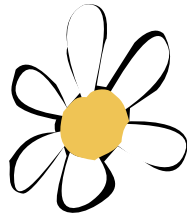
Blessings,
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Pastoral Ponderings from Jane: Last Installment

The sage in Ecclesiastes reminds us there is "a time for every activity under the sun." While not on his list of activities, we all know there is a time for saying "good-bye" and a time for saying "hello." We do this throughout our lives.

Both "good-bye" and "hello" carry strong emotions. Sometimes we look forward to these transitions. Other times we dread them. Both require that we make changes – which create many of the same emotions.

Each "good-bye" and each "hello" last only a moment in time. Yet, they are just a part of the transition. Here at Round Lake UMC we started the transition last fall when we determined the congregation would move to being served by a part-time pastor rather than a full-time pastor. In many ways, our "good-bye" started then, although we didn't speak about it at the time. We all knew that there were changes coming the end of June.



The time for our final "good-byes" has arrived. As we each move in different directions I want to tell you how much Dan and I have enjoyed our all too brief time journeying together. As a congregation you have been receiving, caring and loving. We thank you for all the many ways you have showed these to us. The contributions of individuals are too numerous to list here for fear I'd leave someone out.

During our time together we have learned together, struggled together and laughed together along with much more. The work we have accomplished we have done together as we remember that it takes many people working together, each sharing their unique talents, to make a success.

Dan and I thank you for your contributions to making the "Celebration of Our Ministry Together" a success. It was a really great time for us. We thank you for the decorative plate with the picture of the church on it as well as the very generous "love offering."

As we begin travelling down different paths on July 1 we will each be saying "hello". I will be saying "hello" to the people of the Pine Grove UMC. You will be saying "hello" to your new pastor, Rev. Penny Brink. The transition will continue as we live into the future.

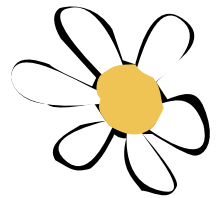
As we move into our respective futures we know that God goes with us.

With Christ's Peace – Rev. Jane



UMW

The UMW June dinner out at the Pig and Whistle in Burnt Hills was fun-filled and delicious. There were eighteen ladies in attendance. The Antique Festival Breakfast on June 23 was a success. Our Round Lake Firefighters were invited to a free breakfast. Fellowship with our firefighters and antique dealers was enjoyed by all.



UMW's next meeting will be in September. We know you'll have a wonderful summer!

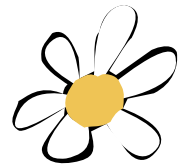
Trustee Door Project

For the past couple of months, Trustees have been looking at different options to replace and refurbish the front entrance of the church. Our vision is to raise and replace the double doors which would enable us to put in an outside cement landing and steps.

Trustees would like to begin raising funds to accomplish this project. If you would be interested in helping us make this vision a reality, please contact any Trustee. We will also be sharing more detailed information during upcoming church services. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Ushers

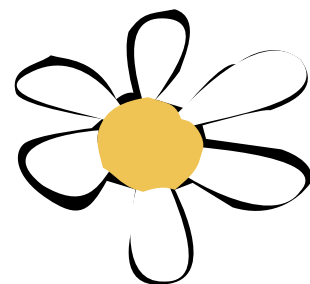
July 7 Tom Russell
14 Eugene LaDue
21 Donna Alaskey
28 Helen Devoe



Counters

July 7 Terry Reynolds and Jean Halme
14 Shelda Roerig and Nancy LaPine
21 Linda Milkins and Jean Halme
28 Jean Halme and Nancy LaPine

August 4 Terry Reynolds and Jean Halme
11 Charlene Christopher and Shelda Roerig
18 Linda Milkins and Walt Agnew
25 Bob Washburn and Nancy LaPine



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7 Worship 9:30am	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Worship 9:30am	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Worship 9:30am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship 9:30am	29	30	31			

Special Dates in July Birthdays

- 4Christine Wildberger
- 7Will Roy
- 10Dorothy Owen
- 10Douglas Stata
- 11Shane Wildberger
- 21Tim Hodgins
- 23Jareth Fleming
- 24Norma Davey
- 24Nancy LaPine
- 31Lisa Stata

Anniversaries




- 2Chrie & Shane Wildbe
- 10Ron & Linda Brown
- 13Phyllis & Jeff Wildber
- 24John and Jean Halm
- 30Brett & Tammy Tyson



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11 Worship 9:30am	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Round Lake Arts and Crafts Festival Worship 9:30am	19	20	21	22 Assumption	23	24
25 Worship 9:30am	26	27	28	29	30	31

Special Dates in August Birthdays

- 4Kaylee Gregorek
- 7Patrick Madigan
- 8Doug Madigan
- 10 Jill Bervy
- 11Ron Brown
- 11John Hodgins
- 12Jeff Brown
- 14Kari Hodgins
- 17Isaac Roz
- 20Forrest Stata
- 25Wesley Roy
- 26Helen Devoe
- 29Corey Tyson
- 29 Tom Schweder
- 31Linda Peterson
- 31Elizabeth Roz

Anniversaries

- 6Tom & Linda Peterson
- 17Nick & Amy Rhoades

